



TRAGEDY SITE — This Christmas card scene at the Yodelin ski chalet area, turned to one of sudden death and

hours of tollsome revive work Sunday after a snowslide, from the hill in the background smashed the right-hand

cabin and mangled a girl in an up-stage back bedroom of the parent one.



DIGGING FOR LIFE — Rescuers dig for bodies buried beneath snow at the Yodelin ski chalet area near Stevens Pass Sunday, while they speculate in the rate of an inch of

the person were saved from the cabin wreckage in which three others had including the mother and her wife.

Four die as snowslide crushes Yodelin cabins

(The additional avalanche picture, Page 1, general reader Series Page 1.)

Four persons were killed and a fifth injured as a snowslide struck the Yodelin ski chalet area Sunday, crushing two cabins and mangled a girl in an up-stage back bedroom of the parent one.

The avalanche struck about 1:30 a.m. on what was a typical winter night at Yodelin, ski resort area in the upper part of the pass.

Cabin was being used and packed with families and guests ready for a big Sunday at the ski resort. The building was being used as a winter school.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Barton Rogers, in their 40's, of Seattle, Kenneth Earl Lewis, 14, Lynn, were in the same cabin, and Peggy Dean, 12, also of Seattle, who died in the other cabin.

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Manson, three women convicted

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Talking It Over

With WILFRED R. WOODS

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CABIN SCATTERED — Arrow indicates how snowslide carried cabin like that it left down the hill and turned it into a mass of splintered planks and smashed furnishings. Workers made their finds of the dead and living near the point of the arrow. The Edgers girls were found near the uphill end of the cabin's path.



WARM NOW — Seated at the fireplace in the East Wyananche home of a friend, Mrs. R. E. Stagen, are Cindy and Debbie Edgers, survivors of a 15-hour ordeal under an avalanche Sunday on Stevens Pass. Their parents died in the wreckage of the cabin.

Four die as slide hits cabins

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hiding, happen all the accidents that would have been a happy weekend.

Telling in cold and feeling snow blanketed by a heavy snowfall that left the area dark, the rescuers pushed forward and down into the wreckage.

Their first find was a grim one — the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Edgers, who had been sleeping on the ground floor of the cabin. Suddenly they were startled by a thud as a beam fell from the ceiling. It was made by a heavy beam, but it was not the one that had fallen on them. It was the one that had fallen on them.

They were able to talk with one and see the other's face.

to free them and their own.

They were rushed to Westchester's Deaconess Hospital by ambulance and splinted while the search went on.

About 7 a.m. the six rescuers who had been taking for five hours, were relieved by others and by a helicopter brought down from Stevens Pass. They had breakfast in the kitchen of the cabin.

The doctor, called by Mark Stager, had trouble walking down the two hundred yard trail to the cabin site. Standing at the lower end of the slide, the machine gradually pulled more white men with hand tools toward it.

Seated and called diggers, they worked to free the cabin. During the power outage they tried to find themselves already in front of the corner of the cabin.

by term, held their hands above the chains of an air-lift and the harness lamp. They sat silent or visited in low voices.

They had moved left with the four victims, the body of the dead girl lay on a covered later to the floor of the cabin where she died.

They were taken from the snow-laden bedroom where she died down the stairs to the kitchen below.

At intervals a more drastic move would be made into the area and, taking lifts from above, cables in line with the rescuers orders issued by the Forest Service.

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He had had suffered little injury. He was heavily taken to his parents at the Westchester hospital.

About 11:30 a.m. the probing rescuers released the Lewis' small boys, who, apparently little the way for his long incarceration.

After receiving word from Lewis that Debra and Cindy had slipped to a couch near the fireplace, Oulshover located this spot for the rescuers.

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Stevens Pass, located on the west side of the pass Saturday by repeated efforts, was still closed today.

Telephone communications, intermittently cut in the area for the past eight days, were completely Sunday. At the height of the rescue effort, electric power was off for about two hours.

Don Payne, chief criminal deputy and Undersecretary R. F. Rose, supervising activities for the Chelan County Sheriff's Office near Leavenworth, George Carrillo, Lake Washington deputy, and Sgt. Paul Allen and Frank Horn, in providing communications for the rescuers.

Rescue workers worked long on slide victim.

SEATTLE (AP) — A rescue team that helped dig out a woman and her two children Sunday and rescues worked for an hour and a half in a slide attempt to revive a young girl.

John Peira, director of the Stevens Pass Ski Area, said he and other personnel gave medical attention to the woman, who was found with a fractured skull and a broken leg.

