

10 WOMEN PERISH IN CHURCH FIRE PANIC



MOTHERS' MARCH REMINDER—This giant 5-foot candle, burning in the Hotel Umpqua lobby in Roseburg, is a reminder that Tuesday night is the time to "light a light" for the annual Mothers' March on polio. Wendy Burke, 6, reached high to light it last week. She had polio in September and spent three weeks in a Eugene hospital's polio ward. Her palatal throat muscles and muscles in her right arm and right leg were affected. Almost recovered now, she rests daily after attending Fullerton School. Wendy lives with her mother, Mrs. Yvonne Burke, and her sister and brother in Rosewood Homes. The giant candle was built by George Riggs and Jean and Elmer Baldwin. (Photo Lab.)

Dimes March Tuesday Aims At Higher Collection Mark; RHS Students Vie In Drives

A mighty army of marching mothers will conduct the annual "mothers' march against polio" Tuesday in Douglas County. They'll join thousands of women throughout the nation, and, like those women, most of the marches in county areas will be held during early evening.

The women hope to better their 1955 total of \$10,404.20. March chairman have been requested to call in their returns to county MOD headquarters in Roseburg as soon as possible Tuesday night. The Roseburg telephone number is OR 2-2871.

Freshmen Holding Lead Thus Far Over Seniors; Sophomores In 3d Spot

Roseburg High School freshmen took the lead Monday in the race to see which class can raise the most money for the March of Dimes. They have added \$1,579.80 to the school total which was \$3,750.52 at 9 a.m. today.

The freshmen added \$831 to their count from their "mile of lettuce" Saturday.

They were way ahead of their nearest rivals—the mighty seniors, whose total is \$722.08. The seniors hope to boost that sum considerably after their annual steak dinner Tuesday.

The dinner will be held at the Elks Ballroom from 5:30 to 8 p.m. It is open to the public. Charge for the dinner is \$1.50. All proceeds go to the March of Dimes.

Third place in the class contest went to the sophomores with \$642.75. Fourth spot was occupied by juniors with \$520.87.

Faculty business manager Ralph Snyder released the new figures this morning. He said money from other organizations had upped the MOD amount at RHS. That was FFA—\$100, Pep—\$50 and miscellaneous—\$115.02.

Money was still coming in, Snyder said. The student body is gathering clean white rags. They'll receive \$200 a ton for them from a Roseburg firm. Three other drives under way are those for coat hangers, empty bottles and scrap. The final report on the contest will be made Wednesday, if possible, Snyder said.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The weather in the Bay Area this week has left quite a little to be desired. Among its other antics, it has broken the ancient 21-day-in-a-row rain record, established during the last wet cycle, which has hitherto been the mark for comparison. But, as a topic of conversation, the weather has had to take a back seat for the Abbott case in the long, dark days when the jury has been deliberating.

The papers have been devoting about half their front sections to it every day, and it has provided small talk for every gathering of every kind.

The jury finally came in last night, and today the town is buzzing. (Continued on Page 4 Col. 6)

The Weather

Partly cloudy today, clear to-night, partly cloudy with scattered showers Tuesday. Continued cold. Highest temp. last 24 hours 44. Lowest temp. last 24 hours 24. Highest temp. any Jan. 71. Lowest temp. any Jan. 7. Precip. last 24 hours .01. Precip. from Jan. 1 10.24. Precip. from Sept. 1 35.17. Excess from Sept. 1 17.24. Sunset tonight, 5:21 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:32 a.m.

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Eisenhower, Eden Huddle On Middle East Problems

Plan To Halt Red Menace Confab Aim

Israel-Arab Peace Regarded As Essential To Avert Later Crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Eden opened talks at the White House Monday on the Middle East crisis and new strategy for blocking Soviet cold war offensives. The first meeting of the American and British leaders was a luncheon session attended also by Secretary of State Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Lloyd. Diplomats said in this first gathering the two leaders, who are old personal friends, would take an overall look at the work they have to do here and set the general pattern of their three days of conference.

Eden said on his arrival he was sure the meeting would "make a serious and positive contribution to peace" by promoting British-American understanding.

British and American officials have done much spade work for the talks, particularly on the Middle Eastern situation. Two weeks ago they decided it was essential to get Israel and the Arab states into active negotiations early this year if the Middle East is to be saved from a crisis later on.

