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Home Fires Claim 11 Children on Holiday

By UNITED PRESS Home fires claimed the lives of 11 children during the New Year's holiday.

Five died in a fire at Tryon, N. C., four more near Santa Barbara, Calif. Near Amery, Wis., two children died when their farm home caught fire while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Ness, and a five-year-old sister were in the barn nearby.

A blaze that apparently broke out in the living room of a 20-room frame home near Santa Barbara Tuesday killed the four youngest children of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Free Jr. Children Escape The Frees and two other children escaped after one of the surviving children was awakened by the fire and alerted her parents.

The living room was directly under the bedroom occupied by the four small victims, James L. Free III, 6; Robin, 4; Sara, 2 and David, 1. Free suffered minor burns when he sought to fight his way through the flames in an effort to rescue the children.

Five children burned to death Tuesday in a blaze that destroyed three homes at Tryon. Firemen were not aware the children were inside a basement apartment in one of the buildings until it was too late.

Cause of the fire was not immediately determined, but it was believed caused by a defective oil stove. The children were home alone when the blaze broke out.

Teenager Charged With Murder of Girl

Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — A teenager with a six-year criminal record, who admitted killing a 12-year-old girl, will be charged with murder today. He probably will escape serious punishment because he is a juvenile.

Police Capt. Will Fritz said the youth, Simon Rodriguez, 16, admitted shooting Janet Irene Mangan twice and beating her. A coroner said the girl was raped, but Rodriguez denied he had sexually assaulted her.

Rodriguez has a police record from the age of 10. He was involved in the arson of a school in 1955 and has been in police custody for automobile theft, carrying concealed weapons and aggravated assault with a gun.

He has escaped serious punishment because he is a juvenile. Fritz said he thought the worst that could happen to Rodriguez under the murder charge would be a short commitment to the juvenile home.



PEEK-A-BOO—Joseph J. Baghola, 40, one of the FBI's "10 most wanted" fugitives, uses a pair of gloves to hide his face after his arrest in Chicago. He is wanted for the \$50,000 robbery and murder of a New Orleans, La., used car dealer in 1950.

Government Reports Rise in Cash Sales Of Farm Commodities

Washington — (U.P.) — The government reported today more than 60 per cent of federally owned farm commodities disposed of since 1953 brought cash on the barrelhead.

The Agriculture Department said in a year end review of surplus disposal operations that the percentage of these dollar sales has gone up recently.

For the first quarter of fiscal 1956, July through Sept. 30, dollar sales rose to 71 per cent of the total distribution. For the July, 1955 to September, 1956, period, the dollar sales percentage was 61.

Special Programs In addition to sales for cash, large volumes of surplus commodities moved out of the Commodity Credit Corp. inventory through special programs. These disposals were by sales for foreign currencies, barter, transfers to other agencies, and donations.

Department officials were jubilant over the dollar sales. In addition to reducing the surpluses which depress markets, the cash sales cut down on storage costs.

The department noted that largely through cash sales, CCC inventories of several commodities have been drastically reduced or completely depleted. There is a "sold out" sign on butter, cottonseed oil, linseed oil, seeds, and dry edible beans. Rice inventories are all committed for sale. Wool is being sold into market channels in steady volume. The same is true of cotton.

Barter operations have disposed of more than \$500 million worth of farm commodities at export market value since July, 1953. Wheat has been the leading barter commodity, accounting for more than 40 per cent of the total on a value basis.

Foreign Currency Foreign currency sales in 1956 under the agricultural trade development and assistance act of 1954 accounted for \$1.9 billion worth of CCC owned farm commodities. The commodities were committed for sale through 44 agreements with 25 countries. The principal commodities included in the agreements were wheat, cotton, and rice.

Donations of food to private relief agencies for overseas distribution and the barter of agricultural products for foreign strategic materials accounted for an estimated \$550 million of 1956 agricultural exports. Agricultural exports aided by Export-Import Bank loans totaled about \$75 million in value.

Quotes From the News

Providence, R. I.—Christopher Del Sesto, Republican candidate for governor of Rhode Island, on learning that the State Supreme court had invalidated certain absentee ballots which had given him an edge in the recent election: "Democracy received another setback in Rhode Island today."

