



FLASH FIRE CATCHES FIGHTERS—Five firemen were burned to death and six others were seriously burned when brush fire at La Habra, Calif., suddenly wind-whipped out of control. Here three men, one a fire captain, lie dead as two others continue to battle the blaze. The third victim can be seen just above the helmet of fireman on left. Photographer Ernest Schwark, who made this photograph, was so close to the victims at the time that he was almost trapped with them.

Outline of Blackwell Hill Fire Damage, Losses Given

An outline of property damage resulting from the Blackwell hill fire, which is being mopped up today, was released yesterday by officials of the Central Point Rural Fire district.

Central Point Rural worked on the fire in cooperation with the state forest patrol and other agencies.

Inside the property protected by the district, the losses included three homes, owned by Jewell W. Bennett, Charles Schmeltzer and Wayne England.

Willow Springs and Central Point area people were making plans today to assist the Schmeltzer and Bennett families. Schmeltzer, who has a wife and daughter, was fighting the Blackwell hill fire when his own home burned. Bennett has a wife and several children.

England, who has a wife and two children, managed to save most of his furniture. His loss was covered by insurance and he has another home to go to, so he suggested aid be concentrated on the other two families.

To Accept Donation

Mrs. Margaret Naples, in the Central Point real estate office, will accept donations of materials. Cash gifts will be accepted at the offices of the Central Point American. It is planned

to replace canned food which had been put up by Mrs. Bennett.

Plans are under way for rebuilding, and those interested in the project reported that Medford and Central Point business firms have "responded wonderfully." They already have pipe, sink and fixtures, roofing, furniture, paint, dishes, and everything except a bathtub to equip a bathroom.

Damage at television station KBES-TV included destruction of two buildings, the pump house and tank building. Everett Faber, manager of the station, yesterday estimated loss at \$3,000.

A stable at the home of Walter F. Brittan was slightly damaged by the fire, and two outbuildings owned by Copco, near Gold Ray dam, were destroyed.

John Day reported that several thousand dollars worth of timber was destroyed or damaged, and Day also reported the loss of several hundred acres of valuable grass land.

Within the fire district's boundaries, 27 homes and the Baker Moulding plant on Tolo rd. were ordered evacuated during the blaze.

Trucks Destroyed

Outside the district boundaries, six outbuildings were burned, a truck and a pickup truck were destroyed by fire,

and 28 homes and the Church of the Pines were threatened.

The fire started at about 3 p.m. Monday when wind blew a limb from a large tree onto a power line about 150 yards north of the Church of the Pines. H. A. Denman reported the fire burning across the old highway from his home.

The blaze was blown first to the west, where it jumped near Highway 99. Forest patrolmen and rural firemen stopped the blaze west of the highway, where it was burning in grass. At that time the wind shifted and blew to the east, scattering spot fires between houses and the road.

Firemen and onlookers were forced to take cover for a while when near gale force winds hit at about 4 p.m. Within minutes the fire had spread out of control. Central Point Rural firemen moved to the east side of Blackwell hill, which is within the district, when the blaze was found to have spread to that area.

Later, the fire jumped the Rogue river and spread around the west side of lower Table Rock, into the Sams Valley area, meanwhile threatening homes at Table Rock Estates.

Many Assist

Assisting the state and rural firemen were a crew, equipped with a bulldozer and several utility units, from John Day's ranch; Oregon National Guardsmen with trucks and a tank trailer; a bulldozer and operator provided by Tom Parker; a crew from the Claude Hoover ranch; California Oregon Power company crews; men from Gold Hill and from Leverette's Table Rock ranch; a tank truck from Tru-Mix Concrete, and Medford's rural pumper.

Food for the fire fighters was provided by the volunteer firemen's wives and other individuals. The county disaster car also provided food.

Central Point city fire department and Medford city fire department stood by for Central Point rural during the fire. During that period, Central Point city fire department was called to a fire on Stage rd., at the home of Jerry Jerome, where a car, a garden tractor, a moving machine, and a complete set of hand tools were lost in a garage fire. Several minor blazes also were answered by the Central Point city crews.

No serious injuries were reported during the Blackwell hill fire.

Richard Krupp, chief of the Central Point Rural department, asked that people living within the district use extreme caution with fire during the present dry, hot weather. He noted that the district is issuing no burning permits at the present time.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

New Polio Cases Reported in Malheur

Nyssa—(U.P.)—Malheur county health officials today reported three new polio cases in the county's current epidemic.

