



BUSINESS BLOCK ABLAZE—Firemen from Omaha and Council Bluffs play streams of water on an early morning fire in downtown Council Bluffs Monday, to keep the flames from spreading to a wholesale drug company building.

Fire and Murder in Bluffs

One Fireman Taxicab Driver Dies; Loss To Top \$200,000

COUNCIL BLUFFS (AP)—Fire swept a downtown business block early Monday leaving one fireman dead, another injured and damage estimated at about \$200,000. Twenty-one families were routed in an adjacent apartment building which had only slight fire damage. The fireman, William Cavitt, collapsed while running from the falling wall of a burning building. He died in a hospital. Acting Fire Capt. Earl Hansen received a hip injury when he fell on icy steps. Fire Chief Walden Merrill revised his earlier damage estimate from \$100,000 to \$200,000 after viewing the fire damage area in daylight.

A. J. Morphy one of the owners of the Morphy Drug Company, which was not attacked by the flames, but which had smoke, water and heat damage, estimated his firm's loss at \$50,000. The blaze apparently started in a three-story brick building in the 100 block of South Main street housing Nick's tavern and the South Main Furniture Company. It quickly spread to an adjoining four-story brick building housing the Kattelman Hardware Company. Also destroyed was the Breeder Supply Company warehouse. Firemen saved the main Breeder Supply building just north of the warehouse and the large Morphy Wholesale Drug Company to the south of the burned area. One Omaha fire unit in addition to five Council Bluffs pumps per was entering the help of commercial printing establishments unaffected by the fire to help prepare type for Monday's editions.

Assistant Fire Chief McCord Park of Council Bluffs said as the firemen first approached the fire they saw only thick black smoke. Before they could enter, however, flames broke out in the tavern and began to spread rapidly to the north.

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Blast Rocks Ames House

AMES (UP)—A mysterious explosion destroyed the interior of an Iowa State college professor's home Sunday night and shattered windows of nearby houses. Dr. A. R. Lauer and his wife were attending a safety meeting at Cincinnati when the blast rocked their house about midnight. No one was in the house. Fire Chief Sam Long said a preliminary investigation indicated the blast was not caused by the Lauer's oil furnace, and that gas piping leading into the house had been shut off. The explosion lifted the house from its foundation and buckled the legs of a grand piano. The house settled back onto the foundation.

Traer Woman's Wallet Returns from London

TRAER—It took several months, but Mrs. Kenneth Gates of Traer finally has her wallet back. While visiting in London last summer, Mrs. Gates missed a wallet, her handbag. She had just cashed a \$100 travelers check. Mrs. Gates reported the missing wallet to Scotland Yard. After returning to Traer, Mrs. Gates learned that the wallet and all contents—except the money—had been found in the seat of a London bus. It was picked up by a bus employee and turned into the company's lost and found department. Mrs. Gates wrote an official of the bus company requesting return of her purse. Last week she got it, all intact—except for the money.

Ponder Action Against Drake Humor Magazine

DES MOINES (INS)—A subcommittee of the Drake university publications board Monday was pondering action to be taken against the "Jester", new college humor magazine. Faculty members and President Henry G. Harmon have reported criticisms of the magazine in matters pertaining to illustrations, stories and advertising. The chairman of the publication board, Prof. Fred S. Harper, said it is in harmony with the policies of the university. Donald E. Kristufek, of Des Moines is editor of the magazine which is published by a professional journalism fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi.

Coggon Man Awarded Air Medal and Cluster

COGON—Lt. Norman G. Sauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sauer, of Ames, has been awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, according to an announcement by the air force. Lt. Sauer, currently stationed with the 98th bombardment group at an airbase somewhere in Japan, is a pilot of a B-29 named "Lonesome Pilot". He received the award for exceptional pilot ability and devotion to duty while participating in the destruction of enemy targets in Communist-held Korea. Lt. Sauer attended Coe college and was graduated from the U.S. military academy in 1945. His wife, Irene, is residing at Spokane, Wash.

