

Adventist Church Room Ransacked

Burglars broke into the Seventh Day Adventist church, Beauty and Edwards streets, sometime during the past two days, ransacked one room and took several articles from another, according to police.

Medford police said four boxes of slides, a viewer and approximately \$1 in change was taken. In one room, burglars pulled everything from the shelves and threw them on the floor, police said. Entry was gained by prying open a basement door.

The first grenades, used in the 15th century, were balls of baked earth filled with explosives.

Widow of Former Salem Mayor Dies

Salem—UPI—Mrs. Edna Livesley, widow of former Salem Mayor Thomas A. Livesley, died Wednesday night.

The Livesley had been Salem residents since 1908. Livesley was a prominent businessman.

Funeral services are pending at W. T. Rigdon mortuary.

DISTINGUISHED SERVER

Derby, Colo.—UPI—St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church here has a distinguished altar boy. Any more, parishioners are not surprised to see Col. William James Allen Jr., serving early Mass for the Rev. Dominic Albino. Allen, 53, is commander of the sprawling Rocky Mountain Arsenal run by the Army northeast of Denver.

Therapeutic Devices Offered Demo Convention Delegates

By S. A. ST. AMANT
Los Angeles—UPI—The best seat in the house at the Sports Arena for the Democratic National Convention is hidden out of sight.

The chair, for it is a chair, is located in a small room on the east side of the building in a kind of electronic Garden of Eden.

The chair is a reclining, vibrating affair and it gently tickles your backbone, to say nothing of your ribcages.

The room is called VIP Health Haven and it was built by a radio and television network, initials of which are the first three letters of the alphabet.

The vibrating chair is not the only therapeutic device at hand. There are foot massagers, handy little oxygen cans, and a new Gadget called an "ionaire" which charges the atmosphere with a mysterious pick-me-up element.

The ionaire, about the size of a desk clock, contains a radioactive element which sends negative ions into the air. This, in the words of the maker, "stimulates a sense of exhilaration, and contributes to clearer thinking and more positive attitude and behavior pattern."

In a preview Wednesday, the chair and the other gadgets in the room were tested

by a number of politicians who rate as VIPs and a number of newsmen who do not.

Mark Boyar, convention finance chairman, Democratic delegates Ernest Debs and Edith Seros, and Jerry Pacht, a member of the host committee, tried out the chair and the oxygen.

The oxygen was administered by young blonde and lovely Miss Georgine Darcy, a by-product of nearby Hollywood.

This correspondent took a turn in the seat and was pulled into a semi-hypnotic state, caused probably as much by the proximity of the oxygen dispenser as by the oxygen.

This chair may become a piece of Americana like that bed Washington slept in, if the Democratic presidential nominee gets a crack at it.

Unfortunately, Miss Darcy will not be on hand to administer to the weary VIPs. She will be busy making a filmed TV series called "Harrigan and Son."

She plays the part of a secretary who does not know how to type or take shorthand. She doesn't have to.

years and extend coverage to 3.5 million more employees.

Medical: The Senate finance committee held the last of two days of public hearings on rival programs of medical care for the aged.

But the rush to clear a bill for Senate action subsided with the decision of Congress to meet again in August after the political conventions.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) opposed the modest House-passed medical plan and urged approval of a broader program based on expansion of Social Security.

The American Medical Association favored the House bill.

ADVERTISING RATES

New York—UPI—Advertisers invested a total of \$1,700,000,000 in newspapers in 1949, less than half the \$3,500,000,000 spent in 1959, according to the American Newspaper Publishers, Inc.

Congress Clearing Decks for Recess

Washington—UPI—Congress began clearing the decks today for its month-long convention recess with some members unhappy about the prospect and some frankly concerned about its political repercussions.

Taken shows of opposition were under discussion in both houses. No one doubted, however, that the Senate and House would override those displays—if they materialize—and recess Saturday as decreed by Democratic leaders.

Before then Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) and Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) plan an attempt to override President Eisenhower's veto of a federal pay raise bill.

Both Senate and House originally approved the pay raise for federal workers and post office employees by better than the two-thirds margin required to override a presidential veto.

The Senate and House also must pass a continuing resolution to keep money flowing to federal agencies after

the end of the fiscal year tonight and until all the regular money bills can be approved.

The Rayburn-Johnson decision to recess was announced Wednesday. It provoked no enthusiasm, but many legislators felt that Congress could not complete its program—or the meaningful parts of it—before July 11 when the Democratic convention starts in Los Angeles.

