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LORIS BLAZE TURNS DARK NIGHT BRIGHT

Four Other Families Are Rescued After Fire Is Discovered

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
LORIS, S. C. — A family of six, apparently trying to flee the flames, was hurled to death in a dwelling on the main street of darkened, sleet-covered Loris last night.

Joseph F. Blackman, 49, his wife and four preschool children perished in a fire across the street from the Loris City Hall as about 20 others in the building and an adjoining structure were rescued.

The dead, burned beyond recognition, were Blackman's wife, Carrie Mae, 27; Shirley Mae, 5; Josephine, 4; Albert Wesley, 2½; and Julius Jack, 6 months.

The fire was discovered at 11:20 o'clock by a lineman atop a power pole on the main street. The lineman had been called to the town two hours earlier when sleet caused an interruption of power service.

TOWN DARK

Most of the town was dark when the lineman saw smoke in the rear of Haroldson's cafe. Blackman and his family had an apartment in the rear of the brick and frame building. Another family had an apartment there and three families resided in an adjoining building. The others were rescued.

Police Chief Johnny New said the position of the bodies, when discovered later, indicated that the family had tried to get out of the building.

Horry County Coroner Littlejohn Blanton said an inquest will be held.

Chief New said it was generally believed everyone had been saved in the fire — which was finally brought under control at 2 o'clock this morning when the building collapsed — when it was noticed that the Blackmans had not been seen.

BODIES DISCOVERED

Jack Warner, a member of the rescue squad from nearby Linway who was one of the first to enter the building, said he discovered the six bodies in the rear of the building. He said the bodies were not in bed and apparently made an attempt to escape before being overcome by smoke and flames.

There was speculation that the fire started from a water heater in the Blackman apartment, but no definite cause has been determined.

Warner, a telephone company lineman, was called to Loris when he heard the alarm.

He said much of the town was in darkness all night because of power failures which hampered rescue efforts. As a member of the rescue squad, he said he raced to the fire as soon as he heard the alarm.

FIRE FOUGHT

The fire was fought also by Conway, Mullins and Tabor City, S. C. firemen.

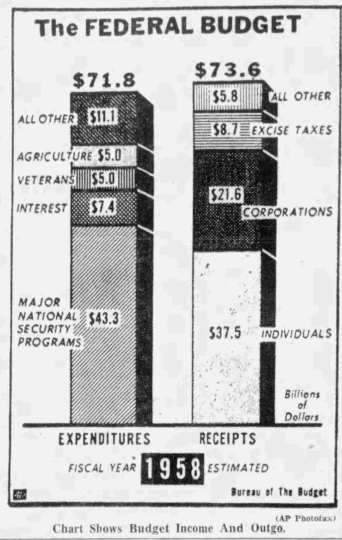
When the fire was discovered, several members of the Loris volunteer fire dept. were at the City Hall less than 10 yards from the structure.

They were called because of power failures and made their way to the fire immediately.

The bodies were taken to Hardwick Funeral Home here. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Evening Prayer

O God, we thank Thee that our impure lives can be made pure by the redemptive power of Christ. Grant us willingness to have such faith in Him. Then use us in Thy service amid the world's evils. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.



Maestro Toscanini, 89, Dies In Sleep

NEW YORK (AP) — Arturo Toscanini, a poor Italian boy who became one of the world's foremost orchestra conductors, died in his sleep today. He was 89.

Death occurred at his home in Riverside. The famous maestro had suffered a stroke on New Year's Day and had not fully recovered from it.

Toscanini's brilliant career spanned 70 years, and won him virtually every honor the musical world has to offer.

He had already scored great success before he came to the United States in 1908. In this country he swept on to the heights.

For seven seasons he conducted at the renowned Metropolitan Opera in New York — doing the era of such notable forgotten artists as Caruso, Melba and Scotti. But a disagreement, never explained, caused him to leave the Met in 1915, never to return.

Subsequently, he directed the New York Philharmonic Symphony and the National Broadcasting Co. Symphony Orchestra.

He later brought him closer to the American public than any of his other endeavors.

LAST PERFORMANCE

Toscanini conducted his last concert with the NBC Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall April 4, 1956. But neither the capacity audience nor those who heard the program on radio knew it was his farewell.

His retirement was made known after the concert by the release of letters exchanged previously between Toscanini and David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corp. of America.

He was disheveled and hysterical when found on the desert. She has been in seclusion for the past several days.

