

Funds Requested For Forest Fires

Washington - (UPI) - The Forest Service has asked for a \$31.5 million supplemental appropriation to pay for unexpectedly high firefighting costs in 1960.

A report issued today by the House subcommittee on deficiencies included testimony by Forest Service officials indicating that firefighting costs had far exceeded the \$5 million appropriated for the purpose.

The Forest Service, in a report prepared for the subcommittee, said 1960 was the "third bad fire year in a row and one of the all-time bad fire years in the national forests."

Arthur W. Greeley, assistant chief of the service, told the subcommittee that by the end of December about \$33.8 million had been spent for firefighting, although only \$5 million was budgeted for the emergency fund.

Charles L. Grant, director of finance for the Department of Agriculture, told subcommittee members the Forest Service had authority to use funds appropriated for other purposes for firefighting when the emergency fund was exhausted.

The supplemental appropriation was needed, he said, to reimburse funds from which expenditures were made for firefighting.

THEFT-PROOF

Chicago - (UPI) - City water department employees Wednesday found \$100 in a box in a dimly lighted basement corner of St. Anne Roman Catholic church and hurried to tell the Rev. Harold O'Garra about the building fund bonanza. Father O'Garra thanked them, and then explained the church's poor box was equipped with a tube to the cellar hideaway.

Carnival Couple Held in Deaths Of Five Children

Richmond, Va. - (UPI) - They had six children with them when they packed up their dilapidated car in 1958 and headed south from Syracuse, N. Y., for carnival work. They had one child - two years old - when they were arrested by Virginia authorities last week.

The horrible story of what happened to the five starved children of the itinerant carnival couple was being pieced together today by police and psychiatrists.

The investigation centered in this Virginia capital, where Kenneth E. Dudley, 47, occupies a private room in the state prison hospital. His wife, Irene, 44, is in jail at Lawrenceville, Va., a hamlet near the North Carolina line. Charged with Murder

Both are charged with murdering their 7-year-old daughter, Carol Ann, whose blanket-wrapped body was found near Lawrenceville last month.

Dudley, a wandering mechanic specializing in carnival merry-go-rounds, was under psychiatric observation because he tried to hang himself with his necktie last week in the Lawrenceville jail.

Virginia police said Dudley has confessed leaving Carol Ann's body at Lawrenceville, and related how he and his wife gave the four other children crude burial in such places as Lake Pontchartrain, near New Orleans, and the waste pit of a mine in Florida. Crude Quarries

The Dudleys, motoring south in a 10-year-old car with crude built-in living quarters, were arrested at Fuquay Springs, N. C., shortly after Carol Ann's body was found on Feb. 9.

Murder charges against both were filed Wednesday by authorities in Hanover county, north of Richmond, after they learned of Dudley's statement that his daughter died there.

State Police Investigator E. M. Lloyd said it had been determined at least five of the couple's children had died of malnutrition over the years in the Dudleys' coast-to-coast travels. The Dudleys were believed to have had a total of 10 children. Dumped Into Lake

Lloyd said the bodies of two of the children were dumped on New Year's Day, 1960, into Lake Pontchartrain after being brought to Louisiana from Phoenix, Ariz.

Another body was disposed of alongside a highway near Jenkins, Ky., on May 27, 1960, and a fourth was dumped at Lakeland.

Lloyd said it was apparent all the children died of malnutrition.

Confessed Slayer Questioned Further

New York - (UPI) - Rhode Island officials planned today to question confessed rapist Fred Thompson about the death of a 3-year-old girl 37 years ago in New England.

A grand jury also was expected to return a true bill today or Friday against Thompson, 59, in the killing of Edith (Google) Kiecorius, 4, Feb. 22. The grand jury started hearing testimony on Wednesday.

Joseph J. Freitas, police chief of North Smithfield, Mass., and a Rhode Island state police detective have reopened the case of Viola Aikne, 3, who was found killed in 1924. They will seek to discover whether Thompson, who was living in West Up-ton, Mass., at the time, was connected with the case.

Freitas said Thompson may be the same man, identified as James Graham, who was held as a material witness in the girl's death but was released for lack of evidence.

Kennedy Invites Leaders To Lunch

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy made a goodwill gesture today to congressional leaders of both parties in an apparent move to enlist support for his legislative program.

Mass Offered for Victim of Assault

New York - (UPI) - A Mass of the Angels was offered today for 4-year-old Edith Kiecorius, who was slain by a 59-year-old alcoholic "drifter" during a sexual assault Feb. 22.

The mass was offered at the St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic church in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn where Edith lived with her mother and brother, Albin, 10. Burial will be in St. Charles cemetery, Pineslawn, N. Y.

Edith's body was found Sunday in a slum room in Manhattan. On Tuesday, Fred J. Thompson, 59, was captured on a chicken farm in New Jersey and admitted the slaying.

NORSTAD'S MOTHER DIES

San Jose, Calif. - (UPI) - Mrs. Marie Norstad, 81, mother of NATO commander Gen. Lauris Norstad, died here Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Ernster. Services and burial will take place in Red Wing, Minn.

LEGISLATOR DIES

Raleigh, N.C. - (UPI) - Rep. F. L. Gobble, 70, a veteran North Carolina state legislator, died Wednesday.



STUDIES OF SUPPORT—Character studies of Fred Thompson, 59, are shown as he is booked for the sex slaying of Edith (Google) Kiecorius in New York City. The suspected murderer was captured without a fight on

FEARS U.N. CRISIS

Accra, Ghana - (UPI) - President Kwame Nkrumah said Wednesday night that "colonialism" was threatening the United Nations with its worst crisis since its founding. He charged that the U.N. mandate for handling the Congo problem had not been faithfully followed.

NOTHING TO CENSOR

London - (UPI) - Back from a lecture tour of India, chief British movie censor Lord Morrison said his job would be tricky in India because of the no kissing rule in effect there. Said Lord Morrison: "Take out the embraces and what's left?"

TAKE UP KNITTING

San Francisco - (UPI) - Some of the toughest convicts at Alcatraz have a new hobby—knitting. Warden Paul J. Madigan said 20 inmates of the maximum security federal prison responded when the knitting program was initiated two months ago as a morale booster.

Feed Grain Plan Said in Trouble

Washington - (UPI) - One of the key features of the administration's emergency 1961 feed grain program is in serious trouble on Capitol Hill.

This is the provision under which the secretary of agriculture would be authorized to sell feed grains below support prices during the 1961 marketing year. It is aimed at convincing farmers it would be more profitable to qualify for price supports by cooperating in a proposed new acreage reduction program.

The House Agriculture Committee earlier this week approved an amended version of the administration proposal. Under this House committee bill, the Agriculture Department could sell corn during the 1961 marketing season for as little as one dollar a bushel.

The Senate Agriculture Committee, however, struck this authority out completely. The committee Wednesday approved its own version of the administration plan. The Senate bill offers conservation supports to feed grain producers who reduce acreage of corn and grain sorghums by 30 per cent. Under the Senate bill,

USDA could not make general sales of surplus feed grains for less than the present floor, 105 per cent of whatever support price is in effect at the time of the sale, plus carrying charges.

BILL IS NEEDED

Denver - (UPI) - State Sen. Charles Bennett complained Wednesday that someone had stolen from his desk a bill which would impose heavier penalties on shoplifters.

QUEEN ENDS VISIT

New Delhi - (UPI) - Queen Elizabeth II leaves today for Tehran, Iran, ending a state visit of a month to India and Pakistan.

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