

# LITTLE CHILD FATALLY BURNED

## N. Roseburg Sewer Work Tragedy Scene

Patricia Mathis, Aged 3, Victim; Clothes Ignited By Flame Pot, Indication

Patricia, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Mathis of the North Roseburg district, died at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mercy hospital from burns suffered that afternoon when her clothing caught fire.

The child had been playing with children near North Roseburg sewer installations, where flames had been burning. Persons arriving on the scene believed the child's clothing was ignited by one of the flames which was only a few feet from where the girl was found lying in flames.

Glenn Ryder, public accountant, whose office at 1600 N. Stephens St. adjoins the area where the little girl, who had been playing with other children, was burned, suffered serious burns on the hands in attempting to beat out the flames. He is now in Douglas Community hospital.

Another man, Jack Darling, suffered lesser burns in assisting Ryder.

Tragedy Recounted Shirley Hobday (Mrs. Kelsay Hobday), Mr. Ryder's office assistant, gave the following account of the tragedy.

"Mr. Ryder and I were working in the office, when we heard screaming cries outside," she said. "We ran outside and found the little girl with her clothing all in flames. Mr. Ryder had nothing but his hands with which to beat out the flames. There seemed to be oil on her clothing as flames beated out one place flared up again in another place."

"Mr. Ryder did everything he could. Then Mr. Darling came along and helped smother the remaining flames with his coat."

Mrs. Hobday said she called the ambulance, which took the little girl to Mercy hospital. Mr. Ryder was taken by car to Douglas Community hospital. He reportedly was suffering from second degree burns on both hands according to his wife. She described his burns as very painful.

According to Mrs. Hobday Patricia was wearing a "snow-suit" over a dress and other clothing. Because of the elastic of the snowsuit around the ankles and wrists it was extremely difficult to tear the girl's clothing from her body.

Children Warned, Report The accident scene was on the west side of highway 99, directly across from the Rose-Edta Lodge. Sewer installations extend along

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## Professor Denies Burglary Charges

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — (AP) — A handsome sociology professor awaited his preliminary hearing here on burglary charges and declared indignantly.

"Why, I never stole a single thing in my whole life."

Dr. Gwynn Nettler, labeled by his students as the best dressed "Prof" on the Santa Barbara college campus, was arraigned on three counts of burglary and one of carrying a concealed weapon, to wit: one pistol in his automobile.

At the same time, Dr. J. Harold Williams, provost of the college, announced that Nettler had resigned.

The professor, in jail for lack of \$3000 bail, comes up for preliminary hearing Nov. 15. He insists he is innocent and blames a woman for his plight.

The authorities contend that by day Nettler was a respectable teacher of sociological subjects, including crime detection, but that by night he looted rich homes in Santa Barbara's Montecito district.

Sheriff's deputies who arrested him Wednesday on a tip from a disgruntled girl friend said they found stolen furnishings such as rugs, lamps, and chairs in the prof's \$150-a-month rented house.

"Honor" Killer Convicted Of 2nd Degree Murder

TITUSVILLE, Fla. — (AP) — A 44-year-old former county health official was convicted of second degree murder here for slaying his wife when he found her nude in bed with a married man.

A circuit court jury returned a verdict against Dr. Hans A. Strasser, onetime Brevard county health director.

Strasser testified he was not certain what took place when he discovered his 31-year-old wife, Wilma, in bed with a mutual friend, James B. Howie, a former technician at the guided missile base at nearby Cocoa.

Judge Millard B. Smith delayed sentence, but under Florida law the conviction carries a mandatory term of from 20 years to life imprisonment.

Levy Fact Rant By L. F. Reizenstein

With American casualties in the Korean war nearing 100,000, a U. S. senator says atomic weapons, now available, should be used by this country "if necessary." How much is necessary?

## WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



THE GENTLEMAN behind the wheel of the car pictured above, and his lady companion, pulled off to the side of the road for a nap. The lady's slumbers were practically insured when her head was thrust through the windshield. The steering wheel made shut-eye a cinch for the gent. Space between the seat (which was pushed 'way forward) and the dash was cramping; but you know how it is sometimes—you can sleep no matter how uncomfortable your position. In the back seat — not asleep but nodding absently, a man sat in a litter of smashed and gushing beer bottles.

## Laurel Lunch Business Bought By Albert Call

Dwight Pope, who has operated the Laurel Lunch, at 230 N. Jackson St., announced the sale of the business, effective Nov. 1, to Albert Call of Portland.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

More about New Mexico: A few years back the guy who does this Truth or Consequences stuff on the radio came to Hot Springs, down in the southern part of the state, and put on his program. The townsfolk were so steamed up by the publicity they got that they decided to change the name from Hot Springs to Truth or Consequences — thus, perhaps, outdoing Albuquerque in the way of making friends and influencing people to come and settle down.

It didn't seem to work. As a matter of fact, the town has slipped a little in population since the bright idea was tried out. Truth or Consequences is a frightful mouthful when somebody asks you where you live, and most citizens have shortened it down to T or C. A few are beginning to promote the idea of changing back to Hot Springs.

The place, by the way, has about 7500 people when they are all at home and accounted for. It has 103 MOTELS!

Well, it's a health resort. The state of New Mexico has the most excellent children's hospital here, and many parents of children receiving treatment must be housed. There are hot springs here and they are believed to have potent curative powers, especially in the

## Graphic Lessons Presented In Results Of Bad Driving

A woman, her face a bloody pulp, bled to death before help arrived.

Such was a traffic accident, occurring in recent months, described as "typical."

In a day-long session Thursday at the Senior high school, the county's traffic safety campaigners gave students some startling details on several "typical" accidents they've encountered.

Participating in the program were KRXL announcer Del McKay, District Attorney Robert Davis, Deputy Sheriff Ira Byrd, Deputy Coroner Robert Bellows and State Patrolman Joe Haystead.

The woman described in the accident was 38. The car in which she was riding and another vehicle driven by an 18-year-old youth were both driving the middle of the highway. They smashed head-on. The terrific impact flung the woman through the windshield.

On display at the school throughout the day was the smashed remainder of a car in which a man was fatally injured in Douglas county several weeks ago.

The car, along with several other

ers, will comprise Roseburg's "Death Row," on Jackson street Saturday.

As another step in their program to help reduce the appalling traffic

## Oregon's Traffic Death Toll For 1951 Now 365

SALEM — (AP) — There have been 365 persons killed in Oregon traffic accidents in the first 10 months of this year, which was eight more than in the similar period last year, Secretary of State Newberry said.

The October total was 45.

fic accident toll in Douglas county, the committee is preparing posters containing pictures of some of the highway tragedies in recent years. Several of the posters were on display Thursday at the high school.

# Three Red Jets Downed, 2 Others Damaged

## Allied Planes Come Through Without Loss

New Truce Conference Proves Futile; American Losses Nearing 100,000

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea — (AP) — Allied warplanes sent three Communist jets crashing to the ground in flames today, U. S. Fifth air force reported.

Two other Russian-made MIG-15s were damaged. The air force said all Allied planes returned safely to base.

Two aerial duels were fought over northwest Korea, with 52 American jets pitted against about 50 Communist planes. It was one of the few times the two sides have met on near-even terms.

On the ground, Chinese forces threw a series of small attacks before daylight at Allied positions near Yonchon and Kumsong. AP Correspondent Milo Farnetti reported a new Chinese division was in the line south of Kumsong. An Allied officer said a fresh Red army corps — about 30,000 men — was believed moving into the area.

An Allied briefing officer said the Chinese have moved up enough armor and artillery to be "capable of launching a limited offensive" on the western front.

Despite continuous pounding by Allied artillery, the Communists Friday still held two peaks wrested from the Allies Sunday near Yonchon.

Truce negotiators canceled their meeting today after an "inconclusive and unproductive" morning session.

