

12 In Family Die In Blaze

Foul Play Suspected In Pennsylvania Fire

OXFORD, Pa. (AP)—Twelve members of one family were killed last night in a fire that destroyed their two-room farmhouse in this rural southeastern Pennsylvania community. An investigator said today "it looks like it could be foul play."

Deputy coroner Ernest Schneider of Chester County said a thorough investigation would be made in conjunction with state police and fire officials.

The victims of the blaze were identified tentatively as the wife, children and grandchildren of John Twyman, a 36-year-old truck driver and a longtime resident of the "hotshots" section of Oxford.

Twyman, police said, appeared at the scene of the blaze as the last of the bodies of the Negro family were being recovered from the 20 by 30-foot three-story farmhouse. Twyman said Twyman was shocked into mumbling incoherency, but later he was just returned from Baltimore.

Firemen were looking for Twyman's body when he appeared. Schneider told a reporter, "It looks like it could be foul play but we're not certain." He declined to state the reason for the foul play theory.

Fire marshal Robert Brown said most of the victims, all apparently asleep when the blaze started, were cleared beyond immediate identification. He and Skitt said the victims "didn't stand a chance."

He said the home was heated by both a coal and wood stove and by a kerosene heater. "Because of the complete destruction," he added, "we can only assume that one of the heaters either exploded or became overheated and set fire to the home."

Herchel Twyman, John's brother and neighbor, told investigators he looked out a bedroom window and saw the adjoining structure ablaze. He said he tried to open each of his four windows but the door but was driven back by intense heat.

Guy Barnett, 24, who lives about two blocks away, said he saw a "yellow" glow "follow" said he first noticed a glare in the sky about 11:20 p.m., but had to go to the home of a neighbor to telephone for aid. Barnett said he could hear screams from the flaming structure at his home.

Brown said that by the time his men got there "there wasn't a chance to save anyone or anything."

Ironically, three dogs owned by the Twymans got out of the house in an unexplained manner, one being run back in and was burned to death.

NINE DIE AS RESULT OF QUICK FLOODS

Blizzard, Flood Conditions Still Plague East, North

The northeast fought back today a late winter punch of torrential rains, floods, blizzards and chilling winds.

Flood waters were receding and snow had ceased falling but many persons still were homeless. Many homes were flooded or without heat in the blizzard area where the storm disrupted power lines.

The strange range of weather of a doing winter caused at least nine deaths, two in New York state and seven in Canada.

The rampaging Allegheny River, which threatened Salamanca, N. Y., southwestern New York industrial city, and Warren, Pa., yesterday, was dropping from record-high flood conditions.

Hearing Temporarily Halted

Judge Gatling Praises Welfare Dept. Work



Center of Things, Welfare Superintendent Kuralt Testifies Facing Commissioners

COUPLE GIVEN 12 MONTHS A PIECE IN ADULTERY TRIAL

An additional sentence of 12 months in prison has been given Mrs. Mary Louise Daubremeyer, alias Mrs. Duke Hottle, who was tried today on an adultery charge.

The woman already faces a sentence of from two to four years in prison on charges of mistreating 3 1/2-year-old Debra Hottle, youngest of six children who lived with her and the children's father, Duke M. Hottle.

Mrs. Daubremeyer has appealed both the Superior Court sentence and this morning's sentence, given by Judge J. Ed Stukes in County Recorder's Court.

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Few Rules Being Used In Hearing

The investigation into the Welfare Department by the County Commissioners has few rules and an unorthodox procedure, according to a report that the child had been taken to a Mount Holy Hospital.

The Mount Holy doctor was contacted by telephone, she said, and reported that Debra showed no sign of abuse or neglect.

Dr. Stewart yesterday testified that he contacted a Welfare Department worker, Louise Darden, who said she had been contacted by a neighbor of the Hottle family had called him.

Welfare Department workers today said Dr. Stewart mentioned that the child had bruises on her body but said that his primary concern seemed to be about the child's leg.

