

Works Bill Faces Possible Veto

Fires Claim Lives Of 23 Across Nation

By United Press International
At least 23 Americans, 18 of them children, died in fires which swept their homes today and Monday. A number of the fires were blamed on overheated furnaces and heaters heavily taxed by the wintry cold.

Seven of the victims, all children, died today at Youngstown, Ohio, and Nashua, N.H. Sixteen persons perished Monday.

Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Hall, ranging in age from 7 to 12, died when flames swept their two-story frame home at Youngstown. The parents and other children escaped from the blaze, which was believed to have started in an overheated furnace.

At Nashua, a tenement house fire claimed the lives of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ricard. The children, aged 3 to 5, were sleeping in an attic when the pre-dawn fire was touched off by a stove explosion in the apartment of another couple.

Four members of a Wisconsin family died Monday in one blaze while three children of a young sailor perished in another.

Clarence E. Hansen, 27, his wife, Frances, 28, and two of their four children were asphyxiated when fire swept their spacious home at Pleasant Prairie, Wis.

The children were Clarence, 2, and Kenneth, 2 months. Firemen said Mrs. Hansen helped save two daughters and a baby-sitter before succumbing to smoke inhalation herself.

The fire was apparently started by overheated Christmas tree lights, authorities said. The three children of a sailor burned to death when their house trailer at San Diego, Calif., burst into flames while they slept. Their mother, Mrs. Clouette Pike, 22, was awakened by the children's cries.

She suffered serious burns trying to save them before rushing from the trailer, her hair ablaze, crying for help.

The bodies of the children, Robert Eugene, 5, Marvin Lloyd, 3, and Valeria Sue, 5 months, were found in their charred bunks.

Three children died at Danville, Ill., when fire swept their home and a neighbor with a back ailment was unable to drag them from their flaming rooms.

Dead were Clifford, 4, Derrick, 2, and Michelle, 1, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly. A neighbor, Harvey McCray, tried to revive two of the youngsters but was unable to carry them from their house because of a permanent back injury.

The children's mother was not at home at the time of the fire.

Two children died when fire destroyed their frame home at Sandusky, Ill., but their brother and sister managed to escape.

The dead were Lucille Kimble, 2, and Lillian, 3. The children's mother was visiting a neighbor when the fire started, apparently touched off by an overheated stove.

In other fires, the bodies of Obie Goins, 47, and his daughter, Caroline, 7, were found in the flame-charred ruins of their South Side Chicago home; Carl Sullivan, 78, an invalid, burned to death when a stove apparently started a fire in his home near Nelsonville, Ohio; and Mrs. June De Annabal, 43, died of asphyxiation when fire swept her Steubenville, Ohio, home.

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SALEM (UPI)—An all-time high for traffic deaths in Oregon will go in the record books when 1963 ends at midnight.

With 551 traffic deaths on the official toll sheet as of this morning, traffic safety officials expressed hope that drivers would set a record in the opposite direction in 1964.

Last year four were killed and 315 were injured during the 102-hour New Year holiday period. The official holiday period this New Year's covers only 30 hours.



MARCH OF DIMES GIRL for Douglas County is Lauree Smith, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith. The youngster is pictured above with other "Dimes" leaders, left to right, Gordon Wood, county chairman for the National Foundation; Mrs. Jack Norris, Mothers March chairman for the county, and Robert Curtis, county March of Dimes fund drive chairman. (News-Review Photo)

Little Lauree Smith Is Named County's March Of Dimes Girl

A 5-year-old Roseburg youngster has been accorded a special honor in connection with the county's March of Dimes campaign.

Lauree Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith, 1363 SE Overlook, has been named "March of Dimes Girl" for Douglas County.

Lauree entered the world with a birth defect known as phocomelia (short arms). She is one of many thousands of children in the United States who are afflicted with various types of birth defects.

Robert Curtis, county campaign chairman for the March of Dimes, said selection of Lauree dramatizes the importance of National Foundation goals.