Thieves Get Tractor, \$12 in Dysart Breakin

DYSART—Thieves took a semi-trailer tractor, \$12, clothing and a revolver in a break-in at the Elliott Brothers Transfer Lines office and shop here sometime Saturday night. The money was taken from a cash drawer. The clothing and revolver had been left in the office by employees. The tractor had been parked in the shop. Sheriff Russell Kern of Toledo is investigating.

MANY NEVER SUSPECT CAUSE OF BACKACHES
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Political Ringside School Reorganization Law Changes To Be Recommended

By Robert Hogan. DES MOINES (IDPA)—There are strong indications from several sides that the next session of the Iowa legislature, which convenes in January, will be asked to make some changes in the state school reorganization law. The changes, it is thought, would strengthen the law and make it more desirable. The 52nd general assembly originally passed the reorganization proposal. Two years ago, during the 53rd assembly, several amendments aimed at strengthening the law, according to originators of the bill, failed to pass. Because of concerted moves from several sources, however, it is felt that the 54th may take some definite action on the law. At least it will be given the chance. Officials in the state department of public instruction report that amendments patterned after those presented two years ago may be brought to the attention of the new legislature. These amendments would, among other things, set a date for completion of educational surveys of school districts. The surveys are an initial step in the long process of reorganization of school districts. Present law provides for the surveys of school districts but sets no date for completion. Setting a deadline for this work would, it is felt, step up the program tempo. The department reports that few school districts in the state have actually completed their surveys to date. Legislators two years ago said that the failure to act on these surveys "defeats the intent of the act." A review of county Farm Bureau resolutions indicates that most of the county units favor setting a date for finishing the surveys. The surveys would report on the adequacy of the educational program, average daily attendance of pupils, property valuations, existing buildings and equipment, road conditions and the like. Election procedures for reorganization, which has been a bone of contention, may be discussed, too. There is some sentiment for changing the election process in the present law. Under the present plan, the people of the districts can favor or disapprove reorganization by a majority vote in the affected districts. However, when the plan of reorganization includes all or portions of five or more separate districts, 80 percent of the vote in the affected districts is needed for the action to carry. This, some folks point out, means that a 21 percent minority can veto the majority which is an undemocratic process. There is also some talk of an election plan whereby city and rural voters would be separated through the use of two ballot boxes and that a majority vote would be necessary in both instances. This plan doesn't have unanimous support right now, however. Generally, throughout the rural areas, there seems to be agreement on the present voting procedure. There was considerable sentiment two years ago to encourage reorganization by using state aid to schools as an incentive to bring about action for the plan. A great many of the county Farm Bureau units this year, however, specifically pointed out in their resolutions that they are against any plan that would use

All Tipton School Job Bids Rejected

TIPTON—The Tipton board of education has rejected all bids for construction of an addition to the present school building. The board was advised by Atty. General Robert Larson that in his opinion no valid bids had been received at the letting on Nov. 14. All bids submitted at that time contained an "emergency termination clause" which in the opinion of Larson invalidated the bid. The clause, identical in all bids, read: "If work or construction is stopped directly or indirectly by or as a result of the order or action of any federal or state authority or by any court because of the occurrence or existence of a national emergency, and the circumstances or conditions are such that it is and will be impractical to proceed with such work or construction, the contract may be terminated." The board is again advertising for bids to be opened at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. The proposed construction will add 174,000 cubic feet of space to the existing school plant. It is the first phase of a \$425,000 construction program at the school.

Six Cedar County Men To Be Inducted Dec. 4

TIPTON—Six Cedar county men will leave for induction into the armed forces Dec. 4, according to Mrs. Walter Kier, selective service clerk. The men are Myron Conrad, Lowden; Duane Meyer and Dewey Dircks, both of Clarence; Donald Rife, Moscow; Kenneth Burgess, Stanwood and James Cary, Tipton.

Henry J. Witt, Keystone, Dies While Driving

Special to The Gazette. KEYSTONE—Henry J. Witt, 58, farmer of near Keystone, died Saturday night while driving home from Keystone. It is thought that Witt suffered a heart attack at the controls of his car and died when it rolled into a ditch. Mrs. Witt, riding with him, suffered a broken arm. The accident happened about a quarter of a mile north of Keystone about 10:15 p.m. In addition to his wife, Mr. Witt is survived by two daughters and a son. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Ayers funeral home, Keystone.

