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Blast Rips Packing

Plant; Five Killed, Dozen Are Missing

Bloodmobile Unit In Decatur Jan. 9

Telephone appointments for the Wednesday, January 9 visit of the bloodmobile are being made by a number of volunteers, Mrs. Ferris Bower, head of the local blood program, said this morning.

The mobile unit will be stationed at the Decatur Youth and Community Center from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. January 9.

A total of eight volunteers began contacting prospective donors today. The volunteers include Mrs. Lloyd Bowman, Mrs. Henry Neirer, Mrs. Laures Meyer, Mrs. Richard Green, Mrs. Robert Zwick, Mrs. Leo Curtis, Mrs. Francis Ellsworth and Mrs. Earl Fuhrman.

Mrs. Cletus Miller is the chairman of the nurse recruitment for the bloodmobile visit, and Mrs. Lee Fleming is the canteen chairman.

"Local Program"

"Although Red Cross has been a vital force nationally and internationally, this remains basically a local program," Mrs. Bower said this morning. "Its immediate impact is felt in the daily life of the community," Mrs. Bower explained.

A significant part of the Red Cross strength in the local community is the membership of the AFL-CIO and its community services committees, as labor representatives on chapter boards, as volunteers in the many activities of Red Cross, and as citizens.

Vital Service

AFL-CIO officials have described the Red Cross blood program as one of the nation's most vital services. Making whole blood and its fractions available to the sick and injured—at no cost for the blood—continues to be the heart of the program.

The program also includes extensive research activities to discover new uses for this life-saving fluid.

Donating blood takes less than an hour, with the actual donation lasting only five minutes. Only one pint is taken from any one person, and there are approximately 12 to 15 pints in the human body, depending on weight.

Mrs. Bower explained that blood is never wasted. If it is not used for a transfusion within 21 days, it is made into blood derivatives which keep indefinitely.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 59 who is able to pass the physical check-up is eligible to give blood. Written permission of a parent is required for anyone unmarried and under the age of 21.

Trio Arraigned On Two Charges Here

Three young men, two from Decatur and the third from Bluffton, were arraigned in the Adams circuit court Monday afternoon, each on charges of second degree burglary and grand larceny.

Arraigned were: Larry Harvey Butler, 21, and Stephen Lee Brandenburger, 21, both of Decatur, and Larry D. Christianson, 22, of Bluffton.

The charges against the three were read by Judge Myles F. Parrish, who explained their lawful rights to them.

Hubert F. McClellan was appointed by Judge Parrish as a pauper attorney for Butler. Brandenburger and Christianson are represented by Richard J. Sullivan.

Released On Bond

Butler and Christianson remained in the Adams county jail following arraignment, under \$2,000 bond. Brandenburger was released after posting a property bond of \$4,000. A property bond must be twice the actual bond.

The youthful trio was taken into custody Sunday afternoon after looting four Monroe stores and the Fager Appliance and Sporting Goods store in Decatur. A total of 15 firearms, with an estimated value of over \$1,000, were stolen from the Decatur store.

Total value of the stolen articles (Continued on Page Three)

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (UPI)—An explosion shattered a meat packing plant today, trapping dead and injured workmen in a huge pile of debris and endangering the survivors and firemen with deadly ammonium fumes from ruptured refrigeration units.

Five men were dead on arrival at two hospitals, and at least 46 were injured and taken to those hospitals.

St. Anthony's Hospital said Carl Bender, 48, and an unidentified man were dead on arrival there. Union Hospital said Henry James Cottrell, Darrell Jarred and Horner Isle were dead on arrival there.

Police Chief Frank Riddle said it was feared that several other men were trapped and dead inside and beneath a freezer buried beneath a stack of debris.

Riddle said 12 or 13 men remained unaccounted for about five hours after the explosion. He said that among them was Donald Scott, brother of the owner of the plant, who was seated at his desk in an office at the time of the blast.

Riddle said that a man identified as John Fisher was found alive in the debris and was given oxygen and morphine shots while still trapped in the rubble up to his chest.

About 250 persons were believed working in the area when the explosion occurred. About 200 were accounted for four hours later.

Shocked survivors, some of them appearing to be slightly injured, stood around the damaged plant trying to help rescuers by describing the location of a cooler where they believed many were trapped.

James Tidd, Lewis, said he and several others in the plant when the explosion occurred tried to get the cooler door open.

"We were banging on the door—most of the men are in there—but we couldn't open it because the ceiling had caved in behind the door and the debris prevented opening the door."

Jim Walker, an employee, said he was working upstairs in a meat-cutting unit when he heard an explosion that "sounded like someone slammed a big door shut, then the walls collapsed."

Bob Boerner, West Terre Haute, said he "heard an explosion and then the floor caved in and the ceiling came down. Everything went black."

Boerner said he crawled part of the way along a floor and finally reached safety.

Heaps of wood, brick and cement were all that remained of part of the building.

Survivors believed that victims were trapped in and beneath the freezer unit which plunged to the basement from the main floor when the blast occurred.

