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Hurricane Bunch 120 MPH

Winds in a hurricane seldom go over 150 mph, according to data compiled by the Navy's Hurricane Hunters. Average hurricane winds are 120 mph in the inner areas, tapering off to 40 mph on the outer edge of the storm.

More Fire Deaths in Homes

While the greatest property loss from fire in the U.S. is in industry, the greatest loss of life is in home fires. Today, elementary school youngsters, ages 8 to 10, volunteer as Junior Fire Marshals to work in preventing home fires.

P.O. Dept. Fights Sellers of 'Filth'

Postmaster Lloyd Lewis reports that the Post Office department's drive to stamp out the activities of "merchants in filth" who solicit minor children for the mail-order sale of obscene materials is making substantial headway.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, he states, is taking increasingly effective action against this growing, nation-wide racket.

Postmaster General Summerfield has notified the local postmaster that during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1959, the

Post Office department conducted more than 14,000 separate investigations of traffic in mail order obscenity, of which approximately 10,000 were based on complaints from parents aroused to the menace presented by "the vicious arrogance of the smut racketeers."

Actual arrests during the year, according to Postmaster Lewis, total 315, a significant increase over the previous year, and almost double the number of arrests during 1957, when the Post Office department was still hampered by inadequate enforcement legislation.

Prior to the summer of 1958, antiquated laws and liberal court interpretations—Postmaster General Summerfield prefers to call them "misinterpretations"—required that even the most blatant profiteer, sending the vilest possible material through the mails to school-age children, could be prosecuted only at the point of origin of the mail, usually New York or Los Angeles.

According to Postmaster Lewis, the "liberal" courts in these cities established a definition of "obscenity" far different from views held by the majority in most normal American communities.

In 1958 the postmaster general recommended new legislation to the 85th Congress, which would permit prosecution of such racketeers at the point where the mail was received, and where the actual attempt to corrupt children's moral and social health took place. Congress promptly responded to the postmaster general's plea and translated the recommendations into law.

Postmaster Lewis reports that

this new legislation is now beginning to bear fruit. The first case prosecuted under the new law was a man and his wife on the West coast, who were mailing obscene literature to youngsters in Boise, Idaho.

Thanks to the new law, according to Postmaster Lewis, these two were convicted in Boise, and sentenced to 10 years behind bars plus a heavy fine.

In another recent California case, a 10-year prison sentence was imposed on a criminal offender convicted of sending obscene material through the mail, in contrast to so many previous cases in that area when probation had been granted.

Postmaster General Summerfield pointed out in a recent speech: "This represents, in our opinion, real progress of the type which can readily be expanded, so long as we have determined public support, prompt and positive investigation and vigorous prosecution."

Postmaster Lewis states that the postmaster general and the Post Office department attribute this progress to the broad support for the campaign being given by the nation's newspapers and radio and television commentators, public-spirited civic organizations, members of Congress, and more and more individual citizens.

Their efforts, according to the postmaster general, are not only alerting the public but are arousing judges and law enforcement officers to act firmly against the menace this traffic in filth presents to the healthy and decent development of the nation's youth.

Girl Scout NEWS



Brownie troop 80 met last week with their assistant leader, Mrs. Max Urry. Diane Alters of Boise, a former member, was a visitor at the meeting.

Songs were sung and refreshments were served by Becky Parks.

Cindy Tracy, Reporter.

Brownie Scout troop 82 held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Houston Wilson. Officers elected were Lorraine Wilson, president; Betsy Stunz, secretary, and Trudy Olsen, treasurer.

The afternoon was spent making puppets.

Refreshments were served by Teresa Haburchak.

Sallee Morgan, Reporter.

Members of Girl Scout troop 4 have been working on badges the past few weeks.

On Sept. 28 the troop had lunch at the home of Mrs. Cecil Richards and attended a movie.

At PTA meeting held Oct. 8 Caren Jackson, Linda Leseberg, Carolyn Pond, Janice Richards and Carolyn Lowe presented the flag.

Kathy Low, Reporter.

Brownie Troop 99 met Tuesday at the Episcopal church. The time was spent making musical instruments for the rhythm band. Refreshments were furnished by Norma Garner.

Barbara May Fangen, reporter.

First Fire Laws in 1630

The first fire prevention laws were enacted in Boston in 1630. Today, the nation's four million Junior Fire Marshals act as a "fire prevention brigade," conducting fire hazard inspections in their own homes.

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Oct. 6, 1959

To the Editor:

I have just returned from a 12-day stay in our Malheur Memorial hospital and have been thinking how much I have learned about the hospital, the nurses and staff of doctors. Just in case that a lot of the rest of you know as little about all that as I did, you may be interested in knowing just what I did learn.

