Rescue During Explosion Brings Carnegie Award

PITTSBURGH (UPI) —A 21-year-old laundry worker from Tucson, Ariz., was awarded a silver medal and $1,000 from the Carnegie Hero Commission today for rescuing seven women during an explosion and fire at a laundry and dry cleaning plant.

Ventura Urquidez Jr., disregarding choking smoke and scorching flames, led Mrs. Lucy G. Villa and Mrs. Rossie L. Chesser to safety shortly after the blast last March 29 which killed seven persons.

He returned inside and reached two more women, leading one and carrying the other to safety. Urquidez then carried Carmen Ramos and Olivia Aros to safety and made one more trip inside to remove another woman just before the walls of the one-story structure collapsed.

Death Benefits

The commission also awarded death benefits of $600 and a bronze medal to Ethel C. Robinson, aunt of Booker C. Olden, who died in an attempt to save two children from burning to death in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 6, 1962.

Six sticks of dynamite exploded prematurely Aug. 14, 1962 at a copper mine in Oracle, Ariz., injuring Wilbur D. Nelson, 48, and Merely C. Fairless, 40.

Staggered To Safety

Nelson, despite painful injuries and knowing that other dynamite charges set earlier would soon explode, crawled to the severely injured Fairless. Nelson lifted Fairless onto his shoulders then staggered to safety minutes before the other charges exploded.

Fairless died 32 hours later of his injuries. Nelson, disabled for five weeks, was awarded a silver medal and $500.

The awards were among 20 made today by the commission in 11 states and Canada. Since its inception in 1904, the commission has awarded more than $9 million to heroes and their dependents and has issued 4,673 medals.

KIMMY SAYS—

Editor's note: This column is written by a Medford teen ager who has chosen the non de plume of "Kimmy." Other teen agers in the area—and, who knows, perhaps even parents baffled at their offspring's behavior—are invited to write to "Kimmy," in care of the Mail Tribune, for suggestions or advice on manners, dress, behavior and similar subjects.

Dear Kimmy: What should I do when my boy friend and I can't agree on what show to go to? I am afraid he doesn't like the shows I pick. He doesn't get mad, but I know he would rather go to another show, but I wouldn't.
Unpicked Picker

Dear Unpicked Picker: Haven't you realized yet that in this world we can't ALWAYS do what we want to do??

Dear Kimmy: What are the hair styles going to be at Senior High this fall?
Wondering

Dear Wondering: Long and lose or short and fluffy

Dear Kimmy: What can I do about this lump in my throat?
Lumpy

Dear Lumpy: Are you choking or choked up over something?

Dear Kimmy: I am a MOUSE!
Mickey

Dear Mickey: Don't feel bad, so is Minnie!

Dear Kimmy: I like this guy and I was wondering if I should tell him straight out.
Wondering.

Dear Wondering: I wouldn't. There are certain signals a girl can use such as winking, flirting and smiling, that can express her feelings.

Dear Kimmy: Where is a good place to meet guys around Medford?
Stumped.

Dear Stumped: Where the boys are!

Dear Kimmy: I am 5 feet 7 inches tall and weigh 83 pounds. People call me bean pole. How can I avoid this?
Bean Pole

Dear Bean Pole: Go to a doctor and see how you can gain some weight.

Dear Kimmy: I'm having trouble with my boyfriend. He goes out with other girls. Should I drop him?
Love broken

Dear Love broken: Yes. I think YOU have been dropped already.

Dear Kimmy: I have a problem. If a tree falls in the forest and nobody is around to hear it, does it make a noise?
Going Crazy

Dear Going Crazy: This depends on how big it is! (Yuk-Yuk)

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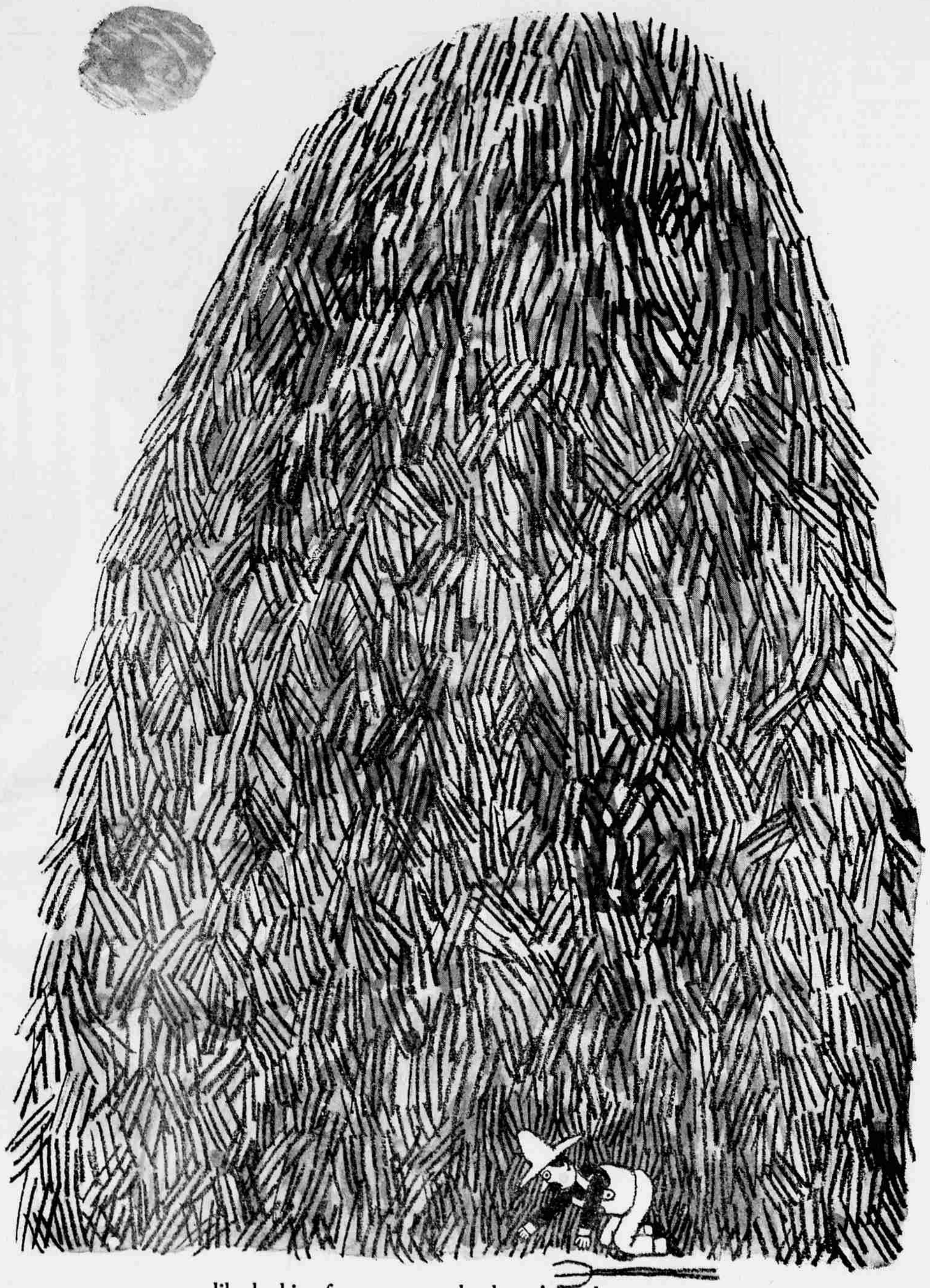

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