

Dr. Smith Has Narrow Escape

Dr. J. D. Smith, prominent Las Vegas dentist, suffered painful burns about the face and had a miraculous escape from serious if not fatal injuries when the oil furnace in the basement of his residence at 624 South Sixth street exploded last Tuesday evening about 7:15 o'clock.

Noticing that there was but little heat coming from the furnace, Dr. Smith went to the basement to see what was the matter. The fire was burning but feebly and, thinking that the soot needed cleaning from the burner, he took a small scraper made for that purpose and took off the cap of the clean-out opening. Instantly as the air rushed into the gas-filled chamber, there was a terrible explosion, driving a blast of flame out the front of the furnace into Dr. Smith's face, and tearing out the rear wall of the firebox.

Fortunately, Dr. Smith happened to be just outside the main blast, and therefore suffered but superficial burns. Blinded for the time, he managed to grope his way up the stairs, and turned off the furnace feed. However, the furnace continued to give off a dense smoke and, as the pipe connection with the chimney had been blown off, the sooty mass quickly permeated the whole house.

An alarm of fire brought the fire department to the scene quickly, and they soon had the blaze under control. Dr. Smith speaks in the highest terms of the firemen and pays them high compliments for their efficient work on this and many other occasions.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith and the children are now occupying one of the Pike apartments while repairs are being made to their residence. Dr. Smith, although still suffering slightly from his burns, is able to carry on his dental work as usual.

Ruth Etting Is Wed In Vegas

Ruth Etting, blues singer and the former wife of Colonel (Gimp) Snyder, who is on trial in Los Angeles on the charge of attempting to kill his rival in the singer's affections, was married to Myrl Alderman in the chamber of Judge Orr in this city Wednesday morning. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Sloan.

Those in the wedding party which came from Los Angeles by chartered plane included Edith Snyder, daughter of Snyder by a former wife, Nick Castro, and Walter Quinton.

Mrs. Corrington Taken By Death

Mrs. L. F. Corrington of North Las Vegas died at the Las Vegas hospital, where she was taken after a bad heart attack Monday night. Her remains were sent to Glendale, Calif., by Garrison mortuary for the final rites or interment.

Beside her husband she leaves a young daughter, Mona.

Death Comes For Suffering Woman

It is with regret that we chronicle the passing of Mrs. Gertrude Goumond, wife of P. J. Goumond, at the family home early Monday morning.

Mrs. Goumond had been ill for many months and everything that medical science, money and tender care could do had been done, but to no avail.

With her husband she came to Nevada in 1906, living in Reno until 1928, when the family came to Las Vegas.

Because of her retiring disposition and frail health many were denied her acquaintance, but those fortunate enough to have known her will remember her as a brave, gentle and kindly person. In a quiet, unostentatious way she gave comfort and cheer to many unfortunates.

Her only son, Harold, died a few years ago. Beside her husband, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Kuhn of Las Vegas and Mrs. H. H. Katskee of Omaha, Neb.; her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clifford DeVaney, and her granddaughter, Margo Goumond.

Rosary was said Tuesday evening at Garrison's mortuary and funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at St. Joan of Arc church, with Rev. Father J. J. Lambe officiating. The pallbearers were A. B. Witcher, Ben Turner, John Irwin, Robert E. Lake, H. Stevenson, and Lloyd Spears. The body was laid to rest in Woodlawn cemetery.

Free of Charge Of Manslaughter

The manslaughter charges which were filed against Thomas Kaufman of Boulder City as the aftermath of an auto accident on the Boulder highway last June have been dismissed.

Kaufman's car, driven by William O'Hara, Jr., of Boulder City, ran into a car driven by Horace Ray, with fatal injuries to Ray. Last week O'Hara pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was fined \$800 by the court.

Taxpayers Meet In Courthouse

Tonight the meeting of the Taxpayers' association, postponed from last week, will be held in the dis-

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trict court room in the courthouse. Matters of vital interest to taxpayers will be discussed. Everyone interested is asked to be present.

It is understood that petitions for the recall of Mayor Marble will be one of the main topics under discussion. It is expected that a hot debate will be engaged in as to the advisability of going into the expense of a special election at this

time to recall the mayor. It has been pointed out by many members of the association that with the regular election only a few months away, it would be unwise to add the expense of a special election at this time.

The matter will be gone into in full tonight.

Legislative members have been asked to attend the meeting.

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