

Seven Persons Die in House Fires as Cold Weather Returns to New England

Boston — (UPI) — Fire claimed the lives of seven persons, including three children in New England Saturday as cold weather moved back into the area for the week end.

Three children in one family and the boarder who lived in their home perished when a flash fire exploded in a shabby, two-story frame house in what officials described as a dangerous slum area of Burlington, Vt.

Dead in the blaze that touched off an immediate investigation into safety of adjoining slum dwellings were 12-year-old Rhea Foy, her sister, Deborah, 7, and her brother, Joseph, 2 and the boarder, Edward Francis, 55.

At Attleboro, Mass., a prominent insurance broker sent his grown son and daughter fleeing to safety then met death with his wife when flames trapped them in the second floor of their home.

Christmas Play At Jackson School

The fifth and sixth grades of Jackson school will present a play, "Why the Chimes Rang," Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

One of the special features of the music portion of the Christmas program will be the song, "Christmas Bells Are Ringing," from the opera, "Where Was Santa?"

Earlene Pidecock will accompany on the piano while the 120-member choir sings, and Jay Beach, Steven Lantz, Kenneth Murray, Larry Noss and Rick Singler play interludes on the xylophone.

The cast of characters in the play includes Kathy McCurdy and Judy Richard, readers; Mike Milligan and Jack Young, Pedro; David Hannaford and Jon Hardin, little brother; Tim Bowman, James Gillaspie, James Porter and Robert Reavis, shepherds; Larry Wright, king; Lee Poledna, great writer; Kerry Lee, Jack Stallworth and Bill Warne, wise men; Vicki Ronander, lady; Barbara Ronander, rich woman; Bruce Ammons, Freddie Atwood, Don Dungey, Mike Hall, Anna Belle Haynes, Lavonna Haynes, Ronnie Hill, Billy McWhorter, Vernon Porter and Ronnie Sowards, gift bearers; and Peggy Drinkwater, Susan Denbo and Dona Schaefer, ushers.

Mrs. Lucille Stroh is general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Nesheim, Don Perry, Dexter Kinnaird, Dave Wisely, Mrs. Precia Medley, Bruce Metzger, principal, and Dr. Justin Dyrud, supervisor of vocal music.

Orville P. Richardson, 70, and his wife, Helen, 68, died in a second floor bathroom when they apparently had sought refuge from the flames that roared through their rambling, 12-room home.

Murder Charged As Result of Portland Fire

Portland — (UPI) — Mrs. Constance Garrett, 42-year-old housewife charged with first degree murder in connection with a fire here in October that resulted in the death of three of her children and their babysitter, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

Mrs. Garrett, daughter of a wealthy Texas fruit jar manufacturer, is charged specifically with first degree murder in the death by asphyxiation of her youngest child, Gaye, 5 months.

The baby girl died in a fire at the family residence here Oct. 7 along with her sisters Angela, 3, and Vickie, 15 months, and her babysitter, Patricia Mae Gravatt, 21.

Mrs. Garrett and another daughter escaped the blaze. Her husband was away at the time of the fire.

Mrs. Garrett is being held in Multnomah county jail without bail. An appeal for bond was denied last month. She will probably come to trial in January.

Search for Coed Shifts to Klamath

Portland — (UPI) — Two detectives assigned to the case of a murdered Portland student and a missing coed were dispatched from here to Klamath Falls Friday, but detective Capt. Gordon Auburn said the men were just obtaining "routine background material."

Auburn declined to elaborate, but he said there were still many leads to be checked in the search for Beverly Ann Allan, 19, Port Townsend, Wash., who disappeared from the park here where Larry Peyton, 19, was found slain.

Signs of a struggle indicated the girl was kidnapped.

Frozen Food Plant Inspection Ordered

Portland — (UPI) — A plan to give cities the power to inspect local frozen dessert plants and products has been outlined to state health officers by Dr. Thomas L. Meador, Portland.

The plan, to be presented to the legislature, would give cities the same inspection and regulation powers over frozen desserts that they now have over milk.

The couple's daughter, Cynthia Richardson, 40, a well known amateur golfer, and son, Orville P. Jr., 38, fled to safety in their night-clothes after being aroused by their father. They told fire officials that they thought their parents had managed to make it out of the flaming house ahead of them.

In Boston's Brighton section, Mrs. Rita E. Brophy, 42, wife of a policeman, died of burns suffered when her clothing caught fire as she tried to extinguish a small blaze in her home. Officials said the fire apparently started when curtains drying on an electric heater ignited.

Burlington, Vt., fire chief Daniel Richards said he believed the fire there was caused by an overload of inadequate wiring facilities, with five appliances plugged into one outlet in the kitchen.

He said other buildings in the area, soon to become the site of an urban renewal project, were in equally poor condition and would be inspected immediately.

Four other members of the Foy family were hospitalized with burns.

Kidnap Evidence Slated Thursday

San Diego, Calif. — (UPI) — District Attorney Don Keller plans to present Thursday to a grand jury evidence against five persons in the kidnapping of wealthy sportsman Anthony Alessio.

Keller said he would seek indictments against Frank Maronne, 32; his wife, Selma, 25; James Gorman, 29, his wife, Ruby, 30, and Robert Hoffman, 24.

A sixth suspect still being sought has not been identified.

Rogue River Girls Take Crocker Test

Rogue River — All senior girls of Rogue River High school took the Betty Crocker, homemaker of tomorrow test last week according to Superintendent John B. Harr. The student scoring the highest grade in the test at the school received an award pin. Winner of the state contest receives a \$1,500 scholarship, and the second place state winner \$500 scholarship, the superintendent explained.

Welfare Recovery Totals \$31,267

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon justice department's welfare recovery division collected a record \$31,267 for the month ending Nov. 30.

The division collects money from runaway fathers and in welfare fraud cases. Most collections were made in the Portland metropolitan area of Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. The total was \$20,988.

Next highest recovery was in Marion county, \$6,559.

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