2 DIE AT FORT DODGE. FORT DODGE (AP)—

Separate auto accidents took two lives in the Fort Dodge area Sunday night and early Monday. The victims: Harry Peterson, Palmer, Ia., killed when his car ran into a ditch early Monday near Pioneer, Ia. Mrs. F. E. Kemp, 54, Des Moines, fatally injured when the car in which she was riding was involved in a collision on slippery highway 169 south of Fort Dodge Sunday night. Three other persons were injured in the collision. They were Mrs. Kemp's husband and the two occupants of the other car—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Tapley of Newell, Ia. None of the injured was in serious condition.

KILLED IN CRASH. BONAPARTE (INS)—

James K. Humphrey, 19, of Farmington was killed when his car went off the road a mile and a half north-west of Bonaparte Saturday night.

December Draft Quota To Be Inducted Early

DES MOINES (AP)—Iowa selective service officials expect to avoid the necessity of inducting any men near the year-end holidays by delivering the December quota by mid-month. Col. Ralph A. Lancaster, service director, said Monday plans are set up to have the 672 men called up next month in camp by the 15th. He said he anticipated no difficulties in meeting that schedule. This month's quota of 1,170 is the largest of any of the five months for which calls have been made. Colonel Lancaster said the call is being met as far as he knows and there seemed no doubt that it would be. December's quota of 672 will be followed by a call for 668 men in January.

Mother of 5 Dies of Polio

Special to The Gazette. ELKADER—Mrs. Harriell Larson, 35, a mother of five children, died of polio Saturday night at University hospitals, Iowa City. Mrs. Larson had been stricken with polio of the throat Nov. 7 at her farm home, eight miles northwest of Elkader. She had been in critical condition at the hospitals since that date. Survivors, besides her husband, include five children, Jane, 12; LeRoy, 10; Kathleen, 3, and Larry and Laura, 10-month-old twins; her mother, Mrs. Roy Ernst; a brother, Edward, of Edgewood; and a sister, Irene, of Cedar Rapids. Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Witt funeral chapel and at 2 p.m. in Harlan Lutheran church. Burial will be in Harlan cemetery.

Santa Claus To Visit West Union on Dec. 16

Special to The Gazette. WEST UNION—Santa Claus is scheduled to visit West Union boys and girls Saturday, Dec. 16, according to W. A. Bealmer, chairman of the West Union Citizens club retailers committee. Santa will make his annual appearance at the courthouse square sometime around 10 a.m. and will spend the remainder of the day in West Union. A special movie for youngsters of this area has been planned for Saturday, Dec. 9, with Mrs. Marie Fallows, proprietor of the Avalon theater, acting as host for a free all-kids program.

Everett Graham, 68, Of Kinross Is Dead

Special to The Gazette. KINROSS—Everett Graham, 68, retired cashier of the Kinross Savings bank, died Sunday at his home here. Mr. Graham was cashier of the Kinross bank from 1923 to 1946. He was married Nov. 27, 1902, at South English. Survivors besides his wife, include one son, Frederick, of Ottumwa, and a sister, Minnie, of South English. Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Kinross Christian church by the Rev. A. H. Brower of Albia. Burial will be at South English. Body is at Powell funeral home, Wellman.

Phone Switchboard Destroyed by Fire

GREEN MOUNTAIN (INS)—Repair crews of the Green Mountain Telephone Company Monday were setting up a temporary exchange after fire destroyed a two-story frame duplex housing the town's switchboard. Service was expected to be restored sometime Monday. The two apartments in the building were occupied by Mrs. Edith Nichol and her daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eidickson. Mrs. Nichol was the switchboard operator. The switchboard and some of the Nichol's furnishings were carried from the blazing structure but the Eidicksons lost all their belongings. No one was injured as firemen from five towns battled the blaze for more than two hours Sunday. Assisting the Green Mountain department were departments from Benman, Conrad, Marshalltown and Gladbrook.

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