



Across From Fire Department

Woman Is Burned To Death In 4th St. Apartment Fire

Accident Is Believed Due To Lighting Stove

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An elderly white woman burned to death about 11:20 a.m. today when kerosene from an oil stove ignited in her small upstairs apartment immediately across E. 4th St. from the Central Fire Dept.

The dead woman was identified as Mrs. Flora Estella Dillon, was badly burned on the arms, face and chest.

Firemen seated in the upstairs lounge spotted smoke coming from the windows of the small apartment and dashed across E. 4th St.

The apartment is entered from an outside stairway at 418 E. 4th St. and is located on the second floor of an old frame building which is a former residence.

The downstairs is used by bondsmen R. H. McGraw as his office.

Fire Chief Donald S. Charles theorized that Mrs. Stancil was pouring kerosene into an oil stove in her small kitchen when she apparently fell, causing the kerosene can to overturn, cover the floor with kerosene, and ignite.

Fire burned a large hole in the kitchen floor beside her body.

Fireman Leo Black said "Some of us were having coffee in the fire department kitchen when we looked out the window and saw smoke coming out of our apartment. Capt. Dillon ran across the street and we got a hose line over immediately."

Capt. Dillon rushed up to the stairs to the smoke-filled apartment and immediately closed the door to the kitchen, shutting off the fire's supply of oxygen.

CORONER CALLED

Dr. W. M. Summerville, county coroner, was called immediately to view the body. He termed Mrs. Stancil's death as an "accidental death by burning."

The apartment in which she lived includes a bedroom and kitchen overlooking the fire department and health department buildings, a back bedroom and porch and a small bathroom.

The building is owned by Ernest DeLaney Jr.

Mr. DeLaney said he and his wife, Mrs. DeLaney, live in the apartment.

Mrs. Stancil lived alone. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, all of whom live out of the state. A sister, Lillian, lives in Ware Shoals, S. C.

The President, arriving at 8:40 a.m., spent more than a half hour conferring with Postmaster General Clegg and others in the presidential lodge before going into the Cabinet meeting.

He walked the 200 yards from his quarters to Lared Lodge, where the meeting was held, in a light snowfall.



SECRETARY BENSON

GOP Leaders Work On New Farm Program

THURMONT, Md. (AP)—President Eisenhower and his chief advisers hammered out the beginnings, at least, of a new farm program today.

The President met with his Cabinet in snowy weather at Camp David. He came to the camp by automobile from his farm home near Gettysburg, Pa.

The central subject matter of the meeting was indicated by the fact that Secretary of Agriculture Benson arrived with the largest staff of consultants, including Under Secretary True D. Morse.

Eisenhower's chief speech writer, Kevin McCann, also sat in on the meeting, which obviously was devoted to drafting portions of the President's State of the Union message.



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hulton)

Basil O'Connor: A Call For Salk Shot Assistance

Shot Should Start Now

Polio Head Sees '56 Vaccine Jam-Up

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There will be plenty of Salk polio vaccine available in 1956 but a terrific jam-up is forecast for the polio season if the public does not begin responding to the shot program at once.

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said here today that between 60 and 100 million c.c.'s of Salk vaccine should be available.

Public acceptance and response seems to be good, he said, but not enough people are showing interest right now. If they wait until they become more polio conscious—in April and May in this area—it may be too late to administer shots to all who want them.

SPEAKS TONIGHT

Mr. O'Connor, here to speak to more than 300 volunteer workers at Hotel Charlotte tonight at 7 p.m., said "there is no doubt that the vaccine is safe and that people want it."

However, he said, "We'll be in a difficult situation if we wait until April or May to start giving it."

A recent 60-day swing around the country convinced him, he said, that the public wants the shots, but they are not conscious of polio at this time of year.

"If we can give two shots of one cc. each between now and June 15, we can make a very severe dent in paralytic polio," he said.

