

Residents of Small Iowa Village Flee Escaping Gas Fumes

Gibson, Ia. — (U.P.) — There was still a faint whiff of ammonia in the air today to remind Gibson's 100 residents of the choking fumes which forced practically all of them to clear out of town Tuesday.

It became practically impossible to stay in Gibson when a pipe broke while pressurized liquid anhydrous ammonia was being transferred from a 10,000-gallon railroad tank car to a fertilizer company storage tank.

Within minutes, 3,000 gallons of ammonia vaporized and spread over an area four blocks wide and 300-feet long — which takes in most of this tiny farm community.

Townpeople didn't need any warning to know what had happened. They could smell it. And they got out.

Shops Close Up

Store keepers closed up shop and jumped in their cars. Housewives took one sniff, took off their aprons and headed for the garage. About 100 school children, most of them from surrounding rural areas, were piled into school buses and driven away from the big smell.

Some of the residents weren't so lucky. Mrs. Jim Dismore, wife of the high school basketball and baseball coach, found herself trapped on the second floor of her home with her three small children.

The Dismore home was located at the point where the fumes were thickest and they were too dense on the first floor for Mrs. Dismore to risk a run for freedom.

Her husband heard of her plight and, puckering up his nose, drove to his home. There he met Bill McCoy who, as one of the men who had been unloading the ammonia, was just about the luckiest guys in town. He had a gas mask.

Adults Stage Rescue

Dismore and McCoy dashed into the home. Each grabbed a child and Mrs. Dismore stumbled out after them, carrying her six-month-old daughter.

Nearby, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keller and their daughter were holed up in their basement. They

never did get out and required medical attention for attacks of nausea Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, Gibson residents were streaming for the open road. Most of them parked on a highway two miles east of town to sit it out.

Firemen from the nearby town of What Cheer, together with fertilizer company employees, finally managed to cap off the escaping ammonia. But it was about two hours before a man came out to announce that Gibson was fit to live in again.

Returning residents found that the ammonia fumes, held close to the ground by damp, cloudy weather, had blackened trees and shrubs.

There were no injuries among the Gibsonites, but, as banker Louis Arndt said, "there's several people who aren't feeling too good."

Kreisman Prepares Series of Lectures

Ashland — Dr. Arthur Kreisman, chairman of the Southern Oregon college humanities department, is delivering a series of lectures each Monday night over television station KBES-TV on world literature as an aid for students studying the subject through correspondence courses and for the general benefit of the public.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education, which sponsors the television program, has chosen Dr. Kreisman to design the world literature correspondence course used throughout all state institutions of higher learning. It is to coincide with this statewide course that he has planned his lectures.

The first of these lectures was presented Monday, Sept. 26, and they will continue to appear throughout the academic year.

Dr. Kreisman explained in his beginning lecture the importance of a historical background to a full understanding of literature.

Milwaukie Walkout Ends After 42 Days

Milwaukie, Ore. — (U.P.) — About 60 CIO United Auto Workers were to resume work today, ending a 42-day strike at the Milwaukie parts depot of International Harvester company.

The Milwaukie plant was the last to settle its labor dispute.

International representative said the agreement included an 11 cent across-the-board hourly wage hike in a total "package" of 30.9/10 cents.

Remorseful Bandit Returns Bank Loot

St. Louis — (U.P.) — The gunman who robbed the Mount Olive, Ill., bank returned most of the \$4,700 loot with a note saying "God knows I'm sorry," but FBI agents still hunted for him today.

Speculation 'Unwise'

Dr. Milton Eisenhower, prominent educator, is president of Pennsylvania State college.

Wendell Wyatt, chairman of the Oregon state Republican Central committee, said he thought it was unwise to speculate about a new candidate for 1956 but he added an endorsement for the Eisenhower brother.

He said "certainly he's one of a number of competent men who are thoroughly familiar with this administration's program and accomplishments. Along with some others in the administration he would be in a position to carry out the president's program, and he could be elected."

Jess Gard, national GOP committeeman, said "I don't believe that now, when the president himself is unable to talk, that we should be evaluating possible candidates to succeed him."