All the hospital help were real nice and friendly and very patient with me and all the other people who were very demanding in all

Death Every 46 Minutes

Fire claimed a life in the U.S. every 46 minutes during 1958. Junior Fire Marshals, through their special training, have been credited with saving numerous lives in fire mishaps.

our smallest needs. There were enough nurses so that when we did need something our ring was answered almost immediately. The manager and the technicians also knew what they were doing and made one feel that they were really interested in your welfare and that you were not just another name on the books that they hoped could pay the bill when you were ready to leave.

Probably most people who have lived here know what good doctors and surgeons we have on the hospital staff.

I hope you never have to go to a hospital, but if you do I hope you get in where you can get as nice and good treatment as I got in our local hospital. And if you are really sick you will want the best of service and not feel that it is too high. The daily rates are a lot higher than they once were but so is about everything else, and they don't keep patients as long as they once did. Therefore, it doesn't cost as much as it did many years ago.

Let's back our hospital for what it may need. . . . We are fortunate to have it here, and to me it is worth everything it ever cost.

Yours truly,
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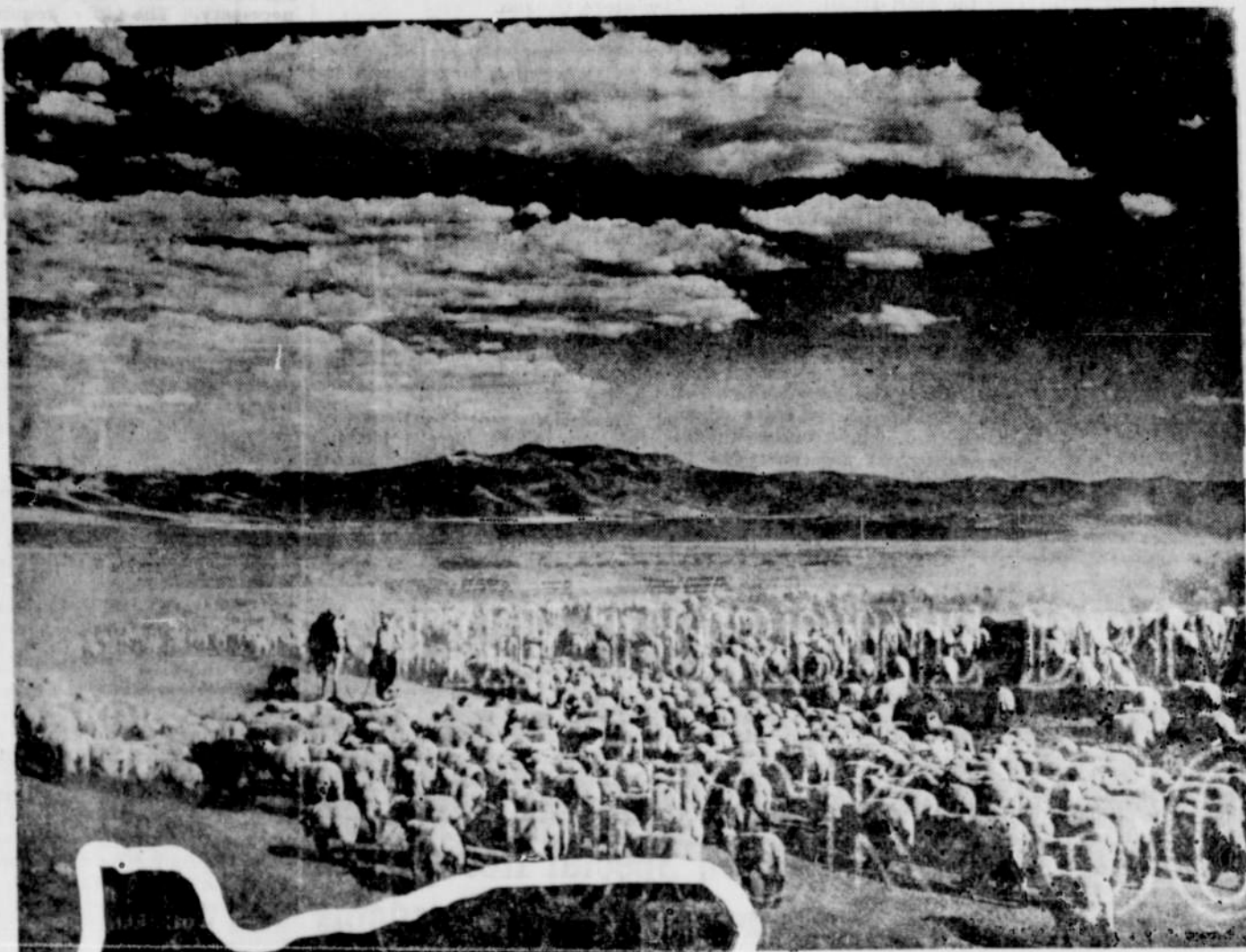
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