



Thick, black smoke could be seen for miles around Watertown Wednesday night as the old Taggart Paper Mill, 595 W. Main St., was destroyed by fire. —Times Staff Photo by Jack Zuzak



Interior of old Taggart mill is a mass of ruin this morning. —Times Staff Photo

Cross Used To Break Windows at IHC

Vandals used a cross taken from the wall as a battering ram as they went through the school by taking half of a maculate Heart Central concrete block from a pile at the rear of the school, then used it to smash a 12 by 36 inch window on the west side of the building. After entering the front main lobby on the first floor, the persons removed a large cross from the wall and used it to break glass to gain admittance to the main office. Nothing was missing, with only a slight degree of ransacking, police said. They then went to the second floor where they broke windows to get into the physics, biology, and general science rooms. Once inside, they broke more windows, threw pictures on the floor, and stole a fireblanket. Nothing else was believed.

RUMMAGE SALE
10 A.M. FRI., OCT. 6
Emmanuel
Congregational Church
119 S. Hamilton St.

C. Gordon Gates Dies

RODMAN — C. Gordon Gates, 71, died Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the House of the

following a heart attack suffered at his home in the morning.

The funeral will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Piddock Funeral Home, Adams. Rev. Floyd Wilder, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Surviving, besides his widow, Mrs. Jeannette Sanford Gates, are a daughter, Mrs. Melville (Helen) Curtis, Rodman; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Born in Rodman, Aug. 1, 1901, son of Charles W. and Fannie Gordon Gates, he attended local schools, Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and the Albany Business College.

On Aug. 16, 1919, he married Jeannette Sanford at her home in Adams Center.

Mr. Gates, owner and operator of several local farms, was a member of the Congregational Church.

Woman, 82, Expires

MANNVILLE — Mrs. Mildred A. Van Auken, 82, widow of Bert Van Auken, died Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Mercy Hospital, Watertown.

The funeral will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Piddock Funeral Home, Adams. Rev. Miles Hutchinson, pastor of Mannville United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Marvin (Marian) Schrimmer; a niece, Mrs. Charles (Betty) Brown, Mannville, and a nephew, Judson Pooler, East Long Meadow, Mass.

Born June 8, 1890 in the Town of Lorraine, daughter of Adelbert J. and Jennie L. Cox Pooler, she attended local schools and Cortland Normal School.

On Dec. 27, 1910, she was married to Bert Van Auken. The couple operated a nearby farm, the land of which had been cleared by her grandfather. Later, they moved to Adams and were in the domestic bakery business with her brother, A. J. Pooler & Son.

After Mr. Van Auken's retirement, the couple spent 20 years at Lakeland, Fla. He died in June, 1957. Mrs. Van Auken returned to Mannville in 1967 and had since lived with her sister, Mrs. Marvin Schrimmer.

She was a member of the WSCS of the Methodist Church and of the Home Makers Club.

Meeting Postponed

DEXTER — The village board meeting has been postponed a week and will be held Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building on Lock Street.

The board has voted to delay village clean-up days from this month to Nov. 1 and 2 to give residents opportunity to dispose of leaves, which can no longer be burned and large items that cannot be taken in the regular weekly trash collection.

Flames Destroy

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idea what would be done with the building.

The firm which owns the old paper mill also owned neighboring buildings occupied by Black Clawson Co., Century Warehouse, Inc., and Main Auto Parts, it was said. These adjacent buildings were saved.

The fire was brought under control about 9 p.m., according to firemen.

At 11 p.m. firefighters were still dumping thousands of gallons of water on the building, but the tension had eased. Firemen were drinking coffee and beer and eating sandwiches provided by various groups.

At one point during the blaze, a man wearing a Town of Watertown firemen's coat and City of Watertown firemen's hat, was overcome by smoke and had to be given oxygen by Guilfoyle Ambulance.

Upon checking police found that man was not a fireman, but just a helpful person who had come to the scene from the nearby Turf Club.

Chief Perrigo said this morning it would be several days before he could determine how many gallons of water were dumped on the fire.

However, he said there were 12 hoses strung out and two monitor nozzles capable of spraying 500 gallons a minute and one nozzle spraying 700 gallons a minute. The chief did not know how much water the other departments were putting on the fire.

The chief said his department will continue to put water on the ruins for two or three days.

Chief Perrigo said he is still trying to determine who called the fire in to the department. He said the caller stated there was "a small fire behind Century Wholesale, Inc." The chief said the number one company began calling for assistance when they passed over Court Street Bridge and saw the smoke and flames.

The old mill was originally the distillery of William H. Angel, a well-known Watertown distiller, which was taken over for the production of paper in 1886 by the late Byron B. Taggart Sr., who, with his brother, the late William W. Taggart, founded the Taggart Brothers Co.

Until his death in 1897, B. B. Taggart was one of the most important paper manufacturers in the state. The firm produced a special type of paper which was the first of its kind in Northern New York.

The mill remained with the Taggart Company until 1949 when it was merged with St. Regis Paper Co. Then, in 1951, St. Regis moved its operation to Pensacola, Fla., leaving the facility in Watertown idle.

In 1954, Abe Cooper, president of Aco Machine Co., purchased the building and started the business of renovating paper machinery.

All operations ceased in 1959 and the building has not been used for production since.

Workmen, in the last few weeks, have been removing old machinery and scrap iron from the building.

It is believed that the late

Loftus Undecided

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"I am sure we (the Council) will want to use the money to benefit everyone equally. It's up to the people ultimately, it's their money."