Centers Needed
He pointed out that a high percentage of funds raised in the traditional drive will help finance a growing network of medical treatment centers where highly significant progress has already been made in rehabilitating victims of birth defects and arthritis.

Even though Lauree's use of arms is limited she does many things well, according to her mother. She loves to draw and write her name. She feeds herself.

Mrs. Smith, who will take part in the January fund-raising effort by heading the Mothers March for the Roseburg area on Jan. 30, said Lauree will attend school on the same basis as other children.

Hopes High
Lauree, a pretty girl with brown hair and eyes, is still too young to receive special recreational treatment. But her parents, who have five other children, are pinning their hopes on medical science to provide ways of helping in the future.

One possibility is to provide the youngster with mechanical attachments to give additional arm length. Another facet of Lauree's problem is that she has no thumbs. The parents have hopes that this condition can be corrected through special surgery.

Curtis said the annual March of Dimes mailers were to be sent out today to homes in Douglas County. Each mailer contains an envelope in which a contribution can be inserted. The envelope can then be sealed, stamped and dropped in the nearest mail box for return to the county March of Dimes fund-raising organization.

Turner Girl Killed
SALEM (UPI)—A 6-year-old Turner girl, Carrie C. Binning, died today of injuries suffered when she was struck by a car near her home Monday.

State police said the girl apparently ran in front of an auto driven by John Hall Wilkinson, Turner.

The girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Binning of Turner.

FORGIVE AND FORGET
LONDON (UPI)—Mandy Rice-Davies, a central figure in the Profumo scandal, said today she invited former Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and former War Minister John Profumo to her New Year's Eve party.

"It's time to let bygones be bygones," she said.

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LBJ Working On Message To Congress

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI)—President Johnson today faced a difficult legislative decision on whether to veto the \$4.4 billion public works appropriation bill or sign it reluctantly with a strong statement of protest.

White House officials reported he was considering seriously vetoing the measure because it contains a section concerning the Panama Canal which he feels would set a precedent of restricting executive authority.

Johnson has until midnight tonight to sign the bill or withhold any action which would kill the measure through the process of the so-called pocket veto. In any case, Johnson was not expected to let the measure die without explaining publicly his reasons for so doing.

While debating what to do about the bill, which is loaded with pet home-state projects sponsored by some of the leading members of the House and Senate, Johnson also worked with his special counsel, Theodore C. Sorensen, on a draft of his State of the Union message.

During the afternoon, the President scheduled a meeting at the LBJ Ranch with Charles Murphy, undersecretary of agriculture; Michael Forrestal of the National Security Council staff; Gen. Marshall Carter, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Elmer Staats, deputy director of the Budget Bureau.

The foursome was assigned by Johnson to fly from Washington this morning to Kansas City, Mo. Their mission was to report to former President Harry S. Truman on the state of the fiscal 1965 budget, international affairs and intelligence matters. Murphy headed the group because he once was special counsel for Truman.

The four-man mission to Missouri was in line with Johnson's intention to keep former chief executives up-to-date on national affairs. Central Intelligence Director John A. McCone was given a similar assignment to report to former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

New Year's Eve on the LBJ Ranch was expected to be a fairly quiet family affair. The White House staff knew of no particularly festive plans other than the arrival of some of the First Lady's relatives who will visit the Johnsons for a short time.

White House officials said the President objected to one provision of the measure under which the Panama Canal Company could lease or license the use of certain real property in the Canal Zone only with specific approval of appropriate committees of the House and Senate.

Johnson felt this was chipping away at presidential prerogatives.

New Riddle High Plant Due For Viewing At Open House

Parents and general public are invited to visit the Riddle High School at an open house set for Thursday, Jan. 2, between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. Class schedules of present students, grades seven to twelve, will be available for the parents who wish to visit teachers in their rooms. All others may visit the buildings and be escorted on a tour of the classroom including the recently-completed annex.

Is First Viewing
This will be the first opportunity for most patrons to view the entire physical plant since the six-year high school program went into effect last September. At present there are approximately 190 high school students enrolled and about 100 in grades seven and eight.