A United Nations command communiqué, which described the talks as fruitless, said negotiators would meet tomorrow.

Losses Estimated The army at Washington today estimated total enemy casualties in Korea at 1,442,894 through Oct. 31.

Counted prisoners of war rose to reach a new total of 168,418.

The latest estimate of casualties among forces in the United Nations command is 313,711. American losses were announced this week as 97,514, including 16,480 battle deaths.

## Boy Heir To \$200,000 Ends His Life With Gun

SOMERSET, Md. — (AP) — A 15-year-old heir to a \$200,000 fortune killed himself Thursday night a few hours after his family moved to a new home in this Washington, D. C., suburb.

Robert Benson Low was found in his bedroom with a .22 caliber bullet through his heart. The rifle lay on a bed. Dr. Frank J. Brochart, Montgomery county medical examiner, ruled it was a suicide.

In the boy's pocket was a small card on which he had written: "I can't stand her any longer."

There was no explanation of the note.

Police said the boy's father, Joseph Low, died in 1949 and his mother remarried two weeks ago.

## Czech "Diplomat" In U. S. Branded As Red Spy

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A Czech diplomat assigned to duty here has been described by senate internal security investigators as a top Communist spy.

He was named by Senators McCarran (D-Nev) and O'Connor (D-Md) as Col Oto Biheler, military and air attaché to the Czechoslovakian embassy. The senators said he is now in Czechoslovakia.

McCarran, chairman of the senate internal security committee, said "it is known to our intelligence agents that Biheler, for two years, has been gathering information on this country's research into bacteriological warfare and atomic weapons and other advanced methods of defense."

## Philip Murray Again Elected CIO President

NEW YORK — (AP) — Philip Murray, 65-year-old former coal miner, was re-elected today to his 12th year as president of the CIO.

Possibility of a CIO - AFL merger appeared remote. Murray has declared the CIO against immediate merger while favoring cooperation between the two big labor groups.

## The Weather

Mostly cloudy today. Showers tonight and Saturday.

Highest temp. for any Nov. — 76  
Lowest temp. for any Nov. — 14  
Highest temp. yesterday — 57  
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 42  
Precip. last 24 hours — 0  
Precip. from Nov. 1 — .03  
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 6.44  
Sunset today, 4:56 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:00 a. m.

## Glutted Lumber Market Not Felt Seriously Here

The reduced demand for lumber products, especially plywood, has not seriously curtailed production in the Roseburg area, a spokesman for Umpqua Plywood Corp. reported today.

A glutted market has necessitated closure of a number of mills in the Northwest, but corporation officials don't predict a suspension of operation in this vicinity.

A huge backlog of government orders, which have not been moved because appropriations are lacking, was cited as the main reason for the reduction in production.

The Umpqua Plywood Corp. switched to a five-day work week about a month ago, but the spokesman said the trend was general in the plywood industry.

Three mills were named — USP at Mapleton, Cascades at Lebanon and the Springfield Plywood Corp. — which have been forced to close for a few days or an indefinite period.

An Associated Press release reports the complete closure of several mills in northern California. In the Shasta area, yards and warehouses are stocked with lumber and lumber products.

In some plants, the number of employees have been reduced, or shifted to other jobs.

## Pronounced Dead, Would-Be Suicide Restored To Life

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — A 60-year-old widow clung precariously to life today after having pronounced dead, then revived at the city morgue.

The apparently lifeless body of Mrs. Theresa Butler was found in the bathtub of her fashionable apartment Thursday noon. A doctor pronounced her dead. Two hours later, an assistant coroner heard a faint gasp as she unloaded her "body" at the city morgue.

Started, James Leonard turned to see Mrs. Butler's jaw drop open, then quiver slightly. She was rushed to a hospital. Again she seemed dead. . . no pulse, no apparent respiration and no measurable blood pressure.

But with the administration of oxygen, blood transfusions, drugs and artificial respiration, she began a slow climb back from the edge of the grave.

