

## GAY TOURISM TRIP ENDS IN TRAGEDY

### MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE CATAPULTED INTO MISSISSIPPI WHEN SHIP TIPS UPSIDE DOWN

#### Twenty in Watery Grave as Finale to Trip of Engineers on River—Big Negro From Swamps of Arkansas Is Hero—Searching for Lost Bodies.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 9.—Tom Lee, 44-year-old negro, who saved several persons from drowning when the steamer Norman capsized yesterday, said afterward: "I guess I didn't do any more than what any one else would have done in my place."  
"After I passed the Norman at Coahoma Bend, I saw she was tilting way over on one side."  
"I turned my boat around. I guess I was a quarter of a mile up the river from her when I started, but she was all under water when I got there. Then I got a man out. He was turning loose his hold on a piece of timber, so I got him under the arms and pulled him in. Then I picked up two or three little children. I took them to a sand bar a short distance away, and gave them some matches and told them to build a fire out of driftwood. I kept going and coming until I had saved everybody I saw in the river, then I went to the sand bar and built a fire."

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 9.—Caught in the swirling, muddy current of the Mississippi as she attempted to stagger ashore, the United States government steamer Norman, of the engineering corps fleet here, today lies in 35 feet of water just below Coahoma Landing, Tenn. With her, in a watery grave, lie 20 of a gay excursion party that yesterday went for an outing on the broad expanses of the Big Muddy.  
Among the men, women and children, who were catapulted into the stream and who remained there or were fished out with life jackets were some of the best known men in the engineering profession of the south. The trip had been taken as a side issue to the first annual convention of the Mid-South Association of Engineers, just formed here.  
From out of the swamps of the Arkansas came the hero of the occasion—a big, black negro man—Tom Lee. On his broad shoulders and the motorboat of his employers at Helena, Ark., fell the burden of life saving.  
Lee, a slow, methodical man, went about his work as methodically as any of the silent, methodical men who made up the bulk of the party. He loaded his boat with victims of the disaster. He took them ashore. He went back and got another load.  
When the final count was taken he had rescued 30 of the 60 or more persons on board the steamer, including Captain Howard T. Fenton, grizzled veteran of the river, who had commanded the ill-fated vessel.  
Today the search for the dead and possible living continues. Up the banks of the Mississippi are the Chinamen and the Monitor are scouring the banks for bodies and possible living. The government is planning to send down divers in an effort to penetrate the sunken cabin in the hope of recovering some of the bodies.  
It was also planned if necessary, to bore holes in the steel hull of the boat.  
Soon after the captain had ordered the passengers scattered, said R. O. Schaefer, publisher of the Southern Contractor, Major D. H. Gillette, United States engineer reported trouble with the steering wheel and said the engineer wanted to put ashore to fix it. "While Captain Fenton was casting about for a safe landing place," said Mr. Schaefer, the boat careened. Just before somebody yelled "She's going over" and the boat slowly began to turn on its side. People on the upper deck started climbing over the turning side and about a minute later the Norman was resting bottomside up.  
Dramatic stories were told of the wild staggering of the steamer just before she went down. She listed heavily, from what cause, it has not been determined and Captain Fenton ordered the passengers scattered thinking too many were on one side of the boat. Sitting in the cabin was a group of Memphis engineers bent on organization of a local chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. "Trim the ship, came the order. There was no excitement. The engineers as a man rose and without haste left the cabin. Hardly had they reached the deck

### MOTHERS SEEK BABIES; GERMAN NURSE IS HELD

#### Seven Infants Still Unclaimed at Hospital After Taken From Home.

### TWENTY TWO DEAD

#### Former Red Cross Nurse in Investigation After Infants Die.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, May 9.—A grand jury investigation of Mrs. Helen August Geisen-Volk's East 86th St. "Baby Farm" where 22 babies have died within little more than a year, was ordered today.  
Meanwhile the woman was held in \$25,000 bail.

Children's society agents accused the woman of having violated a city ordinance in having kept almost a score of infants in a resort for which the city has licensed her to keep only seven.  
Mrs. Geisen-Volk was arrested on the specific charge of having attempted to give a strange baby to William Angerer, when he called for his child, Stephen, seven months old. Seven unclaimed babies taken from the woman's establishment still are in Bellevue Hospital awaiting claimants.

Mrs. Geisen-Volk waived examination today.  
Two assistant district attorneys investigating the case told the court that the woman probably would be charged with homicide before they completed their inquiry into the deaths of the 22 infants, many of them supposedly of mal-nutrition and neglect.

Two more women told the authorities today that they believed Mrs. Geisen-Volk, widow of a Prussian army officer and a former German Red Cross nurse, had spirited their children from them. The twenty-third victim is in a hospital, and a child of an infant, known today when Bellevue Hospital attaches announced that Joseph Abramowitz, two years old had died the last night. The baby was removed from Mrs. Geisen-Volk's home yesterday. Pneumonia was given as the cause of the death.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Seven babies await claimants in Bellevue Hospital where they were taken after an investigation of the activities of Mrs. Helen Geisen-Volk, former Red Cross nurse in the German army, at whose institution 22 babies have died within a year.

