

## News of the **Saved By Miracle** Department



**ONLY A MIRACLE** saved (from left) Rebecca, Edith and James Lloyd from sure death. The bed in which the two girls sleep mysteriously caught fire. Their room was completely gutted in a matter of minutes.

### **Rescuer**



**EDWARD WHITFIELD**  
... Bit By Dogs

### **Samaritan**



**EDNA NIBBLINS**  
... Sheltered Children

# Dog Bites Man Rescuing Three Tots From Fire

## Children Alone While Mother Was Working

By J. DONALD PORTER

Three children miraculously escaped being burned to death when a mattress caught on fire in their bedroom early Wednesday morning.

Flames completely gutted the middle bedroom of the first-floor apartment at 3321 Powelton ave., where the children, James Lloyd, 6; Rebecca Lloyd, 5; and Edith Lloyd, 2, were sleeping.

The children had been left alone by their mother, Mrs. Ida Lloyd, who left for work in the late afternoon believing their grandmother would soon be home to care for them.

The fire erupted shortly before midnight and less than an hour before Mrs. Lloyd was telling her employer that she had to quit so that she could spend the evening hours with her children.

### **AWAKENED BY COUGHING**

Rebecca said she was awakened by the coughing of her younger sister, Edith, and she in turn called to her brother. The three of them, barefoot and in pajamas, rushed to the rear of the house and began screaming for help.

Their screams were heard by Edward Whitfield, 25, of 3323  
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# Dog Bites Man

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Powelton ave. He looked from his kitchen to see smoke gushing from the house.

Whitfield dashed through his back door, jumped the short fence between the two houses and was bitten by one of three dogs in the Lloyd's yard. He was treated at the Presbyterian Hospital.

## FIVE OTHERS ROUTED

An unidentified man and Whitfield snatched up the children who were crying that they were cold and took them to the first-floor apartment of Mrs. Edna Nibblins, 3323 Powelton ave.

Also routed were Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Flowers, and their three children, Priscilla, 3; Michael, 1; and Vicky, 9 months. They returned to their second-floor apartment after the blaze was extinguished. Firemen were able to confine the fire to the one bedroom.