The rescue team was led by Peira and included a helicopter pilot and a medic.

The woman, who was found in a bedroom, was taken to a hospital in Leavenworth.

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Your Horoscope

JEANE DIXON

FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 26, 1971

Your birthday Tuesday: You may be thrust into vigorous activity this year. You are done of previous ventures which must be settled. Emotional ties become more important, perhaps a bit harder to manage.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Get started in good humor and stay that way while you drive an excellent bargain. Plan to stay up details tomorrow; get the broad outline set now.

TALIBAN (April 20-May 21): Omit any yesterday's approach, vigorously. Friends are full of theories while your pain trend of interest has gone on to more practical matters.

GENIUM (May 21-June 20): All sorts of financial documentation should be area for confusion or shake as you venture can be more readily organized. Be ready for victory.

CANCER (June 21-July 20): An early start and a full day of effort bring feelings of achievement. You can count heavily on an evening of social enjoyment.

LEO (July 21-Aug. 20): Express yourself fully and directly, beginning as early as local circumstances permit. Competition is just enough challenge to make it fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 21-Sept. 20): Follow up good news this morning with corrections, revisions of your business and financial plans. Don't heading for workable projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 21-Oct. 20): You'll be scripted as how much routine can be done with consistent effort. Family affairs are amenable to planning tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 20): Think about self-improvement in your new work. Strive for efficiency, seek more logical responses for doing things. Gather loved ones this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 20): Get ready for a campaign of greater effort. Review your plan, organize your resources. Evening promises a change of atmosphere.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20): Files and shelves as an individual. Realize your goals and dignity in your tasks use of your improving energy. There's much to celebrate in the evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Just when you are set to try something new, along comes somebody with a big story. Stay with your main projects. Extra help is available.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20): This is an open opportunity day in which you may or may have your own way by using what you know to best advantage. Always good will all around.

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They recall night of terror

For girls, life goes on

By YERN MATTHEWS

The courageous Seattle girls who sat the sole survivors of the E. Burton Edgers Jr. family headed homeward today — leaving behind a wreckage of Stevens Pass avalanche history.

Flying home after spending the night with Mrs. R. E. Stagen, 1481 N. Eastmont, were Cindy Edgers, 14, and her older sister, Debbie, 15.

They'll enjoy their parents, both killed in the Sunday morning Stevens Pass avalanche, and pick up their lives again.

Debbie and Cindy this morning recalled additional details of their 15-hour ordeal for Daily World.

"When we heard the tractor moving around at first I thought it was another avalanche," said Debbie.

"But when it kept starting and stopping, Cindy recognized it as a tractor."

They told of their air supply.

"I'd started to get stuff but we could breathe. We could feel a breeze coming around one corner of the tripod of timbers that were holding the snow up."

Did they have fears that the rescuers would never get them out?

"Yes, but," said Cindy.

"We were scared," said Debbie. "Not really, though. It was just that we had to think about it."

They particularly had to fight for

able and warm during their entrapment. Her foot was caught. Otherwise they were free to move about to a limited degree.

"Debbie felt alone as I started talking to her," Cindy said.

They couldn't remember today if they had or hadn't heard the rumble which would have assumed the coming of the massive slide.

"Cindy started opening all over me and I thought she was doing it purposefully," Debbie said.

Debbie and Cindy each said they have probably never had happiness — they say avalanche had killed them.

"After 'feeling' all around me," she said, "I could feel my hand on it and it was cold as they," Debbie said, recalling how she had reached out from the covers of their bed.

Both said they'd be forever thankful to all the unknown persons who worked so long and arduous to free them from what could have been their mountain grave.

They were examined and released from Deaconess Hospital Sunday night after being treated by ambulance at the mountain. They spent the night in the relaxing atmosphere of the home of Debbie's godmother, Mrs. Stagen.

"We're all that's left of the family. We'll stick together and carry on," said Debbie.



SLIDE SURVIVORS CARRIED OUT — Rescuers who toiled for more than 12 hours to release four people imprisoned in a snow-crushed cabin near Stevens Pass, hurry one of the six to a waiting ambulance. Four others died in the avalanche that destroyed one cabin and damaged another. Photo by Jay Satterfield, Leavenworth.

most administration, depending on the type of case.

The use of hotels as temporary shelter because of the housing shortage has come up for discussion by the city.

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MASONIC NOTICE

Stevens Lodge No. 112, F. & A.M. Special Communication January 26, 1971, 10:15 a.m.

General Services for War. Bro. William S. Owens.

—Leroy V. Thorp, Worshipful Master.