

ORPHANS MARCHED TO SAFETY IN BLAZE

Fifty Youngsters at Overbrook Institution, Wrapped in Blankets, Moved From Burning Floor

75 OTHERS ALSO REMOVED

Fifty children were ushered from their beds on a burning floor at the Methodist Episcopal Orphanage, at Monument road east of Belmont avenue, Overbrook, early today to another section of the big home without confusion or accident.

About seventy-five children on other floors of the house also were roused by attendants and marched in orderly fashion to safety on the main floor by attendants under the direction of Elizabeth E. Watson, matron of the home.

The fire began in a fire tower in a corner of the top floor of the building. It was discovered by John Neely, a watchman. Instead of spreading the alarm and running the danger of a panic among the children in the adjoining dormitory, the watchman notified the matron.

Mrs. Watson aroused her staff of assistants, the watchman in the meantime having sent in an alarm and returned to the scene of the blaze to

watch to see that there was no immediate danger.

Mrs. Watson and her assistants went to the dormitories and aroused the children. Those on the floor with the fire were told to bundle themselves up in blankets and march to the main floor.

Children Formed in Line

The children were marched down in the drill formation they use in going to and from classrooms and small girls and boys "line sergeants" helped keep the others cool and avoid a panic.

Children in dormitories on other floors were given a chance to get partly clothed before being escorted to the

ground floor. By this time the fire engines had arrived, but the attendants and the matrons were so cool during the experience that the children refrained from becoming alarmed and in the case of those on the burning floor marched to complete safety without disorder.

Fire Drills Practiced

While the firemen were fighting the blaze, the matron and attendants stayed with the children, talking to them and succeeding in persuading

them that there was no danger. So cool were they that the children were set to playing games to pass away the time.

The fire was caused by crossed electric wires in the tower. It is believed. The blaze itself was confined to the tower and that part of the big building immediately adjoining. The damage is estimated at about \$1000.

"We practice fire drills for just such occasions as that," Mrs. Watson said today, "so that when the fire alarm was really sounded the children did not become alarmed."

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