Congressional discontent at the prospect of returning to Washington on or about Aug. 8 were understandable in a Senate and the entire membership of the House must spend the summer running for reelection.

Other congressional news: Minimum Wage: Democratic Leader John W. McCormack (Mass.) predicted the House would pass today one of two rival election-year plans to hike the \$1-an-hour federal minimum wage and cover additional workers.

Liberal Democrats thought they could put across their measure, designed to boost the wage floor to \$1.25 over three

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UNDERWRITERS—Newly installed officers of the Rogue Valley Life Underwriters association shown above are (left to right) Glen McCullough, Provident Life, secretary-treasurer; Jerry Gastineau, Equitable Life Assurance society, president; and Dave Cutting, Northern Life, vice president. Board of directors for the term will be Ted Holmes, West Coast Life insurance; Gene

Williams, Standard Insurance company; William Salade, Security insurance; and Wayne Safley, Hopkins and Safley associates. Guest speaker for the installation meet was State Sen. Dr. Edwin R. Durno, who spoke on the bills before congress and how they affect the people in Oregon. The RVLUA will participate in the state convention in Seaside July 21 to 23.

Famed New York Opera House Draws Big Audience for Final Performance

New York—UPI—The streets were lit by gas lamps. Hansom cabs and shiny broughams halted amid a clatter of hoof beats before the white marble facade of the ornate Italian Renaissance style theater to discharge their passengers.

The ladies were swathed in furs, ostrich plumed hats and the low cut, wasp-waisted finery of nearly a century ago. The gentlemen wore topers, waistcoats, spats and heavy gold watch chains.

The toasts of the town were Josie Mansfield—inamorata of railroad tycoon Jim Fisk—Lillian Russell and Modjeska. The place was the Grand Opera House—near 23rd st. and 8th ave. on the fringe of Hell's Kitchen—then considered the heart of the uptown area.

Destroyed by Fire But that was long ago. Wednesday the dusty, deserted shell of the opera house was swept by a five-alarm fire and destroyed.

Before its demise in flames that flashed 50 feet into the air and spread to an adjoining, once-fashionable hotel, the Grand Opera House had deteriorated into a potpourri of small commercial enterprises.

There was little left of its past glory. The box office had become a bar. The auditorium a second-rate movie house. The lobby a drug store and the plush offices that once served as headquarters for the Erie Railroad—a billiard parlor.

One dim ghost of its past fame, barely readable on a wall that had been obscured by a tenement until it recently was demolished, remained. It was a sign that proudly proclaimed: Grand Opera House The Most Elegant Theater in the World

The theater had been vacated and was to be torn down to make way for an apartment house project when the fire broke out Wednesday afternoon.

Five alarms were sounded and more than 180 firemen battled the blaze before it was brought under control. Ambulances were rushed to the scene but only one person—a fireman—was injured.

Tycoons Buy Theater The theater opened in 1868 as Pike's Opera House. Its builder, Samuel N. Pike, could not make a go of the enterprise and sold it to Jim Fisk and Jay Gould, flamboyant railroad financiers of yesterday.

Fisk wanted the theater as a showplace for his leading lady companion, Josie Mansfield. She is said to have insisted on having a theater of her own.

Fisk and Gould moved the offices of their Erie Railroad there and then invested \$250,000 for a grand staircase, bronze statuary and other luxuries.

The theater became Miss Mansfield's home after Fisk built an apartment in the building for her. He also installed a banquet hall.

Three years later, however, Miss Mansfield became interested in another man, Edward J. Stokes. In a dispute with Fisk over the attentions of Miss Mansfield, Stokes shot and killed the railroad tycoon.

Stokes went to jail and Miss Mansfield disappeared. She died in poverty in South

Springfield To Get Planning Advance

Washington—UPI—The community facilities administration today approved an \$18,000 advance to Springfield, Ore., for preliminary planning of extensions and improvements to the existing sewage system.

Construction on the proposed \$2.7 million project is expected to start July 1.

Salem Civic Leader Dies at Age of 77

Salem—UPI—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Lillie M. Magee, 77, Salem civic leader, who died Monday night.

Mrs. Magee, a former teacher, was active in numerous organizations including the Republican party. She had been a Capital Journal news correspondent since 1909.

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower has urged Americans to turn over to their local governments than to the federal government for assistance in their problems.



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