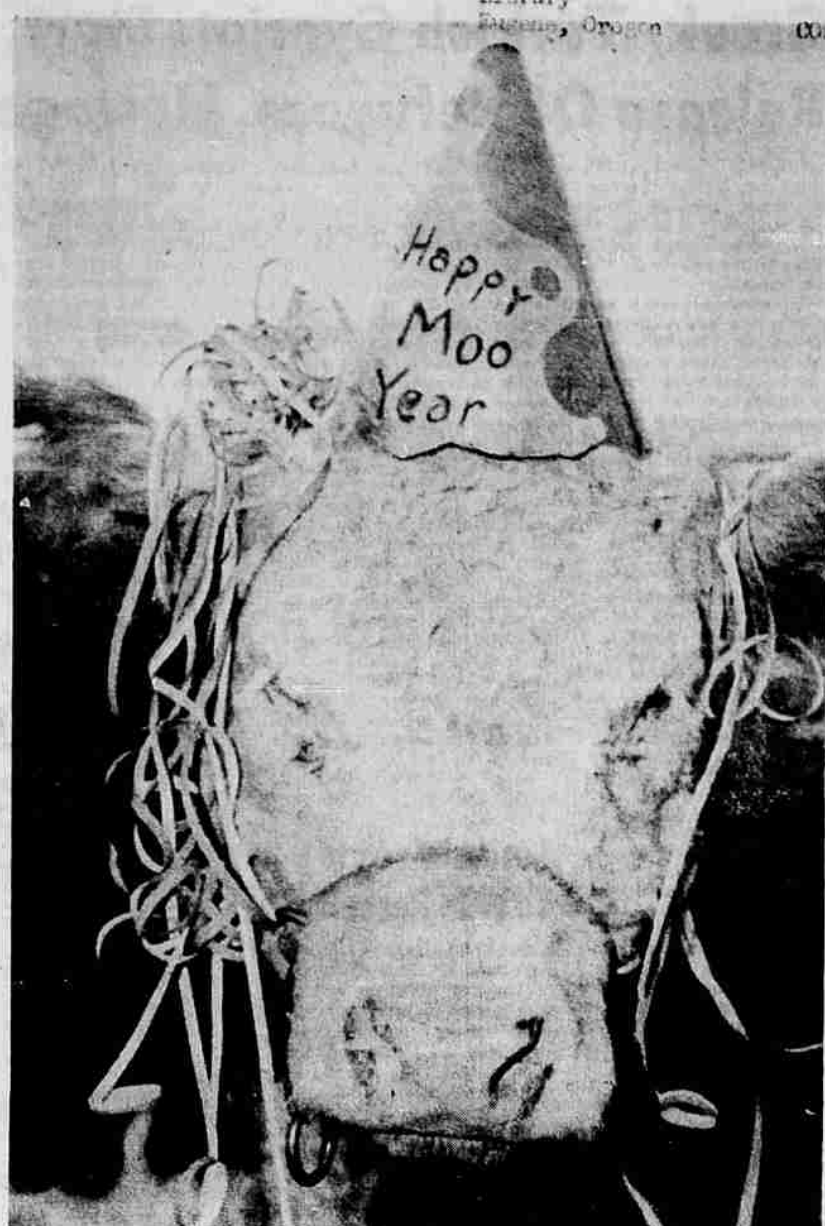
The seven-room annex includes social studies, mathematics, English and foreign language classrooms. A multipurpose room is used for choral work, classroom films, upper grade meetings, social activities and wrestling practice. A Co. of Roseburg, John Briscoe new 38 by 52-foot library pro-

vides ample study, storage and work areas.

The shop building is equipped with rooms for general shop, mechanical drawing, furniture finishing and storage of lumber and projects. There are 4,200 square feet of space in this recently completed structure. By inspection date, it may still lack some shelving facilities and the dust collecting system may not be completed, according to Kenneth A. Stuart, superintendent.