Police had listed her as an apparent suicide after finding two empty sleeping pill bottles and notes to her daughter directing cremation and giving instructions for the disposal of her estate.

The daughter, Betty Butler, of nearby San Jose, reported her mother had been despondent over a 30-year illness and the recent death of her husband.

Today, doctors held scant hope for Mrs. Butler's complete recovery. They said it will be another day before they know if she will survive, and then she may be paralyzed, sightless or deaf, due to prolonged lack of blood pressure to supply oxygen to her brain.

## Annual Turkey Exhibit Dated In December

Trophies To Be Awarded In Nine Classes; Special Events To Augment Show

The 20th annual turkey show will be staged at the Douglas county fairgrounds Dec. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, announces Edward Davis, president of the Northwestern Turkey Show, Inc.

Birds from the outstanding flocks in the Northwest will be exhibited at the show, which is one of the largest in this area.

In addition to the regular show, several special events are planned. There will also be a banquet and dance at the K. of P. hall, with proceeds to benefit the girls' drum corps.

Programs have been mailed to prospective exhibitors containing entry blanks, which are to be filled in and returned promptly.

J. Roland Parker, county agent, says entries for live shows will not be accepted after Dec. 3. All exhibits should be mailed to reach Roseburg by Dec. 4.

Classes Listed For Trophies Trophies will be awarded owners of the following specimens: champion young bronze hen; three most uniform young bronze hens; champion young bronze tom, and grand champion bird of the show.

Daily during the show at 3 p. m., a surprise prize will be presented in the show room.

On Monday, Dec. 3, exhibits will be received for both live and dressed divisions. The show opens to the public on Tuesday, and judging will then begin. Judging will continue Wednesday and Thursday, and the show will conclude Friday with release of the birds.

Melvin Lovelace will act as judge in the live division in place of the lifetime honorary judge, H. P. Griffin, Sonoma, Calif., who will be unable to attend.

Ladies of the Sheriff's Posse will serve home cooked meals every day of the show.

## Douglas Work Included In Highway Contracts

PORTLAND — (AP) — The state highway commission Thursday allocated another \$4,000,000 from the \$40,000,000 highway bond program approved by the last legislature.

Contracts will be let during the first three months of next year, the commission said at a meeting here.

Largest amount earmarked was \$1,500,000 for three U. S. highway 101 projects. Included was \$700,000 for grading and paving 2.2 miles starting some three miles south of Reedsport. A similar amount was set aside for grading and paving 5 miles of road and rebuilding two bridges about 5 miles north of Coos Bay. Another \$100,000 is to be used for grading and paving a half mile of highway south of Coos Bay.

## Prominent Oregon Historian Passes

PORTLAND — (AP) — Lewis A. McArthur, 68, businessman — historian, died here Thursday after a long illness.

A former president of the Oregon Historical society, he was author of the reference work, "Oregon Geographical Names." It became a standard reference book as soon as it was off the press. H. L. Mencken called it "the best thing of its kind I have ever seen."

Born in The Dalles, he was educated at Portland academy, took a B. S. at the University of California and later was awarded honorary M. A. and LL.D. degrees by the University of Oregon.

He worked as a reporter on the Morning Oregonian 1902-03 and 1905, and was ticket clerk and telegraph operator for the Oregon Electric Railway Co., 1908-10, then went with the Pacific Power and Light Co. He was named general manager in 1917 and elected vice president in 1923. He retired in 1948.

He is survived by the widow, Nellie B. McArthur and four children.

## Gas Panhandling Traps Alleged Auto Thief

DECATUR, Ill. — (AP) — A stranded motorist with no money applied to the Decatur relief office for aid and ended up in jail.

Floyd A. Huston, 40, of Rockford, Ill., asked the relief office for five gallons of gasoline to make the 150-mile trip to his home.

The Decatur office checked with the Rockford relief office, which learned Huston was driving a stolen car.

A warrant was issued against him charging car theft and parole violation.

## Lumber Retailers Get Wage Increase Permit

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — More than 250 small retail lumber dealers have been given permission to increase wages of their employees by as much as nine cents an hour, retroactive to July 1.

