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**DOG'S SMOKING DANGEROUS**  
DONCASTER, England (UP)—Ralph Spencer imposed a strict no smoking rule in his automobile after he was told other motorists took their eyes off the road to watch his 4-year-old dog, Butch, who has been smoking cigarettes daily since he was six months old.

## Sen. Kennedy Opens Campaign In W. Virginia

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) began his campaign today for his West Virginia presidential primary battle with Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.).

He flew to Parkersburg late Sunday night and at a gathering of supporters and others this morning he said West Virginia is considered a key state in the primary and as a Democrat he is hopeful his party will carry the state in November.

From Parkersburg he flew to Charleston where he ran immediately into the religious issue which some believe makes West Virginia an important testing ground for Kennedy in an area where the population is predominantly non-Catholic.

Following an address at Morris Harvey College where he spoke about the nation's "crisis in education" he submitted to questions by students and others and was asked point blank if the fact he is a Catholic would enable him to fulfill the oath as president.

Kennedy replied that "there is nothing in my faith that would



Homer Hickam

## Big Creek Boy Regional Science Fair Winner

Homer Hickam, Big Creek High School Senior, copped one the first place honors in the Regional Science Fair held Saturday at Bluefield. The Fair was sponsored by the Pocahontas Industrial Council for Education.

Two other McDowell County students also won recognition event. Greg Ruff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruff of Welch, took second place in the division in which young Hickam participated. An honorable mention was garnered by Brenda Lou Perkins, student at Bartley Junior High.

Other area students entering exhibits in the Fair were Susan Linkous and Anita Rinehart of War Junior High; Winston E. Tyree of Elkhorn High and Ann Marlin Mays of Gary.

As a result of taking first place honors in the Senior High School Physical Science division, Hickam will receive an all-expense apid trip to the National Science Fair in Indianapolis, Ind. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hickam, Sr., of Coalwood.

The entry of the Big Creek Senior was "A Study of Amateur Rocketry Techniques." Previously he had won first place honors in the McDowell County Science Fair held in Welch late in March.

In addition to trip, young Hickam will receive an Air Force award in propulsion. Young Ruff will receive an Air Force award in electronics.

Ronald F. Simpson, 22, of Ridgeley was killed Saturday night when his car went out of control and ran off W. Va. 25 near his home.

Carol Ann Pavilky, 18, Wheeling died Saturday when she struck her head on pavement after falling from a car near Bridgeport, Ohio.

Mrs. Jimmie W. Decker, 73, of Frankford, Greenbrier County, died Saturday night when the car in which she was riding wrecked on Route 60 near Lexington, Va.

Mrs. Jenerva Workman, 67, of Whitesville, Boone County, died Saturday of injuries suffered April 2 when her car crashed into a light tower at a baseball park in Charleston.

The bodies of Arthur Tanner, 21, and his wife Janet, also 21, were found in the bathroom of their home at Elizabeth Saturday. Authorities said they were asphyxiated as a result of an unvented gas heater consuming the oxygen in their apartment. Tanner was a native of Curtisville, Pa.

William C. Marker, 54, postmaster at Cassity, Randolph County, accidentally shot and killed himself with a .22 caliber pistol he was cleaning at his home Saturday.

Dallas Tucker, 14, of Swiss, Nicholas County, was shot to death Saturday night by a friend while the two were playing with a shotgun at the home of the second boy. The youngster who fired the fatal shot said neither knew the weapon was loaded.

## Five Firemen Hurt In \$300,000 Huntington Fire

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (UPI)—Damage was estimated at some \$300,000 in a fire which struck the downtown Huntington business section early today.

Five firemen were injured, none seriously. They were identified as Harold Lemley, Glenn Warren, Bucky Johnson, Bob White and Orville Ferguson.

The men were blown down a stairway and into the street by an explosion believed to have been caused by an accumulation of gasses.

Fire Chief John Gallagher said the blaze is believed to have started in a false ceiling in a second-floor office of the Household Finance Corp.

It was reported shortly after 4 a.m. and firemen battled more than three hours before bringing it under control.

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