The twenty-third victim is in a morgue awaiting an autopsy to confirm an unofficial verdict of acute mal-nutrition.  
Distracted mothers besieged the institution yesterday and one tried to attack Mrs. Geisen-Volk.  
The complaint of William Angerer, who Mrs. Geisen-Volk returned to him a child other than his own, resulted in the investigation. Angerer says he can not find his own child.  
Mrs. Geisen-Volk is under arrest on a charge of child substitution.  
Yesterday she was taken by police to her institution, where with the aid of a card index she gave the names of the infants and the addresses, if available of those who left them with her. Four children were claimed by parents and the seven others were sent to Bellevue.  
Mrs. Geisen-Volk's license called only for seven in the house.

### HISTORIC LANDMARK DESTROYED BY FIRE

SALEM, Ore., May 9.—A historic landmark of Marion county went up in flames when the old Manson House at Champoeg was destroyed Thursday by an accidental fire.  
The Manson house, according to Albert Totier, caretaker at Champoeg was built some time prior to the year of 1851, while Judge P. H. D'Arcy of Salem, an authority on Champoeg history, believes it was built between 1845 and 1850.  
It was the residence of Francois Manson, a French Canadian and an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company.  
The Manson House did not stand on the original Champoeg site, but was on ground that was occupied by the newer Champoeg after a part of the old town had been destroyed by the Willamette river deluge of '61.  
Of late years the historic building has been the property of Henry Zorn a farmer. Thursday of this week while one of Zorn's men was burning apple trees and orchard rubbish some of the sparks reached the roof of the old building and soon the house was aflame. The flames were seen for a mile and neighbors ran to the spot but were unable to save the building.

### WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR NEXT WEEK

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—The weather outlook for the week beginning May 10 was announced here today by the United States Weather Bureau as follows:  
Pacific states—generally fair weather, except for occasional coast along the coast from Cape Mendocino, Cal., northward. Temperature will be somewhat below normal, and frosts are likely during the first part of the week in the interior of Washington and Oregon.

### AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CAMPAIGN EXPLAINED TO CITIZENS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY BY COMMITTEE

A committee of Umpqua Post of the American Legion last night sponsored a banquet at the Hotel Umpqua for the purpose of acquainting a large number of guests, representative men and women of Douglas County, with the purpose of the endowment fund campaign to be carried on in Oregon, May 25th to 28th. The Indian Room of the hotel was crowded to capacity with the invited guests, many coming from as far as Oakland. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Fred Strang sang the "Star Spangled Banner".

After a short musical program by Jimmie Vance and his Arizona Collegians, several speakers outlined the plan of the endowment fund campaign. Commander Stewart acted as chairman of the meeting. He talked concerning the work of the American Legion in fighting the battle for the unfortunate of the World War and then described the work as it is being carried on today with a deficiency of funds. The necessity of raising a \$5,000,000 endowment fund in the United States was clearly explained by him. Oregon's quota is \$500,000, of which approximately \$3,000 must be raised in Douglas County. Umpqua Post of the American Legion is organizing to carry on this campaign here and it is believed that this amount will be easily raised by the people of this section.

Commander Stewart then introduced Dexter Rice as "the best friend the American Legion ever had." He explained that Dexter has accepted the chairmanship of the campaign in Douglas county and this remark brought forth a storm of applause from those assembled. Mr. Rice's acceptance of the leadership of the campaign here practically assures the success of the movement. Much of the organization work has been completed and when the zero hour is reached his workers will go "over the top" with a bang and bring home the bacon in a few short days.

Dexter Rice last night made the talk of his lifetime. Those who heard him declare that his appeal was the strongest ever made before a Roseburg audience. His heart and soul is in the work of caring for the wounded of the war and providing homes for the orphans. The sincerity with which he spoke last night proved beyond a doubt the merit of the

### Plans for New High School Building Are Nearly Complete Construction to Start in June



The above is a front view of the new high school building upon which construction will soon start. The cost of this building will be \$155,000.  
This high school will house the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. The high school now in use will be used for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, which will relieve the congestion now prevalent in the grade school buildings, as the seventh and eighth grades will be combined with the first grade in high school to make to Junior High.  
This building will be erected on the knoll of the new school site facing south on the continuation of Chapman street. Final plans for it will be approved by the Board of Directors, and bids will be asked for at once on the various phases of the erection. The Board expects all the contracts to be signed by June 1st and actual construction to commence not later than the middle of next month.

