

Well-Digger Freed from Sand Cave-In After Thirteen Hours

Bakersfield, Calif. —(UPI)— A well-digger trapped in a cave-in for nearly 13 hours clawed his way free from a steel and sand prison today with the help of a winch.

Leslie Stafford Jr., 45, once given up for dead, was trapped at the 20-foot level of a narrow four-foot diameter sump hole by a steel strip which pinned his ankle and prevented rescuers from pulling him out after tons of gravel had been removed from above him following the cave-in at 3:22 p.m. (PST) Thursday.

Cramped conditions and fear of another cave-in made rescuers virtually stop digging.

He dug with his bare hands for more than eight hours before he was freed and was pulled from the hole at 3:57 a.m. today.

The tired man, who had been forced to forego pain-easing sedatives so he would be alert enough to dig his way free, was carried in a stretcher to a waiting ambulance and taken to Bakersfield hospital.

Managed to Free Self

Stafford's condition was reported as satisfactory by hospital doctors who praised the courage and stamina of the wiry 125-pound well-digger.

X-rays were taken of his right ankle and leg which had been pinned under the metal strip. Results were not immediately available.

A large hook was lowered

in the hole connected onto the metal strip holding up tons of gravel and pressing on his ankle. A winch to which the hook was attached by a steel cable managed to lift the metal a few inches.

Stafford was able to free his ankle between the space opened by the winch and the frantic digging he had managed to do with his hands.

The same strip of metal which had pinned Stafford's ankle also saved him from sure suffocation when he remained completely covered by more than five feet of gravel during the first four hours after the cave-in.

Saved By Air Pocket

The metal, used to shore up the sides of the 30-foot deep sump hole, buckled under the tremendous weight of cascading gravel when the walls of the hole collapsed.

The metal strip formed a hood-like air-pocket around his head and allowed him to breathe while buried.

Only one bucketful of gravel at a time could be removed because of the possibility of another cave-in and also the small space in which rescuers were forced to work.

Stafford's wife, Lydia, 54, at first was told her husband was dead. She didn't learn he was alive until nearly five hours after the cave-in.

"I can't believe it," she said when he was freed.

She had arrived at the scene after learning he was still alive and remained on throughout her husband's battle for life.

A fellow worker, Ray Hal-

sell, stayed in the hole with Stafford almost continuously from the time the ground was first removed from him. He encouraged Stafford and when possible helped dig.

Hot soup and water was fed to Stafford during his struggle.

Spectators Cheer

About a hundred onlookers who had remained into the early morning hours watching the struggle let out a cheer of joy when Stafford was brought up.

The spectators, at first numbering in the thousands, had dwindled to about a hundred in the early morning.

Oxygen was pumped to him steadily from the time he was first uncovered four hours after the cave-in.

A doctor and minister both risked their lives to enter the hole and encourage Stafford.

Dr. T. Yumbe said Stafford appeared in remarkably good shape considering his ordeal. He said the man was in pain and possibly had suffered internal injuries.

Stafford, who remained conscious throughout the horrifying experience, was denied pain-easing sedatives because rescuers said he had to be alert freeing his ankle.

Cloud-Seeding Done Near Burns

Vale —(UPI)— Cloud-seeding crews busied themselves in below-freezing temperatures at Burns and Canyon City Tuesday in an attempt to bring on more snow and rain to the area.

Ed Bates of the Vale-Warm Springs Irrigation district said precipitation is needed in the district so that a possible shortage of irrigation water for next summer can be avoided. Precipitation in the area has been unseasonably light, he said.

LONG HAIRS

Santa Monica —(UPI)— Officials of Santa Monica City College point out that not all college students are rock'n' roll enthusiasts. Eighty-five members of the student body subscribed to the 1938 concert season of the Philharmonic Artists Association of Santa Monica, and more than 90 students attended the San Francisco Opera when it opened in Los Angeles this fall.

The nation's first beet sugar refinery was established at Grand Junction, Colo., in 1899.

Reviewer Sees Moore Show Settling Down

By WILLIAM EWALD
United Press International
New York —(UPI)— The CBS-TV Garry Moore hour, after an initial case of the sputters and fits of the wobbles, has settled down into an estimable addition to the Tuesday night schedule.

As a variety entry, the Moore show lacks the sharpness and occasional brilliance of the Steve Allen show, the

careful glide of the Perry Como Show or the blockbuster guest list of the Ed Sullivan hour. But perhaps more important, it is beginning to develop a personality of its own—genial, snug, comfortable.

I guess the point of view of the Moore hour could be called "suburban cornball." It is a show constructed about jokes around the husband-

wife war, children, animals, gadgets, the accents of the big city slob, and sugar-coated reminiscences of childhood. It is aimed quite frankly at the generation that grew up between the two great wars and is culture-conscious at about the level of the Book-of-the-Month club, which in television is pretty high.

