

BURNS FATAL FONTANA CHILD

Death claimed Carol Short, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Short, Fontana, when a coal oil lamp being filled by her father in their half-completed home at Pepper and Randall streets, exploded and destroyed the place in the resulting fire about 8:45 p.m. yesterday.

Despite his own burns sustained in the blast, Short managed to rescue his wife, Helen, the little girl, and a young son, Barry, 8, from the burning home. All received second and third degree burns and were taken to Kaiser Permanente hospital where Mrs. Short still is reported in critical condition. The little girl died soon after arrival. Fontana fire department was unable to save the home.

THREE ARE DEAD IN LAMP BLAST

Sole survivor of his family today, his wife, son and daughter having succumbed to burns received when a lamp being filled by him Sunday evening in their home exploded, A. O. Short, Fontana, is reported still in critical condition at Kaiser Southern Permanente hospital.

Mrs. Helen Short and their son, Barry, 7, died of burns yesterday, while their daughter, Carol, 8, died Sunday evening shortly after the explosion which sprayed the family quartet with flaming oil.

Burns Fatal to Fourth of Family

Burns sustained December 16 proved fatal yesterday to A. O. Short, last survivor of a family of four all of whom were burned when their Fontana home was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Short and their two children, Carol, 7, and Barry, 9, died within three days following the fire. The blaze which made the Short's partially completed home at Randall and Pepper streets a death pyre has been ascribed to explosion of a coal oil lamp being filled by Mr. Short. The body has been removed from Kaiser hospital to Ingold mortuary, Rialto, pending funeral arrangements.