

# 8 CHILDREN DIE IN COOS FIRE

## Parents, One Child Left Of Family

### Tragedy Occurs Near Coos Bay In House Partly Completed

COOS BAY, Ore. — Eight children died in a fire which ripped with flashing speed through an incomplete house nine miles north of here early Wednesday. Only the mother, father and daughter in the family of 11 survived.

They suffered non-critical burns. The father, Thomas Weeks, about 45, was near hysteria as he told of putting down the smallest child while he ripped open a window—then being unable to find the child again.

The mother and daughter, Dolores, 14, were staggering down the road leading to a highway when the first man to reach the scene appeared.

He was Walter Stowe, who told of being forced back by fire as he tried to enter the back door. The whole house was a torch, he said.

**Tragedy Story Told**  
Weeks, a logger was building the house himself and the family was occupying only a part of it. Stowe said Weeks told him that when he first was awakened, shortly after midnight, he grabbed the youngest child, Teddy, 2, and yelled to the others to get out. He and Mrs. Weeks and seven children were sleeping upstairs and two children downstairs.

The oldest daughter, Beverly, 15, was at home Tuesday night for the first time since visiting friends at nearby Charleston. She was one of those whose charred bodies were found in the ashes at dawn.

**Fire Origin Undetermined**  
Passing motorists, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Groth of Tacoma, Wash., took Mrs. Weeks to a hospital then called a priest at her request. Stowe took Weeks and Dolores to the hospital.

Coroner Brewer Mills said the dead were: Beverly, 15; Owen, 12; Nina, 11; Rodney, 10; Linda, 8; Dixie, 6; Carol, 4; and Teddy, 2. Stowe said Weeks told him a wood stove was used for heating and he had backed the fire and turned down the damper before going to bed. He said he didn't know whether the fire started from the stove or not.

The family moved to this area from Marcola about four years ago.

### Peril Lurks In Inflammable Jacket



HENRY D. COLE "Smoking" Jacket Is Correct

A blue and gray sweater used as a "smoking jacket" is one of the infamous "cremation jackets," a Roseburg man discovered Tuesday when he read about them in the newspapers.

Henry D. Cole, 1715 Fair St., said he had his since last Labor Day and often slipped it on before lighting the stove in the morning.

The highly-inflammable jackets gained nation-wide attention recently as a result of several fire mishaps.

Cole said he received his as a gift from his son, who brought it up from Los Angeles last Labor Day. Purchase was made at an unidentified store for \$5.50, he said.

Today the jacket was presented to the Roseburg fire department for inspection.

"Burns just like celluloid," Cole said as he touched a match to a small wad of fibers picked off the jacket. It did, too.

The jacket carries the label, "Esquire Exclusive Sportswear," and came in a tan box carrying the Esquire label.

### UNWISE FINANCING

#### Excess Capitalization, Investment 'Boom-Bust' Reasons, Dr. Gilbert Says

Over-capitalization of industry and over investment of capital — these are the chief contributing factors to "boom or bust" in our economic system, Dr. James H. Gilbert, emeritus professor of economics of the University of Oregon, told Roseburg Kiwanis members at their luncheon Tuesday noon in the Hotel Umpqua.

Dr. Gilbert was one of four University educators who visited here on a tour of Oregon points.

Speaking at an open meeting at the Hotel Umpqua Tuesday evening were Dr. E. A. Collier of the University School of Music, William J. Bowerman, head track coach, and Dr. Edwin G. Ebbighausen, associate professor of physics.

The banquet room was filled for the evening meeting. Attending principally were Oregon alumni, their wives and others closely associated with the University.

Historians show a recurrence of depressions on an average of every 11.44 years. Early economists attributed this factor to the fact that sun spots occur every 11.44 years, also, and attempted to point out effects of the sun spots upon crops and their relation to industry, said Dr. Gilbert.

**Stock Hazards Cited**  
Economists today, however, associate boom or bust with economic factors. He described over capitalization of industry, in a sense as selling stock based upon future earning ability of an industry rather than its true value. This creates wide speculation and if the earning capacity is stopped by a lowering of prices the value of the stock likewise falls. Over capitalization usually takes place during a period of rising prices. It induces expansion of bank credit, resulting in a general derangement of the financial structure when over production then results in falling prices.

Misdirection of capital comes about especially in boom times and is created by passion rather than sound reason. It is investment of capital in unsound projects. As an example of extremes, in England where water is plentiful promoters sold vast amounts of stock on a project to convert salt water for human consumption. In this country stock was even sold on a "Subscribe now, describe later" project that didn't even exist, Dr. Gilbert said.

Depressions can result from over pessimism as much as any factor. Banking thrives on continued public confidence. Practically all banks can pay out in full if given an opportunity, but a run on banks can force it to close.

