

# RANCHER ADMITS KILLING CHILDREN BURNING BODIES

### Three Youngsters 'Seemed to Be in the Road,' Says Father in Alleged Confession to Investigators

AMERICAN FALLS, Idaho, Nov. 10. (AP)—The state pushed prosecution today of a father it claims confessed slaying his three small children because they "seemed to be in the road."

Prosecutor P. A. Anderson said he would seek speedy arraignment of Adolf Zellitz on a first degree murder charge and intimidated the 39-year-old southeastern Idaho farmer might plead guilty.

"He has signed a confession that he killed his children and burned their bodies," the attorney asserted.

Mother ill Zellitz waited district court arraignment in a small cell, not far from the mortuary where lay the tiny, charred bodies of his children—Ruby, 6; Gertrude, 4; and Don, 2.

Funeral services will be delayed pending recovery of Mrs. Zellitz, who lay ill in an American Falls hospital at the time fire razed the ranch home where her children died.

Anderson timed the tragedy as late Sunday evening. Zellitz, trailed in fresh snow, was arrested yesterday at Rupert, 80 miles west of American Falls. He waived preliminary hearing.

Father Too Busy Sheriff L. E. Davis said Zellitz spoke of his wife's illness and quoted him as adding:

"I was farming two farms and I couldn't take care of the children. We couldn't get nobody. Pressure was applied from all sides, one way and the other, and we had a few quarrels between each other and the children seemed to be in the road."

"And last night (Sunday) I done the deed. I killed three babies and burned the house."

Davis said the farmer told him he shot the children "in the forehead."

# RESERVE OFFICERS CONTACT CAMP SET FOR DECEMBER 5-6

All reserve officers of this district were today invited to take part in a contact camp to be held at Roseburg December 5 and 6 by the 382nd Infantry. Each officer participating in the entire program will be awarded hours of inactive duty credits.

The program will be confined to instruction in the use of machine guns. Company D, 162nd Infantry, Oregon national guard, will cooperate with personnel and equipment.

Capt. Charles H. Coates, 7th Infantry, will be present with a detail of enlisted men to demonstrate battery and indirect fire by means of flashlight attachments. Capt. Coates commands Company D, which holds the Edward Howard Clark trophy, an award made annually to the outstanding machine gun company of the United States army. An indirect fire problem will be fired Sunday, December 6. The problem will be based on data computed the previous day.

With the Hotel Umpqua designated as headquarters, registrations will open at 1 p. m. Saturday, December 5. A small fee will be charged to cover general expenses, and the cost of a banquet to be served Saturday evening. Guy Gordon, Oregon state commander of the American Legion, will speak at the banquet.

Reserve officers expecting to participate in the contact camp are requested immediately to notify Maj. Charles B. Pettus, 382nd Infantry headquarters, 307 Miner Building, Eugene.

# SALVATION ARMY FIRE REMAINS AS MYSTERY AFTER INVESTIGATION

"Cause unknown" was today written into fire department records of the blaze which yesterday destroyed the wooden and scared the rear walls of Salvation Army headquarters at East 4th and Bartlett streets.

It was suspected by Capt. G. R. Durham, Salvation Army head, that the fire had been set as the woodshed had burst into flames only a few minutes after he had passed through it without observing any smoke. No trace, however, was found of an incendiary during an investigation of the ruins yesterday afternoon. Nothing, Hrensen said, could be determined from the assertion of several neighbors that they had heard an explosion just prior to the fire.

Capt. Durham stated yesterday that there was nothing explosive or inflammable in the woodshed, but subsequently he learned that a workman had hung a glass jug containing

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about three quarts of gasoline from a rafter about ten minutes before the fire.

Firemen said it was possible the gasoline was ignited by a spark, but they could not account for a spark as the woodshed was in good condition with a tight roof. The woodshed was cleaned out only last week, so that there was nothing in it that would have ignited spontaneously, Capt. Durham said.

# PASKE IS CHOSEN HEAD OF KIWANIS, NAVAL TALK GIVEN

Dr. C. H. Paske was today the choice of the Medford Kiwanis club for president in 1937.

Elected at yesterday's weekly luncheon-meeting in the Hotel Medford, Dr. Paske succeeds J. H. Fletcher, who was named immediate past-president. Dr. Paske stepped up from the office of vice-president, a position E. G. Trowbridge, Jr., was chosen to fill for 1937.

