

5 DEAD IN FIRE

Manslaughter Charge Filed

Crawford Is Released After Providing Bond of \$2,000 to Officers

Primary Hearing for Winnemucca Manslaughter Is Placed

James Temple, sheriff of Humboldt county, today providing a \$2,000 bond, John H. Crawford, a trucker, is today facing a charge of manslaughter for the I. O. N. highway auto crash which killed five young CCC boys and his wife, Dorothy, 10 miles north of Winnemucca.

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Crawford was sworn out late Friday afternoon and released by Deputy Sheriff Jack Duvivier, before Justice of Peace David F. Abel, Crawford at \$2,000, which was provided. Crawford was released.

Crawford announced today that the preliminary hearing had not been set and it is not known when it will be brought before the justice court. The complaint, charging Crawford with manslaughter, was completed late Friday after the verdict of the coroner's jury into the auto crash Thursday.

The jury of Foreman John Buchan, James Temple, James Temple, and Mrs. J. H. Temple, reached a verdict that Crawford was driving on the road and was negligent.

James Temple, of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Temple, survivor of the crash, is reported to be at the Humboldt hospital suffering from a fractured skull and a mangled neck. A severe scalp and forehead wound were reported to be fatal.

Two-ton Reo truck, struck by a car Sunday night, was at the Humboldt hospital early Wednesday with injuries to a punctured and fractured leg. Crawford was released to Winnemucca after the accident occurred.

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Shepherd Suicides at Rock Creek

Pedro Elordi Death Not Connected with Orovada Fire

Found slumped on his stomach inside of his tent early Saturday morning with the top of his head blasted completely away, the body of Pedro Elordi, 45, shepherd, for the Ellison Ranching company, was discovered in his camp at the head of Rock Creek, some 43 miles north of Winnemucca and eight miles from the Galicia Brothers ranch, the supposed victim of a suicidal urge.

TAKING SUPPLIES

Seen by other employees of the Ellison company Thursday morning, Elordi made no mention of despondency. The body was found between 7:00 and 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning by Richard Olivis and Joe Telleria, who went to the camp to take Elordi food and supplies. When entering the camp, which was located in a clump of pines down from the crest of the hill and facing into the tent, the pair found Elordi's blood stained body lying on his bed on the floor of the tent.

Still clutched in his right hand was the barrel of a .30-20 calibre rifle. It appeared that Elordi undressed Friday evening and with only his underwear on his body, grasped the rifle, pushed the end of the barrel into his mouth and pulled the trigger with his left hand. The top of his head was blown completely away and death was believed to have been instant. It is believed Elordi took his life early Friday evening.

TAKEN TO OROVADA

After Elordi's body was discovered, Olivis and Telleria notified Coroner I. W. Minor, who was at Orovada, who in turn called Sheriff McDermitt. —Cont'd on Page 2, Col. 7

NOTICE

Anyone by the name of BORLACE or MABEL GRAHAM contact Chief of Police Delbert Moore immediately. Urgent. 1588-Jy3112a

NOTICE

Rodeo programs and prize lists are now available at the Humboldt Star office. Interested vaqueros may have programs and prize lists by calling or writing The Star. 1579-Jy2812a

HAY — HAY AMERICAN LEGION OLD FASHIONED Barn Dance

Next Saturday Night CAIN SPRINGS

WARNING!

The Winnemucca City Police

— EDITORIAL — Why These Deaths?

WHY—is the uppermost question in the minds of more than 500 Civilian Conservation corps enrollees of Camp Paradise, Camp Golconda, Camp Quinn River and Camp McDermitt, scores of officers of the United States army, division of grazing and forestry service together with thousands upon thousands of interested persons throughout Nevada, and the entire nation in groping for a feasible solution or definite answer in attempting to uncover WHY five CCC youths lost their lives in a brush fire in northern Humboldt county Friday night.

With damage in the fire, which swept 8,000 acres of land, utterly not worth mention, compared to the lives of the five youths, who had everything to live for, it is more than a tragic pitiful story but should serve as a grim reminder and impetus in the future for all possible steps, whatever they may be, to halt further catastrophes in cases where circumstances are more or less similar to the Humboldt county disaster. In this particular fire, death to the five boys was accidental, perhaps, and then again was it? The Star does not have and will not attempt to lay blame for this and all we can hope to do is to give the truest and most comprehensive story made available to us.

Already countless charges are being hurled at officers, enrollees, ranchers and others interested. Word battles will continue. Government investigations will continue. Some cause may be reached and the blame may fall upon some one or group. We do not know.

All we can hope to do is to have those five boys serve as martyrs to prevent further catastrophes. Government investigators will probe every corner to uncover information of why the five lost their lives. Surely this will go towards preventing future catastrophes among the nation's CCC camps.

Many men distinguished themselves for their valor during the trying Friday night and Saturday night. Pushing aside the grim thoughts of the five men burning to death in the fire with the parting thought, perhaps your deaths will not be vain, we wish to take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks to countless persons rendering service during the catastrophe.

America should be proud of its CCC, although innumerable blasts are hurled at them—some founded but the greater number groundless. Humboldt county can doff its hats and say "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts," to the CCC boys alive and only pour out our meager condolence for the five who lost their lives.

United States Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina has received favorable reception for his bill intended to make the CCC a permanent feature of American life. If this is to be done, further study of methods and action must be taken to prevent what appears to be needless deaths.

