

### PHONE GIRLS STICK TO POSTS AT BLAZE

Although Burned Himself, Wire Chief at Kensington Exchange Carries Operator From Room

### REFUSED TO STOP WORK

Two Keystone telephone operators heroically stuck to their posts at the switchboard at the exchange at 21 East Colton street, Germantown, last night while fire, which began in the basement, threatened to destroy the building.

Sitting in the smoke-filled room, with the flames coming nearer every minute, the operators calmly answered calls and gave numbers until Frank Crosson, wire chief, carried one from the exchange room and forced the other to leave.

The operators are Mary Sible and Anna McAnnally. They were the only two on duty at the North Exchange at 10 o'clock last night when Crosson went into the basement to investigate smoke coming from there and discovered the fire.

### Wire Chief Burned

The blaze already had obtained good headway and Crosson was burned slightly in his efforts to extinguish it. Then he telephoned the alarm to the electrical bureau and warned the girls in the exchange room.

The fire forced its way to the first floor and from there to the second floor, where the rest room for operators, just adjoining the exchange room, was virtually destroyed. But the girls still stuck to their posts despite the danger. Crosson warned them several times, but they reminded him that it was their duty to stick to the last possible minute and that they would continue to answer calls as long as possible.

Finally, when the fire began to force its way into the exchange room and the room became so filled with smoke that breathing became laborious and the heat was terrific, Crosson issued one more warning and then carried Miss McAnnally from the building.

### Girls Finish Shift

He forced Miss Sible to leave also. The girls protested and wanted to return, but were unable to do so because flames burst out in the entrance and made it impossible.

Crosson was badly singed and suffered from inhaling smoke, but after flames extinguished the flames returned to the building and worked virtually all night repairing damage. The two girls also returned to work and finished out their shift.

The damage to the building and equipment is estimated at \$1900. The fire is believed to have started when a hot coal rolled from the heater into a pile of excelsior stored near the furnace.

### Rosenberg Will Probated

The will of Walter Rosenberg, who died recently at his home, 131 West Louden street, and disposing of an estate valued at \$5745, was probated today. Letters of administration were granted in the estate of Charles W. Chubers, 9637 Magnolia street. The estate is valued at \$8028. These inventories have been filed: Estate of Harry A. Hulston, \$35,402.19; estate of John A. Dubs, \$17,105.35; and estate of Charles W. Hinton, \$3077.21.

### MAYOR CHEATS AUDIENCE OF GLIMPSE OF BARE KNEES

Coryphees Donned Tights—Darn It—When Hizzoner Appeared at Show—Dignity Survived Jokes

When the President of the United States goes to the theatre the performance usually is held up by applause for a few minutes. But when Mayor Moore dropped in on a Broad street revue last night the whole works was held up for ten minutes while the management dug through the wardrobe for the abandoned tights of the showgirls.

The upper halves of the costumes seemed to have been lost permanently, however.

Anyway, the Mayor, with his party, which included Director of Public Works Caven, took his seat on the aisle, fourth row center, with one of those here-we-are-let-s-see-the-worst-expressions on his face. He looked as though he were ready for anything. It was a clear case of overcautiousness.

After a good deal of complaining back of the stage about the tights scratching and making the girls' knees too warm, the curtain finally went up. As one dimpled corypheus said, "Everything was lovely up to now."

The Mayor showed himself a good sport. And if he didn't laugh with real heartiness at a few of the jokes, it was because a Mayor has a certain dignity to preserve. There are times when a Mayor is moved to mirth, but doesn't show it.

In a little while the leading comedian galloped on to the stage and opened up with his clean-cut little line of boyish jokes. After a couple of gags that it was because a Mayor has a certain dignity to preserve, the Mayor looked a wee bit uneasy.

He was trying to give an impersonation of the Mayor of Philadelphia listening to a fast line of snappy stories and it was a darn hard act to get across. It called for a delicate degree of pleasing dignity and breadth of outlook that was hard to hit. But the Mayor took it well, and showed a power to combine his sense of dignity with a real sense of humor.

Finally a flock of young women on the half shell came down the runway and up the aisle stating to sympathetic accompaniment that they had "A Mouth-

ful of Kisses" for some one. A girl with one of the largest mouthfuls paused near the Mayor's prominent aisle chair and so advised him.

The Mayor set his face then, and sorta looked as though he were about to issue a statement. He seemed to be looking for Durall Shuster. He set his lips more firmly and it became evident that the Mayor had nothing to say.

After the ladies with kisses there followed a coolly and simply dressed party of girls whose lyrically expressed desire was to "whisper" something in somebody's ear. Over and over they sang that they had something to confide. The Mayor, feeling, with a number of other gentlemen, that he might be singled out for some whispered confidence, looked as though he would give his municipality for a pair of ear muffs.

The leading black-and-white face comedian canted on and pulled at least one carefree laugh from Mr. Moore.

"I got in the city about dark tonight," he rambled on, "and I walked all the way from the station to my hotel and—what do you think—I wasn't hold up once!"

Anyway, it was all in fun and tonight the tights will be back among the mothballs again.

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### SIX ARE INJURED IN AUTO SMASH-UP

Father of Two Girl Victims Is Arrested as Driver of Machine

### CAR SWERVED, HIT POLE

Six persons were injured, two seriously, when an automobile owned and driven by George Sprindis, forty-five years old, of 2000 East Cambria street, struck a telephone pole at Richmond street and Wheat Sheaf lane at 6 o'clock last night.

The injured are: Millie Sprindis, fourteen years old, daughter of George Sprindis; cuts of face and sprained back; condition serious.

Laura Sprindis, seventeen years old, sister of Millie; cuts of face.

John Belkow, 601 Callowhill street; fractured ribs and cuts of right leg; condition serious.

George Sprindis, driver of the car; cuts and bruises of face and body.

James Darney, twenty-five years old, 1334 East Montgomery avenue; cuts of head and bruises of shoulders.

John Donkowski, thirty-eight years old, 2015 Orthodox street; cuts and lacerations of face.

Sprindis was driving north on Richmond street and, according to witnesses, was proceeding at a rapid rate. He overtook a trolley car, and in attempting to pass around it swerved and struck a pole.

The driver's daughter, Millie, was thrown through the windshield. The other occupants were hurled from their seats.

The injured were taken to the North-eastern General Hospital, where all were later discharged except Millie Sprindis and John Belkow. Sprindis was arrested and will be given a hearing today before Magistrate Wrigley.

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