

27 Children Killed In Rash of Fires During Week End

By United Press International
Twenty-seven children - 10 from Massachusetts - were killed during the week end in a cross country rash of fires. A United Press International count showed at least 36 persons in all died in fires.

The most disastrous blaze occurred late Saturday when a mother and her seven children died when flames destroyed their four-room frame house at Crystal City, Tex.

Firemen said the blaze, believed caused by a wood stove in the kitchen, spread so rapidly that the house was "burning like paper" when they arrived. The bodies of Mrs. Sotero Rodriguez and one of her children were found on the kitchen floor. The other six children died in their beds.

Trapped by Flames
Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miles of Crisfield, Md., died when they were trapped by flames in the second floor of their frame home.

Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Watkins of Boston were trapped and killed when a space heater exploded near their bed and set fire to their home.

Three children of Richard Sullivan were killed in a fire that swept their farm home near Hanson, Mass. Sullivan rescued his eight other children.

A fire of undetermined origin at Idaho Falls Sunday swept the two-story frame home of Mrs. Dorothy Hansen, killing three of her four children. The victims included 4-year-old twins Wendy and Bruce. The fourth child, Vicki, 10, was injured critically when she jumped from a second story window.

Another fire Sunday killed two youngsters, aged 1 and 2, at their home at Shirley, Mass., near Ft. Devens where their father, specialist 5-C Richard L. Christman, is stationed.

A Los Angeles fire blamed on a cigarette destroyed the home of Mrs. Carmen Gomez, who watched helplessly as firemen battled the flames in a futile effort to save her two young sons and Rudolph Rodriguez, 21.

Kenneth Juliano, 10 months, was killed in a fire that broke out in a room of his home at Brockton, Mass.

Other week end fires claimed the lives of adults at Lynn, Chicopee and New Bedford, Mass.; South Portland, Me.; Gothenburg, Neb., and Rockport, Ind.

Annual Meeting Held by Council

Frank Glonning was re-elected chairman of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging at a recent meeting of the council. Ivan Farris, Ashland, will continue as vice chairman; and Walter A. Hatch, secretary-treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors at the first annual meeting was Mrs. Clayton Walker, one year term, and John Gribble, who will remain on the board for an additional three years.

Progress reports were given on the Fifty Plus club, the development of a constitution and by-laws, the Christmas gift sale and Senior Activity Center.

Mrs. C. W. Guches, chairman of the health committee, outlined the organization of the Friendly Visiting Service which started in October. She mentioned the need for men volunteers to visit the patients in the nursing homes and homes for the aged.

A question and answer period followed the meeting. Mrs. Ena Foss offered the loan of a piano for the Center. Musical activities are now planned by the group. Persons interested in participating may contact the Center at Spring 2-4163 or Edward Root, Spring 3-2623.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE HURRICANE SEASON still is months away, but the U. S. Weather Bureau already has given official names to expected big blows along the Atlantic coast and across the Gulf. As usual, the storms bear the names of females.

(Sure, sure: they're HER-ricanes, not HIM-ricanes!) and here they are, in the order of their expected appearance: Arlene, Beulah, Cindy, Debra, Edith, Flora, Gracie, Hannah, Irene Judith, Kristy, Lois, Marsha, Udele, Vicky, Wilma, Xcel, Yasmin and Zasu. TV viewers will recognize Arlene, Gracie and Zasu—but Quella and Xcel? Who dey?



The Post Office has been making announcements, too. Alaska isn't feasible to abbreviate, insists the P. O., so letter writers are requested to spell it out. Our new forty-ninth state thereby joins five older states which the P. O. disdains to shorten: Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Ohio and Utah.

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Eight Women On Duncan Jury

Ventura, Calif. —(UPI)— Testimony in the Elizabeth Ann Duncan murder trial begins Tuesday before a jury of four men and eight women.

Selection of the jury in the bizarre case in which Mrs. Duncan is accused of hiring two men to kill her daughter-in-law was completed last Friday after nearly five full days of questioning.

Dist. Atty. Roy Gustafson, who is expected to demand the death penalty, estimated the trial would last up to a month.

He has charged Mrs. Duncan hired two ex-convicts to kill her daughter-in-law, Olga, 30, for \$6,000. Mrs. Duncan was pictured as a possessive mother afraid of losing her son, Frank, 30, an attorney, to the younger woman.

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Casting Completed For Kiwanis Kapers

Casting for the annual Kiwanis Kapers of 1959 has been completed. Kiwanis spokesman announced this week.

Rehearsal schedule for the show, entitled "Now and Then," has also been set. The production, which will be held March 4 through 7, will compare the 1850s with 1959.

The advertising drive for the program has also been completed, it was announced. Money received from the event supports the Kiwanis Dental Clinic.

The program will be held at the Medford High school. Tickets are available from any Kiwanian.

NEWSPAPERMAN DIES
Deland, Fla. —(UPI)— Thomas Bracken, 82, former head of the Biographical and Subject Index Department of the New York Times, died here Sunday.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In these days, we're hearing a lot about budgets.

In Washington, it's President Eisenhower's budget. In Sacramento, it's Governor Brown's budget. In Oregon, we go them all one better. In Salem, we're talking about TWO budgets—the Holmes budget, which was submitted by the retiring governor, and the Hatfield budget, which was submitted by the incoming governor.

FIRST—what is a budget? For an answer, let's go to the dictionary, which gives us this definition: "A financial statement of estimated income and expenses of a country for a period of time; also a plan for financing a government, based on such a statement."

When he put that one together, Mr. Webster was obviously thinking about public budgets. In this piece, I'd like to point out that there are TWO kinds of budgets—public and private. They differ in many ways.

FOR example: If you have a household budget, this is the way you go about putting it together and

TODAY
In Oregon History
(A Centennial Feature)

FEBRUARY 23, 1910
The women of Portland held a mass meeting today to demand that the steps of the city's street cars be lowered so that a lady can ascend and descend without being subjected to the leers of male loiterers. Taking official cognizance of the seriousness of the situation, as affecting public morals and decency, Mayor Simon has intervened in the dispute and the street car company has agreed to lower the steps on all its cars immediately.

the legislatures of both Oregon and California:

First— Figure up how much money you can raise without making the tax burden TOO HEAVY.

Then — Apportion the total among your departments and tell the department heads to cut their cloth accordingly—then that's what it will be and there won't be any more.

That is the way it's done in private households and in private business organizations and I can't help thinking it's the way it ought to be done in government.

Fishing was New England's first commercial enterprise.

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Michelangelo designed a citadel, the remains of which are found at Civitavecchia, Italy.

The centuries-old chief staircase and passages in the Tower of London are built of concrete.

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