

Grain Elevator Fire Controlled, But Three Killed

Brownfield, Tex. (AP)—Firemen Wednesday finally subdued a fierce explosion-fed fire that killed three, and possibly four, men and provided a grim backdrop for a two-hour helicopter rescue drama at a row of grain elevators.

Squelching of the roaring fire diminished, but didn't eliminate, the threat of follow-up explosions. And authorities declined to ease the four-block square evacuation surrounding the tragedy site.

Two workmen were killed outright by the original explosion, and another worker died as a result of burns and injuries suffered when he jumped 50 feet onto a concrete elevator roof. Four other men were injured.

One man was missing and it was his body that the searchers feared they would find in the blackened debris.

It was late Tuesday afternoon, about quitting time, when a pair of explosions believed caused by grain dust ripped through two empty elevators throwing chunks of concrete for hundreds of yards. Killed in the blasts were Henry L. Nix, 40, and Royce E. Lawhorn, about 55.

Paul Aiken, about 30, was one of two men trapped in a three-story high concrete "header room" on top of one of the elevators. With his clothes afire he jumped 50 feet down to the top of the elevator, then crawled away from flames billowing out of a hole in the concrete. Firemen revived him about two hours later and lowered him to the ground in a basket. He died in surgery.

Man Convicted Of Murder Asks For New Trial

Salem (AP)—An attorney for Harry W. Braley of Portland, convicted of first degree murder in 1958 and sentenced to death, asked the Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday for a new trial.

Attorney J. R. Carskadon, Portland, said Braley was sentenced under "erroneous instructions" of the trial court and that among other things, the judge had failed to reprimand the prosecutor for making "prejudicial remarks."

He said Multnomah County Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson should be reversed.

Arguments on Braley's automatic death sentence appeal were heard by the high court.

Charles R. Harvey, deputy district attorney for Multnomah county, said Braley had a fair trial, he pleaded guilty and evidence against him was "overwhelming."

Braley admitted the May 19, 1958 knife slaying of Judy Violet Knutson in a Portland apartment house.

West-Holliday Honors Employees

West-Holliday company, national advertising representative of the Mail Tribune, has accorded recognition to five west coast employees whose record of service with the organization dates back 25 years or longer.

Nelson Roberts, the firm's president, presented each of the seven long-term employees with wristwatches.

Four of the seven honorees are employed in the firm's San Francisco headquarters office. They are, in order of length of service, Mabel Lasalle, since 1928; James Teel, since 1929; Lilly Moyle and Paul West, Jr., both since 1931. Teel is the firm's business manager; West is northern California sales manager. Mrs. Moyle is San Francisco office manager, and Miss Lasalle is in the accounting department.

The Los Angeles recipient is Tom Foley, southern California sales manager, whose service to the firm dates from 1928.

Barry Claims More Votes Than Rocky

Chicago (AP)—Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona, an announced non-candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, said Wednesday he still has more delegate votes for top spot on the ticket than New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Goldwater, who is supporting vice president Richard M. Nixon for the presidential nomination, met newsmen at headquarters of the "Goldwater for President" organization, a group that has been boosting the Senator for the nomination for the past two weeks.



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