

S. B. Evans Prominent In Basin

Sydney Byron Evans, 72, pioneer Klamath resident and owner of the Evans apartments in which he lost his life early Sunday morning when fire destroyed the 10th and Main street structure, was a prominently identified business life of Klamath Falls during his 37-year residence in this community.

He was born January 1, 1857, in Severy, Kas., son of James and Mary Elizabeth Evans. He spent his childhood in Kansas and came to Klamath Falls with his father in 1897. At that time he and his father purchased property here and bought a small bakery in the Link river district which they operated until 1911. At that time they were joined by Sydney Evans' brother, Milton Percy Evans, and the three, the father and two sons, went into the grocery business together operating the Monarch grocery at 6th and Main streets where Rudy's Menstore now stands. Later the firm was moved up the street to the location of the Connolly Saddlery and across the street from the building which burned Sunday.

In 1920, Sydney Evans and his brother, Percy, built the Evans apartments and together operated the Sunset grocery which later was owned solely by Percy Evans and recently sold to Walter Wiesendanger. Joseph Evans, father of the two men, died here in 1918, his wife in June, 1935.

After Sydney Evans left the grocery business he opened a furniture store in the present location of the Roberts Hardware company, and his partners included at various times, both the late Frank Lucas, father of Marvin K. Lucas and Mrs. Don Anderson of Lucas Furniture company, and Charles Balin, now of Ashland. Mr. Evans sold

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Fire Victim



Sydney Byron Evans, 72, owner of the Evans apartments in which he lost his life in the early Sunday morning blaze. Mr. Evans was a Klamath pioneer and member of a well known basin family.

his furniture store to Charles Balin as his hearing was poor and he wished to retire from active business. He devoted his time to the Sunset ranch on Alameda drive which has long been the family home.

A month ago, negotiations were under way by Sydney Evans for purchase of his brother Percy's share in the Evans apartments. Percy Evans is ill in an Ashland hospital and has not been apprised of the holocaust which took his brother's life.

Mr. Evans held considerable property in Klamath Falls, both residential and business. His wife, Mrs. Lora Evans, was in San Diego visiting relatives at the time of his death and was advised by members of the family. She arrived here last night by train.

In addition to Mrs. Evans, he is survived by two sons, Joe and Percy, and one daughter, Mrs. Joy Rolph, all of Klamath Falls, three grandchildren and also one nephew, Kenneth Roberts, theatre operator at Chilquin.

Final rites will be announced by the Earl Whitlock Funeral home.

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USBR Faces Attacks In Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—The reclamation bureau, a governmental activity operating only in the 17 western states, faces attack on four fronts in this congress.

Measures already are on file to:

1. Revise, probably upward, its power rate structure;
2. Revoke its authority to create new districts without specific congressional authority;
3. Recover its earning for the general fund.

These are before legislative committees. In addition, it must defend a sharply restricted construction budget before an economy-minded appropriations committee.

The legislative problems all

have come to the front because of the increasing cost of new irrigation projects, due both to higher construction costs since the war and to the fact that most economically irrigable tracts already are operating or under construction.

It used to be said that federal power rates were to be a yardstick for control of private rates. Now that revenue from power must be counted upon to help repay the cost of irrigation projects, even friends of irrigation are anxious to obtain from this source all the traffic will bear.

The new proposal is a little confusing to a layman but a man who participated in conferences which resulted in the bill introduced last week by Senator Butler (R-Meb.) and Rep. Rockwell (R-Colo.) told a reporter it is intended to bring the level of

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LIFE SENTENCE
PORTLAND, Feb. 18 (AP)—Robert Ray La Vaughn, 46, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary yesterday for the slaying of Rudolph M. Trayser, 56.

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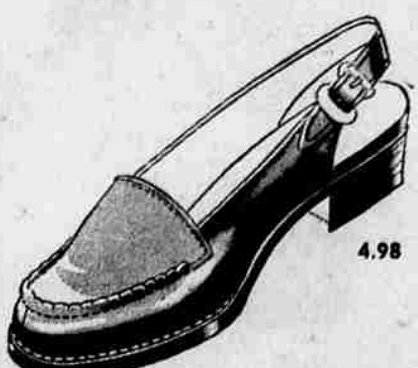
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