Saarbrücken, Germany—West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, on the agreement returning the Saarland to Germany: "The Saarlanders, the French and the Germans, have shown how a problem that seemed insoluble can be solved on the basis of human rights and in the spirit of freedom and reconciliation."

Washington—Rep. Lawrence H. Smith (R-Wis.) in calling for a firmer and more positive U.S. policy toward Russia: "Unless we do something concrete now, the confidence which the oppressed and enslaved peoples have in us will die and be lost forever."

Washington—Joseph B. Haverstick, president of the National Association of Home Builders, in urging that Congress increase interest rates on GI loans: "The VA program already has been curtailed drastically and it will collapse altogether, with unhappy consequences for millions of veterans, unless the interest rate on GI home mortgages is placed on a better footing with FHA and other money rates."

Belfast, Northern Ireland—Northern Ireland Prime Minister Lord Brookeborough, on a gun battle near his home between police and raiders believed to be members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army: "I heard it all. Our chaps did a good job."

Net Farm Income Gains Predicted by OSC Economist

Corvallis — Net farm income should be a little higher in 1957 than it was in 1956, predicts Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college. A small increase in farm earnings in 1956 marked the first improvement since 1951, she said, and 1957 should see still more improvement.

Changes in farm income depend mainly upon four forces—supply, demand, marketing costs and government programs—according to Mrs. Horrell. Here's a brief summary of how these forces affected farm income in the last few years, and the effect Mrs. Horrell thinks they will have in the coming year.

Surplus Supplies Surplus supplies of many farm products were a major cause of the drop in farm income from 1951 through 1955. This problem is now being attacked by the Soil Bank program, passed by Congress in 1956, which aims at removing some acreage from the production of surplus crops. A large and successful Soil Bank could bring a turning point in the supply picture by bringing about a reduction in total agricultural output next year, she explained.

On the demand side, domestic use of farm products has been strong and rising throughout most of the period since 1951. The number of people in the nation—the number of consumers—has risen and is still rising. Employment and income are high, and consumers continue to spend about one-fourth of their take-home pay for food.

Outlook Favorable Agricultural exports may reach an all-time high for the 1956 crop year, Mrs. Horrell said, and the export outlook for 1957 is favorable although it may be difficult to maintain the present rate of exports for many more years. In general, the demand picture and the Soil Bank program seem to favor a moderate rise in farm income in 1957.

Rising marketing costs were a factor in the drop in farm income from 1951 through 1955, the economist continued. These marketing costs, due in part to more services such as extra food processing and packaging, continued to creep upward in 1956. And they will probably rise somewhat more in 1957.

Fall Cushioned Government programs have cushioned the fall in farm prices over the past few years. They were a decisive factor in the slight rise in farm income in 1956, according to Mrs. Horrell. The Soil Bank added a quarter-of-a-billion dollars directly to farm income, and there has been a substantial decrease in stocks of surplus products through disposal programs.

With a greatly expanded Soil Bank program next year, government payments will be increased and prices of some farm products should be strengthened somewhat by reduced output, she concluded.

Animals in Douglas, Jackson Counties Suffer From Fever

Douglas and Jackson counties reported 22 shipping fever cases during November. This animal disease, which is technically called hemorrhagic septicemia, was the most common disease and the greatest killer of livestock in Oregon during that period, says Dr. K. J. Peterson, state veterinarian for the Oregon department of agriculture. The entire state reported more than 500 shipping fever cases during the month.

Cases Reported Douglas county reported one shipping fever case, a hog, which later died of the disease. Practicing veterinarians in Jackson county found the disease in 11 cattle, with one case fatal. Lake county was hardest hit by shipping fever. There, 11 of 175 cases proved fatal.

The second most frequent disease in Oregon during November was brucellosis. The number of brucellosis reactors in the state increased in November due to a stepped-up testing program, Dr. Peterson explained. Brucellosis Breakdown The breakdown on brucellosis reactors in southern Oregon counties showed Douglas, three reactors; Jackson, 16 reactors; and Josephine, one reactor. Infectious keratitis, the third most common disease in Oregon two months ago, was found in

Trolley Passengers Pay Double Fares

Portland — (U.P.) — Interurban trolley passengers reaching Portland from Oregon City and Bellrose points were paying double fares in order to reach downtown Portland today.