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## Truman Submits Economy Agenda

### Five Billion More In Tax Take Advised

#### Don't Injure Defense Plans To Balance U. S. Budget, Congress Asked

WASHINGTON — President Truman Wednesday offered a dozen legislative proposals he believes will balance America on an economic tightrope between defense spending needs and threats of inflation.

The President's annual economic message to Congress pictured the fiscal year beginning next July as the "most difficult" of the armament buildup. It described the inflation situation as "precarious" and capable of bursting into full bloom.

As to revenues, Mr. Truman asked for about five billion dollars more in tax take—by plugging loopholes, eliminating "special privileges" and boosting "some" rates. This, he said, would provide the rest of the billions he sought and piled to get in full at the last session.

**More Production Asked**  
He asked, in this "year of strain" for 5 per cent more national production and one and a third million more people at work. He said price wage and credit controls must be retained.

On the subject of dipping into red ink, Mr. Truman said: "A balanced budget, achieved the easy way by sacrificing the defense program and putting the balance of world power in the hands of the Kremlin, would be false economy."

Pay-as-we-go mobilization must be dropped temporarily, he said, but picked up "as quickly as possible."

**Program Summarized**  
His 12-point program: 1. Renew in full force the Defense Production Act for two years, eliminating "weakening" amendments and strengthening controls.

2. Continue foreign aid—both military and economic—and crop new (Continued on Page 2)



J. F. "SI" DILLARD, above, was elected president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors Friday night. He succeeds George Luoma. Dillard has long been active in civic affairs and was appointed to a position on the Roseburg city council recently. He is the owner of "SI" Dillard Motor Company. Others elected at the meeting were Henry T. Carstens, vice president; N. D. Johnson, treasurer, and Ivan Pickens, assistant treasurer.

### Service Award To Be Given Top Junior Citizen

The presentation of a distinguished service award to Roseburg's outstanding young man Friday will highlight local observance of Junior Chamber of Commerce Week.

The presentation will be made at the birthday banquet and ball commemorating the 31st anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The banquet will start Friday at 6:30 at the Country Club. Pointing out the significance of the honor, Sidney Moon, president of the local Jaycees, declared: "The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce is making this award because it affords recognition to the young man who has made one of the most outstanding contributions to this community during this critical year of history."

Mayor Albert G. Fiegel has proclaimed Jan. 14-21 as Junior Chamber of Commerce Week in Roseburg to focus attention on young men and the work they are doing in the state.

### Dillard Child Suffers Severe Burns At Home

Perley Jane Collins, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Dean Collins, was severely burned on the back, side and leg Sunday morning at the Collins home in Dillard. She and her brother, Frankie, were standing before an open fireplace and Perley swished her dressing robe close to the flames. She was suddenly ablaze. Her brother wrapped her in a rug and with the help of their father, soon out of the fire. Collins suffered burns on four of his fingers. Francis, 14, is a local Boy Scout. Perley is in the second grade at the Dillard school.

### AGENCY PURCHASED

Ellis L. Gwaltney, employed for the past year in the Mayflower Insurance agency on West Oak street has purchased the business from Stan Terstege and provided new quarters at 901 Winchester street. Mr. Terstege left Monday for Denver, Colorado, where he will re-enter business.



QUOTA FOR JANUARY — The picture of the nine Douglas County inductees above was snapped just before the men boarded a bus for the Portland Induction Center Tuesday afternoon. They were the first group called from Selective Service Board 14, Roseburg, since a quota of four was filled in October. One man, Lawrence William Armstrong, Bonanza, Klamath County, was not present when the picture was taken. Pictured, from left are, John Lovick Berge, Myrtle Creek; Donald Clovis Johnson, Roseburg; Donald Richard Krueger, Winston; Roy Weston Cutler, Roseburg; Harold Dayton Winter, Oakland; Howard Irvin Hatcher, Oakland; Donald Harold Cain, Drain; Ralph George Swift, Brockway, and John Gary Piper, Roseburg. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

### WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



ROBIN KIDDER, 5 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Kidder of 130 North Chadwick street, proudly displays a 23-inch steelhead which he caught at Cleveland Rapids Sunday all by his very own self. "He did, too," his mother confirmed: "We had gone picnicking there with, of course, the intention of doing a lot of fishing, too. All of us like to fish. Even while Janet Morris and I were setting up the luncheon, Bob and Robin were struggling up the shore with his fish on his hook, reeling in manfully even though a bit confusedly. It took a long time to get that fish in, or anyway so it seemed. Robin was a very proud, and a very excited, boy!"

