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SCHOOL FIRE CAUSE UNDETERMINED

Oakhurst Loss Is Complete

By JOHN KILGO News Staff Writer

The cause of a half-million-dollar fire that destroyed the main structure of the Oakhurst County Elementary School on Monroe Rd. early today is still undetermined.

County Fire Marshal Sigby Tadlock said an investigation of the fire can't be made until dangerous sloping walls are knocked down.

Tadlock said the walls will be knocked down when insurance adjusters finish their investigation. This probably will be late this afternoon or tomorrow.

The supply of coal, located in the school's boiler room, caught fire at 1 a. m. today but was extinguished quickly.

The fire, which was reported by a passer-by at 2:55 a. m., was raging out of control when firemen arrived on the scene minutes later.

WALLS FALLING The walls were falling apart slowly, section by section, at noon.

Twenty-five classrooms, the auditorium and several auxiliary rooms were destroyed as the fire swept through the two-story school building.

The Agriculture building and the school gymnasium, separate buildings located to the east of the main structure, were not damaged.

Neither was the school cafeteria, which is located directly behind the school building.

The fire left 817 school students without a place to attend classes today.

CLASSES BY MONDAY But County School Supt. J. W. Wiley said "the children will all be in school again by Monday morning."

Officials said eight temporary classrooms will be constructed in the gymnasium, and others in the cafeteria and agriculture building.

Mr. Wilson said he wouldn't know until tomorrow where all the students will be placed.

School teachers were busy working in the school cafeteria today obtaining the names and addresses of all students.

Mr. Wilson said the exact damage hasn't been determined, "but it would take us a half-million dollars to replace it."

Tadlock said 400 firemen from six counties and other departments and two trucks from the city department were on hand to battle the fire. The fire was out by 8 a. m.

All windows in the school, which was built in 1925, were knocked out this morning. The brick walls in the middle of the

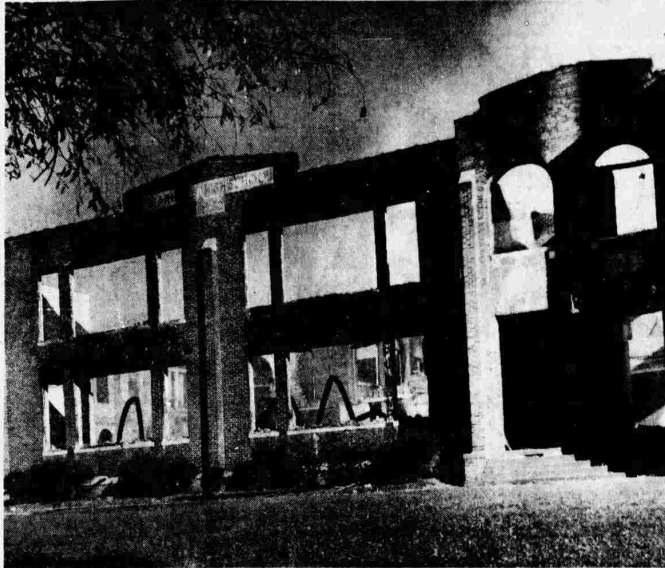
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In addition to the program listings, the section will contain feature stories on television stars and personalities, a listing of all locally motion pictures to be shown by WSOV-TV and WBTV for the following week.

The Green Sheet will be printed on green newspaper and so designed that it can be easily detached from the rest of the newspaper and kept for handy reference for the coming week.



This Is The Shell Which Is Left After The Oakhurst Fire



Rescued Miners Say They Never Will Mine Again

Storm Kills 7

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines counted seven persons dead and four missing and presumed drowned from typhoon Lorna.

No Opposition

RANGOON (AP)—Burma's new military premier, Gen. Ne Win, in his maiden speech to Parliament today said Communists and other insurgents fighting the government would be put down relentlessly as criminals.

Terrorist Victim

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—A 17-year-old British youth was shot through the head and killed in Famagusta today while walking to work. He was the youngest of 131 Britons killed in Cyprus in the 3 1/2 years of terrorist activity by EOKA, the Greek Cypriot underground.

Nationalization Set

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—The Indonesian government said today it will shortly put a bill before Parliament to nationalize all Dutch enterprises in the island republic.

UAR Lifts Ban

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—The United Arab Republic's ban on Jordanian planes flying over UAR territory was lifted today. The UAR blockade on all kinds of Jordan-bound highway transport, including trucks carrying oil cargo Syria from Lebanon, also was lifted.

The Latest In Stereo And Hi-Fi See Section C

Table listing various audio equipment and their prices, including Business, Classified, Comics, Crossword Puzzle, Earl Wilson, Editorials, Everyday Counselor, Obituaries, Radio-TV, Social Security Game, Sports, Theaters, To Your Good Health, Women, and Worry Clinic.

SPRINGHILL, N. S. (AP)—Some of the 12 men rescued from a week's entombment in a wrecked coal mine have had it. Two vowed today they never will go back to the mines.

