

Three-Year Old Lad Dies From Eating Poison Fish

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The death of a three-year-old boy who had eaten poisoned fish touched off an alert Wednesday night that spread fear throughout the East for several hours.

Later, a statement from federal food inspectors indicated the had fish was confined to a relatively small amount in the Philadelphia area.

The Donald Kleinschmidt family, both parents and four young children, were stricken ill at their home in nearby Haddon Heights, N.J., after eating a fish dinner Tuesday night.

Dale, 3, the youngest, died shortly after admission to Cooper Hospital in Camden. Two brothers and a sister were seriously stricken.

Representatives of the U.S. food and drug administration were informed Wednesday of the cause of the youngster's death. Laboratory analyses of the family's dinner indicated a high content of sodium nitrite, a poison, which in much smaller quantities is sometimes used as a preservative for meats.

Meanwhile, three women had suffered attacks of food poisoning after eating fish in a Philadelphia restaurant Tuesday night.

Robert C. Stanfill, local director of the federal food agency, said his inspectors quickly traced the fish, in both instances fluke and flounder, to a single wholesale distributor in Philadelphia.

The city health department meanwhile had issued a warning on a teletype service which reaches newspapers, radio and television stations in the area.

The first report said "all flounder purchased yesterday and today is poisonous" and should be destroyed.

Radio and television programs brought the news at the dinner hour to homes where the Lenten meal was being prepared or had already been eaten. Telephone calls poured into stations, papers and city agencies.

Stanfill's office later announced the tainted fish had been traced to a single wholesaler and that its distribution was confined to Philadelphia, its suburbs and nearby points in southern New Jersey.

Further, Stanfill said, there was every indication that only that portion of Monday's sales of fresh flounder and fluke which had been filleted was contaminated.

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Hen To Raise Kitty Kats

MESQUITE, Tex. (AP) — A hen has kicked off Blackie, the cat, and taken over raising Blackie's kittens.

Blackie had her five kittens in the henhouse. A white Leghorn promptly kicked her out.

The kittens have learned to answer the Leghorn's clucking.

Mrs. Alton Terry, owner of the confused group, told the Dallas News the hen is making a good home for the kittens.

When the kittens leave the nest for a minute, other hens peck at them. The Leghorn flies into the offending chickens in a fit of rage.

Blackie takes advantage of things like that to dash in and feed her youngsters.

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Dimes Drive Total Told

NEW PINE CREEK — The March of Dimes dinner, sponsored by the Eastside Grange Home Economics Club last Friday, cleared around \$70 which will be equally divided between Modoc and Lake counties for the polio drive. Around 100 persons attended the dinner which was chairmanned by Mrs. C. I. M. Mulkey.

Six tables of pinocle were played after dinner and the club grossed \$15 from the card party, which will be used in refurbishing the kitchen of the grange hall.

Charley Crump, Adel, captured first prize and Mrs. Dorothy Leemann won high for the ladies. Mrs. Amy Cloud received the traveling prize and Harry Sunquist, Willow Ranch, the consolation.

Refreshments were served later in the evening.

Other money to be turned in to the March of Dimes fund is \$2.50 donated to each county by the Needle Club and the same amount by the Happy Hour Club, which brings the total for each side to around \$40.

Children's Guard Hired By Star

LONDON (AP) — Theft of her jewels has prompted American actress Lauren Bacall to hire a guard for her to children.

The attractive widow of actor Humphrey Bogart became worried about the safety of the youngsters, Stephen, 10, and Lesley, 6, after her apartment was entered last week and \$14,000 worth of jewels stolen.

The gems were recovered but no arrests have been made.

"She feels she needs a man about the house," said Miss Bacall's maid.

British Emissary Expenses Hiked

LONDON (AP) — Britain is raising the expense allowance of its ambassador in Washington, Sir Harold Caccia.

The foreign service budget, just published, lists Sir Harold's salary at \$16,800 a year. But his tax-free expense allowance goes up \$9,464 to \$94,785.60 a year, due to price and rises in the U.S. capital.

Sir Pierson Dixon, British representative at the United Nations, gets the same salary but his expense allowance is only \$41,118 a year.

Flag Rites Set For Famous Spot

SITKA, Alaska (AP) — Sitka's Castle Hill, one of this state's most historic spots, will again become the scene of a history-making event July 4.

It was on Castle Hill on Oct. 18, 1867, that Czarist Russia formally signed over to the United States the vast, unexplored territory of Alaska for 7 million dollars.

Next July 4, state officials said the first 48-star flag in this new state will be raised on Castle Hill.

COMBINED EXERCISE SET
NAPLES, Italy (UPI) — Nato land, sea and air forces in the Mediterranean area will test their defense and counter-attack capabilities in a combined exercise next month, it was announced Wednesday night.

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New Christian Statement Was Born In Hotel Room

NEW YORK (AP) — Some unusual procedures in an unusual atmosphere went into the making of a new statement of Christian faith for the recently merged United Church of Christ.

The new statement was born in a document-stacked room at the Airport Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. "It was a rather unorthodox setting," said the Rev. Dr. James E. Wagner, of Philadelphia, co-president of the denomination. "But that room seemed to be sanctified by what went on there."

