

DEFECTIVE HEATING SYSTEM BLAMED IN SCHOOL BLAST; RITES HELD FOR 425 VICTIMS

Architect and Contractor Heard by Military
Court of Inquiry; Day of Mourning
Proclaimed by Governor.

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the safety signs that read: "Drive Slow—We Love Our Children."

Governor's Proclamation

Governor Allred's proclamation said:

"Let us all enter into the House of the Lord, let us pray for those dear children and their teachers; let us entreat the Lord to bless them that mourn, to comfort the broken hearts of families and friends; let us reconsecrate ourselves to the faith of our fathers, and highly resolve that no such disaster shall ever again be visited upon any community or any home."

Gas Plant Substituted

It developed from Mr. Downing's testimony that the gas type of heating had not been specified in the architects' plans, but had been substituted by the School Board.

Architects DeFee and White of Henderson and Houston, supervised the construction. The original plans, Mr. Downing said, called for a boiler and steam heating.

He said the change in plans was to effect an important saving in operating expenses. He outlined the ventilating system installed to carry off carbon monoxide from the radiators, but he said no steps were taken to carry off any leakage of live gas.

The ruins of the school had been cleared completely, the last pile of debris had been thoroughly searched and Col. Clarence Parker, ruler of the school grounds and its vicinity under martial law, placed the number of dead at 425.

Only a census of the migratory workers will establish the precise number of dead. Some bodies were mangled beyond any possibility of identification, and there were a number of fragments of bodies left—it was impossible to decide how many entities they once composed.

Of the 125 injured, 48 remained in hospitals today. Eight were in critical condition but physicians expect almost if not all of them to recover. Gradually, the hospitals were releasing more children with bandaged heads, and arms in slings, who walked the streets, living symbols of the tragedy.

Task Is Undramatic

The task of the experts was undramatic but of importance. They hoped to establish the exact reason why the natural gas accumulated in the building's subbasement exploded with enough force to demolish all its walls and dump its three floors and roof on top of the other.

The basement was a cavity beneath the 300-foot long building, without windows or other openings to the outside, walled and paved with concrete. The explosive experts pointed out that it was comparative to the brass cartridge case of a rifle bullet—it confined a high explosive natural gas, as tightly as a brass case confines gun powder. Its detonator, of a nature unknown, when set off had the same result.

Dr. E. P. Shock, professor of Texas and the State's leading explosive expert, arrived yesterday

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Incorrect addresses frequently are given to the Marriage License Bureau deliberately. The Times in printing the official list assumes no responsibility for such addresses.

Earl Gibson, 32, of 348 Massachusetts Ave., to Sarah Josephine Adams, 30, of 284 Birchwood Ave.

Lev. John S. Sauer, 21, of 1320 30th St., to Mildred Eileen Kastner, 18, of 30th Ritter Ave.

Donald E. Hiltz, 22, of Beech Grove, to Mildred W. Jolitz, 19, of Beech Grove.

Dave Friedman, 52, of 6143 Calumet Ave., to Helen M. Friedman, 45, of 6143 Calumet Ave.

Richard Mayer, 28, of 4924 Ford St., to Charlotte Stielman, 23, of 4948 W. Vermont St.

BIRTHS

Boys

Charles Miller Johnson, 31, 825 Birch, Marion, Vt., to 1895 W. 31st St., Charles Gertrude Purtee, at 1409 Silver, Clara Mary Burgess, at Methodist.

Frank, 1, to 1895 W. 31st St., Charles Guy, Cecilia Stark at Methodist.

Thornton, Florence Chandler, St. Vincent's, Ralph, Edna Long, at St. Vincent's.

Monte, Alice Franklin, St. Vincent's.

Mary, Barbara Frank, St. Vincent's.

John, Anna Zore, at 3114 W. 31st.

William, Catherine McCool, at 2118 E. 10th, to 1895 W. 31st St., Charles.

Fred, Elizabeth Farham, at 1520 Shepard.

Ronald, Elizabeth Hillman, 1413 W. Henry.

Patricia, Teresa Wynona, at 311 S. Key.

Kenneth, Jeanne Mahurine, at 701 N. New Jersey.

DEATHS

Charles, Helen Guthel, at Methodist.

Josephine, Martha Reddington, at Methodist.

Roy, Beulah Hersch, at Methodist.

Robert, Ruth Wiegand, Methodist.

Maurice, Helen Linton, at St. Vincent's.

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Carroll, Frances Sip, at St. Vincent's.

Fred, Elmer Mathay, at St. Vincent's.

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Deaths

Donald Cook, 8, at Riley, Hodgkins disease.

Nora Flynn Sinecker, 68, at 123 N. Dearborn, cerebral hemorrhage.

Robert, Genevieve Harper, at 221 N. Arsenal.

Robert, Helen Giffel, at 233 S. Trobridge.

Robert, Viola McCombs, at 321 W. 14th.

Robert, Amelia Martin, at 206 Concourse.

Ernest, Susie Wilson, at 552 Draper.

Cornelia Maude Green, at 2006 Howe.

John, Miss, Bean, at 724 W. Market.

Robert, Gertrude Tucker, at 190 S. Pershing.

Oliver, Clotie Williams, at 3021 Martin.

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