

Womack Is Burned in Explosion At Airport

F.W. Womack, manager of the Iola Airport, was severely burned about the head and face late today in an explosion at the gasoline pump at the airport. Fumes accumulated in the underground metal box in which the hose is coiled were detonated by a spark from the automatic switch when Womack started to raise the lid to refuel Ernest Bergman's Arrow Sport. Flames accompanying the blast shot several feet in the air.

Sensing what was coming, Womack threw his arm in front of his face, partially shielding it. The forehead and right side were the areas most severely burned.

Womack rushed in his own automobile to town and received first aid. The injury, while painful, was not believed to be serious.

Womack's hair and mustache were neatly singed.

The automatic switch theoretically is insulated in an oil bath. The oil apparently had evaporated, Womack said.