

Explosion in Rural School at New London Kills 425 and Injures 125



Wreckage of the New London school building.

—NEA Photo



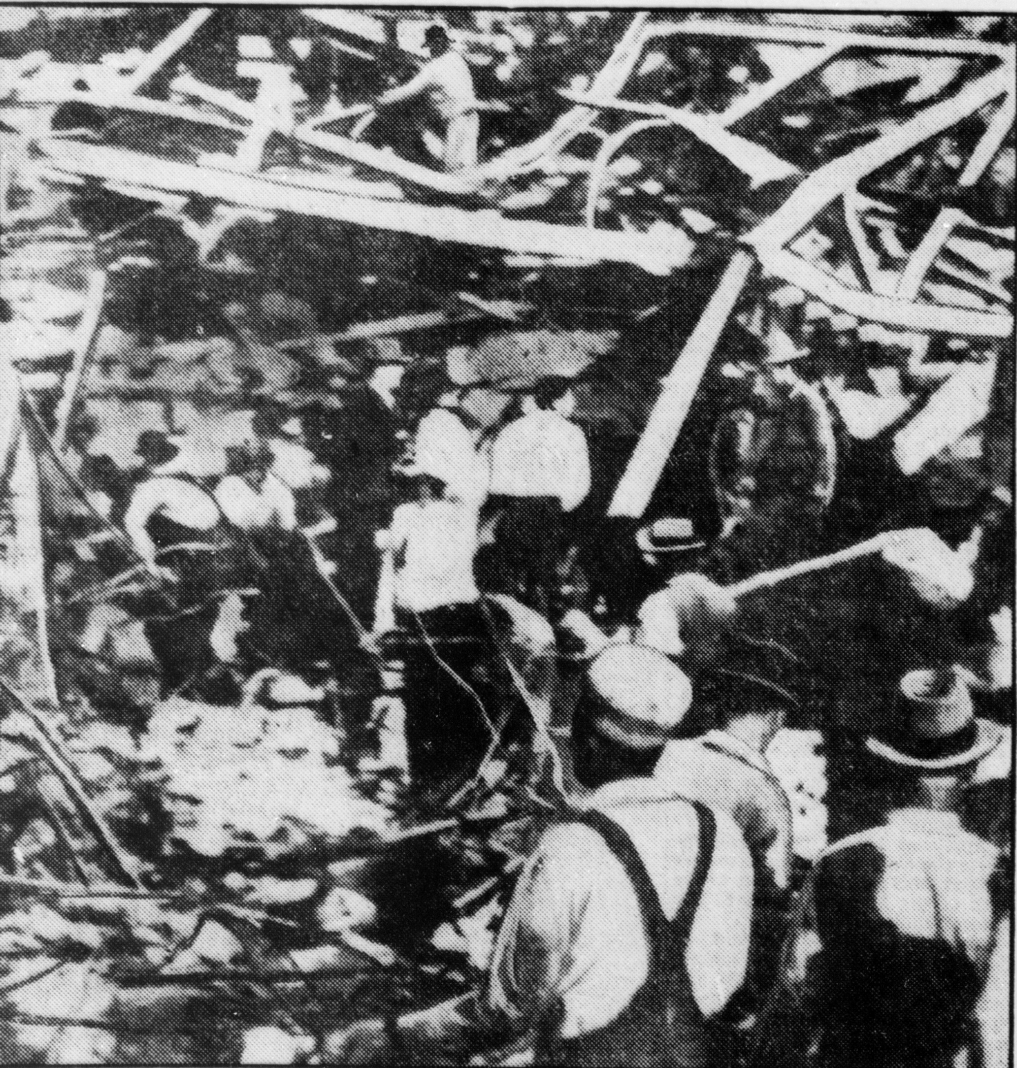
Rescue workers carry out one small victim.

—Acme Telephoto



Rescue workers seek more bodies in the tangled debris.

—NEA Photo



A view of the wreckage.

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L. V. Barber, the only member of the New London football team to escape.



Site of tragedy.

ROOSEVELT MAY ASK FOR PERMANENT CCC

Presidential Message Being Prepared, Citron Told.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Civilian Conservation Corps Director Robert Fechner has informed Rep. William N. Citron (D. Conn.) that President Roosevelt is planning to send a message to Congress requesting legislation to make the Civilian Conservation Corps a permanent agency.

Mr. Fechner informed Rep. Citron that he would appear at any time requested before the House Labor Committee in behalf of legislation already drafted by Rep. Citron to make CCC permanent.

"I understand the President is preparing his message to Congress and will probably accompany the message with an outline of the legislation which he feels should receive Congressional consideration," Mr. Fechner wrote.

