

# Fire Destroys College Dormitory



Fire swept through Harper House, a Belknap College dormitory in Center Harbor early this morning injuring three of the 22 students asleep in the building at the time. The two house parents also had a narrow escape.  
Photo by L. Poccock

## Our Town by Earle D. Hardy Town Manager

An arrangement has been made with the Sirles Construction Company to install approximately 390 feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer main on Massachusetts Avenue, at no cost to the Town, beginning at the existing manhole at the intersection of Ladd Hill Road and Massachusetts Avenue.

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## Enright Named B C President Is Speaker Youth League At Rotary

Meredith — John Enright was elected president of the Meredith Youth League at the quarterly meeting of the group held recently. Other officers elected were Kip Downes, vice president; Dick Pouliot, secretary; Don Phillips, treasurer; Irad Young, equipment manager.

Mr. Enright succeeds Brad Quimby who has resigned as he plans to seek election as

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# Belknap College Students Burned In Dormitory Blaze

## Harper House Destroyed In Spectacular Early Morning Fire. 22 Students Lose All Possessions

Center Harbor — Three Belknap college students were injured, two seriously, when fire swept through their dormitory, Harper House, early this morning. The three students were rushed to the Lakes Region General Hospital in Kemp-Symonds ambulances.

## Urgent Appeal For Aid For B.C. Students

Center Harbor — George Schlachte, president of Belknap College made an urgent appeal for assistance for the 25 college students who lost all their possessions in the fire which destroyed the

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## Music Dept. To Present Pops Concert

Meredith — The Inter-Lakes Music Department will present its Annual Pops Concert on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 8 o'clock at the Robert Pottle Auditorium. Proceeds

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## Newlywed's Possessions Lost In Fire

Meredith — Wedding gifts and personal belongings of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ricker were lost when fire badly damaged the three room cottage where they were living in Scandia Trailer Park

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Report of precipitation for 24 hour period prepared at 7 a.m. on date shown.

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The majority of victims are young people who are consigned to progressive disability and early death.

The Muscular Dystrophy Associations are recognized as the leader in the publishing of information and establishment of community programs and clinics in all 50 states. The Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation is the Granite State center for such therapy.

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## DORMITORY BLAZE— (Continued from Page 1)

care unit at Lakes Region General Hospital, and Torrance Cole, son of Mrs. Mary Cole of New York city was treated and released, officials of the college report. At noon today, college officials report that Mackin was listed in fair condition and Pratt in satisfactory condition.

The fire was reported to the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Center at 3:17 this morning. This was followed by a radio call from Center Harbor Fire Chief Eugene Manville at 3:20 a.m. for complete Mutual Aid Assistance when the Chief discovered the magnitude of the blaze.

Center Harbor's four fire trucks and the Belknap College Fire Department truck were quickly on the scene, followed in short order by two trucks from Meredith and two trucks from Moultonboro. Additional trucks arrived in rapid succession from Sandwich, Laconia, Holderness, Ashland and Gilford. A truck from New Hampton covered at the Center Harbor Fire Station. At the height of the blaze 14 fire trucks were battling the spectacular fire under the direction of Chief Manville. The blaze could be seen for miles around as flames shot high in the air.

At one time six fire engines were reported to be pumping water from Lake Winnepesaukee to the fire. They included three from Center Harbor, and one each from Ashland, Gilford and Holderness.

Firemen kept the side and roof of Rains House, another dormitory which was close to

## Red Heads



Bill Raymond, I-L faculty member but is really trying his best to block I basket. This is just one scene in the hilarious American Red Heads defeated the Inter-Lakes Star Housell, Steve McHugh and Terry

Meredith — Saturday night here at the Inter-Lakes High School gymnasium was a night of fun and entertainment for all ages. Moore's All American Red Heads, the world famous girl's professional basketball team, took on the I-LHS faculty in a game full of hilarious antics.