## Taft Favored 3-To-1 Over Ike For GOP Nomination, Committee Poll Reveals

By JACK BELL  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio is a three-to-one choice over Gen. Dwight Eisenhower for the Republican Presidential Nomination among GOP National Committee members

will express an opinion. An Associated Press poll of the 98 members who represent the 48 states disclosed: Of 43 willing to state how they stand, 31 favor Taft; nine support Eisenhower, two are for Gov. Earl Warren of California, and one backs Harold E. Stassen.

Members are arriving for a National Committee meeting beginning Thursday. Western regional GOP officials planned to study their own problems Wednesday.

A similar poll taken at a meeting in Washington a year ago gave Taft 29 votes; Eisenhower 12. Thus Taft is holding his own but apparently Eisenhower has lost strength.

These results came in the face of an announcement by Eisenhower that he is a Republican and is available for the presidential nomination, although he said he will not participate in pre-convention campaigning.

The current canvass reached 85 members. It showed that 42, or almost half, are unwilling six months before the GOP national Convention to express an opinion either publicly or privately about their party's nominee.

### Tidewater Oil Co. Gets County Business

Tidewater Associated Oil Company Tuesday was awarded the county's gas and diesel business, the county court announced.

Tidewater was one of four bidders for the county's gasoline and diesel purchases. The company was low bidder in regular gas at 21.3 cents per gallon, in premium gas at 23.3 cents, and about equal with other bidders in diesel at .126 cents in 400 or more-gallon purchases, a county spokesman said.

The contract extends from Feb. 1, 1952 to Jan. 31, 1953.

### Scrap Metal Collection To Benefit Polio Fund

The junior class at Roseburg high school is conducting a scrap metal drive, proceeds from which will be donated to the March of Dimes campaign.

Each of the classes is working on separate projects in a contest to see which group can raise the most money for the polio fund.

Jack Katzenmeyer, junior class president, urges persons having scrap metal to call the school, leaving their names and addresses. The Students will pick up the scrap Saturday.

### X-RAY UNIT SCHEDULE

The mobile chest X-ray units will observe the following schedule Thursday.

Reedsport High School, 9 a.m.-noon; E. K. Wood Lumber Co., Reedsport, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; Gardiner Mill, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Plywood Mill, Gardiner, 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Scotts Valley School, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.; Whipple and Creswell Lumber Companies, Drain, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Smith River Lumber Co., 4 p.m.-5 p.m.; Bank, Drain, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thomas Hotel, Oakland, noon-7 p.m. and Empire Mill Works, Sutherlin, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

### The Weather

Scattered showers mixed snow and rain today and Thursday. Highest temp. for any Jan. 77. Lowest temp. for any Jan. 4. Highest temp. last 24 hours 43. Lowest temp. last 24 hours 39. Precip. last 24 hours 7. Precip. from Jan. 1 3.27. Precip. from Sept. 1 23.88. Excess 7.26. Sunset today, 5:04 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:42 a.m.

### Todd Building Co. Gets Lincoln County Job

A low bid of \$367,543 was submitted by Todd Building Company, 904 Stephens St., Roseburg, for construction of a 30-unit housing project with administration building for the Housing Authority of Lincoln County, according to the Daily Journal of Commerce.

Firecrest Homes, Project No. Oregon 5-1, is the project's designation.

Included in the project are site preparations, roads, streets, walks, landscape work, utilities and construction of 15 duplexes and a 750-square-foot administration building. The duplexes will include, one, two, three and four bedroom units.

### Douglas County Road Conditions Improved

Road conditions in Douglas county have improved, reports the local Highway Department.

Chains are required for motorists travelling Highway 99 south, but conditions are not serious. Packed snow covers Section Mountain and plows are operating.

### Two Teen-Agers Face Stolen Auto Charge

Two teen-age Sacramento youths were lodged in the county jail Tuesday on a stolen car charge, State Police reported.

The boys, ages 15 and 16, accused of the theft of a 1938 Cadillac at Eugene, were picked up in Douglas County by a state patrolman.

### County X-Ray Service Receives Good Start

The X-Ray survey in Douglas County got off to a flying start—a total of 900 persons were X-rayed Tuesday, the first day of the drive.

Ham radio operators, volunteering their services, radioed the day's results from Reedsport. However, the mobile units were open a half hour after their reports, and the number may have been larger.

### Queen Presents Farouk Of Egypt With Son

CAIRO, Egypt — Queen Nargharim, teen-age second wife of Egypt's King Farouk, gave birth Wednesday to a son—heir to the Nile Kingdom's throne.

**Levity Fact Rant**  
By L. F. Reizenstein  
Austrian specialists have gone to Russia to treat Joe Stalin for a heart ailment. Joe's major physical defect, in the opinion of the average layman, lies higher up in his anatomy—above the eyes.