Revenue Restriction

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"The Landlord is not going to lower your rent," he said. There are eight broad categories of spending for "ordinary and necessary" operation and maintenance of municipal government:

1. Public Safety.
2. Environmental Protection.
3. Public Transportation.
4. Health.
5. Recreation.
6. Libraries.
7. Social Services for poor and aged.
8. Financial Administration, presumably tax reduction and maintenance of the revenue sharing trust fund.

The first three categories were in the House bill. The other five were added in the Senate-House conference which produced the compromise.

The compromise bill is scheduled for a vote soon, with expectations President Nixon will sign the bill in time for checks to start coming before November elections.

New York Senators Jacob J. Javits and James L. Buckley voted for the Senate revenue sharing bill.

Cape Fishing Winners Are Listed

CAPE VINCENT — Winners in the weekly fishing contest sponsored by the local chamber of commerce were:

Black bass — Edna Gliotlone, Rochester, three pounds.

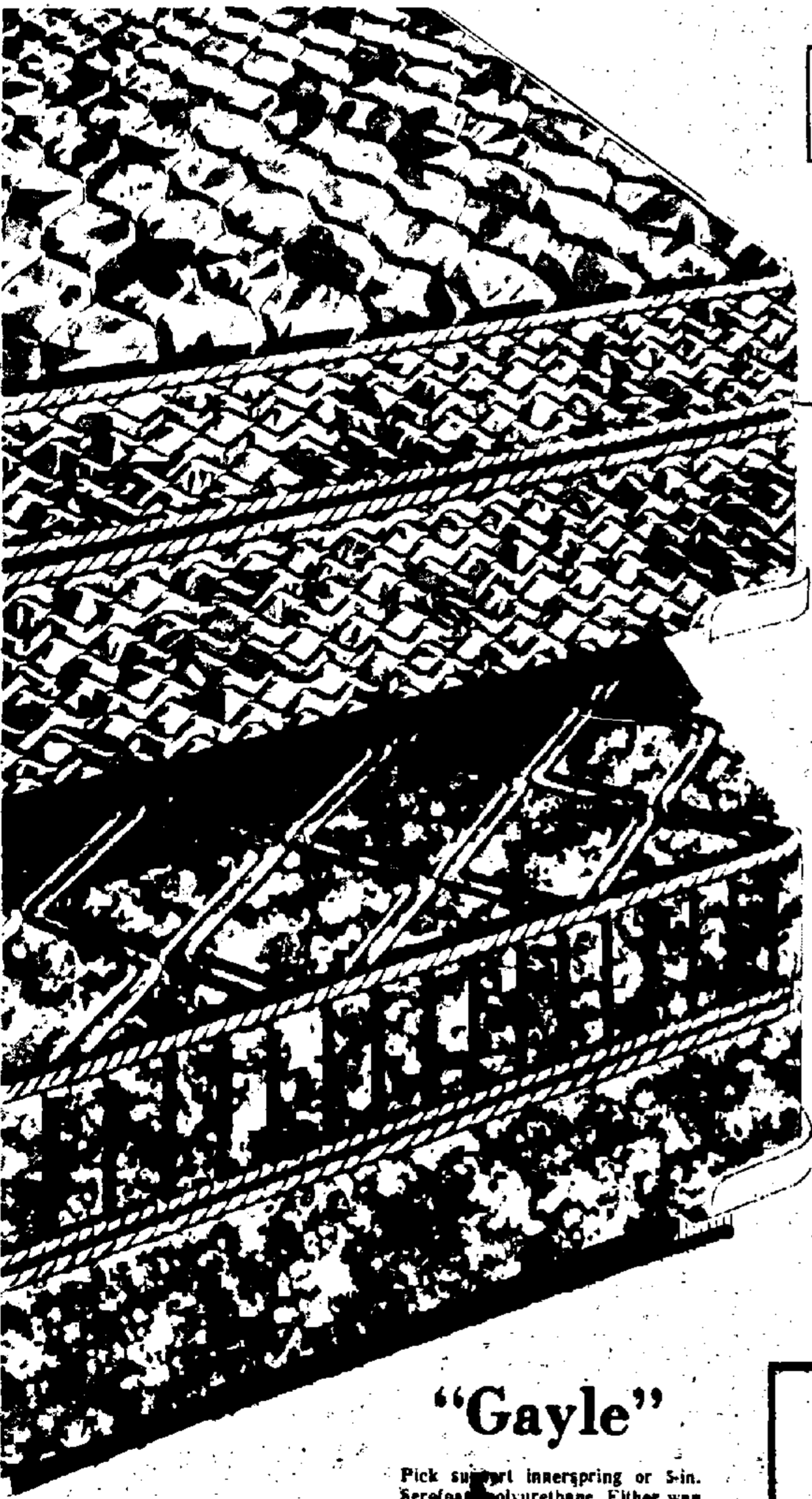
Northern pike — Gene Young, Mill Hall, Pa., 12 pounds, three ounces.

Completes Metal Course
CHAUMONT — Marine Pvt. Paul A. Sanford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanford of Star Route, Chaumont, has completed the journeyman metal working course at the Marine Corps Engineer School, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Service Planned
"Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" will be the sermon topic at the 11 a.m. Sunday service at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, 229 So. Massey St. Severien Meyer will be organist. Mrs. Dorothy Swan will be soloist.

First Methodist
Donald S. Rickett, assistant superintendent of schools for the Watertown School system, will be the speaker at the laymen Sunday observance at the First United Methodist Church at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Rickett will be assisted in the service by Medford Schnauber, church lay leader. A coffee hour will follow the service and nursery service will be provided.

Abe Cooper recently sold the building to a group of businesses in Syracuse.



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