

Jeannie Thompson

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Miss Jean Thompson Burned To Death Today

Miss Margaret Jean Thompson, 35, of Charleston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Thompson of Hinton, was burned to death early this morning in her garage apartment at 200-Z 27th St., in the South Ruffner section of Charleston.

Miss Thompson, private secretary for Fred G. Bannerot Jr., president of the Elk Refining Co. in Charleston, died in Charleston Memorial hospital at 3:45 a.m.

The fire was discovered at 1:15 a.m. by Paul Duncan Kelley, 36, as he prepared to retire after a late television show.

As he drew his bedroom blinds, he noticed a flash of light from the garage apartment and upon investigation found the apartment in flames. Kelley broke down the door but because the flames were so intense he was unable to enter.

Firemen found the body of Miss Thompson lying on the floor where it had fallen after the couch on which she had been lying was consumed by the flames. The victim had been reading and apparently fell asleep while smoking. Her television set was off, firemen said.

Hospital authorities and firemen were at a loss to explain why the woman was not asphyxiated. Doctors at the hospital said that her body was covered by third degree burns. Although unconscious, she lived for two hours after entering the hospital.

Born in Princeton, Feb. 10, 1922, Miss Thompson graduated from Hinton High school and Hamlin University, Minnesota. She had been employed by the Elk Refining company since 1941.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Straughan of Charleston, and Miss Ada Thompson, St. Albans; one brother, George A. Thompson of Glendale, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Barlow Bonsall Mortuary Chapel by Dr. George Vick, pastor of the Presbyterian church of which she was a member.

The body will be returned to Hinton for additional services and burial.