

Keenan fire

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Primary findings from Investigator Keller of the Monroe County Squad confirmed the belief that the fire began with a problem in the heating tape.

Sergeant Shawn Brogan of the Fairport Police Department was one of the first on the scene. "There was smoke coming out of the top rear of the house from the chimney," he said. "The fire went out through the roof soon after."

Edward and Sally Keenan, two of four children, Kristen, 10, and Melina, 21, and a visiting friend, Daniel Laitner, 21, escaped the blaze being warned by smoke detectors in the building and an unidentified neighbor.

"I couldn't quite imagine where the fire was coming from for a while where the alarm was because it was so high pitched," Sally Keenan Monday afternoon.

The furnace and shut off the furnace and electrical things," she said, "but I couldn't figure it out. Then Dick

went upstairs and found it."

The fire was working on the third floor, and according to Keenan, might have been smoldering for a couple hours before the alarms sounded. The family lived on the second and third floors of the structure. The heaviest damage, according to Keenan, was sustained by their daughters' bedroom, however, smoke and water damage reached from the third floor to the basement.

Keenan said if the family could move some of their belongings from rooms usually used for funerals, the front portion of the building could be open for business. The family's living quarters also reached the front of the building over the funeral home.

"We are so thankful to so many people," she said. "I couldn't even begin to name everyone. The first man in the house — I didn't know him — he was a passerby dressed in a suit ready for work. He came in and said, 'You've got to get out of your house'. We pulled my daughter out of the shower."

Keenan said the building is covered by insurance, however, the amount of the damages has yet to be determined. She estimated that over the years the

family had put thousands of dollars of improvements into the property since purchasing it in November of 1964.

The home, estimated to be about 100 years old, had once been a doctor's office and was converted into funeral home in the 1920's.

Keenan said the only major structural damage was done to the roof of the building. "Some of the rooms, we got most of the things out," Keenan said. "The girls lost their entire bedroom, we lost our Christmas tree with all our ornaments. We lost a lot of sentimental things. It's frustrating, but the entire community has been great to us."

Keenan said the building had used heating tape for years and they had started to replace some of it just prior to the fire.

The Keenan's funeral home is still open for business, utilizing facilities offered by other area funeral homes. Keenan said their immediate plans include restoring their home as well as the business.

The family is presently staying with the Milton McMahon family on West Street.

Obituaries

Lina C. DeMallie

Lina C. DeMallie, widow of Anthony and former member of the Lincoln Baptist Church, passed away in her home, 18 West Street, on Sunday, January 5, 1986. She was 98.

A resident of Fairport for 35 years, Mrs. DeMallie is survived by two daughters and two sons-in-law, Geraldine and Leigh Hill and Verna and Charles Stauber of Fairport; three grandchildren, Bonilyn Osborne of Buffalo, Daniel Hill of Fairport and Jack Stauber, Penfield; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial service was held at the Richard H. Keenan Funeral Home and interment in Oakwood Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Perinton Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Service

Navy Airman Recruit David P. Andross, son of Sharon R. Earley of 50 Whitney Ridge Road, Fairport, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During Andross's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Andross's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1985 graduate of Fairport High School, Fairport, he joined the Navy in August 1985.

People

Patricia VanSlyke of Rochester, a teacher at Martha Brown Junior High School, has been selected to lead an exciting travel adventure abroad. The trip has been organized by the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) of Greenwich, Connecticut, and is open to students and adults. Over 350,000 students, teachers, and other adults have participated in international educational travel programs sponsored by AIFS since it was founded in 1964.

Jeanne MacPhearson has joined the Fairport Gallery, Nothnagle Gallery of Homes, Realtors, 65 South Main Street, Fairport. MacPhearson is a Perinton resident

and has three years real estate experience. She has completed Nothnagle's intensive, nine-week training program.

A native of Canandaigua and a graduate of the University of Rochester School of Nursing, she has been a sales associate in orthopedic supplies for seven years, in real estate for three years, and is a volunteer consultant with the Women's Career Center.

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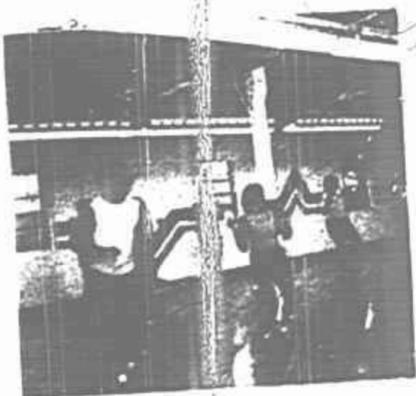
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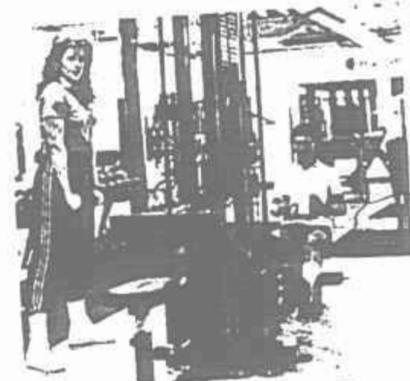
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