

Portland Florist, Tommy Luke, Dies

Portland — (UPI) — Nationally known Portland florist Tommy Luke died in a hospital here Wednesday afternoon at the age of 69.

Luke, who entered Physicians and Surgeons hospital July 29, died at 4:10 p.m. His parents came over from England in 1875. He was born in Grass Valley, Calif., Dec. 29, 1889, and the family moved to Oregon when Tommy was six months old.

His first business experience was as a newsboy. He attended grade school here and then worked for the Powers Furniture company as a delivery wagon driver.

He entered the florist business in 1907 and in 1920 owned his own shop. Luke was a founder of the Northwest Florists association and a past president of the National Florists Telegraphic Delivery association. He was long active in civic and fraternal affairs in Portland and from 1944 to 1947 served as an Oregon delegate to the Republican national convention.

He also headed the Portland Baseball Boosters, a group charged with assisting Pacific Coast League baseball promotion.

Funeral services are scheduled at Finley's Morninglight chapel at 2:30 p.m. Monday.

Manned Trips to Mars Anticipated

Los Angeles — (UPI) — The head of a major U.S. space exploration program Wednesday foresaw the sending of three manned space ships to Mars or Venus some time after 1970.

Dr. Krafft Ehrlicke, chief of Project Centaur, said his studies showed that three ships, all nuclear-powered, are necessary for deep space probes.

"Three ships will provide for safety, reliability and emergency use," he said. "Two of them would be manned with the third carrying supplies and emergency equipment."

The two manned ships would carry four men each, he told a press conference at the conclusion of the two-day western meeting of the American Astronautical Society.

The Conair astronautics scientist said nuclear power was necessary because chemically propelled rockets would take too long—"on the order of three years" for the round trip mission.

"The greater power available with nuclear propulsion will cut the time down to about a year. Any longer than that and we have to worry about how long men and equipment will hold up," he said.

Ehrlicke said the early 1970s was the "rock-bottom" time when such missions will be possible.

10,000 Children May Die in Mishaps

Fargo, N.D. (UPI) — Accidents this year are likely to claim the lives of about 10,000 children in the U.S. ranging in age from infancy to 9 years.

This prediction is based on the records of past years, according to Marguerite Olson, a home management specialist at the North Dakota Agricultural college.

Suffocation is the greatest danger to babies under one year old, she warns, so watch out for pillows, excessive coverings and clothing in which a baby can bury himself.

Children in pre-school and early school years are threatened most by traffic. Try to make sure these children are always within reach and never take your eyes off them when they are moving.

Burns run a close second to traffic as a cause of accidental death among pre-school children, and the most dangerous spot is the kitchen.

Drownings also rank high. If the telephone takes you away from a child in a tub, play it safe and take him with you.

'Honeydew' Liked by Ants, Not Car Owners

Kent, Ohio — (UPI) — Ants so dearly love the aphid's sticky secretion known as "honeydew" that they sometimes domesticate the tiny plant lice just to assure regular supply.

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