Lay men and women as well as churchmen had a hand in molding the 231-word document.

The commission of 30 theologians, pastors and laymen, representing the Congregational, Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches, worked 15 months on it. It was completed Jan. 23.

The statement, while affirming belief in Christ's divinity and in the Trinitarian concept of God, does not use the usual theological phraseology for these doctrines, nor does it mention the virgin birth.

Dr. Wagner said the effort was to arrive at a statement that would include the essentials, but be "broad enough for persons of varying points of view."

Made public Wednesday, the statement goes before the church's general synod meeting in Oberlin, Ohio, July 3-9 with recommendations for adoption as a new statement of Christianity.

Then came another novel twist. Each commission member drafted a statement and submitted it anonymously.

"These were the subject of extensive discussion at a later meeting," said the Rev. Loring D. Chase, of New Canaan, Conn., commission secretary. "Then the draft upon draft upon draft followed."

Between writing sessions, participants joined in worship and prayer in the hotel room.

Finally, four commission members were singled out to consolidate the thinking in the various proposals, and submit new individual drafts—also anonymously.

Of these the Rev. Mr. Chase said, one stood out as superior. Subsequently its authorship came out—the Rev. Dr. Roger L. Shinn, of Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tenn.

Another version—by the Rev. Dr. Roger Hazelden, of Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., also figured prominently in putting the statement into its finished form.

But the overall result was a mutual creation, the churchmen said.

"It is a vigorous statement," said the Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, church co-president. "All through it one hears the voices of the faithful through the ages chanting the historic confessions of the 'faith delivered once unto the saints.'"

Widespread protestant interest has focused on the statement, since the merger has brought together the noncreedal, noncentralized Congregational Christian churches, and the Evangelical and Reformed Church which has used the historic creeds.

Some Congregational Christian opponents of the merger have maintained the union would mean imposing creeds on members, and infringing on congregational freedoms.

Most of the classical Christian creeds—such as the Nicene Creed, the Augsburg Confession, the Westminster Confession—were produced at councils and ecclesiastical assemblies, called by emperors or parliaments.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — New revenue estimates by congressional tax experts cast substantial doubt today over President Eisenhower's hopes for a balanced budget next year.

Staff economists of the Senate Finance Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation predicted the government's income would fall more than a billion dollars short of the President's budget expectations.

Their annual estimates, which have been close to the mark in the past, put federal receipts for the year starting July 1 at only \$75,800,000,000.

Eisenhower had counted on \$77,100,000,000 in revenues in submitting his budget to Congress last January.

If borne out, the revenue shrinkage itself would knock administration budget calculations into the red without taking into consideration the probability of increased spending by Congress.

The legislators also have shown no inclination to vote higher gasoline taxes and postal rates which Eisenhower asked as part of his proposal for a balanced budget.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said even the staff estimate was optimistic.

"The need for the President to veto every bill involving excessive expenditures in crystal clear," Byrd said.

In a further statement prepared for the Senate today, Byrd contended that spending by Congress already is 12 to 24 per cent in excess of budget requests. He said they're sticking with the budget rejection of administration requests for increases in tax revenues would have further serious effects on the budget for 1960 and succeeding years.

Administration experts said they're sticking with the budget estimates, at least for now.

However, one said they were doing this "with no real assurance" that downward revisions in revenue estimates won't have to be made later.

The next set of administration estimates is due in September. However, Treasury aides said the figures doubtless would be revised before then.

One expert said it is difficult now to judge even fiscal 1959 revenues because March and June are big months for corporation tax payments and April is the big month for individual income tax payments.

Further complications in the budget situation grew from indications by Senate Democrats that they may freeze a pending \$1,275,000,000 bill long enough to charge it against the 1960 budget.

Eisenhower asked Congress to authorize this amount as an increase in the United States subscription to the International Monetary Fund, part of it in dollar notes and part in gold deposits. But he proposed to charge it against this year's deficit budget rather than the one he hopes to balance next year.

The deficit this year already is estimated to be in excess of 12 billion dollars.

The House Wednesday voted 315-57 to back the President and refused to follow the Senate's lead to delay the transfer until the new budget year starting July 1.

However, Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana, acting Democratic leader, said he saw no reason for the Senate to back down from its stand.

He said it might be a long time before the Senate and House can get together on their differences. Other Democrats suggested the bill is likely to remain in a state of suspended animation until after July 1, when the new budget period starts.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 4,200,000-gallon tank containing jet fuel was ignited by lightning Wednesday night at an Air Force fuel depot, but the fire was put out with chemicals in 30 minutes.

The lightning ignited fumes which surrounded the tank but the fire didn't get hot enough to set off the jet fuel, and damage was slight.

Firemen from Parkville, Mo., used a built-in chemical fire-fighting unit at the depot, between Kansas City and Parkville.

Star's Ex-Mate Loses Plea

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Mickey Rooney's estranged fourth wife, seeking \$2,353-a-month temporary alimony, lost out Wednesday by failing to show up in court.

The case was removed from the docket.

Elaine Rooney, 29, had asked the money pending trial of her divorce action. The Rooneys separated last June after 5½ years of marriage. Rooney is 36.

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