The first quarter was highlighted by an outstanding exhibition of offense and defense on the part of both teams. The Red Heads, offense being lead by Logan and Losier and the I-L faculty by Munsing and Blood. During the second quarter, referee Jack Cochran found difficulty in placing the ball in Red Head Losier's hands, who finally

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the burning building, thoroughly wet down to avoid spread of the flames to that building. A small building attached to the Rains House did catch on fire but the minor blaze was quickly subdued. Rains House was evacuated as soon as the Harper House fire was discovered.

The twenty two students in Harper House were forced to flee in their night clothing and lost all their possessions, as did the house parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sigmar Tullman. College officials report there are 26 students normally in the building but four were away at

the time of the fire.

The seven women students who were in the building at the time of the fire are in desperate need of clothing sizes 10 and 12 as are the 15 male students who need clothing from size 32 up. College officials state they are in particular need of underwear. Anyone having clothing to donate should contact Miss Lillian Moffitt at the college, phone 279-4576. Cash donations should be sent to Harper House Student Fire Fund, care of Belknap College, Center Harbor, N. H. 03226.

The fire apparently started in the ell of the building, officials report, but at this time the cause is undetermined. The fire is being investigated by Center Harbor Police Chief Ira Weeks, Lieutenant Martin Murray of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department and Ernest Jenkins of the State Fire Marshall's office.

An automobile, the property of one of the students, which was parked near the building, was destroyed by the blaze.

The Lakes Region Dispatch Center sent three ambulances from Kemp Symonds Ambulance Service in Meredith and one ambulance from Forest Park Ambulance Service to the scene.

On receipt of the call at 3:21 this morning, the Meredith Fire Department dispatched Engine No. 3 and Tank Truck No. 2 with 14 men to the fire scene. Later, six more Meredith firemen were sent to the fire to relieve some of those who had been fighting the blaze.

The Harper House was built in the early 1800's by Frank Morse, who named the building Delletta Lodge for his wife Etta and sister Della. It was later purchased by Alfred LaPlante and operated as a lodging house. Mrs. Bertrice Obert bought the property in 1943, renaming it "Locust

Inn" for the four beautiful locust trees on the lawn. She operated the inn for 26 years, selling to Belknap College 10 years ago.

Since then, it has been used as a college dormitory. It was named Harper House in honor of Howard Harper, one of the first trustees of the college.

LARGEST VOTE—  
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here. The large turnout accounted for about 73 percent of the 2265 eligible voters on the checklist.

In the Presidential election in 1968 the total vote was 1360 which was 77 percent of the eligible voters at that time. Since 1952 the total vote cast in the presidential year has been 1299 in 1964, 1381 in 1960, 1377 in 1956 and 1345 in 1952.

In the gubernatorial race Meldrim Thomson, Republican, received 933 votes, Roger J. Crowley, Democrat, 345, and Malcolm McLane running as an Independent received 218. For U. S. Senator, Republican Wesley Powell was favored with 920 votes to 681 for the Democrat incumbent, Thomas J. McIntyre. Congressman Louis G. Wyman, seeking re-election, was given 1253 votes, while his opponent, former Congressman Chester E. Merrow, Democrat, received 318.

Lyle E. Hersom running for Governor's Council on both Republican and Democrat tickets, received 1266 and 122 respectively. Stephen Smith, on both tickets, received 1180 Republican votes and 118 Democrat votes.

For Representatives to the General Court (three to be elected to serve Meredith, Center Harbor and New Hampton), Republicans Marshall French, Robert Lawton and L. Keith

