

### Low Temperature Hinders Fighting Last Night's Fire

It's an ill wind that blows no good—

And if last night's fire at the G. Remy Bierly home doesn't stimulate business for doctors and the cold medicine counters at local drugstores, there will be a lot of surprised Decaturites.

Not only was the mercury in local thermometers hugging the zero mark while the fire fighting was in progress—but there was plenty of water spraying around from the six nozzles of fire hose.

One bystander was noted peering upward at the flames from a veritable cage of bars that formed around his head from the icicles hanging from his hat.

Another, wearing a leather jacket, looked for all the world like a combination ice-man and man from Mars as the freezing spray almost completely covered him.

While the regular fire fighters were equipped with the proper paraphernalia—which did much to keep out the cold and freezing water—most of the civilian volunteers were not.

Many a topcoat, cloth jacket and trousers became water-soaked before the chill temperatures froze the garment and made the wearer move in the stiff fashion of a mechanical man.

Occupants of the home and spectators were enthusiastic in their praise of these volunteers, who forgot personal safety and health—not to mention dry clean-

ing bills—to remove most of the furniture and clothing from the burning structure before the roaring flames reached them.

The number who participated in the hasty removal of the buildings contents could not be accurately estimated, but at one time it was believed there were at least two dozen men running a "human chain" to the second story apartment on the north side of the building. It was due to the efforts of all these volunteers that the fire loss was confined mainly to the building itself.



MRS. HARRY TRUMAN (left) and her daughter, Margaret, are greeted by the Moslem carnival king's "royal court" at New Orleans ball, an event of the annual Mardi Gras festivities. (International)

### Sen. Taft Starts Western Campaign

Plans 10 Speeches In Major Campaign

Chicago, Feb. 10—(UP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., started a western campaign trip today with a declaration that the U. S. foreign aid program must not jeopardize freedom at home in the name of protecting it abroad.

Taft, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, included that declaration in a "political credo" prepared for delivery before the Inland Daily Press association. It was the first of 10 speeches he will deliver in five days of major campaigning in six states.

Stating his political philosophy in general terms, Taft said that government should protect the "freedom of the individual, insure equal justice under law for all, provide equality of opportunity and promote a standard of living to make happiness possible."

He said American foreign policy "should be guided by the determination to keep our people free."

"We should not be actuated by purely altruistic desire to improve the condition of a lot of other people who have failed for centuries to do the job themselves," said Taft, who favors trimming the Marshall plan.

"We can't build up in peacetime an armed force which absorbs the entire productive ability of our people. We can't give away sums so large that they force controls and government regulation and high prices and shortages which threaten the very condition here at home we are trying to protect."

Taft reiterated his belief that government should put a "floor" under low income families to protect them from extreme hardship and poverty. He said state and local governments could not always handle the financial burden for education, medical care and

housing and he added:

"I favor federal action in these fields, because the state resources are, in many respects and many places, inadequate and the states do not have the taxable resources open to the federal government."

Taft said he would oppose any program to provide free medical care, free housing or free subsistence for all because "that would indeed be socialism."

### Van Wert Man Fined After Traffic Wreck

Berne, Feb. 10.—Willard Wisner, 22, of Van Wert, Ohio, paid a fine of \$1 and costs amounting to \$9.50 in the court of E. J. Stengel, local J. P. Sunday following an auto wreck here. He was charged with failure to yield the right of way. He crashed into a car driven by Miss Kathleen Affolder, at a local street intersection. No one was injured but both cars were damaged considerably and two accordions in Miss Affolder's car were badly damaged. Marshall Dave Dubach made the arrest.

### BOY SCOUTS

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ens, Anthony Wayne area executive committee to the national association; D. Burdette Custer, post Scout committee chairman in charge of last night's events; Edward Jaberg, Charles Morgan, Floyd B. Hunter, Tilman Gehrig and Arthur Schamerloh, other members of the committee, and Dick Lichtensteiger, troop 63 Scoutmaster.

The ceremonies were held during the regular meeting of the post and followed a chicken dinner, served by the Legion auxiliary members to Scouts, their parents and post members, along with the Scouting notables.

### D. BURDETTE CUSTER

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Scout movement in this city.

Besides his law practice, Mr. Custer is a partner in the Adams County Abstract Company, which is located in his office in the Morris building.



SCOTTISH COMEDIAN Sir Harry Lauder shakes hands with W. N. Bump (left) of Boston's Chamber of Commerce, upon the arrival of the "Yankee Friendship" vessel Equadra in Glasgow with \$1,250,000 in food parcels. Scottish dock workers unloaded the gift cargo aboard the ship without payment. (International Soundphoto)

### COMMUNISTS'

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that Williamson was born in Scotland and came to this country in 1913, the department spokesman said.

### What To Do For That Sluggish, Down-and-Out Feeling

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### 17-ROOM HOME

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ture was not saved from the upstairs despite valiant efforts to volunteer workers, but most of it—including stoves and refrigerators—was removed from the downstairs.

### Seek Exact Cause

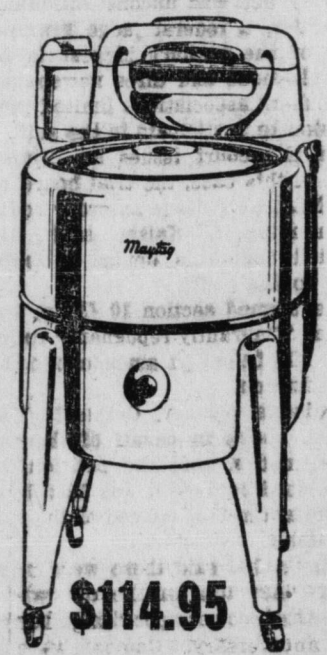
Firemen today were still seeking to determine the exact cause of the blaze. A group of investigating firemen this morning were of the opinion that the fire may have started from faulty wiring in a stairway near the center of the structure and then the flames ate their way up through the walls to break out on the roof.

Volunteers offered trucks and storage space for the furniture of the residents of the home and quickly hauled much of it away. The regular force of city policemen and others off duty at the time, under the direction of chief James Borders, rerouted traffic at the scene and aided in maintaining order. Second street, which is also federal road 33, was blocked during most of the fire.

Fire fighters remained at the scene from shortly before 5 p.m.

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when the alarm was sounded until about 8:30 o'clock.

Fire chief Cedric Fisher stated late today that a complete investigation definitely established the fact that the fire was caused by defective wiring in the stairway at about the center of the home.

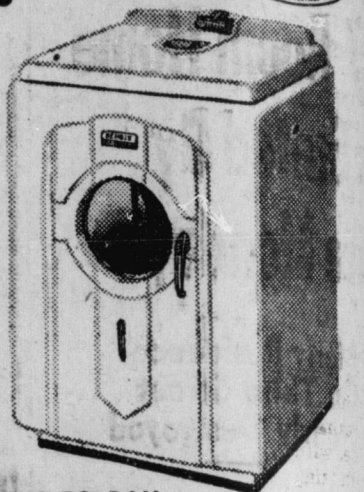
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