DANGER AHEAD

Statistics indicate that in the age group of one through nine there are 56 per cent of the paralytic cases and there are 71 per cent of the cases in the bracket of ages one through 14.

The National Foundation hopes to see each child in the 14 age group receive two shots. However, figures show about 80 per cent response.

There are 51 million children in the 1-14 group and seven million have already received two shots. There are 60 to 70 million c.c.'s available, indications point to widespread coverage in 1956.

A year-end report will show, Mr. O'Connor said.

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Needed Central Location Washington Office Opened By Graham

WASHINGTON (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham has opened a new headquarters in midtown Washington because, he says, Washington is "now a world capital and our organizational work is largely international."

The 37-year-old evangelist from Montreal, N. C., also said in an interview and open house that he hopes to bring "spiritual influence on our national leaders."

However, he added that his work will be strictly nonpolitical. He said in reply to questions that he is a registered Democrat but votes independently.

Graham also gave his views on other matters in an interview at the headquarters of the Billy Graham Evangelical Team Office, in an office building at Pennsylvania Ave. and 13th St., three blocks from the White House.

He is leaving next month for an eight-week tour of the Far East. He is hopeful of attracting as many as 75,000 Christian Orientals each of a series of public meetings. It will be his second trip to the Far East. He visited Korea and Japan during the Korean War.

"Did you know," the evangelist added, "that the Christian Church in India is the oldest in the world? It was founded by the Apostle Thomas and has been active continuously for 2,000 years."

An aide said the new Graham office is designed to tie together many of Graham's activities. For the time being his radio operations will continue in Minneapolis, which also will remain his mailing address.

Graham said there are two other reasons he chose Washington for his headquarters beside the fact it is now a "world capital."

He said Washington is centrally located for members of his organization and it will be easy for him to make frequent trips here from his home in Western North Carolina.

"I feel," he added, "that the 19 years are going to be the most crucial in our history and I want to bring what influence I can from a spiritual standpoint, to our national leaders. I hope I can be of spiritual help."

Graham criticized the position taken by Secretary of State Dulles in the conflict between India and Portugal over Goa, a tiny Portuguese possession on the coast of India.

Graham said, "I feel that taking sides in the Goa case has made us lose ground rapidly in India. I believe we are living in a post-colonialism era, and I hope I can build a little good will on my visit over there."

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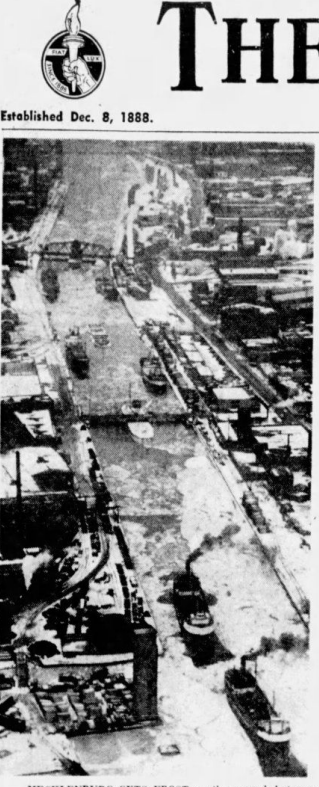
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MECKLENBURG GETS FROST on the ground, but even the water in the Lachine Canal, Montreal, Canada is icy in what is now literally "the frozen North." In the picture above are shown some of the over 50 inland and ocean freighters ice-bound in the canal. The ice is reported to be nearly two inches thick. (AP Wirephoto)

Charlotte's Swaboda Family Disappears Into The South

By ANN SAWYER
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The Swaboda Caravan that has wound its way from Poland to Mecklenburg County in the move again, this time south for the winter, and maybe forever, Mecklenburg authorities hope.

"We don't know where they're going," welfare superintendent Wallace Kurali said today "but we know where they've been."

Bogumil Swaboda, his wife and 12 children, packed their belongings about 10 days ago and left Mecklenburg County in the move again, this time south for the winter, and maybe forever, Mecklenburg authorities hope.