Rose City Transit company was collecting fares at the east side transfer point despite a Public Utilities Commission order directing Portland Traction company to issue free transfers to west side downtown Portland.

PTC was observing the PUC order by issuing the transfers but Rose City Transit, a wholly-owned PTC subsidiary, was refusing to honor the transfers. Rose City is not subject to PUC jurisdiction.

Cargo Ship Caught Between Ice Floes

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica—(U.P.)—The U. S. Navy cargo ship Arneb, water plying in through her damaged plates and her propeller broken, lay helpless today in the grip of two giant ice floes. Standing nearby in the icepack but unable to aid her was the ice-breaker Northwind.

Winds of hurricane force drove the ice pack of Moubay Bay out to meet the Ross Sea icepack and trapped the 12,800-ton Arneb between them near Cape Hallett New Year's Eve.

The grinding pressure cracked open the Arneb's previously damaged hull plates, broke a propeller blade and damaged the reduction gear which transmits turbine power to the ship's twin screws.

The cargo ship, with 218 officers and men aboard, was on its way to land supplies for the joint U. S.-New Zealand International Geophysical Year base 500 miles north of McMurdo Sound.

The Coast Guard icebreaker escort Northwind radioed that the massive icefield, estimated to cover 200 square miles, had reduced its own operational ability and so far it was unable to maneuver to free the Arneb or relieve the pressure on her.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Roy Campanella, Carl Erskine and Duke Snider head a list of Brooklyn Dodger stars who probably will be asked to accept 1957 salary cuts. Buzzy Bavasi, Dodger vice president in charge of personnel said the Dodger payroll has reached a "saturation" point and cannot be raised past its present peak.

Oregon Schools Open Following Vacation

Portland — (U.P.) — Most Oregon public and parochial schools, grade schools, high schools and colleges, reopened today after the Christmas vacation. Students at state colleges and at the University of Oregon were registering today for the winter term which will begin tomorrow. Only exception was Oregon State College where the new term will not start until Monday because of the mass exodus to the Rose Bowl football game. Registration will be Friday and Saturday.

Lewis & Clark in Portland reopened today. University of Portland Thursday and Reed College next Monday.

Football Star Recovering From Stab Wound in Heart

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Paul Carr, a star on the San Francisco Forty Niners professional football team who was stabbed in the heart at a New Year's Eve party, was reported in "fair" condition today.

James R. Chambless, 25, an ex-convict and electrician, was charged with stabbing Carr following an argument. Police said Chambless drove the blade of a pearl-handled switch-blade knife twice into the chest of the 25-year-old Carr. One thrust nicked his heart.

Different Parties Chambless and Carr were at different New Year's Eve parties in the plush Western Skies Hotel. The parties were in suites across the hall from each other on the second floor and as the new year approached, there was visiting back and forth.

Jack M. Chambers, host of the party Carr was attending, said he overheard the two men arguing. "Several of us went out and Paul said this man Chambless tried to snatch his wallet," Chambers said.

13 Accidental Deaths Reported in Washington

Seattle — (U.P.) — Washington state ushered in the New Year with an unhappy total of 13 accidental deaths over the holidays.

Seven deaths occurred on the state's highways, a plane crash Sunday snuffed out three lives and three persons were killed in miscellaneous accidents.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — This is the season when columnists recall the top stories of 1956, but instead of rehashing the Grace Kelly and Marilyn Monroe weddings we're looking ahead to 1957.

To prepare you for the Hollywood news for the coming year, here's our annual predictions of what to expect for the next 12 months: Actress Unveiled January — Sculptor unveils nude statue of famous actress in shop window. Actress indignantly denies posing for same.

February — Starlet Roxanna Arlen appears in newspaper cheesecake photos chopping down a sequinned cherry tree.

March — Two Italian actresses cry they want the public to ignore their curves so they can concentrate on being actresses. Tears also flow at Oscar ceremonies as winners sob they never dreamed they'd make it.

April — Jayne Mansfield buys a white car; has hair, dogs, clothes, furniture and boy friend Mickey Hargitay dyed to match. May — NBC continues the fight against CBC's Ed Sullivan by throwing against him Shakespeare enacted by talking animals. Sullivan still wins with a show featuring so many guest stars that after introductions there's no time for the program.

