

WEATHER

Today: Cloudy, chance of showers.
Tomorrow: Cloudy, cooler.
Tides:
High 8:52 a.m.; 9:04 p.m.
Low 2:55 a.m.; 2:49 p.m.
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4 DIE IN BRIGHTON TOWERS FIRE

By JOHN L. BOUCHER

Four persons died and 20 were injured Friday when a general alarm fire swept through two floors of the 12-story Brighton Towers, a luxury apartment at Atlantic Avenue between Brighton Avenue and Stenton Place.

Found in the building, which had been advertised as fireproof, were Maria Faligiatore, 42, of Apartment 803, a waitress at the 500 Club, and Judith Stout, 25, an Atlantic City Hostess.

Mrs. Marie Andelman of Apartment 811 was found dead of a apparent heart attack while a fourth person was not immediately identified.

Two of the dead were found in the rubble of a stalled elevator on the seventh floor. A maintenance man operating the elevator said he was

spared their tragic fate when he was blown through the door when the fire began.

FELLED BY SMOKE

Another victim was taken from a 10th floor elevator where apparently she was overcome by the dense smoke that billowed through the aluminum and glass structure.

The blaze fought by more than 300 firemen broke out at 7:30 p.m. and was reported under control nearly two hours later.

Firefighters ate through the seventh and eighth floor apartments and burst out through the Atlantic and Brighton Avenue sides over small balconies extending from the walls.

Fire Marshal Michael Bloomberg said the fire began in the seventh floor apartment of Mrs. Sandra Toner, and was admitted to Atlantic City Hospital. Also admitted were Sarah Seidman and Eva Haskowitz.

Homeless Relive Moments of Fear

By WILLIAM BONVIE
Press Staff Writer

A tale of unexpected chaos and horror visited on the residents of a luxury apartment building during a quiet, rainy Friday evening was relieved several hours later as refugees from the upper floors of the Brighton Towers told how it was.

Between 80 and 90 people, many of them elderly, who were forced out of their apartments by the deadly holocaust that swept through two floors of the building gathered in the Windsor Lounge of the Claridge Hotel while awaiting assignment of temporary quarters there.

Many were dressed in nightclothes and still smelled of the acrid smoke that permeated the fire scene. Some looked bewildered, and a few were checked by Claridge House Dr. J. Joseph Jacobsen.

While the cheerful music of Pedro Albini and his orchestra waited through the hotel from another lounge across the floor, the fire refugees drank coffee, conversed with one another and told reporters of the alarm that turned reporters of the real thing.

"We are able to confirm published reports that the USS New Jersey has been diverted from her scheduled arrival at Long Beach, Calif., and is returning to the Western Pacific."

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Jail Suspended For Pierpont

By DOROTHY REID
Press Staff Writer

James M. Pierpont, 32, former acting superintendent of the Egg Harbor Township schools, was sentenced Friday to a two-year prison sentence in the State Prison, fined \$200, and ordered to make full restitution of \$1,430 in school funds he admittedly embezzled.

He also was placed on probation for two years by Judge Thomas W. Rauffenburt.

Pierpont's attorney told the court his client already had paid back \$660 to the school board. The balance of payments, the judge directed, are to be made directly to the probation office.

Pierpont pleaded guilty on Feb. 19 to the charge that he had embezzled \$1,430 from the Student Activity Fund at the H. Russell Swift School over a period starting in January 1967.

The theft reportedly was not discovered until the following year, and Pierpont was dismissed last June 30. He was then principal of the Swift school.

He was appointed acting superintendent for about six months in July 1968 following the resignation of Superintendent William H. Shayhoun, who has since returned to the post.

Pierpont, married and the father of two children, now is chairman of the English Department in one of the Willingboro schools.

School officials in that Burlington County community are aware of Pierpont's criminal indictment and guilty plea, Kupperman indicated, and wrote letters to local officials commanding his work in their schools.

The police rushed over and disarmed him. While they were administering first aid, Days said he had shot his wife, Russell Fiordimondo about 8:45 a.m. Friday walking north on Fourth Street near Peach Street, Tirelli took over the investigation of the homicide. Days has given a statement. Chief Maggiogiovanni said, but its contents cannot be disclosed.

He radioed headquarters for assistance. First to arrive were Ptl. Eugene Smith, Det. Michael Tirelli, Director of Public Safety Edward Rossi, Ptl. Richard Lahn and Sgt. Michael Bianco.

Days was asked to put down his rifle and discuss his problem, which he said, "I do not know." According to Chief Maggiogiovanni, he will remain under 24-hour guard while hospitalized.

Days was first spotted by Ptl. Russell Fiordimondo about 8:45 a.m. Friday walking north on Fourth Street near Peach Street, Tirelli took over the investigation of the homicide. Days has given a statement. Chief Maggiogiovanni said, but its contents cannot be disclosed.

When Days is released from the hospital, he will be charged with murder and assault on police officers and placed in the county jail. The arraignment will be here, but the date is not set.

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