Officials say that without an Israeli-Arab peace it is difficult to see what actions can be taken effectively to block the spread of Communist influence and Soviet power in that petroleum center of the world.

Four Problems on Agenda
British and American infor-

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Teenagers Wreck Jail, Incur Further Charges

Five teenaged boys, charged with car theft and burglary, face additional charges of willful destruction of public property today after smashing furniture and glass in their county jail cell Sunday night.

Sheriff Ira C. Byrd said the boys caused between \$100 and \$150 damage during their rampage. It started about 9:30 a.m. when they tore a desk apart in their cell. Using the desk legs as clubs, they smashed out the windows in their cell, the sheriff said.

When Jailor Jim Adcox tried to stop them, one filled a bucket with hot water and threw it at him. They also struck matches to smoke up their cell, but burned nothing. Byrd said the five were left in the cell overnight while 25-degree night air flowed in through the smashed windows.

Two of the boys are those charged with stealing seven cars last week in a night-long escapade starting in Roseburg and ending with their arrest in Coquille.



PRESIDENT of the Riddle Chamber of Commerce for 1956 is Robert Linder. He is an oil company distributor there. He succeeds E. E. Daniels. (Paul Jenkins).

Blast Of Shotgun Shatters Boy's Leg

A 12-year-old Roseburg boy was doing "fairly well" today and was facing a second operation as the result of an accidental gunshot wound received Saturday.

James Moore of 340 E. Wood Ave. was operated on Saturday afternoon at Mercy Hospital after a ball from a 12-gauge shotgun plowed into his hip.

Sheriff Ira C. Byrd reports the young boy was playing with a friend, Robert Overton, 13, at the Kenneth Overton home at 244 S.E. Douglas Ave. The Overton boy was holding the shotgun while both examined it, thinking the safety was on. One of the boys apparently hit the trigger and the gun went off.

One of the investigating deputies said the boy was lucky the gun did not contain birdshot rather than only a slug.

The ball fired from the gun rammed into the boy's body at the hip and shattered the bone in his upper leg, the deputy said. The accident occurred shortly after 1 p.m. Saturday.

Mercy hospital attendants said another operation is apparently necessary to repair the damage.

Home At Camas Valley Burns 2nd Time In Year

Nothing was saved Sunday afternoon as the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Millett of Camas Valley burned to the ground, reports correspondent Mrs. William Cunningham.

The Milletts were in Roseburg at the time visiting friends. The Camas Valley Volunteer Fire Dept. answered the call, but the five-room house was enveloped in flames when firemen arrived.

It was the second time in a little over a year that the Millett residence burned. Mrs. Cunningham noted. Part of the family's clothing and furniture was saved the first time, and the house was rebuilt.

The house was on Highway 42, about a mile east of town. Origin of Sunday's blaze is unknown, but it may have been started from a stove in the living room. The Milletts presently are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pasco. Two Millett children, Laura, 10, and Norman, 4, were with their parents when the fire occurred.

Millett has been working at the site of drilling for oil nearby, but is now unemployed. A move is under way to take up a collection for the family, Mrs. Cunningham said. Clothing, bedding or other items should be left at the Camas Valley Store or with Mrs. Cunningham, she said.

Beecher Early Advised Of Patterson's Decision

Probably the first person in Douglas County to hear about Gov. Paul Patterson's decision to run in the May primaries for the U. S. Senate was Gen. Curtis T. Beecher (Ret.), chairman of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee.

He received a telegram from Patterson Saturday saying: "I am announcing my candidacy for the U. S. Senate this afternoon, and I want you to be one of the first to know, as your personal interest and help in the past have always been so much appreciated."

In a statement to The News-Review, Beecher said he was "extremely happy to learn of the governor's decision to run for the U. S. Senate." He went on to say: "He will have my full personal support and I feel sure the support of all citizens who are interested in good government."

R. D. Bridges First To File In Court Race

Commissioner Office Nomination Sought On Republican Ticket

The first candidate to file for commissioner in the Douglas County Court was recorded in the county clerk's office in Roseburg today.

He is R. D. Bridges of Oakland, a lifelong Douglas County resident. Also at stake in the election is the commissioner's position now vacant, which will be filled immediately after the May primary by the Republican polling the most votes. Bridges is a Republican.

