Child suffers bruises in accident near home

Mary Forman, 7, of the 1100 block Gilmor St., was treated at Provident Hospital on Wednesday evening for bruises suffered in an accident near her home.

A police report said the child was struck as she ran into a truck driven by William A. Warfield, 53, of the 1100 block Sarah Ann St.

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Grandfather tells of deadly flames

GRANDFATHER JOHN JOHNSON

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SHUMANSVILLE, Va. — This 82-year-old house once rang with the laughter of seven shrill voices.

This old house once shook to the resounding tread of seven pair of happy feet.

But today all that is left of the house is a twisted, smoldering wreckage. Today all that is left of the laughter and the happiness are seven charred bundles buried together in a single, solid white coffin.

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A BLAZE of undetermined origin swept through the two-story frame house early Monday morning and claimed the lives of the seven small ones who were sleeping in an upstairs bedroom.

Monday night a heavy rain drenched this area, leaving pools of mud in the dirt road leading to the house. But the rain wasn't heavy enough to cool the hot bricks or to keep the tiny licks of smoke from curling skyward through the wreckage.

Around the edges are the remnants of asbestos shingles which didn't burn themselves but which proved of no aid in stopping the fire. A pear tree in front of the house some 40 feet away is badly scorched but a small shed 20 feet to the rear is untouched which indicates the direction in which the wind was blowing.

After most fires, a chimney remains erect, the sole survivor of the angry blaze, but following this one, not even that survived.

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IN THE REAR of the remnants you can see bits of dishware, a charred icebox, and the top of a washing machine. And on the southeast corner, you can see the twisted bed springs with a child's charred clothing stuck in the coils.

The youngsters, ages 2 to 7, were the grandchildren of John Johnson, a proud hard-working man, who worked in the government printing office in Washington, D.C., during the week and returned home to farm on weekends.

Last week, Mr. Johnson was a happy man. He had raised 10 children of his own. Now seven of his grandchildren were romping around in his home he had built of weatherboards in 1922.

Then the fire came and swept away his grandchildren, his home and his happiness.

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SPEAKING IN AN almost inaudible voice, the visibly shocked grandfather described the fire for the AFRO:

"We got up before six. My wife, one of my daughters, and my youngest boy were picking cucumbers. I went on down and fed the horse, the cows and the chickens.

"Another one of my daughters was fixing breakfast. When I got back to the house, I told her 'By the time you put the dishes on the table and call mother, you'll have breakfast ready.'

"She said yes and then I asked her 'Go see what the children are doing upstairs.'

"IN A FEW seconds she came running back and told me 'Daddy, the house is on fire!'

"I ran outside and got a bucket of water from the well. But I just couldn't get up the stairs. The blaze was too much for me.

"I helped my boy up on the roof of the porch. He opened the window to the children's room but the flames blazed out at him.

"If I could just have gotten the kids. We didn't try to get anything out of the house except the little ones. We can build another house, but the kids. If I could just have gotten the kids."

MR. JOHNSON said that by the time the Bowling Green Fire Department arrived on the scene, "the whole house was falling in."

"This was a terrible shock to me," Mr. Johnson said, "at times I feel like committing suicide but I did everything I could. I did everything I could."

Family of Dead Children

(Back row) Glenwood S. Hayes, John C. Johnson, Mrs. Edith L. Washington (Front row) Miss Jean Johnson, Mrs. Thelma Carter, Dorothy Hayes, Mrs. Correna Johnson, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson.

SMOLDERING REMAINS OF HOUSE WHERE SEVEN DIED

Labor Day trip to benefit blind

The Colored Blind Association is sponsoring a Labor Day outing and bus excursion to the Elks Home in Frederick, Md. Monday, Sept. 6.

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—Masons

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Friday night, at 1037 Harlem Ave.

The papers and reports presented in the various sessions and conferences will concern themselves with subjects and problems besetting the organization as a whole.

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SCROLLS OF MERIT will be presented to worthy citizens for their liberal thinking, their efforts along the line of human relations and for their work for better interracial understanding and good will in various phases of community life.

Among those who have been asked to accept citations at Wayland Baptist Church on Sunday, from the National Supreme Council are: Governor McKeldin, Frank J. Bauer, Baltimore fire commissioner; Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of public schools; and the Rev. Dr. William W. Payne, pastor of Wayland Baptist Church.

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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS will be a mammoth street parade Sunday Aug. 15, through some of the principal streets of the city, after which a public meeting will be held.

Wednesday night, the annual banquet will be given jointly by the OES and the Daughters of Isis in honor of Mrs. Julia C. Fitzpatrick who holds national offices over these courts and chapters of the order.

Thursday will feature initiation and instruction in a newly created chapter among women: Princesses of the Royal Secret. Only women who have a male relative who is a 32-degree Mason are eligible to join.

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FRIDAY, A SIGHT seeing trip to Washington is scheduled and on Friday night the grand Shriners ball.

Saturday, the Council of Deliberation takes over and presents new legislation and the election and installation of officers.

All business sessions will be held at the Elks Home, 1528 Madison Ave., and will be presided over by Dr. Fitzpatrick, MPSGC, assisted by members of the Council of Nine.

No need seen for laws on school mixing

WILL LAWS be needed to back the Supreme Court's decision declaring jim-crow public schools unconstitutional?

That is the question which developed out of a query at President Eisenhower's press conference, Wednesday.

A reporter from Texas asked the chief executive if he had given any thought to legislation that would provide for the enforcement of integration in public education.

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IN ANSWER, the President told the reporter that the subject had not been mentioned to him. Then, without further comment, he went on to answer a question about the national budget raised by another reporter.

NAACP officials here told the AFRO Wednesday afternoon that they see no need at this time for legislation to back up the Supreme Court's school ruling.

It was pointed out that when the court ruled against discrimination in state universities on the graduate level, universities in the South obeyed the edict, even where state laws existed barring mixed education.

IN THE LIGHT of this, an NAACP spokesman said, there does not seem to be any need for special laws on integration in public education below the graduate level.

"The Supreme Court decision stands on its own feet," the spokesman declared.

Parade route listed for Scottish Rite Masons this Sunday

The following is the line of march for the mammoth parade of the Scottish Rite Masons, Sunday, August 15:

Parade starts at 5th Regiment Armory, up Dolphin St. to McCulloh, up McCulloh to Gold, cross Gold to Pennsylvania Ave., down Pennsylvania Ave. to Fremont, down Fremont to Harlem Ave.

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ment with which to make an investigation.

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Bowling Green firemen labeled the holocaust as the worst in the history of their area. J. T. Finnegan, chief of the fire department in Richmond, said that it was the second worst in the history of the state of Virginia.

The funeral services, arranged were burned beyond recognition, all seven of the children were buried Wednesday in one large solid white casket.

The worst fire occurred on Feb. 7, 1922, when 12 persons were burned to death and 28 were injured in the Lexington hotel in Richmond, he said.

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"I DON'T RECALL any other fire in Virginia in which as many as seven persons were killed and certainly know of none in which seven children died."

He said that the next worst fire occurred at the Jefferson hotel in Richmond on March 10, 1944. This blaze killed six, including the wife of ex-governor Price, and injured 20.

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