Witnesses will include Miss McDonald's former husband, wealthy shoeman Harry Kark; her current escort, actor Michael Wilding; her business manager, Harold Plant; movie columnist Harrison Carroll; the actress' butler, maid and nurse; the truck driver who found her near Indio; the doctor and others who attended her there; and police officers.

NEGATIVE RESULTS

Police Chief William H. Parker asked for the grand jury inquiry. He said his detectives have obtained "absolutely negative results" in their investigation.

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Like Calls For Record Peacetime Expenses

Congress Receives Want List

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today handed Congress its 1957 want-list of legislation, topped by a renewal of high tax rates, higher interest charges and a natural gas bill like the one he vetoed last year.

The President urged postal rate increases that would boost the cost of a 3-cent stamp to a nickel, and he called for full speed ahead on federal aid for schools, highways and homes.

It all came in capsule form, wrapped into the biggest spending budget of peacetime and the biggest balanced budget of all time — \$71,800,000,000 in fiscal 1958, starting next July 1.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey said the rising budget trend "should promptly be stopped." He told reporters he would be "glad" if Congress could find any unnecessary costs it could eliminate.

He emphasized, however, that he was not criticizing the President's budget, commenting it was "the best we can possibly do right now." But he added that if all hands go to work, it can be whittled down before the fiscal year ends in mid-1958.

Then Humphrey made some legislative disclosures of his own. 1. The Treasury may ask Congress to boost the interest rate on U.S. Savings Bonds, now paying 3 per cent if held 10 years.

2. The Treasury will fight "any and all" tax-cutting proposals which reduce revenues.

3. If prosperity endures and government costs are cut, the administration can "a year hence give consideration" to tax relief along with a further reduction of the national debt.

DIDNT PASS

Many of the President's budget requests were repeats of his programs which Congress didn't pass last year.

High among these was his call for a four-year program of federal aid.

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Weeks Here For ACMI Meeting

Sinclair Weeks, U. S. secretary of commerce, and H. C. McClellan, assistant secretary, arranged to fly into Charlotte early this afternoon to attend a special meeting of the directors of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute.

F. E. Grier of Greenwood, S. C., president of ACMI, called the board to meet at 2 p. m. in Charlotte City Club.

Reports gained circulation in Charlotte that Secretary Weeks and Assistant Secretary McClellan were prepared to discuss in detail with the ACMI directors the newly announced agreement between the Government of the United States and Japan regarding trade in textiles.

The ACMI has engaged through the past 15 months in a vigorous effort aimed at promoting an agreement of these two governments whereby Japanese exports of low-cost textile products to the United States would be limited.

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Zero-Numbered Northeast U.S. Battered By Heavy Snowfall

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Our Weather

Diminishing cloudiness and cold today. Fair and cold tonight and Thursday.

Low tomorrow — 30s.
High yesterday — 35s.
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Sunrise today 7:32 a. m.; sunset today 5:35 p. m.

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Military Boosted 2 Billion

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He said his budget for the fiscal year 1958, beginning next July 1, was balanced and provided for a surplus for the third straight year.

But once again the came out against any cuts, except for possible relief for small business involving "minimum loss of revenue."

MAJOR GUIDE

In obvious reference to stepped-up spending for defense, he said two of the major guidelines he used in drafting the financial blueprint were designed to assure:

"Peace, justice and freedom for our own and other peoples; and a powerful armed force to deter and, if need be, to defeat aggression."

"I am convinced," he said, "that the defense programs and funds for their support as recommended in this budget provide a permanent and reasonable degree of protection for the nation."

The budget message provided \$45,300,000,000, or 63 per cent of expenditures, for national security. These include \$38,031,000,000 for U. S. armed forces, \$4,263,000,000 for economic and military foreign aid, and lesser amounts for atomic energy research and development, stockpiling of strategic goods, home and air defense and the U. S. Information Agency.

RECORD TAKE

Eisenhower forecast that with continuing properly the government would collect a record \$73,600,000,000, permitting a surplus of \$1,800,000,000 to be applied toward reduction of the massive national debt.

As a result, he said, it should not be necessary to ask again this year for an increase in the permanent 275-billion-dollar debt limit, now temporarily raised to 278 billions.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey echoed even more emphatically Eisenhower's opposition to tax reductions at this time.

"The Treasury will fight any and all tax reductions that will mean loss of revenue," Humphrey said in his first general news conference he has held here in about a year.

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