

# Workmen Find Bodies Of Three Small Girls

Dixon, Ill.—A group of workmen found the bodies of three small sisters early Saturday in a floodlighted, muddy quarry.

The girls, Nancy, 10, Theresa, 8, and Ruthie Guernsey, 9, had been missing since last Wednesday afternoon when they were seen playing at the rim of the 50-foot quarry.

A small army of workers had shoveled through the mud against a maddening sea of night, while floodlights pierced a heavy fog which shrouded the hilly timberland.

Police said there were no signs the girls had met foul play. All were found lying fully clothed under a massive tree, one of the many activities had been hauling out of the clay mire since Friday night.

**Sandal Starts Search**  
National Guardsmen, state police, deputies and hundreds of volunteers had trudged through the surrounding area Friday, when one of them "happened to kick up" a sandal belonging to one of the girls.

Digging operations began shortly afterwards, uncovering the other five shoes, the little girls' socks neatly tucked inside. Mr. and Mrs. John Guernsey, parents of the girls, identified the shoes as those of their daughters.

Dixon Police Commissioner Fred Hofmann doubted foul play but cited the possibility the girls may have been playing

along the slope of the quarry, perhaps in a pocket, and were buried under a landslide. A nearby cement plant had been filling in the pit with tons of clay and sand the day of the disappearance.

**Rain Hampers Workers**  
Hofmann said 75 to 85 workers manning hand shovels had been gnawing into the saucer-shaped pit, aided by two tractors and three cranes, but that torrential afternoon rains had increased their work a hundredfold.

The little girls were seen playing near the lip of the quarry Wednesday by a shovel operator. Other workmen were around at the time. Hofmann said, which made the idea of foul play improbable.

He could offer no reason, however, why the sisters had removed their shoes, there being no ponds nearby in which they could go wading.

**CHANNEL CHALLENGING**  
London—Greta Anderson, of Long Beach, Calif., who won last week's international cross-channel swim from France to England, said Saturday she plans to swim from England to France next month. The 30-year-old Danish wife of a Long Beach physical culturist said she hopes to be the first woman to swim the English channel both ways in one summer.

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**NEW MEMBER**—American Legion Post 15 recently initiated Eric A. Allen, 216½ North Peach st., and appointed him chairman of the ways and means committee. Allen has a long history as a legionnaire, becoming a charter member of Golden Gate Post 40 after World War I.

## New Medford Man Legion Initiate

Eric A. Allen, 216½ North Peach st., was recently initiated as a member of American Legion post 15 and appointed chairman of the ways and means committee, according to Commander Keegan Townsend. Allen and his wife recently moved to Medford from Dallas, Tex.

He intends soon to open an office and showroom at 39 South Bartlett st. under the business name Allen's Purchasing Service. Twenty-five per cent of all sales will go to legion welfare, Townsend reported.

Allen became a charter member of Golden Gate post 40 of the American Legion after World War I. In 1941, serving as an industrial engineer at North American Aviation company, Inglewood, Calif., he organized the General Billy Mitchell Post 580 and served as its commander four years.

## Applegate-Jacksonville Garage Going Up

By HELGA MITCHELL  
Applegate-Jacksonville — A new garage is being built at Ruch by A. E. Ranney, who has been in the auto repair business here since he was released from the Army 12 years ago.

The building is 24 by 40 and is of pumice brick. A wheel balancer is being added to present equipment, and Ethyl gasoline is being installed as well as the regular gas. The old garage building will be used as a shed for school buses. Ranney has been driver of the Big Applegate bus route for eight years, and has received state recognition as a safe driver.

Mrs. Lance Offenbacher was hostess at a stork shower at her home Thursday evening honoring Mrs. Don Sheffield of Jacksonville, who formerly was Miss Shirley Chitcock of this community. Mrs. George Redhead was in charge of games. Twenty-seven attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Monk and family who have resided here the past two years, left recently for Stockton, Calif., to make their home.

Mrs. Mike Loftus will be hostess to the Little Applegate Sewing club at a noon barbecue at her home Thursday, Aug. 29.

Mrs. Roy Weatherall of Milwaukie, Ore., returned to her home Sunday after spending several weeks here at the home of her son, Marvin Perkins. Mr. Weatherall, while visiting here briefly, had a rock display which he had collected from all parts of United States. He gathered more exhibits while in the community.