Tuesday night's Moore show was, I thought, packaged quite attractively. Its guests were introduced in the costumes of strolling players, there was a dab of Rudy Vallee and Benny Goodman and a brief glance at the year

1929. Mill Kamen, an enormously gifted comic, was on hand and though I had heard his routine twice before on TV, it continued to fracture me, as the cool set puts it at the Mayo clinic.

When the Moore show was launched last fall, it had an oddly halting, stop-and-go quality. The show changed producers a few weeks back as a result, it now has flow and pace and seems all of a piece. It also continues to boast the presence of Moore, an affable, unsticky gentleman and a big asset to any TV enterprise.



TAKING OFFICE as governor of Forty-ninth state, William A. Egan (right) is sworn in by Federal Judge Raymond F. Kelly at ceremony held in Juneau, Alaska.

'Appliance Wall' Displayed at Home Furnishings Show

By MARGUERITE DAVIS
United Press International

Chicago —(UPI)— A 12-foot long, 27-inch deep "appliance wall," which does virtually everything but serve the food, was displayed today at the annual January International Home Furnishings Show.

The wall is not yet manufactured for sale, but when it is the housewife gets the benefit of automation in planning her dinners. She may choose a menu suggested on a perforated card, place the food ready for cooking on the burners and in the oven, and insert the card in a master control panel. The card will set off the necessary heat, automatically shut off the electricity when the food is cooked, and trigger a buzzer to announce that dinner is ready.

Closed, the wall appears to be just that. Opened, it displays a refrigerator and freezer, a dishwasher-sink-disposal unit, and cooking equipment including two ovens, four surface units and a griddle.

Tiny Oven
The manufacturer, Hot-point, also exhibited a midget of an oven which can be used to prepare a meal for 16, anywhere in the house, and which now is in limited production.

A 25-pound turkey fits easily into the glass-doored oven. Four electric burners may be pulled down from the oven's sides for surface cooking, then snapped back into place to provide more working space. The range fits on a counter top, large hostess cart or room divider.

Another counter top appliance now ready consists of a single electrical unit which serves three purposes. It can be used as a deep well cooker, raised to become a dutch oven, or transformed into a 25-cup coffee maker.

Special Features
Another manufacturer,

Westinghouse, displayed a series of thermoelectric units which, when ready for the market, will provide:

—A refrigerator designed to serve as a divider between the cooking and dining areas, with enamel panels on one side and wicker-faced doors on the other, so that it can be opened from either room. Food is stored in the counter-top box in lazy susan arrangements, and drawers on the kitchen side of the unit provide freezing space.

—A hostess cart, with a battery-operated oven to keep appetizers warm and a refrigerator compartment to keep drinks cold.

—A supersonic dishwasher which uses sound inaudible to the human ear to agitate soap or detergent and scour metals without scratching.

—And a bottle warmer, attached to an alarm clock, which keeps baby's bottle refrigerated until feeding time and then warms the formula to the specified temperature. If baby oversleeps, mother can, too. The bottle is maintained at the desired temperature for four hours before the warmer switches back to become a refrigerator.

Morse Asks for Green Peter Funds

Washington —(UPI)— Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.) said today he has asked President Eisenhower to insure inclusion of a request for funds for Oregon's Green Peter dam in the fiscal 1960 budget.

Morse said in a letter to the President that he has been "disturbed" by reports that the administration will recommend against spending money on new construction starts the next fiscal year.

The senator said he "certainly hopes" the reports are incorrect, but he said that if they are he thinks Eisenhower should "reconsider."

Morse said the United States should continue to go forward with new water resources projects such as Green Peter dam, particularly because the Soviet Union is "so far ahead of us in hydro-electric power development."

The senator said that the power revenues and other benefits from Green Peter dam would "far exceed" the cost of the project "long before its life span expires."



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Studies on Umatilla Dam Near Complete

Pendleton —(UPI)— Studies on a proposed Thornhollow dam on the Umatilla river will be completed at the end of January, according to John Mangam of the bureau of reclamation's Spokane office.

Mangam told the Upper Umatilla River Improvement association Tuesday that preliminary estimates place cost of a Thornhollow dam at about 29 million dollars.

He said the final draft of the Thornhollow dam study asked for last year will be forwarded to the Boise office of the bureau and then released to the public after final approval.

Thornhollow dam would be in lieu of a Mission dam further downstream, near Pendleton, which has been urged for years by the Army Engineers and the bureau of reclamation. A Mission dam has been vigorously opposed by the Umatilla Indian Federation.

Meter Maid Starts Work in Pendleton

Pendleton —(UPI)— Pendleton's first Meter Maid went on the job Tuesday. She is Mrs. Mary Chase, 37.

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