Oregon State Senator Mark Hatfield, one of the earliest supporters of the president in 1952 and himself a college official, said he thought Milton Eisenhower "would be an excellent candidate."

Edgar Eisenhower, a Tacoma attorney, said he hoped the party would pick on some other family for its presidential candidates, because, he said, "I'm tired of being bothered to death."

Though he had praise for Milton's ability, Edgar said "I would like to point out that Dwight's got some mighty good men in his cabinet. Somebody in high political circles better take a look at some of them."

Warren, Conn. — (U.P.) — It took more than a little thing like a \$4,000 fire to stop 81-year-old Mrs. Martin A. White from knocking out her daily 1,000-word stint on what is said to be the longest continuous serial story in history. Assured that the firemen were en route, Mrs. King simply moved her typewriter into another part of the house and continued pecking out "Revelations of a Wife," a story which has been running 40 years under her pen name Adele Garrison.

Reaction Varied on Mention of Ike's Kin as Candidate

Portland — (U.P.) — Mention of the name of Milton Eisenhower, President Eisenhower's youngest brother, as a possible Republican candidate for the presidency in 1956 drew varied reaction here today.

Some top Oregon Republicans were enthusiastic about the idea when it was voiced here by James A. Linen, publisher of Time magazine. Others expressed caution and another Eisenhower brother, Edgar Eisenhower in Tacoma, was openly opposed.

Songs Said Signal For Jail Escape

Waterloo, Ia. — (U.P.) — Police have cancelled a scheduled concert of church songs by two county jail prisoners because the chorale was to be the signal for an escape attempt.

Authorities said the prisoners passed a note to friends that "we will be singing church songs if we leave on Tuesday."

The note, written by Robert Lee Warren and Joe Bezdneick, instructed the friends to have a get-away car waiting at the rear of the courthouse if they heard the prisoners' voices lifted in song Tuesday night.

The plot was foiled when County Atty. Kay Kober noticed two suspicious looting men near the county jail Monday night. He called police, who arrested Richard Sheridan, 24, and Duane Fairbanks, 22.

Police said Sheridan had the note from the prisoners. The two men were charged with conspiracy to aid in an escape.

Oakridge Fire Loss Figured at \$70,000

Oakridge, Ore. — (U.P.) — Ray Jamison, owner of Jamison's cafe near here which burned in a \$70,000 fire Monday night, said today he had only \$10,000 insurance on the place.

The fire spread throughout the cafe and to a neighboring television shop and house. Oakridge volunteer firemen and crews from Pope and Talbot Lumber company sawmill managed to save a service station about 60 feet from the cafe.

New Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — William Earley, 23, suffered minor bruises when he fell five stories from a building on which he was working as a glazier.

Spelling Mistake Convicts Check Passer

Bristol, England — (U.P.) — Former policeman Randolph Ryman, 31, was convicted Tuesday of passing a bogus check because he could not spell "ninety."

Police testified that in a handwriting test Ryman left the letter "e" out of the word "ninety" as did the writer of the rubber check.

Troutdale Farmer Asks Suit Dismissal

Portland — (U.P.) — A Troutdale farmer who recently won \$38,292 damages from Reynolds Metals company has asked Federal Judge William G. East to dismiss his suit against continued operation of the company.

Judge East granted Paul Martin's request.

Reynolds spokesmen said they were "surprised" by the move and said there was no attempt on Martin's part for an out-of-court settlement.

Reynolds still plans to appeal the federal court jury verdict in favor of the Martin family after they contended they had been poisoned by waste products from the plant.

PYTHON STOLEN
Jackson, N. C. — (U.P.) — Police charged carnival workers Louis Webber, 47, and Dominick Reo, 25, today with stealing a 28-foot South African python. The carnival workers denied any knowledge of the theft of the two-foot thick snake, which still is missing.

JESSEL INDUCTED
Hollywood — (U.P.) — Entertainer George Jessel, for years the unofficial "Toastmaster" general of the United States, attended a dinner Tuesday night where he didn't have to "work." Jessel was inducted as an honorary member of the Downtown Toastmasters Club of Hollywood.

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