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Coney Island Fire Leaves Eight Dead And 15 Injured

Rare Shots—Cop And Cameraman Aim At Charging Steer

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Franklin)

POLICE OFFICER Marvin Hullett and Charlotte News Photographer Tommy Franklin fired simultaneously when an angry steer charged Hullett yesterday, to produce one of the year's top spot news photos. The policeman's .38 pistol slug ripped into the steer's jaw. Another officer, D. A. Dellinger, finished the animal off a few seconds later. White streaks in the foreground are guy wires to a telephone pole. The slight over-all blur of the photograph is attributable to the fact that Franklin, like Officer Hullett, shot from the hip.

Wind Fans Blaze In 4 Houses

NEW YORK —(AP)— Wind-fanned flames swept through four frame rooming houses near New York's famed Coney Island amusement park early today and eight persons perished.

Fifteen others, several rescued in dramatic action by firemen, were injured.

Names of the dead could not be established immediately. Bodies were burned so badly that the sex of only two—a man and a woman—was established.

The injured were men and women ranging from 33 to 80.

SECOND FIRE

The blaze broke out only two hours after another fire in a bathhouse on the Coney Island boardwalk seven blocks away. The coincidence aroused suspicions of authorities. An elderly couple living upstairs over a candy store near by escaped across adjoining rooftops.

The more tragic fire occurred about 6 a.m. in structures at Mermaid Ave. and 15th St., about a block and a half from the boardwalk and about twice that distance from the big steeplechase amusement park.

It is in a middle class residential and rooming house area heavily populated by persons of Italian extraction.

WINDS HINDER FIGHT

Winds which buffeted the New York metropolitan area following passage of hurricane Ione far offshore yesterday made the firefighting more difficult.

It was feared for a time that the entire block might be levelled. All dwellings were ordered evacuated.

Fire apparatus was summoned from a wide section of Brooklyn to battle the blaze, for which five alarms were sounded. It was brought under control about 7:45 a.m.

Fire Battalion Chief Charles Burns described the scene when firemen arrived:

"People trapped in their sleep stood at their windows in a terrible state of shock.

"Even when we got ladders up to the windows they seemed paralyzed.

"We had a great deal of difficulty persuading them to leave the burning buildings. Most of them were elderly."

Authorities believed the two blazes occurring so near each other in such a short space of time may have been the work of a pyromaniac.

Police officials and the Brooklyn district attorney's office both assigned detectives to investigate.

Hundreds of early morning office-goers, en route to a subway terminal near the scene of the big blaze, halted to watch the firefighting and rescue work.

Storm Clean-Up Starts at Washington, N. C. (AP).

In Wake Of Ione

State Begins Huge Rebuilding Task

RALEIGH—(AP)—A huge task of rebuilding faced hundreds of eastern North Carolina communities today in the wake of Hurricane Ione, the most devastating of three big blows to hit the state in 45 days.

At least five persons were known dead. Damage estimates ran as high as a hundred million dollars or more.

Gov. Luther Hodges planned to fly to New Bern tomorrow (Thursday) for a first hand look at stricken areas along the coast. He will confer with civil defense, Red Cross and municipal officials.

Ione slashed across the Tar Heel coastal region Monday with 100 mile winds.

Gen. Edward Griffin, the North Carolina civil defense chief, said damage would run upward of 100 million dollars, or more than Hurricanes Connie and Diane combined.

Gov. Hodges will make the trip to New Bern Thursday in an Air National Guard plane. With him will be Gen. Griffin. The two will confer at New Bern with W. W. Jefferson of Atlanta, manager of the Red Cross Southeastern area. They will discuss Red Cross plans for helping Hurricane Ione victims who will need aid in home repairs, refurnishing and other rehabilitation assistance.

Also meeting with the governor will be K. C. Lattimer, director of Red Cross services in North Carolina; Joe Varner, director of disaster services for the Southeastern area, and other key staff members assigned to emergency operations in the Ione storm section.

Later Hodges will talk with officials of the stricken towns. He has asked municipal officials to provide damage estimates as soon as possible. These will be relayed to Washington for federal civil defense officials, who have promised disaster relief.

President Eisenhower from his vacation headquarters at Fraser, Colo., declared the state a disaster area yesterday — the third such designation North Carolina has received in just over a month. Thus

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The Results Are The Same: No Vicki

Elephant Hunters Now Using Jeep

By JULIAN SCHEER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

If they get nothing else today, the Peerless Pursuers of the Pachyderm will come home with a good case of auto fatigue.

Vicki's whereabouts is known—to a degree—today but the chances of an early roundup do not appear bright.