Remodeling Extensive
In the main building, extensive remodeling has converted the former library and small science room into a completely new biology laboratory with plant growth room, storage areas and photo dark room. The former mathematics room has been developed into a new, much-needed office suite. Stuart reports.

The total cost of these additions and remodeling amounts to approximately \$284,000. The contractor was Todd Building Co. of Roseburg. John Briscoe new 38 by 52-foot library pro-



"HAPPY MOO YEAR!" winks baby hereford "Blinky" in anticipation of the holiday. Perhaps the wink is just Blinky's way of saying "make that one more for the road, milk," but anyway it is a sound suggestion. (UPI Telephoto)

America's Millions To Greet New Year

By United Press International
Americans collected hats and horns today for that most roisterous of holidays — the welcoming of the New Year, arriving at midnight.

The millions of celebrations will have one thing in common — noise.

Many Americans will greet the New Year in ballrooms, restaurants and night clubs. Many others will await the event at private parties. Some will attend special church services. A few will spend the evening quietly at home, perhaps sharing vicariously in the frivolity by means of radio or television.

New York's largest celebration — and perhaps the largest in the nation — will be in the giant Grand Central railroad terminal, where 3,000 guests were expected to pay from \$35

to \$100 to dine and dance to the music of Guy Lombardo in a mental health benefit. Private railroad cars will shuttle the socialite guests from the suburbs to the affair, which will be televised.

Elsewhere in New York, Delmonico's Restaurant offered dinner, dancing and entertainment for \$20 and Hawaii Kai scheduled a luau at \$17.50.

San Francisco's St. Francis Hotel offered dinner and dancing for \$25 a couple and to insure that no one would miss the significance of the occasion, scheduled a parade of waiters bearing letters carved in ice and spelling out "Happy New Year 1964."

At Dallas the Statler-Hilton prepared to greet 500 revelers with a \$20 a plate dinner, dancing and a floor show headlined by flamenco expert Jose Greco. But the city's biggest party will be in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, where the Cotton Bowl Association prepared for 700 guests.

Tucson, Ariz., reported its nightclubs lowered their prices from previous New Year's Eve levels, offering dinner, dancing and entertainment for as little as \$7.50 a couple. Prices in neighboring Phoenix ranged from \$5 to \$15 a person.

The National Safety Council estimated that from 140 to 180 persons would die in traffic accidents during the 30 hour holiday period, beginning at 6 p.m. local time today.

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Court Decrees Death For Spy

VIENNA (UPI)—A Communist court in Sofia today sentenced to death former Bulgarian diplomat Ivan Assen Georgiev for allegedly spying on behalf of the United States, according to the Bulgarian news agency BTA.

BTA called the verdict "final and without right of appeal." It said the Bulgarian Supreme Court decreed Georgiev should die by firing squad.

Previous Communist news agency reports from Sofia indicated the former diplomat in effect had invited the death penalty for his crimes, which he was supposed to have committed to pay for mistresses on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

Georgiev, 56, went on trial for treason on Thursday. BTA had reported previously that he made a full confession the first day and said that Monday state prosecutor Ivan Vachkov demanded the death penalty for him.

Western observers had predicted he would get the death penalty.

Radio Sofia, in broadcasts monitored here, said Vachkov called Georgiev "a traitor to the homeland, a spy of the American intelligence." Even the former diplomat's defense counsel was quoted as saying his guilt was "irrefutable."

But the defense asked the court not to give Georgiev the "heaviest penalty." In Bulgaria execution usually is by firing squad.

BTA said the handsome diplomat, former No. 2 man in the Bulgarian delegation to the United Nations, testified he turned over military, economic and political information to agents of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency during a seven year period.

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The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Considerable cloudiness through Wednesday with a chance of a few showers tonight and early Wednesday. Continued mild.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 63
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 43

Highest temp. any Dec. (58) 69
Lowest temp. any Dec. (62) 16

Precip. last 24 hours 0
Normal Dec. precip. 5.69

Precip. from Dec. 1 2.00
Precip. from Sept. 1 11.82

Sunset tonight, 4:48 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:46 a.m.

