



LOTS OF PLAYMATES—Four babies within nine months and 23 days. This basket of twins, all born in 1960, belong to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davidson of Columbus, Ohio. Pat, left, and Patricia, right, arrived Jan. 26, 1960. Keith and Brad, center, arrived Nov. 18, 1960. The Davidsons had longed for a playmate for their daughter, Linda, who is nearly 12.

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Youngster Keeps Watch on Mail for Return of Junior Forest Ranger Badge

Williamsburg, Iowa — (UPI) — Eric Riggensbach waited anxiously today — not for a visit from Santa but for a letter from Smokey Bear.

With the sometimes trembling faith of a nine-year-old, Eric hoped the postman would deliver with the Christmas mail one of these days a letter from Smokey returning his Junior Forest Ranger badge.

"I want that badge more than anything Santa Claus could bring me," Eric said.

"I want it just like you'd lost a million dollars and you'd get it back."

Turned In Badge

Eric turned in his badge to Smokey Bear early in September. He had been playing with matches and started a fire.

He bundled up the badge, his letter of appointment, Smokey's commandments and all the other things Smokey Bear sends out to Junior Forest Rangers to help them prevent fires, and sent them back to Washington.

He confessed to Smokey — the U.S. Forest service's symbol of fire prevention — that the fire he had carelessly started had burned grass and trees and wild flowers near a cousin's house, and added:

"I do not feel worthy of belonging to the Junior Forest Rangers."

In a childish scrawl, Eric added a postscript asking if there was "anything I can do to earn the badge again."

A letter went back under

Smokey's signature, telling the lad his badge would be returned in three months if he was careful with fire.

Eric had his mother, Peggy, circle Dec. 1 on the calendar.

"All I'll be kept saying,"

Transient Laborer Shot in Culver Bar

Culver — (UPI) — A 37-year-old transient laborer was fatally shot in an argument at a tavern here Saturday.

The man was identified as Larry Livermore. He died at St. Patrick hospital at Bend two and one-half hours after the shooting.

Witnesses told Jefferson county authorities that Livermore was shot twice in the stomach by tavern proprietor George W. Clingan. There was no immediate charge against Clingan.

Witnesses said the argument erupted when Livermore told Clingan he could not pay for a glass of beer. Eight persons were in the tavern at the time of the shooting.

Authorities said Livermore was shot with a .32 caliber revolver.

District Attorney Warren Alfred said he ordered an autopsy and that any action in the case would wait until Monday when the investigation was completed.

Hatfield Asked To Go Slow on Off-Shore Lease

Troutdale, Ore. — (UPI) — State Rep. Vernon Cook, (D-Troutdale), said Saturday he has called on Gov. Mark Hatfield to go slow in negotiations of any exclusive oil exploration rights off Oregon's coastline with the Shell Oil Co.

Hatfield announced Friday that the state was negotiating with Shell for 800,000 acre offshore lands off the state's coast.

Cook said he had written a letter asking Hatfield to stop the state land board from signing any contract with the Shell Co. before the 1961 legislature meets. Cook said he planned to mail the letter so it would reach the governor's office in Salem by Monday.

"Oregon has what may prove to be an asset worth billions of dollars," Cook said. "There should be no great haste in the granting of exploration rights. If there is oil in Oregon's tidelands, it will not disappear."

Favors Study

"I do not believe any action should be taken by the state land board until the 1961 legislature has been given full opportunity to study both the law covering the letting of oil exploration contracts and the extent and greatness of the property involved," he added.

Cook said he planned to introduce legislation at the 1961 legislature calling for a study of the whole area of administration of state land and property rights, and specifically, for the study of the sale and leasing of Oregon's oil and mineral rights.

"Resources have been given away in Oregon before and I, for one, want to make sure it does not happen again," Cook said.

Friday, Hatfield said negotiations with Shell involve the exclusive rights to look for oil and develop any found. Shell has asked the land board to negotiate a lease rather than put the land up for bids. Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton, a member of the board, will rule next week on whether the state can legally negotiate a lease rather than bids.

In Salem Saturday, Hatfield said he would not comment on Cook's letter until he received it.

Cuba Exiles Picket Canada Consulate

New York — (UPI) — Cuban exiles picketed the Canadian consulate here Saturday in protest of the new trade agreement between Canada and Fidel Castro.

Police said 125 Cubans from anti-Castro organizations in the city conducted the picketing at the consulate (680 Fifth ave.) for one hour. There were no incidents.

Delfino H. Pupo, former Cuban ambassador to Canada, sent a message to Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, warning that Cuba "again will be a God fearing and law abiding nation" and will remember "those nations that have profited on Cuba's tragedy."

Pupo said the "entire Cuban colony in New York has risen in sincere anger" at Canadian Minister George Hees' statement that the pro-Castro government was welcome to trade in Canada.

Pupo was Cuban ambassador to Canada from 1950 to 1955.

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