

## Henry Noble Prender

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**Prender, Henry Noble.** Suddenly, on Sunday, December 6, 1936, at Washington, D.C., Henry Noble Prender of Arlington, Va., beloved son of the late William N. and Dora F. Prender. Funeral service and interment private.

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### **Bus Aide Burned To Death In Room**

#### **Sight-Seeing Lecturer Found on Bed in Hotel Room Here**

Henry Noble Prender, 37, of Cherrydale, Va., was burned to death early yesterday while he slept in a room at a Massachusetts avenue hotel.

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald issued a certificate of accidental death today, based on evidence that Prender fell asleep with a lighted cigarette in his hand and set the bed afire.

Patrolman A.R. Houch, first precinct, turned in an alarm when he saw smoke issuing from a window of Prender's room on the second floor.

Prender was found lying across the bed, his body badly burned. He was fully clothed. The fire was centered in the bed and mattress. Casualty Hospital physicians pronounced Prender dead when they reached the scene.

Prender, employed as a lecturer by the Blue and Gray Sight-Seeing Tours, Inc., had not worked for several weeks, but on Saturday had received notice by mail to return to his job. He came to Washington from the home of his sister, Mrs. John L. Harper, 2027 North Stafford street, Cherrydale, and took a room in the hotel.

Prender is survived by his widow and 5-year-old son, Henry Speer Prender. His father, William N. Prender of Cherrydale, died two years ago.

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### **Lecturer Killed In Hotel Blaze; Cigaret Blamed**

#### **Body Found Lying on Bed After Smoke Brings Fire Alarm**

Henry Noble Prender, 37-year-old sightseeing lecturer, who lived at 2027 North Stafford street, Cherrydale, Va., was burned to death early yesterday morning while he slept in a North Capitol street hotel.

Lying across the bed of a room he had taken for the night, Prender was found by firemen who answered a call to the Harris Hotel. His body was deeply seared. Patrolman A.R. Houch, of No. 1, sent in the alarm upon observing smoke pouring from a second-story window.

Prender, pronounced dead by Casualty Hospital physicians called to the scene, was full clothed, and, because the bed and mattress appeared to be the center of the fire, police believed that he had dropped off to sleep with a lighted cigaret in his hand.

The man had been employed by the Blue and Gray Sightseeing Tours, Inc., but had not been working for several weeks, his sister, Mrs. John L. Harper, at whose home he lived, said yesterday. Saturday Prender received a card in the mail calling him back to the job, and he came to the city.

Prender, who was separated from his wife leaves a 5-year-old son Henry Speer Prender. His father, William N. Prender, a widely known resident of Cherrydale, died two years ago.