

MYSTERY CRATER—Air Force workers dig a hole in the back yard of Oscar M. Murphy at Temple City, Calif. looking for the answer to a mystery crater there. Murphy's son, Pat, 10, heard a "boom" and then found the crater. Air Force authorities say it may be a rocket or guided missile gone astray.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Presidential adviser Gabriel Hauge, in answer to a questioner who asked if Budget Director Percival F. Brundage had broken the law by permitting the post office to go through its budget ahead of schedule:

"I've never conceived of him as a lawbreaker—at least not consciously."

Chicago—Mrs. Ragnar Benson, on her industrial engineer husband's gift to 70 relatives and employees — a three-week trip to Sweden:

"All his life that's the way Ragnar has done things. Whatever he had, he always was willing to share."

Hong Kong—The Rev. Fulgence Gross, Roman Catholic missionary, on his physical and mental torture in a Communist Chinese prison:

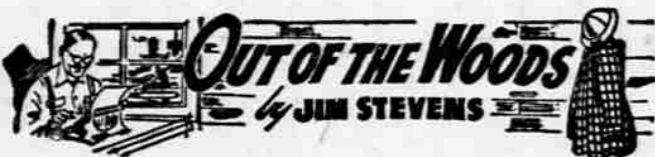
"Although it was physically horrible, it was spiritually wonderful and I was never sad."

Durango, Colo.—Mrs. Charles Ruckman, after a narrow escape from death in an avalanche:

"They aren't kidding when they call it the white death. I never thought we would get out alive."

Washington—Rep. John J. Rooney (D-N.Y.) on the operations of the U.S. Information agency:

"I cannot in good conscience say that I feel the American taxpayers have been getting the value they should for their money."



Two books by lady writers have found their way (courtesy of the R.F.D.) to the old boom-boom shack where I do my serious reading. One, "The Big Blow-up," by Betty Goodwin Spencer, is a story of the Idaho and Montana forest fires of 1910. Mrs. Spencer's history is sound and her narration is of the kind that will not let you go. Now is the time to read it and to talk about it, with the seasons for fern fires upon us.

But first I need to note the publication of a biography—by Sisters Mary of the Blessed Sacrament, Mary Leopoldine and Maria Teresa—of the first true architect and master builder of the Pacific Northwest. She was a Roman Catholic nun who came to Vancouver, Washington Territory, from Montreal in 1856. Four other young Sisters of the House of Providence were with her.

A Way of Wood
Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart—her full religious name—has had credit in this column before for her creative labors in the beginnings of the region's first hospitals—St. Vincent's of Portland, Providence of Seattle, and Spokane's Sacred Heart among them.

These institutions came alive on Mother Joseph's drafting board. In each enterprise she also led the money-raising campaign. She originated the custom of pairs of nuns taking the trails to remote mining and logging camps to beg for their good works.

Mother Joseph designed in wood, built with wood, kept her own hands at work with wood—and bossed the carpenters on the job. Her beautiful cedar carvings survive with Vancouver's Providence Academy, and its chapel, which also proclaims her gifts and technical skills in architectural design.

Vancouver's pioneer hospital, St. Joseph's, was remodeled from a combination bakery and laundry building—wood all the way through. The Protestant ladies of Vancouver joined with the Sisters of Providence to provide this No. 1 Northwest hospital, in 1858.

Hell in the Forest
"The Bell and the River" and "The Big Blow-up," are more

closely related than one might think. The 1910 fires that took 85 human lives blanketed the pioneer trails of Mother Joseph and her Sisters of the House of Providence. It was to the Idaho, Montana and Cariboo gold camps of the 1860s and 1870s that they had traveled again and again, always with returns of gold nuggets and silver dollars to serve the poor.

And Betty Spencer's book also has a heroic figure, a leader in good works—William G. Greeley, USFS district forester at Missoula in 1910. Here are two fine books about two terrific personalities of our history, two who lived and labored to help others.

Jury Finds Matovich Guilty of Murder

Moscow, Idaho — (UP) — A jury late Friday night found Paul D. Matovich guilty of second degree murder on charges he set a University of Idaho dormitory fire which killed three students.

He had been charged with first degree murder by arson in connection with the fire that raged through Gault hall last Oct. 19 trapping the three victims on the fourth floor.

The jury of nine men and three women returned its verdict at 11:30 p.m. after more than 24 hours of deliberation. It recommended psychiatric treatment for the former Idaho journalism student.

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Judge Hugh A. Baker set sentencing for April 15.

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