

Fires, Fumes Fatal To 36 Across Nation

By UNITED PRESS

Fires and deadly fumes have killed more than 35 persons, most of them children, in an outbreak of residential tragedies across the nation.

A survey by United Press showed a total of 36 persons killed, 27 of them children. Fires claimed 28 lives, all but six of them youngsters.

Carbon monoxide fumes were blamed for the deaths of a couple and their child and for a father and four of his children.

The worst fire tragedies killed six persons each at Jeffersonville, Ga., and Temple, Pa.

Carbon Monoxide Takes Toll

Five members of one family were killed in a home fire at Marshall, Mo., three small children burned to death in a blaze near Okolona, Miss., a father and daughter died in a fire at Dubuque, Iowa, and two children were killed in a Birmingham, Ala., blaze.

At Troy, N.Y., Joseph Lashway, 42, and his three sons and a daughter died shortly after they were found unconscious in their homes late Thursday.

Authorities said carbon monoxide apparently was responsible for the deaths.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown and their 8-year-old daughter died

Sheriff's Deputy Arrested in Klamath

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Klamath County Sheriff W. A. Woody Joe was arrested late yesterday on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a 17-year-old Bonanza, Ore., girl.

Sheriff Murray Britton signed the complaint and issued the warrant for Joe's arrest after relieving him of his law enforcement duties. The 42-year-old deputy had been on the sheriff's staff for a year and a half.

During his arraignment before District Judge D. C. Van Vactor yesterday, Joe asked for time to consult an attorney before deciding if he wanted a preliminary hearing. His bail was set at \$5,000.

On The Side

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I note a discussion of the possibility of "a revival of the popularity of the name Fanny." When was the name Fanny popular? Was before my time. I never knew a girl named Fanny. Only feminine celebrity of that name I have heard of was Fanny Davenport, the actress. And she was born in 1850. Fanny's folks had an unusual taste in names. Her full name was Fanny Lily Gipsy Davenport.

Please Note
Anita Ekberg's tendency to indulge in tiresome, temperamental tirades appears to have alienated the affections of the British press and public. In London, Anita has been referred to as "the bore with a bust."

Sidelights
Have you a friend or acquaintance named Campbell? Does he know that the Duke of Argyll, head of the Clan Campbell, had his new kilt made in Paris? ... In Paris there is a school for strip tease dancers. It is called "Academie Pour Le Strip Tease." The French figure it takes a minimum of one year's instruction to make an artistic strip tease dancer.

Horses and Women
Women born under Scorpio are the "oomph girls of the Zodiac." They have a personal magnetism that is almost hypnotic in its power. Or, so say the stargazers. They may be in possession of something there. Linda Christian was born under Scorpio. At the present time six millionaires are trying to win Linda's heart and hand. All have proposed. Linda is thinking the situation over. It seems she has a strong desire to try marrying for love with a definite disregard for the man's financial standing.

Favorite
The recording I am playing most now is that of "My Fair Lady." A remarkable disc. Speaking of "My Fair Lady" inspires the question as to who

in their Columbus, Ohio, home when carbon monoxide fumes filled the house from an unvented gas heater.

Wipes Out Family

The fire at Jeffersonville killed A. Lucius Ringwood, 40, his wife and their four children.

An overheated kerosene stove was blamed for the fire at Temple, Trapped and killed by the flames in their one-story frame home were Mrs. Esther Rothermel, 48; her grandchildren, Jimmy Brobst, 1, and his 3-year-old sister Peggy; her nieces, Donna Rothermel, 2, and Carol Ann Fromm, 4; and a nephew, 4-year-old Eddie Rothermel, Donna's brother.

Orvell Swisher, 37, his wife and their three children died in the fire at their home near Marshall.

Defendant Files Demurrer in Court

Earl Fehl, Medford, has filed a demurrer in circuit court here protesting a \$1,077.15 suit in equity filed against him last week by the city of Medford.