It was believed possible the President would embody the CCC program in the message requesting relief funds for next year.

Vehling to Have Court Hearing Monday on Coram Nobis Writ

Fred W. Vehling, former Marion County Coroner who has been ordered to begin serving a 2-to-14-year term in State Prison for soliciting a bribe, is to appear in Criminal Court Monday when a hearing is held on his plea for a writ of coram nobis.

Special Judge H. B. Pike sustained a motion filed in Criminal Court today by Vehling's attorney, Fred Barrett. In the coram nobis petition, Vehling contended that a member of the jury which convicted him was insane.

Vehling has been in City Hospital since Thursday afternoon when he collapsed in Criminal Court after his commitment was ordered and he was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Ray.

Vehling, physicians said, suffered a heart attack as Special Judge Pike refused to set aside the sentence, imposed six years ago and affirmed by the Supreme Court a year ago.

Since no commitment papers were issued, Attorney Barrett filed a motion to set aside sentence. Prosecutor Herbert M. Spencer and James K. Northam, Deputy Attorney General, asked that Vehling be ordered to start his term.

Judge Pike said there was nothing he could do but order commitment.

Vehling is in the detention ward at the hospital.

UNDERWOOD NAMED IN 3 DAMAGE SUITS

Brandt Brothers Seek to Collect \$770 From Him.

Three suits seeking to collect \$770 from Harry V. Underwood, held in jail in default of \$25,000 on embezzlement charges, were on file in county courts today.

The suits were brought by Louis W. Brandt, Carl F. Brandt and Louis C. Brandt, members of the firm of Brandt Brothers, for whom Underwood was employed as a rental agent.

The complaints charged that Underwood failed to turn in \$770 in rents he collected on properties owned by Brandt Brothers.

Underwood was placed under bond last June when he allegedly stated that he lost about \$60,000 to Indianapolis gamblers, and that the losses included money he collected for Brandt Brothers.

684,747 IN STATE ASK AGE BENEFITS

A compilation of the number of applicants for Federal Old Age Benefits, made by the Social Security Board at Washington, shows 684,747 applications from Indiana.

The Board's announcement said that the names of 25 million salaried and wage-earning persons have been entered in the files.

SPANISH VETERANS TO MEET

Maj. Harold C. Megrew Auxiliary 3, United Spanish War Veterans, is to be held at 8 p. m. Monday at Ft. Friendly, 512 N. Illinois St. Mrs. Pearl Mangus is president.



Captive Lover

TRAILER ADVENTURE

A New Smash Serial Beginning---

Wednesday, March 24, in
THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Betty Haynes yearned for love and excitement. And then, with Martha Brittain, she found herself stranded in San Diego. Together, they answered an ad of the Airspeed Trailer Company, and were assigned to start a trailer demonstration trip up the west coast. Before that trip was ended, Betty had stored up thrills to last a lifetime. You'll want to follow her startling experiences in

FOUR TO BE QUIZZED IN HOLDUP OF DRIVER

A daylight holdup in which a department store truck driver was robbed of \$60 was being investigated by police today.

Detectives said they were to question four youths being held by Columbus authorities.

Russell Wilker, 42, of 810 N. Beville Ave., told officers he stopped his truck in front of 1218 Wade St. yesterday afternoon when an armed man forced his way into the truck.

Mr. Wilker said the bandit took \$60 from him and forced him to drive to Rural St. and Hanna Ave. where he got out and boarded an automobile containing two men.

STATE RECREATION OFFICERS TO MEET

Plans for Activities to Be Mapped at Shelbyville.

Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., March 20.—Indiana Recreation Association officials are to meet here tomorrow to make preliminary plans for spring and summer activities.

Outline of the program will be submitted to the association's Board of Control which will meet in the

Hotel Antiers in Indianapolis on March 28.

The Board of Control is to form an advisory council of citizens of various cities in the state which plan to have softball, baseball and horse-shoe pitching activities this summer.

Robert Griffel, Shelbyville, is association president.

INDORSERES COURT PLAN

By United Press

DONALDSONVILLE, Ga., March 20.—Three Georgia counties today had indorsed President Roosevelt's judicial reform program by wide majorities. Seminole County became the third by voting more than 35 to 1 in favor of the proposal yesterday.

SEEK SERUM TO HALT MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC

CUSTER, S. D., March 20.—Army and city medical authorities imposed a partial quarantine and appealed today for 1000 units of serum to fight a meningitis epidemic which has already caused six deaths.

First 200 units of serum are needed for emergency treatments. Dr. F. E. Manning of the Custer Health Department said. Officials said they must have enough serum within two weeks to treat 1000 persons.