This arrangement was made by the two present members of the court, Judge Carl C. Hill and Commissioner Frank Ashley. They said so much "factionalism" had entered into the choice of the commissioner to replace E. R. Metzger, who resigned last year, that they would leave it up to the "people." The two members promised that the Republican receiving the most votes in the primary will replace Metzger.

Bridges was in the news recently when he was one of three candidates recommended for the Metzger position by the Douglas County Republican Central Committee. The other two were Ernest Seaton of Drain and Thomas Parkinson of Dillard.

When the court failed to select any one of the three, Bridges issued a public statement castigating the court.

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Arrest Of Teenage Trio Solves 2 Recent Crimes

Two recent crimes were solved by Roseburg police over the weekend with the arrest of three youngsters, according to Chief Stan Olson.

Two of the boys, aged 13 and 12, were charged with burglary after they admitted entering the Self Service Laundry on the night of Jan. 24.

They said they took six bottles of Coke after forcing an unlocked door, police said. The boys were released to their parents pending action by juvenile authorities.

In another case, a 12-year-old was caught after he repeated an act Sunday evening which he had pulled the previous Sunday afternoon.

The boy admitted breaking a window at the First Baptist Church. The minister caught him as he was walking home. The previous Sunday, the boy broke a window in the same church, he admitted, but was not caught.

The youngster was released to his parents pending action in juvenile court on a charge of disorderly conduct. His mother said she would pay for the damage.

School Aid Bill Debated

Ellsworth, Neuberger Not In Agreement On Money Phase In House Proposal

By FRANK W. VAILLE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) says he is "afraid" the school construction bill now pending in the House "will have the effect of ultimately shifting a heavy portion of the cost of building schools over to the federal government."

The measure, approved by the House Education Committee, would determine the amount available to each state, he said, by multiplying the number of children between 5 and 17 years of age by \$11.30. The money would be available to all states, regardless of need, the congressman said.

Ellsworth said he intends to follow debate closely on this section when the bill comes up in the House, but his present inclination is to vote for an amendment substituting a proposal by President Eisenhower.

Under the administration plan, grants to states would be made on a basis of need in relation to population, the congressman said, but would also take into account the effort made by the state to meet its own requirements.

Ellsworth said he believes Oregon would gain nothing financially under the committee-approved bill. Actually, he said, Oregon probably would be "just a little



CRUNCH—No persons were injured Friday night when this car plunged down a 75-foot embankment and into a frame house in Elkton. Driver Dale Chambers and wife and house occupants Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore and daughter Mrs. Phyllis Hardin could view the mishap Saturday while car perched in part of kitchen. (Sheriff's Dept.)

Loser To Wife In Polio Draw Learns Lesson

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (AP) — A do-it-yourself session in the kitchen has convinced Rep. T. James Tamm (D-NJ) that there ought to be a law compelling housewives to use paper dishes.

The 325-pound lawmaker found out the hard way that the little woman has no picnic.

Outfitted with a king-size apron, he put in a stint in front of Mrs. Andrew Ford's sink.

It was all done for charity—to give Mrs. Ford a chance to collect funds for the March of Dimes Mothers' March on Polio. She won his services at a recent drawing among 1,000 women.

Resting his aching back after clearing a sinkful of dishes, Tamm observed:

"If husbands helped around the home more there'd be less broken homes" but "there might be more broken husbands."

L.W. Tyler Heads Appeals Unit Of Planning Board

Leonard W. Tyler, Roseburg, has been elected chairman of the board of appeals of the Building Dept. of the Douglas County Planning Commission.

The board is planning to meet periodically to become acquainted with the building code and regulations, adopted a few months ago by the County Court. The board was appointed about three weeks ago. Its next meeting will be Tuesday night.

Function of the board is to hear appeals from the public on building regulations. Tyler's term as chairman will extend one year.

Banker And Son Deaths Apparently Murder And Suicide

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — A prominent Rockford banker and his 26-year-old son were found shot to death Sunday.

State's Atty. Robert R. Canfield termed it "an apparent murder and suicide" but declined to comment further.

The bodies of George H. Arnold, 59, vice president of the Illinois National Bank & Trust Co. for 23 years, and his son Robert were found by the elder Arnold's wife Rose. They were four feet apart in the garage of the family house—a showplace near the Rockford Country Club.

George Arnold had been shot once in the right temple. The son had been shot three times—once in the back of the head, once behind the right ear and once above the right ear.

A .22-caliber revolver was found at the feet of the banker.

