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## House-Trailer Fire Is Fatal To John W. Cason

A \$50 trailer fire that went unnoticed snuffed out the life last week end of a 46-year-old Lincoln man.

Victim of the blaze which burned itself out inside the small trailer was John William Cason, an employe of the Northwestern Iron and Metal company. His body was found Sunday morning in the trailer located in the rear of 526 North Nineteenth. Cason rented the eight by 12 structure from John Nelson, who lives at that address, for \$10 a month.

Deputy Sheriff Leslie C. Hasson, acting coroner, said death was caused by suffocation and burns. Hasson estimated the fire happened between 10 p.m. and midnight Saturday. There was no fire alarm.

The fire did little damage to the structure. A mattress on a rollaway bed, where the blaze evidently originated, was destroyed. Paint on the inside walls was cooked off. "The heat must have been terrific," Hasson said. Some of the wood furnishings and the windows were scorched a light brown.

Papers and some books in a cardboard box found under the bed were only burned in spots.

Cason's body was found about 10 a.m. slumped over a small table, Hasson reported. The clothing he was wearing was not burned, but the deputy sheriff said Cason was badly burned on the right side of his body and on the neck.

Hasson said Cason apparently was lying on the bed when the fire broke out. He said he did not know how the fire started but said there was no stove explosion. Cason might have been smoking in bed, he added.

### No Inquest

The acting coroner said the fire apparently consumed all of the oxygen in the trailer and then went out. The blaze did not burn through the trailer's insulated walls.

Hasson said he saw no reason for an autopsy or an inquest at this time.

Nelson said he came back from Omaha, where he is employed, about 1:40 a.m., Sunday. He said he thought he smelled something burning but after searching his house, dismissed it from his mind. Sunday morning, he said, he again noticed the burned odor and then went out to the trailer, which is only about four feet from the house, and found Cason's body.

He then notified the city police who called the county sheriff's office.

Nelson said Cason had been living in the trailer since about Nov. 23. The last time he is known to have been seen alive was about 5 p.m., Saturday, when neighbors saw him.

Cason was the second Lincoln fire death within two weeks. The other victim was Frank Craig, 77, who was burned to death Dec. 24 when fire swept through the converted chicken house in which he had been living in the rear of 2444 North Eighth.

Cason, who had lived in Lincoln for short periods during the past few years, was born in Ottumwa, Ia. He had recently been living in Clinton, Ia., until he came to Lincoln in the fall.



EDWARD C. FISHER

Judge Edward C. Fisher announced today that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the Municipal court.

## Our Honor Roll

The following are some of those who are new subscribers or have renewed their subscription to The Voice.

How does your subscription stand?

- Mrs. A. Newton, Beatrice.
- Mrs. Lela Becks, Beatrice.
- Miss Jennie A. Morgan.
- Mrs. F. L. Troupe
- L. E. Aylsworth
- Miss Jeannette Elliott
- Mrs. D. C. Helmsdoerfer
- Rev. W. I. Monroe

## The Second Million

The ink is hardly dry on the widely-published announcement that "Victim X" is dead. Hardly dry, either, are the tears of his or her saddened family, for "Victim X" was the unknown man, woman or child who recently became a shocking national symbol of hideous recklessness on our country's streets and highways.

Bad enough is the realization that in the 176 years of our nation's life a million sons had to die gallantly in battle to preserve the freedoms and privileges we so rightly cherish. Far worse and strictly dishonorable is the appalling announcement that in only a third of that time we have permitted another million citizens to be battered and crushed to death in traffic accidents, needlessly and many times criminally. But frightful to the point of reeling unbelief is the cold knowledge that at the present rate we are speeding to a second million such victims within a mere 25 years.

It must not happen!

It will not happen if every citizen, as a matter of sheer necessity for self-preservation, does his or her part promptly, consistently and courageously. Let us demand that our police departments enforce the law sternly and impartially—and give them enough

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He was a member of the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers local, No. 144, the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, Steelers club, No. 2038 at Bettendorf, Ia., and the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Labor Union of America, AFL.

Survivors include four daughters, Floy, Vera, Janice, and Anna Cason, all of Lincoln, and a step-daughter, Shirley Cason, also of Lincoln.

## Wife of Florida Bomb Victim Dies After Attending Funeral

### Hampton to Build \$80,000 Dorm

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — A long-term, low-interest loan of \$775,000 for the construction of dormitory facilities at Hampton institute was recently approved by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, according to Administrator Raymond M. Foley.

The dormitory designed to accommodate 251 students will be built at an estimated cost of \$809,100.

The college is located in an area of national defense activities and is available to provide special training in many activities of the defense department.

Foley pointed out that Hampton's ROTC enrollment has almost doubled to 371 students during the last three years, with 400 expected to be under junior officer training during the coming school year. Some ROTC students are now reported as living four in a room in buildings built 70 years ago.

