

FLAMES DESTROY TWO HOUSES ON J'VILLE HIGHWAY

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed two houses in the Oakgrove district shortly after 6 a. m. Saturday, according to reports of neighbors and firefighters who assisted in preventing spread of the flames to other nearby buildings. Discovered by occupants of the two houses, who were asleep when the fire started, flames enveloped both residences before help could be summoned. Occupants escaped in sleeping garments.

Located two miles from Medford, directly across the Jacksonville highway from Shore Service Station, and beside the Oakgrove school on the north side of the road, one house was a two-story structure and the other a smaller one-story building, erected adjacent to each other with walls nearly touching.

Occupants of one house, owned by an Ashland woman whose name was not known, were Mrs. M. B. Sweet and son, with Mrs. Sweet's niece and nephew here visiting them from Portland. The other home, owned by Mrs. Lucille Lindberg of Ashland, was occupied by a Mrs. Williams and her child, and Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. Lawrence Sanderson, and her three children. Mrs. Sanderson's husband is a logger at Trail, and was out of town at the time of the fire. Both the Sweet and Sanderson families are understood to have relatives in Medford, with whom they are staying now.

Practically nothing was saved from the two houses, the Sweet family being able to salvage only a few personal articles while everything in the other house was reported consumed. Both houses were completely destroyed.

Lack of water in the vicinity of the burning houses handicapped firemen and neighbors who aided in controlling the blaze. Medford's city fire department dispatched the chemical truck, though the fire was officially outside the city limits, to prevent spread of the flames, which threatened other buildings nearer the city. The Oregon State Forest Patrol sent a pumper truck and crew.

Two other houses located nearby were saved, partly due to the effort of a neighbor, Bill Knips, who employed his spray rig and made use of irrigation ditches as fire guardways.

JOSEPH SHAFFER FUNERAL MONDAY

Services for Joseph D. Shaffer, who passed away at his home Thursday evening, will be held in the Conger-Morris Chapel at 10 a. m. Monday with the Rev. W. A. Dawes officiating. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

He was born in Ravenna, Ohio, February 21, 1874. For the past 24 years he had made his home in this community. Besides his wife, Mrs. Mamie E. Shaffer, he leaves a son and two daughters, Paul E. Shaffer, Los Angeles; Mrs. T. R. Graham, Medford; and Roma Joe, at home. There are also two brothers and two sisters, Rolo W. Shaffer, Pine, Colo.; Chas. B. Shaffer, Thermoplis, Wyo.; Mrs. Geo. Leach, Seattle, and Mrs. Clara Robinson, Chicago. There is also one grandson.

MRS. W. A. FOLGER PASSES IN EAST

Friends here have received word of the death of Mrs. W. A. Folger, former Medford resident, who passed away August 11 in Philadelphia. The Folgers left here in 1933, having come west several years before upon Mr. Folger's retirement as treasurer of the Goodrich Rubber company. Mr. Folger preceded his wife in death and surviving are three married daughters.

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GENE THOMAS IS CHOSEN CAPTAIN SHERIFF'S POSSE

W. E. (Gene) Thomas was elected captain of the Jackson County Sheriff's Posse at the annual business and dinner-meeting of the group held at Rupp's dining room in Central Point the night of Aug. 4. He succeeds George Field, who served in that capacity for the past two years.

Other officers elected were S. M. Tuttle, first lieutenant and drill master; William Grenbender, second lieutenant and secretary; Anthony Boltano, second lieutenant in charge of stables; Dr. C. W. Lemery and Dr. Stan E. Phillips, duty sergeants; Platt Andrews, sergeant and assistant in charge of stables; Dr. James C. Hayes, chairman of the program committee; George Field, L. M. Weisenburger and F. H. Everham, advertising and publicity, and Chet Leonard, Dr. Lemery and Andrews, committee on membership.

Under the guidance of Retiring Captain George Field, the posse has enjoyed a healthy growth and is now at its full membership, with a waiting list of applicants. Under by-laws of the posse, a non-profit protective association composed of business and professional men, membership is limited to forty.

The posse has been active in many war-effort programs and is fully trained in auxiliary police and first aid work. It is capable of rendering valuable service in any major disaster. Cost of maintaining the organization is borne by individual members.

