

Seven Children Die in Fire While Mothers at Tavern

Ottumwa, Iowa — (UPI) — Seven children ranging in age from one to nine perished today when fire swept through a small home while their mothers were at a tavern. Six of the children were members of one family.

A fireman risked his life to rescue the only survivor, Sharon Dooty, 13, a baby-sitter. She was burned over most of her body and reported in "very critical" condition at a local hospital.

Fireman Robert Knox, 44, was credited with saving the baby-sitter. Knox crawled into the flaming two-room house and felt around the floor, trying to see the children through the dense smoke billowing through the home.

"I found the bodies of the seven children first in a corner of the kitchen," Knox said. "They were huddled together for protection against the searing heat and choking smoke."

The other victim was Carla Campbell, 4, the daughter of Carl and Lorraine Campbell, also of Ottumwa.

Mother Remained Calm

Mrs. Van Horn and Mrs. Campbell were located about 3 a.m. in the Ottumwa Key club, an after-hours private tavern. Mrs. Campbell went into hysterics, but Mrs. Van Horn, who was deserted by her husband about a year ago, remained calm, police said.

Arraignment Due In Hermiston Death

Pendleton — (UPI) — Walter Wicken, 26, and Wilfred Ogden Jr., 28, both of Pasco, Wash., were to be arraigned here today on first degree murder charges in connection with the Oct. 8 slaying of a Hermiston police officer.

The Umatilla county grand jury Thursday returned a first degree murder indictment against the pair.

They were accused of shooting policeman Ronald Kilby, 28, as he attempted to stop them for questioning in connection with a series of Hermiston burglaries.

Wall Street Chatter

New York — (UPI) — The stockholders, not the public, will absorb the higher labor costs in any steel settlement, says economist Elliot Janeway, president of Janeway Research Corp.

The industry made a profit on the increased labor costs it absorbed in 1956 because it was able to raise its prices enough to do so, he notes. "But it can't repeat this chapter of history this year thanks to imports, let alone politics. And it isn't even going to try."

Steel stocks have had their move regardless of the outcome of the strike, Janeway contends.

W. E. Hutton & Co. likes General Precision Equipment as a speculation with an attractive potential. The firm says it is believed that dividend resumption will not be long delayed.

Van Alstyne, Noel & Co. considers Greyhound Corp. an excellent medium and long-term commitment for capital appreciation, based on prospects of further improvement in revenues and profit margins.

E. F. Hutton & Co. says an injunction is not bullish market-wise but neither is a long delayed peaceful settlement for the short-term outlook. The strike has left many scars which will be slow in healing, it maintains.

Told To Come Out

"I saw they were dead. I didn't get a chance to examine the baby-sitter who was nearby because the other firemen outside called to me to come out because of the danger."

"When I got outside, it kept working on me—the fact that I hadn't got a chance to examine her thoroughly. The longer I stood out there the more I thought about it."

"I don't know why, but I decided to go back inside and see if she was alive."

"I crawled inside. When I got near her, I saw her body move."

Knox picked up the girl and with the aid of another fireman, Albert Ruble, got her to safety.

Police Held Back

The other children died of burns and suffocation.

First on the scene were two policemen answering an alarm turned in by Mrs. Thomas Anderson, grandmother of the six of the children, who lived across the street. Policemen were unable to enter the house because of the intense heat.

Six of the children belonged to Mrs. Patricia Van Horn. They were Karen Rae, 8; Sharon Kay, 7; Patty Sue,



DAMAGE IN MEXICO—This aerial view shows damage caused by a cyclone that raged through Manzanillo, Mexico, on Oct. 27. There were multiple deaths and injuries from drowning, falling debris and landslides. (UPI Telephoto)



GRAIN DESTROYED—A spectacular elevator fire at Hartsburg, Ill., destroyed 3,500 bushels of grain and drew fire fighting equipment from 20 miles away to keep the fire from spreading. Highway traffic had to be rerouted. (UPI Telephoto)

Steel Strike Curbs Hoop Skirt Hoops

Williamsburg, Va. — (UPI) — The effects of the steel strike have even cast a shadow on the traditional 18th Century way of life followed in this restored colonial capital.

There's a shortage of hoops for hoop skirts.

Jack Sharp, assistant to the director of purchasing for Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., had his order for 1,000 feet of stainless steel strips for hoops rejected.

"I've never had much trouble getting big steel beams or bars but now it's a different story when it comes to steel for hoop skirts," Sharp said.

All's well with the Williamsburg hostesses, however. A Virginia supplier agreed to rush an emergency supply of hoops.

CELEBRATES ALONE

Portsmouth, England — (UPI) — Mrs. Audrey Sims' new trip-lets will celebrate their birthdays on two different dates. Two of them were born after midnight, Oct. 29 and one just before midnight Oct. 28.

MYSTICS TO MEET

Djakarta, Indonesia — (UPI) — A nationwide conference of mystics will be held here in mid-November, it was reported today. An Indonesian news agency said the conference would discuss mysticism in the framework of national education, mystics and the community, mysticism and culture and mysticism and peace.

FIRE TACTICAL MISSILE

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — An Air Force "B" tactical missile was fired from the nation's missile test center Thursday on a flight programmed for less than its 1,200-mile range. The 44-foot missile roared aloft under 100,000 pounds of thrust from its booster. The solid propellant rocket can carry nuclear warheads.

SUGGESTS RUSSIAN PLAY

Moscow — (UPI) — American novelist Erskine Caldwell suggested Thursday night that a play on Russian life by a Soviet writer should be staged in the United States. Caldwell, who wrote "Tobacco Road," said writers should travel more than diplomats.

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