June — Fifty magazine editors injured in the trampoline to get the first cover pictures of Grace Kelly's baby. July — Paul Brinkman and Jess Barker form misunderstood-husbands-of-actresses society. Ann Blythe expects another baby. Natalie Wood inherits Terry Moore's headlines.

August — Slipping TV comedians blast audience ratings. TV Comedians on top praise ratings. September — Actress back from trip to Europe announces that handsome Italian count begged for her hand and will fly to Hollywood "soon."

October — Movie studios announce formula found to beat TV: three-hour quiz shows in Cinemascope and stereophonic sound. November — Starlet Roxanne Arlen poses in a pilgrim dress with a bare midriff and carrying a sequinned turkey.

December — Bob Hope, with 30 press as guests, does Christmas benefit show on Mars. Roxanne Arlen poses in a four-inch square Santa Claus outfit climbing down a sequinned chimney.

Hilbruner Named Portland Police Chief

Portland — (U.P.) — Terry Schrunck, who was sworn in as Portland's new mayor today, announced that he has appointed Capt. William Hilbruner new chief of police to succeed Jim Purcell Jr.

Schrunck had said during his election campaign against Fred Peterson that his first official act would be to replace Purcell. Hilbruner is a 46-year-old career officer.

He was appointed a patrolman in 1936, was promoted to sergeant in 1944, reached the rank of lieutenant in 1948 and was named a captain in 1951.

Hilbruner has operated in nearly every division of the department during his service. His most recent position was commander of the first night division at central precincts.

Schrunck directed the new chief to be a chief "not only in name but in action" and to "carry on an aggressive policy of constructive law enforcement in this community."

Soviet Diplomats Visit Hungary's President, Dobi

Budapest — (U.P.) — Diplomats of Soviet satellites and several neutral nations paid their respects to Hungarian President Istvan Dobi Tuesday under the watchful eye of a Russian machine-gunner.

But the United States Britain and France snubbed the first major reception for foreign diplomats since Janos Kadar seized leadership of the Communist government from Imre Nagy.

A Soviet armored car detachment tucked away in a side street trained a large-caliber machine-gun on the Parliament buildings as a string of cars bearing visiting diplomats swept across the snow-covered square.

Slap in Face The snub by the Big Three Western powers was considered a slap in the face for the Kadar regime because the reception technically was only for Dobi, a member of the Smallholders Party who has been president since 1948.

According to the rules of protocol, the reception had nothing to do with Kadar. However, the U. S., British and French missions apparently stayed away as an indication of their disapproval of the regime that ousted Nagy and called in the Russian army to crush the Hungarian revolt.

This correspondent went to the party uninvited, walking past the machine-gun-bearing car and through the iron doors of the parliament building. I was the only American present. A civilian official denied me permission to take pictures. "But you are free to look around," he added.

Farmers Should Get Better Income in '57

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Oregon farmers should enjoy a somewhat improved income in 1957 in the opinion of an Oregon State College agricultural economist. Mrs. Elvera Horrell said a small increase in farm earnings in 1956 marked the first such improvement since 1951 and that 1957 should see still more improvement.

Mrs. Horrell credited her optimistic outlook to several factors, one of them the soil bank plan of the Eisenhower administration. She said a large and successful soil bank could bring a turning point in the supply picture by bringing about a reduction in total agricultural output next year.

On the demand side, the economist noted that employment and income are high and consumers continue to spend about one-fourth of their take-home pay for food.

Livestock Feeding Classes Planned

Central Point — Adults may now register for the livestock feeding course to begin Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m. in Crater High school, according to Edward R. Griggs, agriculture instructor.

The course has been planned to emphasize utilization of home grown roughages and grains, Griggs said. Instruction will also be given in balancing rations, values of feeds in various nutrients and feeding management.

Students may enroll by calling the Crater High school agriculture department, NO-4-1103, or attending the first class meeting. Griggs added that no more registrations are being taken for the adult course in farm welding.

Department Store Sales Show Rise in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — The Federal Reserve Bank announced here today that Portland department store sales for the week ended Dec. 22 were eight per cent higher than for the same period a year ago.

The period Jan. 1 to Dec. 22, however, showed a decline in department store sales of one per cent, compared to the same almost-a-year period in 1955.

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