

**MYSTERY BLAST BURNS CHILD**



A NURSE BANDAGES the arm of Susan Sakon in a Pittsburgh hospital after the child was severely burned by a blast of undetermined origin which demolished her home. The girl's parents and a brother and sister were also seriously burned. (International Soundphoto)

**Inman-Warren Reunion Is Set For Sunday**

The Inman-Warren annual reunion will be held at Inman Chapel on the Lake Logan Road Sunday, August 19. All connections of the families and friends are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch.

**TV, Radio Give Public Convention 'Box Seats'**

People in the Waynesville area are a part of the greatest audience in history — about 150 millions Americans — at the two 1956 political conventions in Chicago and San Francisco.

The public are "box seat" spectators due to the largest press and television hook-up in history. For the press, telephone companies have installed nearly 600 additional teletypewriters in the convention cities. A network of 760,000 miles of teletypewriter circuits is rushing the news to press outlets and distribution to newspapers and to radio and TV news com-

mentators. Over 1,500 radio stations can receive the program from the convention halls via the telephone system's radio and program network.

Fifty TV channels were available when the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago, an increase of 72 per cent over the number used for the 1952 convention. Record amounts of public telephones, private lines, switchboards, telephone circuits and other communications equipment were installed. A good idea of the size

of the communications job is the special center in Convention Hall which requires 110 uniformed telephone men and women to serve delegates and visitors 24 hours a day. The center will take and relay messages to delegates on the floor and also handle long-distance messages through a battery of telephone booths.

At the Republican convention, beginning August 20 at the Cow Palace, 40 TV channels will be in operation instead of the three or four normally needed for a public event in San Francisco. In addition, other special communica-

tions facilities similar to these scheduled for Chicago will serve press and broadcasting people, delegates and visitors.

Nearly 73,999 miles of the Bell System's TV channels will carry telecasts to 400 TV stations in 270 cities across the nation. More than 90 per cent of all Americans will be able to see the conventions. This compares to the 30,000 miles of channels which carried TV programs to 107 stations in only 65 cities during the 1952 conventions. There were an estimated 60 million viewers watching the '52 pro-

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