

Basin Briefs

BPW—will entertain at the annual Christmas party at the Willard hotel, 6:30 December 17. On the program will be dinner and a gift exchange. Christmas program under the direction of Ruth Lobach and her committee. Members are asked to make it a 100 percent meeting.

Cancellation—The Winema Welfare club, Tulelake, has cancelled the card party planned for Saturday night at the schoolhouse because of numerous other holiday affairs between now and New Years. The next party will be held on the regular date, January 19.

Home—Joyce Larson, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Larson and Novelle Dable, Tulelake, both students at College of the Pacific, Stockton, are home for the holidays.

Christmas Party—The Home-ward Community club will meet for the annual Christmas party December 20 instead of December 21 at the home of Mrs. Carl Jensen with Mrs. Otto Haynes and Mrs. Henry Stearns, assisting. The meeting is at 2 p.m. There will be a gift exchange, gifts not to exceed \$1 and a Christmas program. Change in date was made to permit Pearl Ludy, Modoc county home demonstrator to be present.

DAR Meeting Cancelled—Due to weather conditions and conflicting engagements, Eulalia chapter Christmas party is cancelled. Next meeting will be January 7.

Lunch Meeting—County association women of the farm bureau have scheduled a luncheon meeting Monday, 1:30 p.m., at the Winema hotel.

Home—Visiting his parents here this week is George Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Underwood. Young Underwood and his new wife plan to return to Brem-

Tank Collapse Cause Mystery

TUCUMCARI, N.M.—Sabotage rumors quieted today, but an explanation for yesterday's devastating water tank collapse seemed as remote as ever.

Four persons died, three were injured and two lots were orphaned in the wreckage which the 1,200,000-gallon deluge left in its wake on main street.

Investigators have checked four leads, with these preliminary results:

Sabotage—possible, but there is little to back it up.

Explosion—possible, but "nothing now indicates an explosion either inside or outside the tank."

Crystallizing of steel sides of the tank—the federal bureau of investigation may send samples of the 3-inch steel wreckage to its Washington laboratories for testing.

Meteor falling on or near tank—now believed to have been a mistake by persons who believed they saw a fireball plunge to earth near the tank.

Apparently, officials said, the 30-foot-high, ball-shaped tank spilled down the middle, spilling its water in all directions. This was indicated by the fact that deaths and serious bodily injury hit only two families, the Elliots, who lived on the west side of the tank, and the Gallegos, who lived on the east.

Policeman, Burglar Die After Detroit Gun Fight

DETROIT, (AP)—A policeman and a burglar shot each other to death early today as the officer broke in on an attempted jewelry store robbery.

Slain were Patrolman Stanley Jeriecki, 28-year-old father of two children, and a man identified as William Brown, 45.

Police said Brown had been freed from prison in a "quick justice" case after serving 15 years of a life term in the gang slaying of another policeman. He was free on \$10,000 bond from a dairy holdup last month.

Another policeman found the two fatally wounded men lying 15 feet apart, their pistols at their fingertips.

WOUNDS—Jeriecki had been shot through the jaw, Brown through the chest near the heart.

Patrolman Harold Ross said he and Jeriecki were driving in their police car at 3:55 a. m. and saw two men apparently trying to break into a jewelry store in northwest Detroit.

"We drove to an alley behind the store," Ross said. "I ran to the back of the store and Jeriecki drove around to the front."

"When I came around to the front, Jeriecki had a gun on one of the men. The other started to run. I thought Jeriecki had his man under control so I started after the other one."

TOGETHER—Ross said he lost his man after a block and a half chase and turned back to radio for help. It was then he heard the shots. He said, "they all came together, there could have been three or four."

It was believed Brown drew a gun on Jeriecki before the policeman had a chance to search him. Both men were dead on arrival at Redford receiving hospital.

High police officials called extra policemen out to hunt down the second man.

Two policemen answering a radio message from the scene were injured slightly when their car overturned on the way.

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Worker Dies In Cerebro Attack

CLEVELAND, (AP)—A man gave his life to save his two partners when an 11-foot ditch caved in yesterday.

George N. Awen, 58, was the hero.

Rudy George, 29, got out of the ditch unscathed. His brother Minor, 34, suffered back injuries and was taken to a hospital.

The men had been partners for 10 years. They were laying a sewer line along a new street. Two feet wide and 11 feet deep, the ditch was 25 feet long.

As a steam shovel bit into a water line 20 feet away, the ditch filled rapidly and the walls began to crumble.

Awen braced his back against some temporary planking on one side, and jammed a knee and his hands against the other side.

"Get out," he yelled to his partners.

As the George brothers scrambled for the surface, the cave-in caught Awen. His body was dug from planking and shale an hour later.

Stolen Furniture Found, Truck Lost

PORTLAND, (AP)—The van and \$2000 worth of furniture have been found. But the truck itself still is missing.

That was the report of police here yesterday on one of the largest thefts in recent weeks—a van loaded with furniture.

The truck and trailer, owned by McHugh Transfer company, Spokane, were stolen Monday after the driver, Winford Warpenberg, had parked the vehicle on the street and left it over night.

The furniture, property of an air force officer, was enroute from Spokane to California.

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