The three brought to 14 the number of polio cases reported in the county within the past 2½ weeks. There have been 16 thus far during 1955.

Two of the most recent cases, a three-year-old girl and a 21-year-old man, both of Nyssa, were transferred to Boise for specialized treatment. An 11-year-old Nyssa boy was being treated at his home.

The two persons transferred to Boise were paralytic cases.

Old Log Cabin Said To Be Gen. Scott's

Williamsville, N.Y. — (U.P.) — One of the first houses ever built in Erie County stands neglected and almost forgotten on a weed-grown back lot in this Buffalo suburb.

The 156-year-old log house was once the headquarters of Gen. Winfield Scott, commander of American forces on the Niagara Frontier during the War of 1812.

Research shows the house was constructed in 1799 by John Thompson for Joseph Ellicott, a pioneer surveyor for the Holland Land Co.

Albert J. Beck, a jeweler who owns the lot on which the ancient dwelling stands, has offered to donate the building to the Buffalo Historical society, but there is some doubt that it can be restored.

Worst of Boxcar Shortage Said Over

Portland — (U.P.) — Robert S. Macfarlane, president of the Northern Pacific railroad, said here yesterday that the worst of the 1955 boxcar shortage is over and that there has been a noticeable improvement in car supplies.

He added, however, that "this doesn't mean that the shortage is over entirely. There will probably be a greater demand than there is car to supply it for some time yet."

He blamed the heavier movement of loaded freight cars to the east and failure of eastern lines to return them for the shortage.

Macfarlane was in Portland on his regular inspection tour.

CITY OFFICIALS BUSY

Detroit — (U.P.) — A bid to have a television aerial installed on top of Detroit's new city-county building failed Wednesday because red-faced councilmen refused to admit they had time for the luxury. Although a proposal was made for erection of the aerial, none of the councilmen would allow use of his name on the official request.

MAU MAUS KILLED

Nairobi, Kenya — (U.P.) — A spokesman for the East African Military Command said today 450 Mau Mau terrorists were put out of action during August. The spokesman said 291 Mau Maus were killed, 86 captured and 62 surrendered in the British campaign to stamp out the terrorist movement.

HONDURAS TO GIVE AID

Tegucigalpa, Honduras — (U.P.) — Chief of State Julio Lozano Dias has called on Hondurans for token contributions for the relief of flood-devastated regions of eastern United States. Lozano issued his appeal Wednesday, reminding the nation of the unrelenting aid provided by the U.S. during the floods in northern Honduras last year.

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Haymes Troubled By Unpaid Bills

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Crooner Dick Haymes, whose actress-wife, Rita Hayworth, walked out on him last week, found himself embroiled in more troubles today after being served with two suits for unpaid bills.

Attorney David C. Marcus filed suit yesterday for \$25,000 he claims the trouble-prone singer owes him for legal services for fighting a deportation battle and in litigation with two of his ex-wives, Joanne Dru and Nora Eddington.

Marcus, who brought suit in Superior Court, said Haymes and Miss Hayworth both ignored demands for payment. Miss Hayworth also was named a defendant in the action.

Another suit was filed against Haymes in Municipal Court for \$930 by J. P. Butler, representing three clients. Haymes was accused of owing \$451 to the Scandia Restaurant; \$469 to Don Scariano, Beverly Hills airline travel agent; and \$10 to Beverly Hills cleaner Purdy Filbert.

Three Identified In Las Vegas Crash

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — The Air Force today identified 2nd Lt. Robert T. Garrett, 34, Colton, Calif., and S/Sgt. Thomas E. Anderson, 26, Las Vegas, as the two crew members killed along with a civilian photographer when a twin engine B-25 and an F86 Sabre jet collided here.

The pilot of the jet plane, Maj. William Davey Jr., parachuted to safety following the collision yesterday. In critical condition were the remaining two crew members of the B-25, pilot Lee B. Nulton, 36, Los Angeles, and co-pilot Capt. Harold D. Roberts, 35, Las Vegas.

David Lees, 35, a photographer, died two hours after the bomber crashed and burned at McCarran Field. The B-25 crew and passenger "rode it out" after the two planes collided on a routine training flight, the Air Force said.

The pilotless jet plane crashed less than 50 feet from a crowded trailer park.

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