Harry Harmon of Heidelberg, Germany, is spending a month here at the home of his sister, Mrs. B. J. Sanford.

New residents of Little Applegate are Mr. and Mrs. William Godfrey and sons of Medford who are residing on the Wright place.

Edward Milam of San Francisco, on a 36-day leave from the Navy, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mansel Milam.

Mr. and Mrs. Janssen and three sons of San Francisco have moved into their new residence on lower Applegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Haskins entertained a group of friends and relatives at a picnic at their summer home here Friday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Richard McKee of Medford, who left the following day for Tennessee to make their home.

Among guests during the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Pearson were Mrs. Earl Goodrich and daughter Emily of Sterling City, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mongold and daughter Sally of Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bethany, accompanied by the latter's sister, Mrs. Bill Watson, who is visiting here from Joplin, Mo., spent the week end at Eureka visiting Mrs. Lawrence Dunshee, sister of the two ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Dore of Dolton, Ill., have spent the week here as guests of Mr. Dore's sister, Mrs. Gail Buffington. Other guests at the Buffington home this week were Mr. Buffington's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lewis and daughter Monica of Modesto, Calif.

Mrs. Letha Clark of Medford has returned to her position as bookkeeper at the Woolworth store after spending two weeks' vacation here at the home of her mother, Mrs. Metta Buck.

Nelson Purcell returned to his home Wednesday after being in Sacred Heart hospital for a week as a result of pneumonia.

Gary West recently accepted employment with the O.K. market in Medford as an apprentice meat cutter.

Jim and Ronnie Keen are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Keen. The boys are on leave from the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Pearson expected to leave Friday for a week's vacation on the California coast. They will be accompanied by their house guest, Mrs. Ida May Hughes of Oakland, who will visit at Fort Bragg. Mr. and Mrs. Val Haskins of Jacksonville will remain at the Pearson home during their absence.

Several women of the Upper Applegate extension unit took charge of registration of visitors in the home economics building at the 4-H and FFA fair Friday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Vessel has returned home after spending two weeks with relatives in Tillamook and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Redhead of Salem were overnight guests of his brother, George Redhead, Tuesday.

Rural Reflections: Ed Fossen remarks that the silence around home while his children are at the 4-H fair is so loud he can hear it whisper.



The Rev. Nicholas Deis Transferred

## Committee Elects Skelton Chairman

Salem—The Interim Committee on Government Reorganization Friday elected Mr. Keith Skelton, Eugene Democrat chairman, and set Sept. 14 in Salem as the time they will decide on their agenda.

Sen. Daniel Thiel, Astoria Democrat was elected vice chairman of the committee which will study possible consolidations or abolition of some of the state's numerous boards and commissions.

State Finance Director John Richardson told Rep. Skelton his department would prepare data on boards and commissions in time for the Sept. 14 meeting.

Also meeting in the capital was the Interim committee to study Migrant Labor problems. Rep. Don Willner, Portland Democrat was elected chairman and Sen. Truman Chase, Eugene Republican, vice chairman.

The Oregon Council of Churches launched a study of the migrant problem some years ago, but found it too much for a private organization.

## Catholic Priest Moves to Coast

The Very Rev. Nicholas Deis, priest of Sacred Heart parish for the past four years, will leave Tuesday to assume duties in Ocean Lake, Ore. Replacing Father Deis here will be the Rev. Carl Mai, pastor at Cottage Grove.

Father Deis has been in the priesthood for 24 years, being a graduate of St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif. Before coming to Medford he was pastor of the Seaside, Ore. parish. He will be accompanied by Miss Eva Deis, who has been church secretary here.

During Father Deis' years in Medford the local congregation increased by twenty-five per cent, the church was renovated, the Jacksonville Catholic church was restored and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church at Shady Cove was built. Recently an addition was built to the gymnasium at St. Mary's High school.

**CONGRESSMAN LEAVING**  
Washington—Adjournment fever ran high Friday in the House of Representatives. Some representatives apparently weren't waiting to make it official. Two roll calls on an appropriation bill turned up total votes of only 287 and 284, although House membership currently is 433. Congressmen were telling the story of one vacation-bound lawmaker who reportedly left town with instructions that he be paired against any resolution to adjourn.

**REDS BUILD IN EGYPT**  
London—Prague Radio said Saturday that Communist Czechoslovakia is building "several industrial plants" in Egypt. The broadcast said one of the plants would be for production of steel oil drums.

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