

### Five Children Die In Blaze

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (UP)—Five small children died of suffocation in a flash fire late yesterday while clinging to each other on a living room sofa.

A sixth child and an adult suffered burns, a woman was injured in a leap from a second-story window and an elderly roomer was burned critically. Another child was rescued through a window.

Firemen said they found the five victims huddled on the couch with their arms entwined. They were identified as Vicky Dungey, 8, her sister, Sherry, 4, and her brother, Eugene, 3; Naomi Trice, 4, and her brother, Harold, 3.

Harry Beadie, 37, a roomer, was in critical condition today from burns suffered when he and five-year-old Diana Dungey were pulled through a window while flames raged through the nine-room frame house.

Esther Connor, 33, another roomer, injured a leg in a jump from her second-floor window.

Gilbert Peake, 71, owner of the house, said the fire broke out shortly after he found the children playing with a gas stove in the kitchen. He ran for help but the children suffocated before firemen arrived.

Peake said the parents of the children, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Trice and Mrs. Richard Dungey, were at work at the time. The Trices rented the house and the Dungey children stayed with them during the day.



**DUCK STAMPS** have a high resale rating in the international stamp market. Albert (Bud) Anderson, chairman of the Young Men's Christian Association Y's Men's Club, Bishop Fund, holds specimens of the stamps issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Bishop Fund program of international scope, which markets stamps of all descriptions, uses the fund accumulated to give Y's Men members of foreign countries the chance to attend international conventions in this country. The Klamath Falls Y's Men's Club is participating in an international contest, competing on a point basis and to work for a trophy. Anyone with duck stamps to donate may leave them at the Gun Store, Hal's Sport Shop, Poole's or at the YMCA or send to the Y by mail. The contest closes June 1.

### National Guardsmen May Volunteer For Training

In connection with the National Guard's one-day recruiting drive February 22, First Lieutenant Leonard Springer, commander of Klamath Falls Battery "B," 732 AAA AW Battalion, today emphasized the importance of guardsmen between 17 and 18½ years old volunteering for six months of full-time duty training with the Army.

"While a National Guardsman is not required under the provisions of RFA 5 to take this six months of basic training," Lieutenant Springer said, "such training is available to him. Not only does such training reduce the time a young man must serve in the ready reserve, but it helps open the way for more rapid promotion in the National Guard, for a commission, and for appointment to the military academy."

The six-month training is taken at an Army training center, and upon its completion the guardsman returns to his home town to serve out the remainder of his reserve military service in his local National Guard unit.

A high school student may enlist in the National Guard any time after he reaches age 17 and put off taking his six-month training until after he graduates, but not later than his 20th birthday, Lieutenant Springer stated.

"This Army training," Lieutenant Springer said, "is a fine thing for a young man, for it gives him an insight into Army life and teaches him how to live with large groups of men in his own age bracket. The young trainees are taught how to live in the barracks and given physical training that hardens their muscles and builds their bodies. While the training is not unduly rigorous, it is designed to make a soldier out of a young man."

"When these guardsmen return to Klamath Falls, we find them trim and fit, basically trained as soldiers, and with good futures in our own National Guard unit," Lieutenant Springer declared.

"While we feel that the six-month training is a fine thing for young men," he said, "there are sometimes circumstances that prevent a young man from taking it. His educational plans or his business career may be at the point where he does not feel that he can leave for the six-month period. In those cases, a young man under 18½ may enlist in the Guard, and, as long as he serves satisfactorily, will be deferred from induction into the active military service."

Lieutenant Springer announced that full information on the National Guard may be had by interested young men or their parents by calling at the National Guard office, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays or on Tuesday evenings, or by telephoning 6590.

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### Benson To Address Annual Western Meat Conference

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson will head the list of distinguished speakers at the 10th annual meeting of the Western States Meat Packers Association at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco, February 13-16.

E. Floyd Forbes, association president, said Benson will come from Washington to speak to the more than 2000 members and guests at the closing session Thursday afternoon. Benson will talk on "Self Help - the Way out for the Farmer."

In Klamath Falls, the Bratton Packing Co. Inc., T P Packing Co., and the Super Packing Co. are association members. Associate members include the Warner Valley Stock Co., John D. O'Connor and Sons, and the Klamath Livestock Co.

Latest developments in the industry will be analyzed in the course of the four-day meeting, which is accompanied by one of

the nations' largest suppliers' exhibitions of packinghouse equipment and supplies.

Industry sessions scheduled for the convention will be featured by authoritative talks on accounting, animal health, beef and beef boning, hides, tallow and grease, marketing agencies, sausage, prepackaging of meats and new methods of packinghouse construction.

Packers will hear a report on the cooperative advertising campaign designed to win recognition for the quality of Western grain-fed beef. Cornerstone of the campaign is the recent finding by the University of California at Davis that, grade for grade, "Western grain-fed beef is equal in every respect to Eastern corn-fed beef."

Results of experiments in atomic preservation of food will be exhibited during the convention. Forbes said the experiments foreshadow a revolution in food processing and preservation. Low doses of radiation have resulted in extended storage life for meat, dairy products, vegetables, grain and flour.

The association is composed of several hundred independent meat packers and processors and allied industries in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Association members employ more than 25,000 persons.

### O & C Committee Slates Hearing

ROSEBURG (AP)—The executive committee of the Assn. of O & C Counties Friday will hear proposed changes in the administration and distribution of O & C funds, according to Douglas County Judge Carl C. Hill, the association president.

Hill said a bill containing the changes likely will be introduced in Congress by Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore) this spring.

### Parents Hear Student Solos

BLY—Parents and Patrons of Bly school were entertained at a regular meeting on February 2 by solo numbers on the accordion and piano by Connie Hall and Carolyn Obenchain.

Mrs. Gwen Ver Hoef, a new teacher for the intermediate grades, was introduced by the school principal. She has come to Bly from Spencer, Iowa, and teaches the fifth and part of sixth grade. Ruth Obenchain has been instructing 45 students until Mrs. Ver Hoef's arrival. The new teacher is staying in Mrs. Jewel Cambron until she can find an apartment.

President Howard Bingham read a letter of appreciation from the school student body, signed by Ronnie Chance, student body president.

There was a plea for the payment of dues as this year's income is lower than the total collected for dues in previous years.

A devotional selection was read by Gerald Chance and the meeting adjourned for refreshments in the home economics room.

### Fathers' Night Theme Set

WEED—"Conservation" will be the theme for the Fathers' Night meeting of the Weed Parent Teacher Association, February 21 at the Weed Elementary School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Bruce Ewer, PTA program chairman, announced that the program will present William Auman, game warden; Gordon Ashcraft, game manager of Siskiyou County Department of Fish and Game, and Clem Crouch, district ranger U.S. Forest Service at Mount Shasta, each giving a brief sketch of his methods of work in the department. A short question and answer period will follow their talks, and the Walt Disney "Beaver Valley" film will be shown.

The PTA Honorary Life Membership pin will be presented to a deserving community worker, and Founder's Day observed.

Routine business will be held to a minimum, according to PTA unit President, the Rev. George Telle, and the public is welcome to attend.

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