With no more formal farewell to the community that has supported them for several years, the Polish immigrants departed leaving behind them the good household items provided by the welfare department and a large pile of junk in the landlord's yard.

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IN CONNECTION with rumors of possible de-emphasis of athletics at Wake Forest, which Tribble has announced as president of the board of trustees this year and will step down Jan. 1. He was defeated for re-election by Odus M. Mull of Shelby.

SEES GOOD

Dr. Tribble said he was confident "that good will come out of the present confusion, if all the facts are brought to light and fairly appraised."

Hutchins, a retired school superintendent, said last night that the committee will meet "between now and Monday" to begin the investigation which the trustees authorized on Nov. 15.

Our Weather

Fair and a little colder today with occasional rain. Partly cloudy and much colder tonight. Fair, windy and cool tomorrow.

Low this morning—39.
Low tonight—23.
High today—41.
High tomorrow—49.
High yesterday—48.
High yesterday—40.
Sunrise 7:19 a.m.; sunset 5:11 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

Indiana Supreme Court Reverses 'Almost Fantastic' Case Decision

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Describing the case as "almost fantastic" the Indiana Supreme Court has freed two Lawrenceburg, Ind. men whose effort to help a woman in distress had led to a 10-year sentence each for auto banditry.

Arnie Roark, 28, disabled World War II veteran, and Jay Holcomb, 19, were ordered freed immediately. In its decision the high court went beyond its customary practice of ordering a new trial.

The two had been in liberty on \$3,000 bond for Feb. 17, ten days after they were committed to 10-year terms in the Indiana Reformatory by the Dearborn Circuit Court.

This chain of events, as related in testimony before the Supreme Court, led to their arrest:

While driving past the farm of Charles and Zella Wiesham, the two were stopped by Mrs. Wiesham who asked them for \$5 bus money to visit her sick husband at Indianapolis. They could, she said, get the money back by taking two sacks of wheat from the Wiesham barn and selling them.

While getting the wheat, Roark and Holcomb, a companion, Ed Corbett, were wounded by shotgun blasts fired by Joseph Dull, 32, a tenant, who told the court he thought they were thieves.

Roark and Holcomb, critically wounded, crawled to a neighbors' home no more than a mile.

Dulles Tells Need Of Power

CHICAGO (AP)—Western countries to meet Russia's new challenge to their security, must bolster their alliances and maintain "selective deterrence," says Secretary of State Dulles.

Stating that the Russians have had "no purpose" but to "merely in tactics," Dulles said last night, "Our capacity to retaliate must be, and is, massive in order to deter all forms of aggression."

"But if we have to use that capacity," he added, "such use would be selective and repeated. The secretary of state repeated his massive retaliation theme in a major foreign policy address at a dinner meeting of the Illinois Manufacturers Assn. When it was first advanced some two years ago it frightened some Europeans but Dulles stressed it was "a firm foundation for peace."

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Evening Prayer

Father, we pray that thy children who are gathered here tonight to praise thee and to thank thee for thy love and the transforming power of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Help us to be true, faithful witnesses for Thee. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Everyone Gets Low-Numbered Tags Under 1956 State License System

Don't call a friend in Raleigh. Don't prevail upon that buddy from North Carolina who's your car partner. You're gonna get a low license number in 1956 anyway.

As a matter of fact everyone will go into effect with the new license system in 1956. The system means through the letter Z.

The letters, G, I, O and Q will not be used in any way because they are too easily confused with other letters.

Commercial vehicles will also follow the same system, but the letters will be used as suffixes.

The letter A will indicate tax. B will be buses, etc. The Governor will receive his share of the registration. Miss Leona Carragan, director of the title division; Miss Josephine Thomas, director of the audit division; and Archie Gilbert, director of the title and enforcement. Frank Miller, vice president and secretary of the motor club, presided. The club has distributed plates for the state for 35 years.