Now in her 11th day of freedom, Vicki's getting fat and sassy in a jungle off Wilmont Rd. and Owner Jack Partlow and hunters Smokey Strickland and Louie Reed are getting no closer than a good elephant call.

They're in hot pursuit in a jeep in a thickly overgrown area between the Irwin Creek disposal plant and Wilmont Rd., near the area of construction of the city's new crossline.

Parlow, Strickland and Reed spent the morning chasing Vicki in the jeep, bounding across fields, through the woods and down side roads. Just about everyone in the area, including construction workers, County police and neighborhood residents, have seen Vicki.

But the brave warriors?

Vicki is just one long step ahead of them. It's like losing a bass fiddle in a phone booth, but these past few days off Wilmont Rd. have done things for Vicki.

RESTED NOW

"She can go 50 miles an hour," says vet Reed. "She's rested now and she's getting plenty of good green grass and water."

Whenever anyone gets close by, Vicki takes off.

Yesterday two residents of the area came upon her while she was asleep, but Vicki had disappeared before the alarm could be given.

The area is partly high, dry ground and parly low swampland. There's cane and patches of grass and thick undergrowth. All Vicki has to do is to leave the open area and dive into the jungle and she can't be pursued.

The hunters have done a good job with the jeep. They've kept her confined to the area which is about a mile square, but Vicki could stay in there for quite some time.

The entire area is surrounded by activity and it is unlikely Vicki will attempt to leave it. There's construction work at the crossline, a prison camp, the disposal plant and Wilmont Rd. But elusive Vicki has shown what she can do.

Unlikely or not, she may just stroll out at any time.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunter)

Hunters Are Driver Partlow, Front-Seater Reed and Strickland

Police Bullets End Steer's Freedom Bid

A lot of beef went charging through city streets yesterday, and Charlotteans, already steeled against such runaways as an elephant named Vicki, wondered what next?

The 750-pound beast, a Hereford steer, jumped from a truck at an abbatoir off South Blvd.

He led local police on a helter-skelter chase through parts of Dilworth and the fringes of Myers Park.

NO ONE INJURED

No one was injured before the frightened steer was felled by a policeman's bullet. But the animal charged several of a dozen police officers who joined the round-up.

The chase began about 2 p. m. at the Charlotte Livestock Co., 102 Lancaster St., when the steer bolted from a truck brought to Charlotte from Thomasville by J. C. Skeen.

The animal was spotted shortly afterwards near the Lance Inc. or. South Blvd., and again on Mt. Vernon Ave. He crossed to E. Morehead St. and was spotted by gasping citizens at the Morehead Shopping Center.

FOLLOWED NOSE

Following his nose, the steer headed for Sugaw Creek. He plunged for safety into the underbrush along the creek banks behind the Stork Drive-In Restaurant.

Police, by this time, were following in patrol cars and on motorcycles. Officers Henry McGraw and C. Q. James, like hon-

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Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, save us from allowing greed to control our actions. May we ever keep a good conscience, knowing that Thy spirit cannot abide in us while we do unrighteous things. Cleanse our hearts of wrong desires. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Argentine Rebels Name New President

By SAM SUMMERLIN

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Argentina's rebel forces today won a peace agreement — apparently with unconditional surrender — from the loyalist followers of Juan D. Peron.

The rebels established Maj. Gen. Eduardo Lonardi as provisional president of the nation.

A brief communique did not disclose Peron's fate, but the rebels in their four-day revolt gave as one of their conditions of surrender the handing over of the man who ruled Argentina for a decade. The last authoritative information had him aboard a Paraguayan gunboat in Buenos Aires harbor.

The communique read over the state radio said the two sides had reached "complete accord" and the loyalist forces had "accepted the points stipulated by the rebels."

SURRENDER TERMS

The rebels had announced before peace negotiations began that they would accept only an unconditional surrender.

Lonardi formerly commanded Argentina's 1st army. Peron retired him in 1951 on suspicion of plotting against the government. Again in 1952, Lonardi was mentioned in a group reported taken prisoner in an alleged plot against the Peron dictatorship.

He is a 59-year-old artilleryman. Gunfire sounded in Buenos Aires

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Uncle Of Slain Chicago Negro Identifies Two As Kidnapers

SUMNER, Miss. (AP) — Mose Wright pointed a knobby finger at J. W. Milam today and said "there he is" — identifying him as one man who abducted the sharecropper's nephew in the early morning hours Aug. 28.

Then the 64-year-old farmer pointed out 24-year-old Roy Bryant, Milam's half-brother, as the second man who roused the Wright family from bed at 2 a.m. and took Emmett Louis Till away.