### More Than 600 Persons Attended Mr. Harry T. Moore's Funeral

## Frozen Woman Walks Again

CHICAGO. (ANP) — For the first time since Last Feb. 8, when she was found in an alley literally frozen stiff, Mrs. Dorothy Mae Stevens, Chicago's famous "frozen woman," walked. She was fitted with artificial legs last week.

At the time she was found, her body temperature had dropped 38 degrees below normal, and doctors expressed amazement at her condition. The fact that Mrs. Stevens has recovered — minus both feet and nine fingers—made medical history.

The artificial legs were purchased by the Illinois State Rehabilitation commission. Dr. Harold Laufman of Michael Reese hospital, who has had charge of Mrs. Stevens, said artificial fingers will be fitted later.

SANFORD, Fla.—(ANP)—Mrs. Harriet Moore, 49, wife of Harry T. Moore, 46 Christmas night victim of an anti-Negro bombing, died in a hospital here, Thursday night, thus becoming the second fatality in the dynamite attack.

Mrs. Moore left her hospital bed on New Year's day to see the body of her husband. After viewing his body as it lay in state, Mrs. Moore, who had been improving, grew steadily worse.

Her attending physician, Dr. George H. Starke said the death was caused by a blood clot. She had been hospitalized since Christmas night when a bomb exploded under her bed after she and her husband, Florida NAACP leader, had gone to sleep.

More than 600 persons attended the dead man's funeral. Dr. Richard V. Moore, president of Bethune-Cookman college, was among the speakers.

No new developments have been announced officially in the investigation of the incident although the federal bureau of investigation and local authorities reportedly are studying the case.

In the meantime, innumerable protests of the bombing are being directed to President Truman, Gov. Fuller Warren of Florida, and to local authorities asking that something be done about the anti-Negro violence in Florida.

Rewards totaling \$19,325 have been offered for the apprehension of the murderer or murderers of the Moores. They are headed by: \$6,000, state of Florida announced by Governor Warren; \$5,000, NAACP announced by Walter White, executive secretary.

Several theories, however, have been introduced as motives for the killing.

### Klan Claims Not Guilty

An unusual factor in this case is the stand of the usually vicious Ku Klux Klan. The Florida Klan burned a cross on New Year's Eve and denounced persons who accused it of the bombings. The KKK denied all connection with the incident.

### Virginia School May Be Named After James Weldon Johnson

RICHMOND — (ANP) — The name of James Weldon Johnson, educator, poet and diplomat, was proposed last week for the new Washington Park-Providence Park school in the North Side.

The late soldier's name was recommended to the school board in a joint resolution from the Parent-Teacher associations of the two communities. While the board took the name under consideration, it said other suggestions would be welcomed.

Johnson, who was born in Jacksonville United States consul to Venezuela and Nacaraugua. He was a teacher, a poet and a life-long student of literature and drama.

For a number of years Johnson was secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Among his literary works one of the most popular is "God's Trombones." He was also author of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the Negro national anthem.

## Second Term for Liberia's 18th President William V. S. Tubman



MONROVIA, LIBERIA—Another dramatic setting is in the making for the inauguration January 7, 1952, of the chief magistrate of this republic of two and a half million souls located on the West Coast of Africa, when President Tubman, above, is scheduled to be sworn into office for his second term. In the midst of his first inaugural address, the Liberian magistrate stopped and knelt to make a fervent plea for Divine guidance.

Deeply religious, William V. S. Tubman is a product of the mission school and church. Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Tubman, he was born in Harper, Cape Palmas, Maryland County, Liberia, November 29, 1895. Educated at the Cape Palmas seminary, which is conducted under auspices of the Methodist church, he subsequently received private instruction to become a prominent member of the laity. He has exerted a profound influence in religious or evangelical work, regardless of denomination or sect throughout his eight years in office.

Since Liberia's inception early in the 19th century, the educational and evangelical activities of the missionary have been closely related to the country's economic, social and cultural progress. Representatives of foreign missionary boards played conspicuous roles in making Centennial Sunday a memorable success in the country's 100th anniversary celebration July 24 to August 14, 1947.

Missionaries from the Methodist church and the Protestant Episcopal church in America have been active longest in Liberia. The program of the Catholic church is directed from Ireland.

Other Foreign Missionary boards active in religious and educational work here are Negro Baptist Convention, Unincorporated, Negro Baptist Convention, Incorporated, Lutheran church, A. M. E. Church, A. M. E. Zion church, Lott Carey Convention, Seventh Day Adventist and Assemblies of God.

As head of the Liberian government, Pres. Tubman directs activities of one of the original members of the United Nations. Its Free Port of Monrovia is the finest on the west African coast. Completed last year with the assistance of a Lend-Lease Loan from the United States, the \$22 million dollar port has already started to pay back through earnings.

The great rubber plantations, so valuable to the U. S. when 90% of the supply was cut off during World War II by the Japanese seizure of Southeast Asia, have become increasingly important. No less important is the opening up of Liberian mines which produce an average iron content of 68.9 per cent, the purest iron ore being mined in the world today. In this small but active country, America has found a valuable contribution to its defense program.