As the hearing moved to a temporary halt shortly before 11, the commissioners had before them:

1. Much of the testimony that had been given during the trial by Mrs. Mary Louise Daubremeyer, alias Mrs. Duke M. Hottle.

2. A statement from Welfare Superintendent Wallace Kuralt on the Welfare Department's work concerning the Hottle home.

3. Confronting testimony as to the treatment of the child before her Christmas Eve death, and whether the County Police closed its investigation shortly after the child died.

NOT EASY MATTER

Judge Gatling, in a strong denunciation of the Welfare Department, said that it is "not easy" to see how the child died.

Evidence Short On Reports

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

County Commissioners temporarily halted their investigation into the Welfare Department today, after hearing a strong defense of the department from Welfare Superintendent Wallace Kuralt.

The two-day hearing, which got under way yesterday afternoon, appeared to produce little or no evidence that any neighbor of Duke M. Hottle reported mistreatment of Debra Hottle to welfare officials.

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Senate Extends Life of Case Probe Group

By JOHN CHADWICK

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate voted today to extend until March 1 the life of its four-member special committee named to investigate a \$2,500 campaign contribution offered Sen. Francis Case (R-SD) during the gas bill debate.

Action was by voice vote and with no debate. Sen. George D. Aiken has explained that the committee needed extra time to draft its report. The original deadline was March 1, then it was extended until March 10.

In today's vote, the Senate also denied the funds given the committee, increasing them from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The group conducted more extensive hearings than it originally planned, and costs of printing the hearing record will be greater than anticipated.

Third Body Recovered

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Our Weather

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British Order Cleric Deported

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—British Gov. Sir John Harding today ordered the deportation of Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Cypriot independence movement.

He has already left with three other leaders of the Cypriot independence movement. All four deportations were ordered under emergency regulations instituted after this British colony was hit by violence—bombings and shootings.

An official announcement said the archbishop departed under escort for a destination which will be announced later.

Makarios, Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church, had said he opposed "earlier withdrawal by violence—bombings and shootings."

Singer Charged In Auto Wreck

CORONA, Calif. (AP)—Singer Kay Starr has been indicted a police traffic citation following a police traffic collision which killed a woman and injured another.

Mrs. Starr was injured when, officials say, her auto struck another at an intersection and knocked it into an orange grove.

Police quoted her as saying the wreck occurred when a passenger in her car suggested she continue straight ahead after she had started to make a right turn in the intersection. She said she braked the car but it skidded through the stop sign and hit the car of Virginia Sierra and her wife, Francisco. They suffered minor injuries.

Mrs. Starr was referred to appear before Justice W. S. Caudill in Corona Justice Court. She was in Beverly Hills District Hospital.

The hospital files contained reports her condition is fair. The manager of the hospital said that she was more than 60 years old and had been hospitalized for several weeks and some operations and would be released from the hospital in a day or two.

Winter Layoffs Blamed Employment Down 314,000

WASHINGTON (AP)—Employment slipped by 214,000 in February to a total of 62,277,000, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said today. The loss was blamed on winter layoffs in the auto industry, the Commerce and Labor Dept. reported today.

A national survey of employment reported \$5,800 from January, the monthly report showed, and the Commerce Dept. said that the loss was due to layoffs in industries supplying the motor companies, including metals and rubber.

However, unemployment across the nation remained virtually unchanged at 23,600,000. Joblessness was up only 28,000 for the month, a hardly perceptible change was officially speaking.

The joint statement said most of the persons who were seasonal job withdrawal from the labor market instead of seeking other work. They were not counted as unemployed.

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Nixon Urged To Delay Decision Until August

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Herald Tribune said today it had learned authoritatively that Vice President Nixon is being urged by the administration aides and top Republican not to make any final decision before Aug. 20 in chartering his personal life.

A Washington dispatch to the newspaper added that the purpose is to prevent impairment of the freedom of action of the Republican nomination convention opening Aug. 20.

The story also said the matter of Nixon's personal life is being discussed by Nixon and his close friends that he is considering the possibility of "not being available."

Mr. Nixon has expressed a feeling of being "not specifically" for your favorite stock—Adv.