HUMANE SOCIETY ADVISES SUMMER CARE OF ANIMALS

The Southern Oregon Humane Society today advised animal owners on their care during the hot summer months, laying particular stress on how horses should be cared for.

Midsummer heat affects many animals in the same manner as it does human beings, the society said. Horses, in particular should receive special attention. More and more of these animals are coming back into general use in proportion to the scarcity of gasoline and tires.

In this respect horses should never be forced to carry too heavy loads; generous amounts of cool water should be supplied and frequent rest periods made part of the daily routine.

Hot weather don'ts were listed as follows:

Don't allow pets to remain in the hot sun.
Don't leave pets in stifling hot cars.
Don't overload work horses.
Don't fail to provide ample cool water.
Don't allow dogs near freshly sprayed plants.
Don't allow animals near poison ivy.
Don't permit dogs to chase balls on the beach.
Don't let dogs chase automobiles.
Don't abandon your pets when you leave your summer home.

Hansen Will Speak At Park Services

The regular Sunday summer park services will be held as usual at 4:30 p. m. today, the Rev. Harry Hansen of the First Presbyterian church bringing the message for the day.

Rev. Hansen has chosen for his topic "The Mistakes of Moses." Mabel Randolph will sing the special number, "I Sought the Lord" and Mr. John Eby will lead the song service. The general public is invited and urged to attend.

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HERTAGERS GIVEN DETAILS OF SON'S DEATH AT RABAUL

Prospect, Aug. 12—Mr. and Mrs. Heine Hertager have received official word of the manner in which their son Victor of the U. S. marine corps, was lost. The Hertagers had received the first word that Victor was missing in action, late in January. A letter received last week from Major R. F. Smith, of the U.S.M.C.R., read, in part:

"We were attacking ships in Rabaul Harbor on January 17, 1944, and your son was in Lt. Miller's plane. In the attack, Lt. Miller dropped a 2000-lb. bomb into the side of a large Japanese transport ship. The plane immediately rolled over and crashed into Simpson harbor as the Jap ship blew up, and the entire area was a mass of wreckage. I am sending a pair of wings that your son was authorized to wear. I thought that you would like to have them."

Victor Hertager was born at Klamath Falls, Nov. 13, 1925, and lived there until he was 13, when he spent a year at Prospect and took his seventh grade work at the local school. When his parents moved back to Klamath Falls, he attended Klamath Union high school two years, and on their return to Prospect in 1940, he enrolled at Prospect high for his junior year. He was a senior in the fall of 1942, and president of the high school student body, but quit to enlist in the marine corps reserve shortly after his seventeenth birthday in November.

Most of his training was in San Diego, and he was overseas about six months.

Besides his parents, there are a brother Archie, in service in the South Pacific, also Henry, of Yreka, and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth (Elsie) Hasy, of Stockton, Calif.

CAPT. PATTON ON VISIT TO FOLKS AFTER WAR DUTY

Capt. Joseph J. Patton, formerly of Medford and who flew two missions over France on D-day as pilot of a B-26 Marauder bomber, is in Medford visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Patton, 1125 West 10th street. Under the army's rotation plan now in operation Capt. Patton is on a 30-day rest and reassignment leave.

Stationed in England for nearly 16 months, Capt. Patton flew 73 missions over enemy territory. He has the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Oak Leaf Cluster, plus the Air Medal with 12 clusters.

Capt. Patton, who received pre-schooling here and later attended the University of San Francisco, was in the first group of B-26s which attacked the invasion coast on D-day. Their targets were marshaling yards, air stations, submarine pens and bridges.

"Our job was to knock out the coastal defenses of the Germans," he explained. "We dropped our bombs—then five minutes later the invasion by the infantry began. Those guys that went in made the invasion. They did a marvelous job. We helped. But we didn't do it."

The flier, a squadron leader, said the flak was light that day—his plane only had about 35 holes in it when he got back.

