

Business Buildings Wrecked by Flames

Freeport, Ill. — (U.P.) — The second disastrous fire in less than a week wrecked a section of the Freeport business district today.

No exact estimate of the damages was available immediately, but officials said it probably would top \$1 million.

The blaze broke out Tuesday night in the Stukenberg department store and was brought under control five hours later.

Smoke billowed through the department store and it quickly erupted into a sheet of flame. The three-story structure and the adjoining E and W clothing store were destroyed. Cause was not determined.

Three other buildings suffered smoke and water damage. A huge crowd, at one time estimated at 10,000, swarmed over the area.

Less than a week ago another blaze destroyed a cafe, a photo and hobby shop and law offices in a building less than a block away.

Authorities said they did not connect the two fires at the moment but a full investigation is planned.

Chiloquin Boys Hurt In Shooting Mishap

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — One of two teen-age Chiloquin youths injured in a shooting accident Monday was reported in "fair" condition at a local hospital today while the other boy was reported in "good" condition.

Deputy Sheriff Alvie Youngblood said Johnny Cole, 15, was struck in the arm by a bullet which then entered his chest and lodged behind his heart. The other boy hurt was Eldon Cress, 18. His condition was described as good.

Officers said the two boys were playing with a .22 calibre rifle in the home of Robert Lloyd Ferris, 13, and Burton Dwayne Ferris, 12, when the younger Ferris boy pulled the trigger of the gun he believed to be unloaded.

New York Man Donor Of Museum Art Piece

Eugene — (U.P.) — The University of Oregon revealed here yesterday that Winston Guest, a New York airlines executive, was the donor of a \$75,000 hand-wrought jade pagoda now installed in the University's Museum of Oriental Art.

Identity of the donor had been kept secret by the University until the opening ceremony of the Festival of the Arts yesterday. Guest purchased the pagoda from C. T. Loo, a Chinese art firm. It is believed to have been built around 1709 in the Hsi dynasty.

Bucket of Bucks Dance Offers Prizes

Several valuable prizes were announced today for the Bucket of Bucks dance, to be held at Rogue Valley ball room Thursday night as a benefit for the March of Dimes.

The grand prize, to be awarded at midnight, will be a portable 14-inch television set and lamp, the announcement said. Other prizes, to be awarded every 30 minutes during the evening, include a deep fat fryer, electric skillet, electric pop corn popper, steam iron, a \$15 certificate for dry cleaning, free dancing lessons for a year, valued at \$180, a six-year-old pink and white camelia bush and a ham or turkey.

Two bands will furnish music for modern and western dancing and several popular valley entertainers will be on the program.

Yellowjackets Cause Fire in California Field

Orangevale, Calif. — (U.P.) — Three fire trucks were called out here because a swarm of yellowjackets got angry.

William Pettigrew of Orangevale had decided to burn the wasps out of a hole. He inserted a burning gasoline-soaked rag into the nest with a stick.

The yellowjackets took a dim view of this and headed for their attacker. He fled, dropping the rag and setting the field ablaze.



BLAST RIPS APARTMENT BUILDING—Seven persons were injured when a shattering explosion ripped this apartment building in San Francisco. The blast occurred when Verlin Bishop, 35, who was critically injured, lit a cigaret near a plugged, but leaking gas line as he painted the wall prior to installation of a new stove.

Vets Council Seeks Senate Veterans Affairs Group

The Veterans Allied council of Jackson county Monday approved a resolution to organize a veterans committee in the Senate. The resolution will be forwarded to Oregon Senators in Washington, according to Patrick Graham, council secretary.

The council noted that veterans affairs are now handled by the Senate finance committee, and discussions have been held recently on forming an individual committee to handle veterans affairs, such as the House veterans committee.

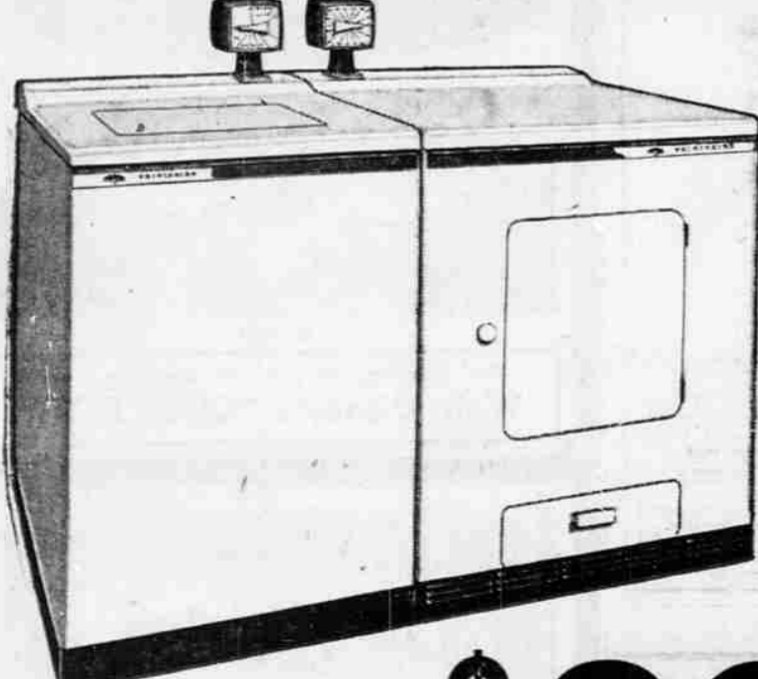
Representatives of the veterans council said one advantage of an individual committee for veterans affairs is that the finance committee has enough work in finance alone and that veterans affairs has become

secondary. The council also decided to continue its drive for medical and surgical beds at the Camp White Veterans Domiciliary.

Organizations represented at the meeting included the Jackson county Disabled American Veterans, American Legion Post 15, Crater Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars, Camp White CFW, Medford Barracks of Veterans of World War I, and Camp White Barracks of Veterans of WWI.



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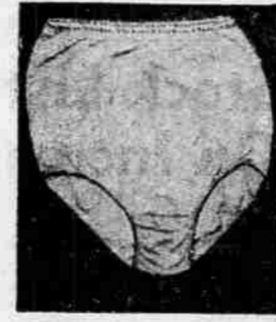
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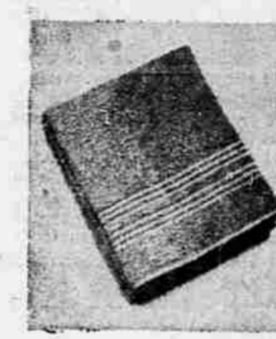
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