City Attorney E. R. Bashaw, representing the city, filed the suit against Earl Fehl, Loretta I. Callamy and Delbert Fehl, of Medford, heirs of property owned by the late Amanda M. Fehl.

According to the complaint, the property is alleged to have received city improvements on which assessments were never paid.

The demurrer alleges there is a defect of parties named defendant, that the complainant does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against the defendant and that the plaintiff has no legal capacity to sue.

Fehl is representing himself in the case.

LUMBER ACCIDENT

Gold Beach — (U.P.) — Alvin N. Kilpatrick, 27, Gold Beach, was killed Wednesday night when a stack of lumber fell over on him here.

By E. V. Durling

has what it takes to replace the brilliant Rex Harrison in that show during his three-month absence in Hollywood. How about Peter Lawford?

Discussion
Should it be illegal for a woman to give birth to a child without medical aid of any kind? A Brooklyn couple, discussing that question, ask my opinion. I believe it should be illegal. The life of a child is at stake. In some countries it is considered life begins at the date of conception. So a living human being is to be considered. Expert assistance should be mandatory. Incidentally, a Florida woman has successfully given birth to seven children without medical aid of any kind. Nor with anybody present at the birth but herself. She has a method of her own. She says that in all seven births she has only experienced an average of "thirty seconds of discomfort."

Passing By
Frankie Laine, clever and conscientious crooner. The charming red-haired young woman with him is his wife Nan. As Nan Gray, she was one of the featured players in the film titled "Three Smart Girls." Frankie is at the moment Great Britain's most popular singing recording artist. His disc of "Woman in Love" leads the best seller list over there. Second on same list is Johnnie Ray's recording of "Just Walkin' In the Rain." Third is "Hound Dog" as sung by Elvis Presley.

Retirement
Too many men are letting the old rocking chair get them when they pass the age of 60. For a man with an active mind, retirement is almost a disease. It is a life shortener. Many men are still in their best stride when they pass 60. Take P. T. Barnum. He was 61 when he organized the circus that was to become known as "The Greatest Show On Earth."

Effects of Strike Felt in Canada

Montreal, Que.—(U.P.)—Effects of a strike by 2,800 firemen that halted operations of the Canadian Pacific railway were felt throughout Canada today.

A total of 107 towns in Manitoba and scores in remote sections of northern Ontario made emergency arrangements to bring in food and other supplies by truck.

Prairie farmers felt the pinch because there were no trains to deliver grain to lakehead elevators. In the Atlantic maritime provinces, a firm that supplies oil to a major air force base at Greenwood, N.S., reported only five days' supplies on hand and no prospect of getting more via the CPR which normally carries it there.

The Union's Canadian leader told reporters he saw no prospect of company-union talks before next Monday.

The federal cabinet met Thursday and was believed to have discussed the strike, which the firemen called to protest company plans to eliminate firemen from some diesel-powered trains. It scheduled another meeting Monday. Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent declined to discuss what transpired at the cabinet session.

Other railwaymen's unions refused to cross the firemen's picket lines. As a result the vast CPR operation that stretches across the continent from Vancouver, B.C. to Saint John's, N.B., was idled and some 70,000 employees were laid off.

Red Skelton's Son Suffering Leukemia

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Comedian Red Skelton's nine-year-old son is suffering from leukemia and has been given only five months to a year to live, the family confirmed today.

Milton Weiss, the comic's agent, said tests made a few days ago established that the boy, Richard Freeman, has leukemia. Richard is hospitalized at the UCLA medical center and has not been told of the serious nature of the disease.

Richard is the only son of Skelton and his wife, Georgia. The couple also has a 10-year-old daughter, Valentina Marie.

Physicians at UCLA medical center said Richard's life expectancy is five months to a year. They said the boy is in no pain and is "very cheerful."

