

Fire Leads To Arrests

Two 11-year-old boys were arrested by city police Monday for setting a fire that damaged a prayer room in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Friday afternoon.

Police said the boys gained admittance to the prayer room by saying they wanted to pray, but after lighting candles, they used matches to set curtains afire. The fire burned the curtains, scorched the wall and melted a religious statue. Police said the pair could give no reason for the act.

The boys were turned over to juvenile authorities.

FIRE REPORT

(10 a.m. Monday to 10 a.m. Tuesday)

Suburban Fire Department
12:30 a.m. Monday—2045 Arthur Street, fire in wall behind flue, slight damage, occupant, Norma E. Needham.
4 p.m. Monday—4470 Memorial Lane, short in thermostat wiring, wall blackened, occupant, Walt A. Backa.

Lawmakers Wasted Little Time Leaving Capital When Special Session Ended

SALEM (UPI) — The strains of Auld Lang Syne in the House, and sounds of applause in the Senate at 5:45 p.m. Monday marked the end of the 22-day special session of the legislature.

Lawmakers seemingly welcomed final adjournment of the session which had been stunned and deeply moved by the assassination Nov. 22 of President Kennedy.

One hour after the final gavel sounded, not one legislator was left in the House and Senate chambers.

Janitors were already sweeping up while custodial workers packed lawmakers' books and records in boxes.

The first special session since 1937 was called by Gov. Mark Hatfield after the Oct. 13 tax revolt when the legislature's \$60 million tax increase package was struck down.

Hatfield asked lawmakers to approve budget reductions, a \$12 million cut in basic school support, and to enact a \$12 million tax collection speedup.

Lawmakers quickly dealt with the fiscal crisis. Then Hatfield revealed the

three-year-old project to develop a space age industrial park at Boardman in northeastern Oregon had encountered new difficulties, and in a special message asked lawmakers once again to pull the Boardman chestnuts out of the fire.

A nearly party-line partisan political donnybrook boiled to life over the request.

The project faced a showdown vote in the House Nov. 22.

Just before the vote was to be taken, news of President Kennedy's assassination was flashed.

Partisan differences vanished. Stunned, deeply grieved, and incredulous, legislators quickly recessed for nine days out of respect to Kennedy.

There was still party bickering over the Boardman project when the session resumed Monday.

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day—but lawmakers didn't really seem to have their hearts in it.

They argued, debated, made charge and counter charge, then approved the controversial measure.

The solemnity which marked the tragedy of Nov. 22 returned for a few moments Monday afternoon when the House and Senate voted unanimously for a resolution expressing "anguish and sorrow" at Kennedy's death.

Legislators no longer were in a mood to bicker. They voted to adjourn, and swiftly fled the Capitol Building.

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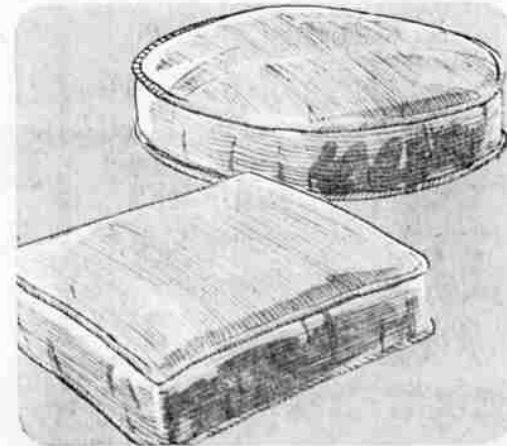
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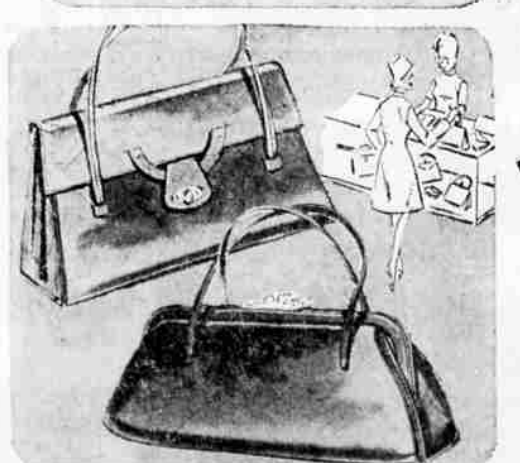
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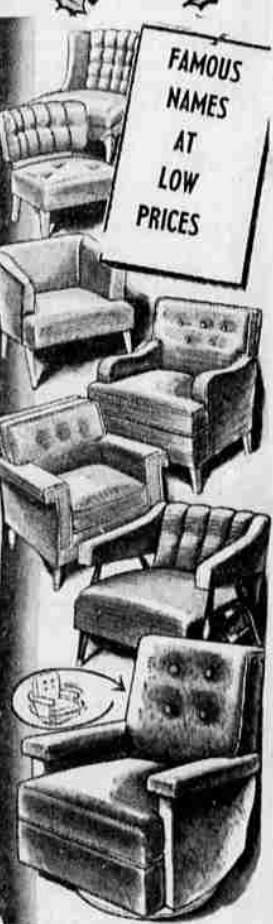
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