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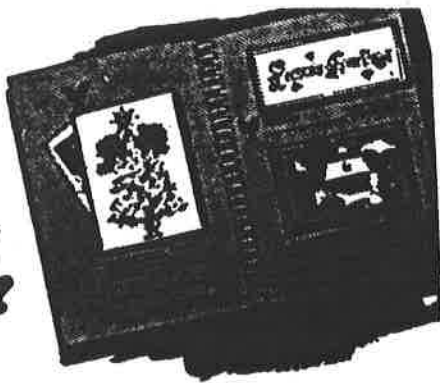
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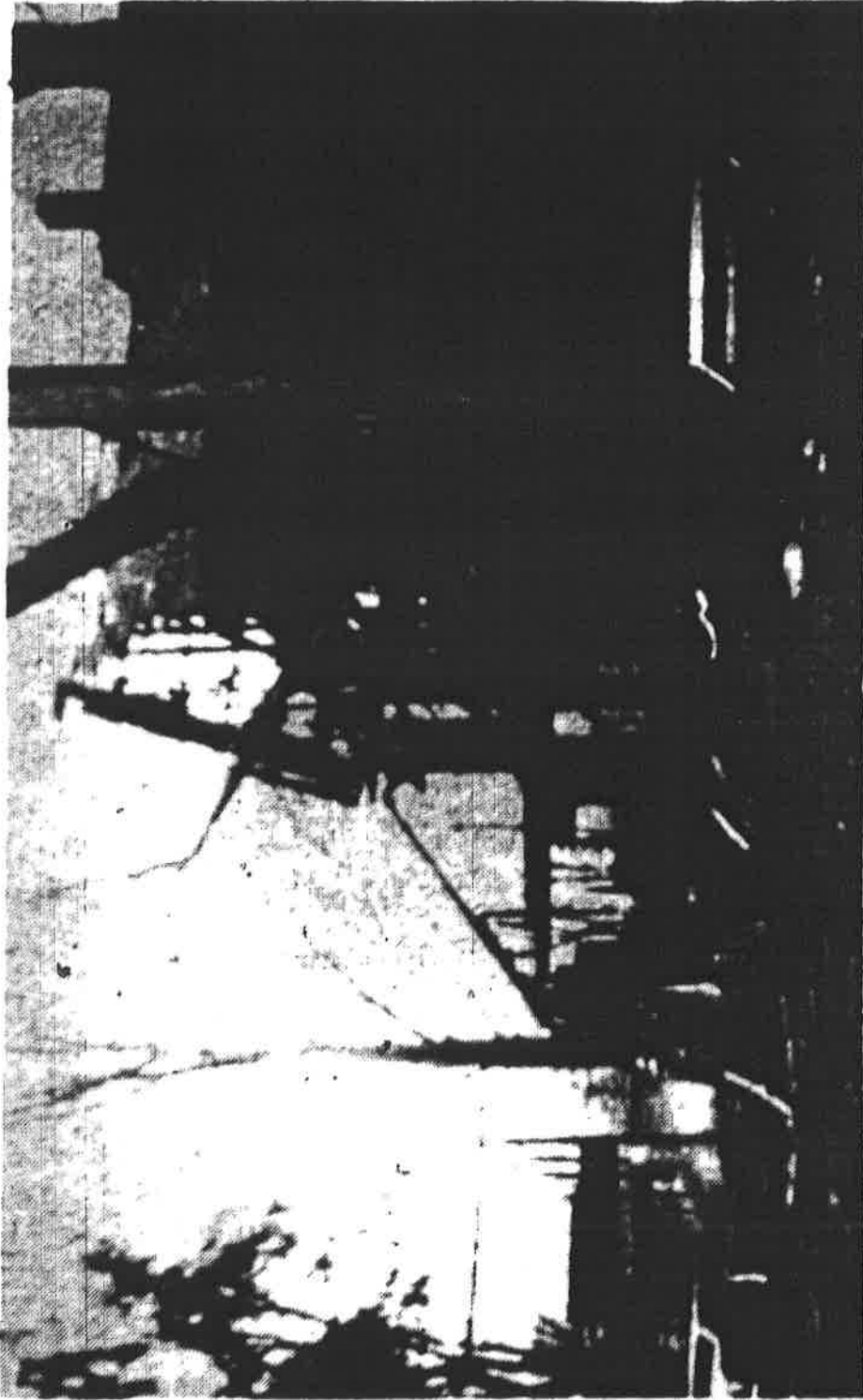
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## All That Remained This Morning



This was all that remained at daylight this morning of the Harper House dormitory in Center Harbor of Belknap College which housed 26 students and the two house parents.