Colombia Officials Probe Bus Crashes

Bogota, Colombia — (U.P.) — Authorities were investigating today the causes of two bus accidents which killed 22 persons and injured 28 others.

Sixteen persons died and 20 were hurt when a bus fell down a cliff between Tunja and Moniquira Thursday. The passengers were pilgrims returning from a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Chiquiquira.

Six persons were killed and eight injured in a similar accident Thursday in the Monteria area, near the Caribbean coast.

Mrs. Truman Suffers Broken Left Ankle

Independence, Mo. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Bess Truman, wife of former President Harry S. Truman, was hospitalized today with a broken left ankle received in a fall at home.

A doctor said it was a simple fracture, and that Mrs. Truman would be hospitalized "only a few days."

She was injured in a fall on a stair on the second floor of her home Wednesday, and it first was thought that it was only a bad sprain. X-rays disclosed the fracture.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Kenneth Eudimar Molinsky, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Nelson LeRoy Smith, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Jerome Sylvester Larson, excessive noise, \$10.
James Wayne Lick, violation of basic rule, \$10.
L. D. Brunson, failure to stop at red light, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
Donald Lester Shoemaker, violation basic rule, \$10.
John Howard Hansen, overload, \$25.
James Deane Owens, violation basic rule, \$12.50.
John Wesley Campbell, no operator's license, \$5.
George Arthur Hunt, no operator's license, \$10.
John Cornelius Bates, violation basic rule, \$12.50.

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Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — The most bewildered secretary in Hollywood is a young St. Louis woman whose boss dictates letters while sitting under his desk, shaving or doing a fast buck-and-wing around the room.

When pretty Jane Thompson walks into her office she never knows what to expect from boss Jerry Lewis. Jerry is a producer these days, with suitable executive offices at Paramount. A sign over the door advises, "The Monster's Lair."

"It's bedlam," Jane sighed today from behind her typewriter. Sometimes she has to scribble her shorthand while Jerry shaves in his tiny office washroom. Often his writers and five other

colleagues also are jammed into the washroom, a situation the teacher didn't tell Jane about when she studied how to be a secretary in St. Louis.

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Navy Recruiters Surpass Quota

Oregon Navy recruiters have exceeded their enlistment quota every month for the past 16 months by 125 per cent, according to Lt. Comdr. C. Helm, USN, officer in charge of recruiting for Oregon and southwestern Washington.

The recruiting stations are located in Portland, Hillsboro, Tillamook, Salem, Corvallis, Eugene, Coos Bay, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, LaGrande, Pendleton, The Dalles, Oregon City, Seilwood and Vancouver and Longview, Wash.

For 1956 the quota was 1349 and 1723 young men were enlisted. Population wise, this is one of the top Navy enlistment records in the nation.

This quota is based on first enlistments in the Navy and does not include reenlistments.

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Springfield Man Pleads Guilty in Robbery Case

Portland — (U.P.) — Charles Edward Simmons, 40, Springfield, pleaded guilty in Federal Court yesterday to a charge of bank robbery in connection with the \$2000 holdup of a Eugene bank Nov. 26.

Federal Judge William East ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

A second man, Donald Otto Howard, 25, Eugene, who is accused of driving a car in which the two fled from the bank, is awaiting arraignment.

Arthur Millers Start Jamaica Vacation

Kingston, Jamaica — (U.P.) — Marilyn Monroe and her playwright husband, Arthur Miller, settled down in a rented house today for a two-week vacation.

The Millers arrived here from the United States Thursday night. It was rumored that they plan to buy a house on the celebrity-studded north coast of Jamaica.

State Representative Recovering From Illness

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Irvin Mann, state representative from the 23rd district, returned to Pendleton this week and was taken to St. Anthony's hospital to recover from an extended illness.

Mann was in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland for five weeks before his return to Pendleton.

Members of his family said Mann might not be able to go to Salem in time for the opening of the 1957 Oregon Legislature Jan. 14.

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