

# 18 Surgeons Successfully Separate Siamese Twins; Normal Life Seen

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Rose Mary Temoshenko and her twin sister Ruth Ann turned their backs on each other today, much to the delight of their parents.

The girls were born Siamese twins 13 days ago, joined at the chest and abdomen.

They were transferred from Allegheny Valley Hospital at Tarentum, Pa., to Children's Hospital here, Wednesday 18 surgeons separated the girls in a four-hour operation and later the chief resident doctor said they should grow up to lead normal lives.

Mrs. Temoshenko told reporters she was 31 years old "but I feel like 17."

She was asked to describe the girls and said, "They're beautiful."

Kiesewetter said the girls had interlocked rib cages and shared one liver. It was divided with each twin receiving an equal portion. He said the girls were given complete blood transfusions during the operation, two pints each.

They were taken into the operating room at 8 a.m. EDT and for the next two hours the doctors went through a "dry run." Actual surgery began at 10 a.m. and was completed shortly after noon.

The American Medical Association said there had been 12 successful separations between 1959 and 1966 of twins joined similarly to Rose Mary and Ruth Ann, according to AMA records, the most common successful separation occurs in this type of junction. The AMA library said there are about 350 recorded cases of Siamese births.

Rose Mary and Ruth Ann are the daughters of John and Theresa Temoshenko of Tarentum RD3. The couple has three other children, two-year-old twin boys and a four-year-old girl.

Rose Mary and Ruth Ann were delivered by Dr. A.M. Fatchko of New Kensington, Pa., and weighed a total of 11 pounds, 2 ounces at birth. Dr. Fatchko also delivered a set of Siamese twins four years ago.

Dr. William B. Kiesewetter, chief surgeon at Children's and a member of the operating teams which separated the girls, said he had "every expectation that they will live normal lives."

"One twin (Rose Mary) is excellent and the other (Ruth Ann) is satisfactory," he said.

Kiesewetter said the girls would go through a critical period in the next three to five days but added:

"If everything goes perfectly, they could be home in a couple of weeks."



ROBERT B. ELLIOTT

## Rites Held For Pioneer

Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home Friday, June 21, for Robert Boyd Elliott, 67, member of a pioneer Klamath County family. Cremation will follow the service. He had lived in Klamath County 62 years.

Mr. Elliott died June 18 at Hillside Hospital following a stroke on June 7.

He was a native of Bruceville, Ind., born Jan. 24, 1896, to William T. and Mary Elliott who came to this community when he was 5 years old.

He ranched on the Lakeview Highway until 15 years before his retirement during which time he was employed in the maintenance department of the Great Northern Railroad.

Mr. Elliott was raised in the Methodist faith. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Maintenance and Ways and served in the Army during World War I.

Survivors include the widow, Bernice, Klamath Falls; a daughter, Nancy White of Redding, Calif.; brother, W. T. Elliott of this city; sisters, Mrs. Sybil Blaise, Mrs. Gerald West, Mrs. Edna Arnold, all of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Craig Alpaugh, Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Euranin Mill, Los Angeles; also one grandchild.

## OSU Gifts Increase

CORVALLIS (UPI) — Oregon State University received grants and gifts totaling more than \$6 million this past fiscal year, the school said today.

The amount is 49 per cent over last year.

Dr. James Jensen, OSU president, said of the \$6,095,112 total, \$3.2 million came from federal funds and \$286,965 from other sources. The major share of the funds was for research, he said.

## Picnic Slated

Annual Algoma picnic will be held July 28 at Collier State Park. The reunion will be a potluck affair with soft drinks and coffee furnished.

Military personnel of the U.S. Coast Guard number 31,311, according to the Britannica Book of the Year.

## Hearing Slated On Power Rate

SALEM (UPI) — A hearing on Idaho Power Company's request for a 7-1/2 per cent rate increase in Malheur and Baker counties has been set for July 2.

Public utility commissioner Joel C. Hill said the hearing would be held at Vole, in the county courthouse, and will go into a second day if needed.

Idaho Power Company recently was granted a 7-1/2 per cent rate increase in Idaho. The company filed for a similar rate hike for its Oregon service area six months ago.

## 70-Year-Old Lumberjack Still Tops Trees; Shuns Safety Belt

OLYMPIA, Wash. (UPI) — A seventy-year-old lumberjack, Swantee Kyllonen, who has been topping trees since the days of the highline and the donkey engine, says he isn't ready to quit yet.

But he admits he is trying to slow down a little.

Perched on a springboard 70 feet in the air, Kyllonen chops the tops of trees, shunning the climbing spurs and belt and saw used by the more cautious youngsters of a later generation. Kyllonen says he is the only

person left in the country who knows how to use the steel-tipped springboards which are inserted into notches cut into the sides of the trees.

**Demonstrates Skill**

Claiming to be semi-retired, he still performs at logging shows as often as every other month. Each summer he demonstrates his skill at a big show in Arcata, Calif., and at an international logging show in Hayward, Wis.

Kyllonen says he no longer works more than 70 feet above the ground, not because he can't go higher, but because it throws too much of a scare into the spectators.

As for himself, Kyllonen admits he isn't as good as he was 10 years ago, but he says he isn't going to quit until he starts feeling shaky up there.

Born on a homestead in Puget Sound logging country north of Seattle, Kyllonen learned to cut the tops out of trees in 1914, at about the time that loggers started using safety ropes.

**Is Own Boss**

Nowadays, after 50 years of logging in the Pacific Northwest, Kyllonen says he does just what he wants to do most of the time, such as putting around the house and tending the garden.

Not much demand exists for tree-toppers anymore, but he still gets requests from the state parks system for little jobs. And sometimes city officials want him to remove dead tree tops which are endangering passersby.

Also he is often in demand by homeowners to remove trees in congested areas where they can't be allowed to fall by themselves. In these cases, Kyllonen takes them down in sections beginning with the top.

Still as straight and springy as the trees he tops, Kyllonen says he stays young by leading a simple life. He gets up early—never sleeping more than four or five hours—and works hard and does not waste his time worrying.



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