Levi Milley, 47, put it this way from a hospital bed where the lucky 12 have been recuperating since their rescue yesterday.

"Well, you can say this: Levi Milley, former coal miner of Springhill and chicken-raiser on the side, is looking for a full-time job on a chicken farm some place.

"Doesn't matter where I'll go anywhere. They'll never get me back in that mine."

"I'm never going back into that mine," said Harold Brine. "If I can't make a living somewhere else I'll starve. Being trapped like that gives you an awful feeling."

A similar view was expressed by some of the others. Or their wives said it for them.

Mine rescue crews meanwhile probed deeper into the Cumberland No. 2 colliery in search for 49 miners still missing in the disaster.

Assistant rescue director Frank Doxey said he held only slim hope that any more of the missing men would be found alive.

Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, planned to break his trip back to London to visit this grid-stricken town of 7,000 tonight. He has been attending a conference of the English-speaking Union in Ottawa.

Philip was to see the colliery pithead, the bleak nerve center of the search, and to talk with the 12 men rescued, who were caught by the gigantic upheaval that wrecked the mine Oct. 23, the record today showed.

Dead — 32 Missing — 49 The 2nd body was brought up early today.

Dog-tried searchers — both miners working without oxygen masks and specially trained masked draegemen — continued digging. The volunteers split each every eight hours.

With several hundred feet of rock and debris still to be pierced at the 13,000- and 13,400-foot levels, it may be a week or more before the job is accomplished.

Court Ponders Ingrid's Divorce

ROME (AP)—A Rome appellate court today heard arguments — behind closed doors — in the state's appeal against annulment of the marriage of actress Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini.

After a two-hour session the court adjourned the case to Dec. 5.

TELLS STORY Sheriff's officers said the three women killed first were raped. They quoted Glatman:

"I would make them kneel down. With the gun on them, I would tie this five-foot piece of rope around their ankles. Then I would loop it around their neck and pull it."

He said he used the same piece of sash cord and the same pistol in all assaults. The weapons were in his car when high-way patrolmen found a fourth intended victim holding the gun on him after a desperate struggle in a car Monday night.

The slender, sandy-haired ex-cop, who served prison terms in New York and Colorado for kidnaping and rape, confessed after two days' questioning and a lie-detector test, said chief investigator Joel Hays of the Orange County district attorney's office.

The victims died 15, 8 and 3 weeks ago in this order as they apartment after a date to shoot pin-up pictures of her Aug. 1, 1957. He strangled her on the desert near Indio, about 55 miles

The Lighter Side Who's So Great With Hook, Line?

(From AP Reports) If you think you're great shakes as a fisherman, maybe you'll change your mind after this.

The Tennessee Valley Authority's fish and game division people say more fish die of old age in TVA lakes than end their days in frying pans.

A report said best estimates are that "no more than 50 per cent of the available game fish crop is harvested in any one year."

Soft Heart The so-called hard heart of the law softened to allow a man's friend to enter jail.

When Charles Spurluck went to jail in Detroit on a bad check charge, officers carried off his pet squirrel. "She goes everywhere with me," Charlie said, "and even sleeps in my pocket."

Charlie was so upset that cellblock attendants got permission to return the squirrel to him.

Not THAT-A-Way Patrolman Cyrus England was standing in his information booth at Irvington, N. J., when Miss Esther van Moppes drove up. What is the route to the Garden State Parkway, she wanted to know. England told her, she thanked him, and then drove smack into the booth.

Evening Prayer Father, we thank Thee for answered prayer, even though the answer is sometimes No. We also thank Thee that prayers are answered regardless of race, language, or nationality of the person who prays. For love like Thine we thank Thee. In Jesus' name . . . Amen.

Our Weather Sunny and mild today. Increasing cloudiness and not so cold tonight. Saturday cloudy and mild with a chance of rain by night.

Low this morning 34 Low tomorrow morning 44 High today 71 High yesterday 71 High tomorrow 70 Sunrise today 6:43 a. m.; sunset today 5:30 p. m.

500 RUBBER PARTS BONS — The average German car is now equipped with 500 different rubber parts, weighing 100 pounds, or about 10 per cent of the car's total weight. Five years ago only 300 rubber parts were used.

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Halloween Off To Rough Start

FROM AP REPORTS At least three young people were wounded last night in two separate pre-Halloween incidents sparked by irate home owners and boisterous youths.

Most seriously hurt was Earl Martin, 15, who was shot in the throat at Bicknell, Ind.

Miss Carla Harbrough, a young Martin's art teacher, was charged with the shooting. Police quoted her as saying she intended to fire a warning shot over the heads of a group of youngsters who were pulling pranks.

The 22 caliber bullet entered the boy's cheek and lodged just a quarter of an inch from his jugular vein.

At Birmingham, Mo., an elderly man fired a shotgun into a group of young people, and two of them were hit by pellets.

A threat had been made to overturn Frank Harrington's out-house, and he fired both barrels from about 200 feet away. The group, six boys and four girls had gathered near the 85-year-old man's home and had been singing before the shooting.

