

Fire Destroys Home On Albemarle Street

Blaze Caused By Faulty Oil Stove on Second Floor

Edenton firemen were called to the home of Mamie Creecy on West Albemarle Street shortly before noon Sunday, when the home was totally destroyed at a loss estimated at \$2,500. The fire is thought to have been started by a faulty oil stove on the second floor. The building was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived, but they were able to save two adjoining houses.

Firemen were called back to the scene of the fire later in the day, when a smoldering mattress broke out in flames.

Youth For Christ Rally Will Be Held Dec. 25th

A youth for Christ rally will be held at the Berea Church of Christ in Washington County Sunday afternoon, December 25, at 3 o'clock. The speaker will be Rev. G. C. Bland, advisor, with the theme of the meeting being "Hold Your Tongue."

The public is cordially invited to attend.

HEALTH FOR ALL

AVOIDING TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis, a disease which kills at the rate of one person every eleven minutes, is a serious public health problem. Tuberculosis is a threat to the health and the lives of the American people because the disease is spread easily and insidiously, and the crowded circumstances under which many of us live aid and promote the spread.

Every new case of tuberculosis is caused by germs that come from the body of a person who has the disease. The sick person sprays tuberculosis germs into the air by coughing, sneezing and spitting. The healthy person, in turn, picks up these germs by breathing them in or getting them into his mouth some way.

The best way to avoid tuberculosis is to avoid close contact with those who have the disease. But this is not always possible because tuberculosis has no obvious symptoms in an early stage and many persons have the disease without knowing it. As a matter of fact, there are an estimated 250,000 "unknown" cases of tuberculosis in America—people who may not know they are ill and who are innocently going about their daily tasks in close contact with others.

Since tuberculosis is spread from person to person, and since there are thousands of unknown cases, one can understand why the crowded living conditions prevalent today complicate the problem of tuberculosis prevention and control.

Most of us, especially city dwellers,

are in close contact with crowds at almost every turn. The buses, subways and trolleys we board each day are crowded. Crowds surround us at motion picture theaters, other places of entertainment, department stores, and shopping centers.

This certainly does not mean that everyone who encounters crowds at times is in imminent danger of catching tuberculosis. But it does indicate, since it is often impossible to know when one has had contact with tuberculosis germs, that regular check-ups with the doctor, including chest X-ray are advisable.

For while tuberculosis has no apparent symptoms in an early stage, the chest X-ray can "spot" tuberculosis even in the early stage. And tuberculosis can be cured most easily when it is found in an early stage and treatment is started promptly.

In general, the more a person knows about tuberculosis, the better equipped he will be to take measures to avoid it. Information on the disease, how it is spread and how it can be prevented, can be obtained from your local health department or your local tuberculosis association. There are 3,000 tuberculosis associations, affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association, which are engaged in well planned, year-round programs of TB control. This work is supported by the annual sale of Christmas Seals, which opened this year on November 21 and will continue until Christmas.

S. C. MILLS, JR., HOME

Snowden C. Mills, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mills, a student at Severn School arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Young Mills, who is doing post-graduate work at the Maryland school, took a prominent part last week in the first production of the newly organized Severn Dramatic Club, in which he appeared as one of group of four monologists.

The opening playbill, which was warmly received by a full house included two one-act plays, "The Spy", by Joseph Singer, and a satire, "If Men Played Cards As Women Do", by George S. Kaufmann.

Making Time Fly

O—I hear the men are striking.
K—What for?
O—Shorter hours.
K—Luck to 'em. I always did think 60 minutes was too long for an hour.

Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr., Auxiliary Chairman

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mittes had furnished fresh flowers every week during the year, and on special occasions. Tray favors were also furnished on each holiday.

Mrs. Elliott Belch presented the following new slate of officers for 1950, all of whom were unanimously elected: Chairman, Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr.; vice chairman, Mrs. Rodney Harrell; secretary, Mrs. Wallace Goodwin; treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Francis.

Before turning the gavel over to the new chairman, Mrs. Wood, retiring chairman, spoke briefly to the group.

"This has been a rather difficult year for the hospital, as it has been operating under two heads as it were, both civil and naval. Consequently, many of the services which the Auxiliary hoped to render to the hospital had to be discontinued, but I believe that it can be truly said that we finish this auxiliary year as strongly as we started it," she said.

"The wards committee and serving committees have been particularly effective. The publicity committee has functioned ably and the nurses committee has proved most capable. Under the finance committee we have been able to do many of the things for the hospital that we wanted to do. But I believe that the work of the membership and communication committee has been really outstanding. Both Mrs. Rodney Harrell and her co-chairman, Mrs. Will Harrell, have proved untiring in their efforts to build a strong and large organization and to their efforts we largely owe our membership of 292.

"There is little I can add to the year's reports you have heard, as they

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Speak for themselves, but I should like to thank the organization and particularly the committee chairmen for their support throughout the year, and to wish for the new chairman that she will have the same loyal support and cooperation that I have had in the year just ending."

In taking over the chairmanship, Mrs. Bond asked for the help and support of all members to the end that the coming year will be as outstanding as that of her predecessor.

GREASE PIT FIRE

Edenton firemen were called to Bill Perry's Texaco Station Saturday night about 7 o'clock, where a grease pit caught fire. The fire was extinguished before any material damage was done.



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