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## Dormitory at Center Harbor Destroyed

# Two Burned in College Blaze

By KEN GOULD

**CENTER HARBOR** — A New Jersey youth and a classmate from New York, both students at Belknap College and trapped in a burning dormitory early yesterday, were reported in fair to satisfactory condition early today.

Charles Macklin, 18, of Fair-

haven, N.J., was taken to Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Harrover, suffering from severe burns.

Occupant of an adjoining room on the campus, Carston Pratt, 20, of New York City, is a patient at Lakes Region General Hospital, also suffering from burns.

A third youth, Torrance Cole,

23, also of New York, suffered an injured foot when he tried to flee the Harper House dormitory which was razed by the fire during a howling rain and wind storm.

### Student Awakened

The blaze was reported about 3:17 a.m. by Bill Curley, who was awakened in a nearby

dormitory "by an orange glow in his room." When he looked at Harper House, he said that flames were shooting out the first floor windows.

Fire departments from Moultonboro, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Ashland, Holderness, Sandwich and Belknap College answered.

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# Woman Breaks Mine Work Jinx

**GEORGETOWN, Colo.** (UPI) after the 33-year-old engineering technician finished her tour, miner's coveralls, a grin and a hard hat, walked into a tunnel through the Rocky Mountains yesterday to defy a superstition that women underground are bad luck. Sixty men walked off the job.

### A Long Fight

"I just hope it's all been worth it," she said. "It's been a long, long fight."

"Get out of here!" yelled a miner inside the mile-long \$67-million Eisenhower Memorial purchased the tunnel. I guess i



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## Firefighting

A state-wide program fire protection education under way. Page 2.

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## Council

Gov. Peterson is expected to submit several nominations for state-post today's Council ses

**FIRE**

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wered the call for help given out over the Lakes Region Mutual Aid System. The New

**Insurance Man Speaks on Safety**

CONCORD — "The Insurance Safety Professional's View of the new Occupational Safety & Health Act" was recently provided by Anthony J. Peterson, Manchester district engineering manager of the American Mutual Insurance Companies.

Peterson spoke at a Concord, New Hampshire, seminar sponsored by the International Management Council of the Concord Chamber of Commerce and the New Hampshire Safety Council.

**BUSINESS TAKES 68 P. C.**

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Of the total amount of electricity generated in the United States, 68 per cent is sold to industrial and commercial consumers, who use it for business-related purposes.

Hampton department stood by at the Meredith station.

Chief Eugene Manville of the Center Harbor Dept. says that water was a problem at first but after a hose line was laid to Lake Winnepesaukee and four pumps were stationed there, the problem was solved.

Tons of water were poured on the three-story building. Firemen deluged the adjoining dormitory, Rain's House, and despite intense heat and some difficult wind, they saved this building. However, 20 students, including house mother Mrs. Winnifred Hardy, were evacuated as a safety precaution.

Some 100 men fought the blaze for four hours. The students in Harper escaped with only the clothing on their backs. "I don't even have a toothbrush," one commented.

**Fund Established**

George Schlichte, college president, thanked the "valiant men who responded quickly and efficiently and thus avoided what could have been a major conflagration." He announced the establishment of a Harper

House Student Fire Fund and asked contributions of clothing — for both male and females, plus desks, lamps, chairs, etc. He estimated that each student lost \$1,000 in personal effects, which included books and typewriters. Persons wishing to contribute may send the items to the Red Cross, in Laconia or to Mrs. Lillian Moffitt at Woodbridge House on the campus.

The homeless students are temporarily being housed in other dormitories on the campus. Harper House a former reported as being burned.

A student automobile parked near the dormitory was badly damaged and several pets were under 10 years.

Firemen thoroughly soaked by the driving rain and chilled by the strong wind were served 600 cups of coffee and several hundred sandwiches at the scene by Mrs. Marty LeRoy and Jenkins, represented the office of the state fire marshal.

Chief of Police Ira Weeks Jr. is heading up the investigation of the blaze, assisted by Lt. Martin Murray of the Belknap County Sheriff's Dept. Ernest LeRoy and Jenkins, represented the office of the state fire marshal.

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