Donald Booth, 16, was struck by a pellet in the hip. Mrs. Doris Humphries, 17, suffered a minor laceration of the nose. Harrington was not arrested.

DOUBLE SESSIONS? "We've had double sessions before in schools in that area, and we may have to call for double sessions again."

He mentioned the possibility of having double sessions at Oakhurst, Idlewild, Hickory Grove or Matthews Schools, and explained that classrooms could be set up in the undamaged gymnasium, agriculture building and cafeteria at Oakhurst.

At 9 a. m., the 25 teachers in the cafeteria at Oakhurst met with school principal S. L. Brooks in the cafeteria to discuss possible procedures. Total student enrollment at the school is 817.

"When I told Mr. Brooks to hold a meeting this morning, superintendent Wilson said, 'the old me.' But, Mr. Wilson, we don't have a pencil and here everything was burned up."

The school superintendent telephoned Raleigh this morning in an emergency plea for textbooks.

"Where will we get new desks from, I don't know," Mr. Wilson said.

The main building at Oakhurst was erected in 1925, and the school was operated for many years as a county high school.

The gymnasium, a separate structure, was erected in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration.

Superintendent Wilson said the agricultural building was added in the late 1930's and the cafeteria, also a separate building, was constructed in the 1940's.

In 1950, with the construction of East Mecklenburg High School, the senior high grades at Oakhurst were discontinued. Five years later, when McClintock Junior High School was built, the junior high grades at Oakhurst were abandoned.

Double Sessions? Records, Equipment Top School Loss

By DONALD MACDONALD Mecklenburg County schools superintendent J. W. Wilson said today emergency measures will have to be taken to get burned-out Oakhurst School Monday.

"We've got a tremendous problem since all records were destroyed, plus desks and books," Mr. Wilson said. "But we don't intend to suffer any great loss from the standpoint of instruction."

"We'll be able to solve the problem," Mr. Wilson said he will talk with school board members and other school officials today and will have a definite announcement by tomorrow.

Even as volunteer firemen kept streams of water on the school ruins this morning, students who had not heard of the disaster arrived for classes.

They were told by Mr. Brooks there would be no school today.

"Daddy woke me up at 3 o'clock and told me the school house was burning down," said 11-year-old Kenny Proctor, 4115 Hiddenbrook Dr., "but I didn't believe him. I told him to go back to sleep and wake me at a quarter 'til seven."

But Kenny's father persisted, and the boy went to the scene of the fire with his father.

"We could see the flames as soon as we stepped outside our house," Kenny said.

Twelve-year-old Jimmy Hinkle, 3018 Almar Rd., said his mother woke him up to see the blaze.

"Boy, that was something where that wall fell in," Jimmy said excitedly. "I'll bet every body in Oakhurst was out there to see the fire."

Not everybody, however, knew about the fire until arriving at the school this morning.

Janitor Johnson Kirkpatrick, who lives in Grier Heights, did not know of the blaze until he reported it at 9:30 a. m. Maid Beatrice Sims, Rt. 8, Charlotte, didn't hear about the fire until she came to work at 8 a. m.

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Saturday Feature

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All-Time Test Ban Demanded

GENEVA (AP)—Russia today reiterated its demand for an immediate suspension of nuclear weapon tests forever.

Soviet delegate Semyon K. Tsarapkin made the demand at the start of negotiations with the United States and Britain for a joint suspension of tests under international control.

Tsarapkin said a permanent undertaking by the three powers to stop tests should precede negotiation of the control system to be effected today. But both countries have given notice they will resume testing if Russian tests continue.

The negotiations, expected to continue for at least a month, will be conducted in private.

The two Western governments hoped the Soviet Union would join them in an informal suspension of test explosions for the time being.

All three nations professed to favor banning the tests, but a continuing East-West split was underlined by these developments on the conference eve.

1. The Soviet Union insisted that the talks must lead to an agreement outlawing tests immediately and forever, regardless of whether a control system is approved.

2. The United States and Britain announced a conditional one-year suspension of their tests, effective last midnight. The condition was that the Soviet Union cease firing nuclear explosives too.

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\$100 Prizes Awarded in News' Game

The News succeeded in giving away all of the \$100 offered in last week's Social Security game. All six winners recognized their Social Security numbers, published in Saturday's News, before the deadline for collecting prizes.

Heading the list of winners was T. H. Wetmore Jr. of 451 Louise Ave., Charlotte, who claimed the \$50 first prize.

Winners of \$10 prizes were Mrs. Anna H. Stinson, 1113 James St., W. J. Smith, 4500 Monroe Rd., and Marguerite Howe; Brian Allen St. of Charlotte; Lois Marie Pritchard, 273 2nd Ave. SE, Hickory; and Leroy G. Hitchell, 106 Sweeney St., Chester, S. C.

Winning numbers for this week's contest will be drawn this afternoon and published in tomorrow's paper. Complete rules are found elsewhere in today's issue.

Close between performers and promises. Jonas for Congress. (Political Ad.)



LORRAINE VIGIL

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