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SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL FATALLY BURNED HERE Bodle Girl Burned Fatally In Trash Fire Here Tuesday

Marcella Ann Bodle, six-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bodle, 939 North Tenth Street, died in the Adams County Memorial Hospital shortly after midnight today from burns sustained when her clothing caught fire from a trash fire Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A brother of the victim rushed to the house to notify Mrs. Bodle, who then raced to the backyard and stripped the flaming clothing from the screaming six year-old girl. Taken first into the house, the child was rushed to the hospital.

Mrs. Bodle had started the trash fire in the backyard, then returned to the house. It wasn't until one of her sons came in to tell her that she knew the other child was being burned.

Other children of the Bodles believed that the child was attempting to stomp out the fire when her dress suddenly was aflame, and she sustained second and third degree burns over 80 percent of her body, attending physicians at the Adams County Memorial Hospital reported.

In addition to the parents, the child is survived by four brothers, twins Barry and Garry, and twins Michael and Dennis; and a sister Mary; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bodle of this city, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolfcale, Convoy, Ohio.

The body will be removed from Black's Funeral Home to the Ira Bodle home, 318 South Tenth Street, where friends may call after 2 p.m. Thursday and from where services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday. Funeral Services, with the Rev. H. J. Welty in charge, will also be held in the First Baptist Church, this city, at 2:30 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.