Note Expresses Sorrow
A note which police believe was written by the son and addressed to his mother was found in a pocket of the father's trousers. It read: "Dear Mom, I'm sorry for what happened. Bob."

Police declined to speculate on the meaning of the note.

Young Arnold, a graduate of Northwestern Naval and Military Academy in Lake Geneva, Wis., recently was discharged from the Navy.

Police said Mrs. Arnold was too hysterical to be questioned immediately.

Damage was estimated by Patrick Pignato, a former venerable of the Sons of Italy Lodge, at \$100,000.

Possession Of Beer Charged To 3 Youths

Three Roseburg teenagers, one 17 and two 16, were to appear in municipal court Monday afternoon on charges of illegal possession.

They were arrested late Saturday night at Stephens and Lane streets, city police said, with two half-cases of beer in their possession.

One of the youths admitted that the beer had just been purchased nearby. Bail on each was set at \$75. The youths were released to their parents pending appearance in court.

MARTYR FOR POLIO

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Crooner Eddie Fisher nursed a slight cut on his nose today after a crowd of 2,000 young people showered him with coins during a polio fund benefit show. He was struck in the face by one of them.

Tax Change To Aid Low Income Widows Sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore) wants to see Congress amend the tax laws to remove a "never-intended inconsistency" which she says is penalizing low income widows with children.

She said Monday she will press for early committee consideration of her bill, introduced last week to eliminate from the determination of parental support for tax exemption purposes, the first \$600 per child received in social security benefits.

Survivor benefits are tax exempt but under the law must be considered in determining dependency deductions.

Mrs. Green said the law as it now stands puts the tax burden on the needy family while granting tax relief to those better off.

More Than 200 On List Of Injured

Happy Party Of 1,000 Turned Into Holocaust In Struggle For Exits

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ten women perished in a mad dash for the exits Sunday night after fire touched off panic in a hall jammed with a church crowd of about 1,000.

One of the dead was identified. The other nine bodies were believed those of women whose families had reported them missing.

More than 200 were injured in the frantic clawing, shoving and trampling which erupted as the swiftly spreading flames consumed Arundel Park Auditorium on the south edge of Baltimore.

Red Cross officials reported 18 were admitted to nine hospitals and 111 were released after treatment. Firemen said about 100 others were treated at the scene.

Survivors said one minute they were sipping beer, munching food and listening to an orchestra play "Tea For Two" at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic church oyster roast. A few moments later the celebrants, including many children, were a shrieking, stampeding pack of humanity.

As the fire swooshed along the wooden rafters and roof of the one-story cinder-block building, hundreds broke for two large doors in the front and rear.

One of the doors, which were of the overhead sliding type used in garages, was never opened.

Windows Horror Spot

Finding this escape barred, scores made for nearby windows.

Nine of the bodies recovered were found huddled under one of these.

Al Barthelme, former professional basketball coach of the old Baltimore Bullets and one of 11 survivors, described the scene at one window as "real panic."

"With everybody trying to get out of that window, it was pretty brutal," he said.

"Some were being pulled back by others as they started through. Some were even throwing out of

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Three Oregon Children Burned To Death In Beds

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — Three children burned to death in their beds Monday while their father was out helping two of his sons deliver newspapers.

Five other children and the mother were not at home. She only Saturday had given birth to their tenth child and was still in the hospital.

The fire, in the unincorporated community of Rieth, five miles west of here, destroyed the Chester O'Neal home and killed Phyllis Jean O'Neal, 8; Carol Jane O'Neal, 7; and Richard Dennis O'Neal, 6.

By the time the fire was discovered there was no chance to get inside to attempt a rescue of the children. Their grandfather, George Powers, tried it anyway, but was beaten back, the hair burned from his head.

Fire Fighter Killed, 7 Hurt In Lodge Blaze

BOSTON (AP) — One fire fighter was killed and seven others injured last night in an explosion-punctured fire which destroyed the Sons of Italy Hall in congested East Boston.

Thomas Slattery, 28, was killed when he was trapped beneath tons of debris from a fallen ceiling.

Michael A. Langone, 47, trapped with Slattery, suffered serious burns and was in critical condition.

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Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Turning down Russia's phony "friendship" bid, President Eisenhower cited to Premier Bulganin the Reds' inconsistent attitude in the light of their numerous misdeeds. Like the Republican party's symbol, the demonstrated that "an elephant never forgets."