Al Puchner was elected treasurer to succeed George T. Frey. Directors elected were Roy Harper, C. M. Kidd, J. F. Reynolds, Seth M. Bullis, Robert M. Hart, R. W. Frame and D. E. York. The directors will choose the club secretary, a post now being filled for the eleventh consecutive term by Carl Y. Tengvall.

Ernest M. West, chief petty officer of the United States navy, now on recruiting duty here, related several highlights of his naval career of more than 16 years. He told of some of his experiences in Panama, Hawaiian islands, Guam, Philippine islands, China, Europe and Cuba.

Mr. West also told of the high standards set by the navy for service applicants today. Because of its strictly military system, the navy enlists only youths of high character and educational capacity, he said.

In return for loyal and efficient service, the navy now provides opportunities for the study of 50 different professions, Mr. West emphasized.

Frank Holmes, Jr., associated with the United States National bank in Portland, was also a guest of the club.

# G. P. CARPENTERS SEEK \$6 SCALE

GRANTS PASS, Nov. 10.—(Sp.)—Representatives of Grants Pass carpenters and contractors will meet in the courthouse here at 7:30 Thursday night to discuss an increase in the carpenter wage scale from \$5 to \$6.

The effort to procure a wage increase was launched by the carpenters at a meeting here last Friday night and the aim now is to bring the workers and the contractors into agreement. H. B. Most, spokesman for the carpenters, described the contractors as sympathetic. Any wage increase agreed upon would not affect construction now under way, it was pointed out.

About 50 carpenters and three contractors attended the meeting Friday, Mr. Most said. The carpenters, he explained, plan to form a local organization though probably they will not, for the present at any rate, affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

R. O. T. C. Modernized CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 10.—(AP)—The R. O. T. C. unit, recently relieved of threat of disruption by defeat of the optional training measure, has had its artillery unit largely modernized through replacement of horses with motor units.

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# NATIONAL MISSION AN INSPIRATION TO REV. WEATHERFORD

Fred M. Weatherford, pastor evangelist, Church of the Nazarene, spoke Sunday night on "My Reaction to the National Preaching Mission in Portland."

In part he said: "The National Preaching Mission is creating a great spiritual awakening and evangelistic impetus throughout the state. Their first day in Portland the missionaries addressed 15,000 people in pulpits, high schools, and club appearances. It is a safe estimate to say that in person they spoke to more than 100,000 people and doubtless reached a million through all of the radio broadcasts during the four-day series."

"It was an inspiration to hear Dr. E. Stanley Jones, who is the spiritual beacon light of the Missioners, address 500 men representing all of the service clubs of Portland, at which were present Governor C. H. Martin, Mayor Carson and a group of state officials from Salem."

"During this address Dr. Jones said, 'Give us the spirit of religion and the technique of science and we can give birth to a new world. We will not take up our time in defending the old order, but in mending it.'"

"It was an inspiration to hear Dr. Jesse M. Bader of New York, secretary of the department of evangelism, Federal Council of Churches in America, say, 'We are out to strengthen the foundation of faith. We are out to give an evangelistic thrust. The church that is not making disciples will not be able to hold those that are made.' He said, 'We have been trying to live on things that are starving. We have been ringing church bells when we ought to be ringing door bells. We need a moral pulpity.'"

"The evangelistic note contributed by Dr. John G. Plock of Buffalo, N. Y., pastor of the Lakeside Lutheran church, was interesting. He said, 'If we have anything to say to this day of crisis it will be because the pulpit begins with itself. We want a gospel that saves life for people, and saves people's lives.'"

"Dr. Albert W. Weaver of Rochester, N. Y., president of Colgate divinity school (Baptist), in an effort to awaken the evangelistic appeal among the churches, said: 'There has been a decline in successful evangelism, the church stopped going forward about ten years ago and started backward. We have suffered from the reaction against emotionalism. The emotional appeal of the gospel is essential to the evangelistic message. God expects us to appeal to the whole of man.'"

"The message of the church without evangelism is dead. We can't be content to fumble the gospel at this point."

"I heard Dr. E. Stanley Jones address a throng that packed the great city auditorium, seating 6,000 people, with an overflow of a thousand. In his address he said: 'In this day we speak to a very badly hurt modern man; a man who is most hurt in his inner life. In many minds the Master is dead. Our modern man has broken himself over the laws of God.'"

"There are two ways to help him—one is to isolate him; as he is, he is too complexly bound up with other people. The second step is to spiritualize his heart life."

"Man turns out to be a moral imbecile who thinks he can cheat God."