Humboldt county is proud of the boys, who started under the handicap of countless nicknames, and the spruce-green uniforms to be issued next fall will make the average American even prouder of the CCC lads.

FOR SALE

Lot 4, Block 2, together with building thereon, commonly known as the Winveva Building. For full information contact Herbert L. Neal, Winnemucca, Nevada. 1572-Jy2412a

CY PERKINS SAYS:

There's some pretty gals out in the sticks. You town slickers better have a look-see.

Winnemucca Woman Is Missing

Fears for Safety of Mrs. Woodward Held in California

(United Press)
AUBURN (Calif.)—Fears for the safety of Mrs. Bertha Woodward, 33, of Winnemucca, and wife of Richard Woodward, employee of the Ashdown mine in northern Humboldt county, were expressed by Sheriff Elmer Gunn here early this afternoon.

DRIVES WITH MONEY

Mrs. Woodward failed to arrive at Folsom, Calif., Thursday, from Winnemucca, and her whereabouts is unknown. Mrs. Woodward was driving alone from Winnemucca to Folsom with a considerable amount of money. Richard Woodward, told Sheriff Gunn.

RENO—State police officers broadcast a state-wide appeal for Mrs. Woodward's whereabouts this morning at 11:12 o'clock but up until a late hour this afternoon, nothing had been heard.

LEAVES ALONE

Mrs. Woodward came to Winnemucca last Wednesday with her husband. He remained here for dental attention while she continued towards Sacramento, Calif., alone in their 1939 orange Plymouth pickup truck. Woodward went on to Sacramento Thursday by bus.

The missing woman is known to have a daughter, LaVerne Woodward, residing in Reno, a brother there and other relatives. —Cont'd on Page 4, Col. 6

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Fourth and last installment of 1938 taxes are due and payable August 7, 1939. Immediately afterwards all property where taxes are not paid will be advertised for sale with penalties, advertising costs and interest added and sold for taxes September 11, 1939.

MILDRED R. JONES, County Treasurer and Tax Receiver. 1580-Jy 31 15a

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Baseball

Kansas City MONARCHS vs. HOUSE OF DAVID

Thursday Aug. 3 5:15 p. m.

CCC Enrollees Burned to Death When Brush Fire Rages at Orovada

Government Investigation into Deaths Opens; 700 Fight Blaze Friday Night; 8,000 Acres of Land Razed in Humboldt

By HORACE SMITH
A blazing, raging inferno of 8,000 acres of brush and wooded rangeland provided a flaming pyre for five young Civilian Conservation corps enrollees of Camp Paradise, Company 1212, F-5, Friday night 42 miles north of Winnemucca on the western slopes of the Santa Rosa range, when fire, swept by a high wind, overtook the fleeing and exhausted youths, to bring mass death in the costliest disaster in Northern Nevada history.

LIGHTNING BOLT CAUSE

Crashing from an overcast sky at 10:40 o'clock Friday morning and accompanied by a loud clap of thunder, a bolt of lightning struck the crest of a hill some three miles east of Orovada to ignite the blaze. Bringing death to five, injuries to others and escape from a fiery doom for more than two score of fighters including both CCC lads and ranchers in the district. The holocaust was brought under control at 5:00 o'clock Saturday morning after 700 men had battled since Friday night to stop its advance over the parched area.

The list of dead and injured follows:
— DEAD —

- EARNEST R. TIPPIN, 21, son of Raymond Tippin, Oswego, Kan., Project assistant for Camp Paradise.
- GEORGE J. KENNEDY, 22, of 336 West Eleventh street, New York City, N. Y.
- WALTER JAMES, 18, of 162 Woodward avenue, Ridge-wood, N. Y.
- FRANK W. BARKER, 20, of 1021 Remsen avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- FRANK J. VITALE, 20, of 189 Clifton place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

— INJURED —
CHARLES RUBENS, 23, stationed at Camp Quinn River, fractured right leg, condition satisfactory at Humboldt general hospital, Winnemucca.

Trapped in a horse-shoe-like ring of fire after a high wind began blowing and shifted the blaze into their faces, the five youths, part of a contingent of some 17 men, are believed to have become panic stricken and became disorganized in an attempt to reach safety.

INVESTIGATION STARTS

A thorough governmental investigation of the fire and the death of the five boys in three departments, the division of grazing, forestry service and the United States army, was well underway today following the arrival of officers Sunday.

A. D. Molohan, chief of range improvements for the United States division of grazing, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., arrived in Winnemucca early Sunday afternoon from Reno with Colonel Thomas Miller, improvement supervisor for the division of grazing for Nevada. Molohan was enroute by plane to Salt Lake City, Utah, and was called back to Reno and on into Winnemucca after the fire had been revealed.

FOREMEN HEARD

The investigation by the division of grazing is expected to take several days. It began in Winnemucca Sunday afternoon with Chaplain Ehinger, and Camp Golconda officers, including Superintendent Lewis Jenney, Foreman John Whitacre, Inspector Carl Stoddard, Foreman H. B.

Weather

Temperature, 12 noon	87
Temperature, 2 p. m.	91
Highest temperature	91
Lowest temperature	54
Average temperature	72
Normal average temperature	72

FORECAST:
Fair tonight and Tuesday; normal temperature.
COOL OFF!
These warm days. Drop in at

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