Basic Rites Monday In J'ville Cemetery

Funeral services for Mathew Busie of Jacksonville will be conducted from the graveside in Jacksonville cemetery Monday at 2:30 p. m., with the Perl Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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OBITUARY

LINDA LEA OVER

Private services will be held at the graveside in the Central Point cemetery at 5 p. m. Monday for Linda Lea Over, who passed away in a local hospital Friday. She was the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Over, Central Point. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris Chapel.

RED CROSS NEEDS SCRAP WOOL FOR SOLDIER AFGHANS

Scrap wool of bright colors to make knitted afghans for hospital use for armed forces is needed at once in the production department of the Red Cross. Mrs. Belle Schenck, chairman, asks every woman in Jackson county to hunt through her scrap material and bring this wool to the Red Cross office. An emergency call was received for as many knitted afghans as possible to be sent to area office for hospital use.

Last week the production sewing department shipped 500 hospital kit bags, 325 sewing kits ("housewives") and 150 pairs of slippers. This week, bedjackets, bathrobes and more slippers were sent for hospital use and 240 apron kit bags filled with personal recreation and convenience articles for service men embarking for overseas will be packed and shipped before the end of the week. These articles were made by 14 sewing units from all parts of the county.

New material for more apron kit bags is expected before end of the month.

BIRTHS

McMANAMA—To Mr. and Mrs. H. E., 411 Manzanita St., Central Point, August 11, 1944, girl, nine pounds, at Osteopathic Clinic.

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FEDERAL HUNTER KILLS 'OLD CRIP,' MENACE TO COWS

"Old Crip," 600-pound brown bear on whose head cattlemen long ago placed a price, is dead, killed by Lester L. Lewis, government hunter, after it was brought to bay in a dense thicket by five of Lewis' famous bear dogs.

Forced to crawl to within 15 feet of the big cattle-killer in order to see it, Lewis sent a slug from his .25-35 straight through the bear's head.

The animal, some years ago, had been shot in the left rear leg and, thus crippled, was handicapped in obtaining the usual bear fare and was forced into preying on range cattle.

Lewis was accompanied on the bear hunt by Hope Paxton and Faith Robinson, who received one of the biggest thrills of their lives when the bear was slain.

"Old Crip" was the fourth bear killed by Lewis recently. One was near Whiskey Butte and two were at Beaver Gap in Little Applegate.

Ellen Cameron, 80 Summoned By Death

Ellen Cameron, 80, passed away Friday evening at the home of her daughter Mrs. Cora Sargis, on Griffin creek. Mrs. Cameron came to Medford from Chicago in June, 1941. She was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 10, 1864.

Besides Mrs. Sargis, Mrs. Cameron is survived by one grandson and one granddaughter, both of Medford.

Funeral services will be held at Perl Funeral Home Tuesday at 2 p. m., the Rev. Harry Hansen of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Interment will follow in Phoenix cemetery.

Personal Affairs Branch To Close At Riverside USO

Camp White, Aug. 12—The personal affairs branch on the post announces that Monday, Aug. 14 will be the last day

that the branch office will be open in the Riverside USO, but the personal affairs division will continue to function at Camp White at the post office building. The announcement was made by Lt. Louise L. Bloodworth, chief of the personal affairs branch. The Riverside USO desk has been open on Mondays and Thursdays for the past several weeks. Telephone number for the Camp White office is Camp White extension number 4113.

Approximately 15 per cent of shipyard workers on May 1, 1944, were women, according to the War Manpower Commission.

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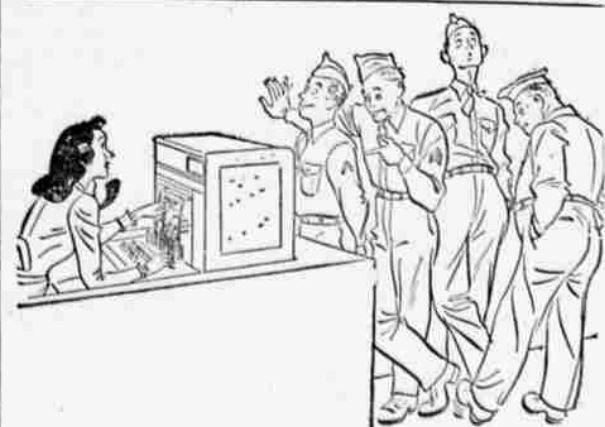
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