Probe Gun Deaths Of Mother, Son

HAMMOND, Ind. (UPI)—Authorities here were investigating the gun deaths of Mrs. Patsy Murphy, 25, and her 3-year-old son, David, today.

Edward Murphy found the bodies of his wife and stepson, Tuesday after one of the four other Murphy children told him they saw their mother shoot David and then fall in her bedroom.

Police said a pistol found at the scene apparently was used in the shooting.

Auditions On Three Nights For Musical

Auditions will be held Thursday, Friday, and Monday nights for "The Music Man," musical production sponsored by the Decatur Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The auditions will begin at 7 o'clock this evening. Wayne Roehrig, chairman of the Jaycees committee handling the production, has requested that persons auditioning Friday, use the west entrance to high school building.

Auditions will be held each evening in the music room of Decatur high school, located in the new addition to the school. Persons are asked to use the west entrance to the building Friday due to the basketball game that will be played in the gymnasium that evening.

New Judge Panel Is Nominated By Stults

City court Judge John B. Stults announced this morning a new three-man panel of Decatur attorneys, one of whom will be selected as special judge to hear the "junk yard" case.

Judge Stults' new panel consists of the following: John L. DeVoss, David A. Macklin and Mark A. Morin. All three are Decatur lawyers.

The same procedure will be followed as when the first panel of three attorneys was selected.

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Sen. Kerr's Death Blow To Democrats

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The death of Sen. Robert S. Kerr, "uncrowned king of the Senate," left the Kennedy administration with a leadership gap in Congress today with the new session only a week away.

The Oklahoma Democrat, possibly the most influential man on Capitol Hill, died of a heart attack at 10:50 a.m. EST Tuesday in Doctors Hospital while sitting on a bed talking to his physician, Dr. James L. Keating.

Kerr was admitted to the hospital three weeks ago with a virus ailment. A few days later he had a heart attack but his administrative aide, Burr Hays, said Monday Kerr was "showing steady improvement."

Kennedy had counted on the 66-year-old oil millionaire to help steer his tax-cut bill and other legislation through Congress. Notified of his death, Kennedy said Kerr would be greatly missed when Congress opens next Wednesday and "even more so in the months ahead."

Kerr's death will not change the party lineup in the Senate where the Democrats have a 67-33 edge on the Republicans. There was speculation that Oklahoma's outgoing Democratic Gov. Howard Edmondson might fill the Senate seat.

Edmondson could resign before Republican Henry Bellmon takes office as governor on Jan. 14 and

INDIANA WEATHER

Mostly cloudy through Thursday with a little very slight snow at times probably becoming mixed with a little rain Thursday. A little warmer tonight. Low tonight in the 20s. High Thursday 27 to 34. Sunrise today 5:32 a.m. Sunrise Thursday 8:06 a.m. Outlook for Friday: Cloudy north, partly cloudy south, colder, with snow flurries north. Low 17 to 25, 25 to 33.

Reappointments Announced By County Board

Hugo Boerner, beginning another four-year term in office, was reelected chairman of the board of county commissioners, as the commissioners met New Year's Day in the courthouse.

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Ezra Brandyberry Dies Last Evening

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By MERRIMAN SMITH

UPI White House Reporter

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—President Kennedy at the dawn of 1963 believes it will be possible to keep the country relatively prosperous and avoid a growth-stunting rise in unemployment. For this reason and beginning this month, he intends to wage an all-out fight in Congress for tax reduction effective this year.

The tax cut he envisions would not go into effect all at once. It would be phased to take effect at different times in order to lessen its impact on the budget deficit.

Before Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon puts the detailed administration, one-package tax reform bill before the House Ways and Means Committee late this month, the President and his lieutenants face a first fight-over whether to keep the House Rules Committee at 15 members or allow it to revert to 12 members. Without a 15-member Rules Committee, Kennedy fears the next two years will be virtually barren of legislative accomplishment and his program largely unadopted.

Domestically and economically, the President feels the nation is slightly better off than a year ago today. But without the tax reduction, he fears unemployment will rise dangerously. For this reason, once the Rules Committee fight is out of the way, the tax bill will have first priority on his list of needed legislation.

In the international field, the chief executive thinks Russia may have learned a lesson from



KATANGA TROOPS—New fighting has erupted near Kamina, Katanga, between United Nations and Katangese troops, two of whom are shown during current action.

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While this country has no intention of invading Cuba, the President has made it clear that absence of American action is contingent on Cuba living at peace with her neighbors. He believes that if this change will take place, he wants it understood, however, that the United States would be sympathetic toward a shift to new and free government in Cuba.

Generally, the President takes a guarded attitude toward the continuing East-West struggle in 1963. He finds the military balance of power still on the side of the West. The United States in his opinion also has an edge in nuclear weapons. And despite stay hits to the contrary, he finds no currently dependable evidence relations with the west.

Domestically and foreign prospects taken together, the President sees 1963 as