Major lumber dealers were given similar approval by the wage stabilization board Oct. 15.



4-H WEEK—Pictured above in the window of the J. C. Penney store are exhibits illustrating various aspects of 4-H activity. The articles have been on display all week. Saturday is 4-H Demonstration day. Starting at 11 a. m. Saturday, 4-H girls will model dresses they have made in the window of the store. At 1 p. m., the girls will present a sewing exhibition, which will include basting and sewing. Beginning at 3:30, the girls will serve cookies and coffee, prepared by themselves at the Western Auto store, to visitors. The special activities are being prepared in connection with 4-H week, Nov. 5-10. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

## Small Nations Urge Security At U. N. Meet

Tough Talks By Russia, United States Arouse Fears Of Another Korea

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER

PARIS — (AP) — Small nations pleaded for greater collective security against the possibility of another Korea today in speeches before the United Nations assembly. Their pleas followed discouraging new tough talk by the United States and Russia.

As they spoke, U. S. Ambassador Philip C. Jessup, in a news conference, charged the Soviet Union to start disarmament talks in the U. N. now—not to wait until some time before June 1, 1952, as the Russians have proposed. Jessup also accused the Russians of trying to by-pass the U. N. in asking a world-wide arms conference.

Russia's proposal was in answer to a U. S. plan—also put before the U. N. general assembly Thursday—for a census of armaments and progressive reduction of both conventional and atomic weapons. Jessup said the U. S. and her British and French allies would push for quick U. N. action on their proposal.

Security, Freedom Sought In the general assembly meeting today F. W. Dodge of New Zealand urged increased measures of collective security to give the free world strength to repel any future aggressions such as occurred in Korea.

In his policy speech he called on all U. N. members to "pull their weight in deeds as well as words" for an effective system of world-wide collective security.

The United Nations already has drawn up a blueprint for such a security plan, embracing not only military but political, financial and economic phases as well.

Any hope that the small nations had entertained that a lessening in East-West tensions might come about in this session was shattered by the hard-hitting policy speeches of Russia's Vishinsky and U. S. Secretary of State Acheson. Both said they wanted peace. But they were worlds apart in proposals.

Both the British and American delegations appeared disappointed by the swift Russian rejection of the three-power plan. But a French spokesman said the West refused to be discouraged. He said he hoped Russia would, as she sometimes has done in past sessions, reverse herself and accept the Western proposals.

## Handless Gunman Nabbed After Job

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Police reported the arrest of a handless holdup man.

Two officers said they arrested James T. Dupriest, 31, after he robbed a market of \$243 by threatening a clerk with a plastic toy revolver pointed through the hole in his right coat pocket. Dupriest apparently held the gun with his double-pronged mechanical hand.

Patrolman said Dupriest ordered the clerk, Virgil Hickcox, to put the money in a bag and place it under his left arm. Hickcox complied.

Dupriest fled with the money but was chased and hauled down by Robert Sherry, the market owner, who said he suspected the gun was a toy.

The officers said Dupriest told them he lost both hands at the wrist a year ago when they were caught in a punch press he was operating at Folsom prison, where he was serving a five-year term for bank robbery and was released last June.

## Taxicab Driver Faints When Stork Wins Race

MAYWOOD, Calif. — (AP) — Taxicab driver William J. Barbour, 28, ran 10 stop signals and defied a police red light — but the stork still won.

When he arrived at Maywood hospital with Mrs. Opal Maddux in the back seat and was told her baby had been born a few minutes and a few miles away, Barbour fainted.

The baby was a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and is doing fine. Barbour's recovering nicely, too.

## LESS COAL FOR BRITONS

LONDON — (AP) — Britain has limited the amount of coal any household can buy during the next three months.

Geoffrey Lloyd, minister of fuel and power, told the House of Commons that the country's stocks of household coal now total 1,160,000 tons — "only half last year's stocks and lower than they have been since the war."