"Today we stand at the crisis of three ways — they are communism, fascism, or Christian democracy. I shudder to think of our country going communistic. It is authoritarian in rule. I do not want to go fascism — it is too dictatorial. I want Christian democracy to be saved. That represents a government by the Kingdom of God."

"I believe this generation will make up its mind the way to take."

"Our world has been shattered into bits; the Kingdom of God seeks a unification. Christianity will bring unity back."

"We have rendered the church innocuous by turning the attention to

# 13,516 MAN-DAYS PUT ON CONTROL OF BLISTER RUST

Total of 13,516 man-days was expended in the control of blister rust in this area during the season ended October 31, it is shown in a report issued today by Conrad P. Wessels, director of the work here.

Area covered for the first time comprised 68,871 acres of which 11,254 were among white pine in the upper Rogue area north of Union Creek, and 57,617 in the Pinehurst sector of sugar pine, the report stated. The workers pulled out 5,254,443 wild gooseberry and currant bushes, the intermediaries from which the disease is transmitted to the trees, according to the report. Maximum number of men on the job in this area was about 300, most of whom have now been absorbed by other federal projects, Mr. Wessels said.

About 30 of the workers will be retained on the winter program of repairing equipment, building of roads and trails for next year's control task and preparing permanent maps and records, Mr. Wessels stated. Blister rust control headquarters here are at 500 Oakdale avenue between 4th and 6th streets.

Blister rust infection of 1926 origin was found for the first time the past season in the Siskiyou national forest near Gold Beach, Mr. Wessels' report stated. About 50 acres in the region are badly infected, with many sugar pine trees dying, according to the report.

"Two infection centers of blister rust have been found in northern California, endangering the valuable stands of sugar pine in that state," the report said.

"Other small spots have been discovered in southern Oregon, indicating that the rust is becoming firmly entrenched in this region. Control work must be carried on with all possible speed."

Land owned or controlled by the government is not included in the program and the payments are made on the basis of animal units for which range is provided. "The forest service makes the examination to determine the capacity of the range, and the definition of range land under this program is that it produces forage without cultivation or general irrigation, ten acres or more of which are required to graze one animal unit."

All operators who think they can qualify under this act are urged to get in touch with the county agent's office at once.

# CHIC SALE FUNERAL HELD IN GLENDALE

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Nov. 10.—(AP)—Private funeral services Monday brought to an end the career of Charles Partlow (Chic) Sale, whimsical stage and screen portrayer of droll characters.

Final rites for Sale, who died of lobar pneumonia Saturday, at the age of 51, were held at an unannounced hour at Forest Lawn Memorial park, Glendale. The family said only a few close friends were present.

Miss Ruth Rae, a reader of the Unity faith, was selected to officiate.

# ZONTAS MAKE PLANS FOR CHARTER DINNER

Regular business session of the newly organized Zonta club was held last night at the home of Mrs. Lois Young. Included in the discussion were plans for a dinner next month when a charter will be presented the group. Arrangements were also made for participation in Armistice Day activities.

Mrs. Effie Kurtz, program chairman, presented Mrs. Zoe Hurd, vice-president of the Rogue River Chevrolet company, and Blanche LeClair, of the Kennell-Ellis studio, in classification talks. Mrs. Young sang "Hearts of Kearney," accompanied by Mrs. Kurtz.

WHERE BONUS WENT SHOWN IN REPORT BY

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 10.—(AP)—What have Oregon's war veterans done with their bonus money?

Here are what Carl Moser, Oregon departmental adjutant of the American Legion, and C. R. Cochran, adjutant and quartermaster for Oregon of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, say were the principal channels through which the money entered circulation:

1—Payment of back debts.

2—Purchase and (or) improvement of property.

3—Purchase of needed clothing for veterans and their families.

4—Purchase of automobiles, commercial and pleasure.

5—Investments in business or stocks.

6—Trips to see relatives or friends.

Moser and Cochran estimated that half the Legionnaires had cashed their bonds in full and that another quarter had converted half their certificates.

The two officials said only a handful of ex-service men, or less than one-half of 1 per cent, had blown their new wealth on one or a few spree.

# 14 ARE SELECTED FOR HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE CONTESTS

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Final selection of eight students for interscholastic debates will be drawn among Emil Weisberg, Lella Henderson, Jane Hooker, Jeannette Thatcher, Jean Goldsmith, Leighton Platt, Barbara Hampson, Robert Kent, Robert Conroy, Mary Wallace, Peter Knudsen, Burton Daugherty, William Strang and Dawn Owens.

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