Bryant and Milam are accused of murdering the Chicago Negro boy because he allegedly whistled at Mrs. Bryant. Dist. Atty. Gerald Chatham called Wright as the state's first witness.

NEW WITNESSES

Testimony began shortly after Chatham said he had six new witnesses who would place the defendants "with the Negro boy several hours after he was taken from Mose's (Wright's) shack." He also said the witness would place the accused men in the area where Till's body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River.

Chatham said the witnesses have "absolutely newly discovered evidence" but did not elaborate further.

Wright pushed his way firmly through the crowded courtroom and sat down in the big witness chair. The back of the chair reached almost to the top of his head. Chatham asked the neatly dressed farmer to describe the events of Aug. 28.

"About two o'clock someone was at the door. They said: 'Preacher, Preacher.'

"This is Mr. Bryant,'" Wright said the voice told him. "I got up and opened the door."

"Mr. Milam was standing at the door with a pistol in his right hand and a flashlight in the other," Wright declared.

Wright started to continue, but Chatham interrupted: "Uncle Mose do you see Mr. Milam in the courtroom?"

The little Negro rose from the big chair and pointed at the defendant. "There he is," he said.

Wright then pointed out Bryant as the man who stood in the darkness of the front porch with Milam.

Our Weather

Fair and not much change in temperature today and tonight. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and moderately warm.
High yesterday—91.
High today—90.
High tomorrow—92.
Low this morning —62.
Low tonight—60.
Sunrise 6:10 a.m.; sunset 6:22 p.m.

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FEMALES HAD UPPER HAND IN NURSERY AND WEATHER

CHERRY POINT—(AP)—The stork blew in here Monday on the 107-mile winds of Hurricane Ione. Sixteen babies, 15 of them girls, were born in the naval hospital at this Marine Air Station during and immediately after the storm.

The hospital nursery is designed for 22. There were three more than that after the storm and the stork passed, so Lt. Mary Ruth Anderson of Christiansburg, Va., bedded the extra trio down in a bureau drawer. This is a temporary arrangement, until more cribs are available.

One of the newcomers is the daughter of a civilian, Mrs. Elizabeth G. D'Bartool of Newport, N. C. She was unable to reach the hospital at Morehead City because of floods.

None of the babies was named Ione.

What's Inside

The one-day layoff will hurt Rocky Marciano. That's the opinion former titlist Ezzard Charles gave Sandy Grady, Charlotte News boxing writer. Read Grady's first-hand account of the world championship details on page 7B. Tomorrow be sure to read Grady's ringside and dressing room account of the biggest fight in years.

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California Police Press Search For Woman And Baby She Kidnaped

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Worried officers in three counties searched intensely today for baby Robert Marcus, who was snatched from a hospital crib Monday, presumably by a buxom blonde with a craving for motherhood.

Lt. Donald Scott, chief of San Francisco's general police detail on the case, said it was "very possible" the woman had been seen at San Jose, some 50 miles south of here in Santa Clara County.

But he also pressed the hunt in San Francisco and in Marin County to the north.

Robert, just 3 days old when kidnaped from the nursery at Mt. Zion Hospital, is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Sanford Marcus.

WANTED TO HEAT MILK

In San Jose, Mrs. Henrietta Guerrera told police she opened her door yesterday morning to a blonde woman who wanted to heat milk for a tiny, screaming baby.

Mrs. Guerrera, who had not heard then of the kidnaping, recalled later that the strange woman generally answered the description furnished by hospital attendants.

She said she was between 35 and 40, about 5 feet 6 and 150 to 160 pounds.

DR. SANFORD MARCUS

When the baby refused the warm milk, Mrs. Guerrera and the blonde unsuccessfully attempted to soothe it with olive oil in the belief it had cramps.

After Mrs. Guerrera suggested a doctor for the baby, the woman left, walking towards downtown San Jose.

San Francisco police went to Marin County after Mrs. Ruth Haugan of Novato reported a blonde woman with a man and a tiny baby had stopped at her home at 8:30 a.m. yesterday and asked the way to Point Reyes station on the Marin coastline.

30-BLOCK AREA

In San Francisco more than 600 police vainly searched a 30-block area around the hospital house by house in the city's biggest hunt, ever.

Mrs. Hanna Marcus, the child's 29-year-old mother, was in a state of collapse.

Her husband explained, "Both her parents and her younger brother died in Hitler's gas chambers." When 13 years old she had been smuggled into Holland, then went to England. She met Dr. Marcus at Philadelphia in 1948.

Dr. Marcus said this "may be too much for her."

He discounted a ransom motive, pointing out he is not wealthy, and said he knew of no one who could have acted for revenge.