The preliminary plans show that the building will consist of eight regular recitation rooms where the academic subjects will be taught; a typewriting room, shorthand room, bookkeeping room, a study hall seating 150 students, off of which there will be located a library with forty-eight sittings. There will also be located in this building a room for the Agricultural Department for class work of combined Physics and Biology laboratory, a Science lecture room, a Chemistry laboratory, a Home Economics department consisting of a model dining room, a pantry, a kitchen, cafeteria serving room and a combined cafeteria and sewing room.  
There are rooms set aside as rest rooms for lady and gentlemen teachers and also the girls of the school.  
The principal's office will have a vault placed in it, and it will have an outside waiting room.  
A combined Auditorium and Gymnasium 85x45 feet is provided for in the plans. This room will have a stage 65x45 feet constructed. There will be tiered concrete seats at the back of the Auditorium which will seat 600 persons. Under these seats will be girls and boys locker rooms.  
There will be constructed a basement on only one side of the building which will care for the Industrial Arts department if electric heat is used, otherwise for furnace purposes.  
The final plans will show complete details of the construction, such as the location of the lockers, drinking fountains, bulletin boards, closets, storage-rooms and other built-in features. The building will be constructed of concrete, with terra cotta work at the front entrance. The rear of this building will be out onto a complete athletic field.

### YOUTH ARRESTED CHARGED WITH MURDER OF DAD

#### Nineteen Year Old Youth Cool When Taken Into Custody by Police

### RECEIVED INSURANCE

#### Father's Body Found in Washington University Stadium With Bullet Wounds.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 9.—Edward G. Dillon, 19-year-old son of Dr. William A. Dillon, whose body with bullet wounds in the head and left knee, was found on Washington University stadium here May 1, was arrested at the home of his mother here early today in connection with the slaying.

Police this morning would make no statement regarding the outcome of hours of question. They said the youth was cool, self-possessed and showed no nervousness. His refusal to answer question was steadfast.

Young Dillon is the beneficiary of three health and accident insurance policies carried by his father, totalling \$15,000. The last one was taken out April 22, eight days before Dr. Dillon was slain.

The son had been attending Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas. He was arrested April 4, 1924, and charged with robbery in the first degree, following the death of George Barnett, high school boy, who was killed by a city detective after he had committed four highway robberies.

Dillon, however, denied the charge saying he had left Barnett and had attended a fraternity party at an exclusive hotel. The charge was subsequently dismissed.

### FINANCIAL PLANS OUTLINED TODAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
PARIS, May 9.—Finance Minister Cail্লাux today was empowered by the cabinet to make his financial plan a question of confidence before parliament. The cabinet approved the outline of his proposals at this morning's session which was almost entirely devoted to this subject.  
M. Vaillaux after the meeting said he had promised not to reveal the exact nature of his plans until his appearance next Tuesday before the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies. In fact, he added, he had not completed all the details.

Visitors in Town—  
T. S. Weaver and wife were in town today shopping and visiting with friends.

### DID BOOZE CAUSE GERMANY TO LOSE?

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
● KOENIGSBERG, Germany, May 9.—Did the big German front offensive on the western front in 1918 fail because the German armies ran amuck among the huge stores of wines and liquors left behind by the allies?  
● This question was raised by one of the speakers in the Koenigsberg local option week, which closes Saturday, and initiates a nation-wide drive to make Germany dry.  
● Referring to an allegation by Dr. Schmidt, professor of Theology at the University of Glessen to the effect that German soldiers became intoxicated on looted alcohol, one of the speakers at the numerous meetings held through out the city in the week ended last night, General Ludendorff when confronted with the statement exclaimed: "I can't contradict it."

### LIPMAN-WOLFE SOLD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
PORTLAND, Ore., May 9.—Ownership of the department store of Lipman, Wolfe & Company, established in Portland in 1880, will pass May 27 to the National Department Store, Inc.  
The purchase price is reported to have been in excess of \$1,700,000, of which \$450,000 represents good will.

### MUSIC WEEK ENJOYED BY PEOPLE OF CITY

#### Operetta at Heinline Conservatory Event of Last Night

### THE CAST IS GOOD

#### Programs to Be Given at Hotels This Evening by Various of the City's Orchestras.

From Sunday, May 10th till tonight, May 9th, Roseburg music lovers have had a feast. Never has national music week been so fittingly observed in the city. From the audiences at each program Roseburg has few "who have no music in their soul."

One of the outstanding programs was the operetta given on Friday evening at the Conservatory under the direction of Mrs. Charles Brand.

The scene was laid in a garden in Japan, where O Hanu San, the daughter of a Japanese general was celebrating her eighteenth birthday. While the preparations were being made, three American tourists arrived on the scene and things began to happen. The music was played by Mrs. A. J. Young, Mrs. Jessie McKee Melvin and Miss Luella Sappington.

The following characters made up the cast:  
O Hanu San, Mrs. Fred Powell;  
O Kiku San, her cousin, Miss Fay Geddes;  
O Kayto San, another cousin, Grace Wickham;  
Chaya, her servant, Ava Jane Darby;  
Miss Norma Twimms, Mrs. Willis Meyers;  
Miss Dora Twimms, Mary Reams;  
Miss Minerva Knowall, her governess, Helen Casey.

Other friends of O Hanu San; Vesta Buckley, Adele Reimle, Mrs. Bernice West, Velma McDougal, Evelyn Hawn, Lydia Neal, Mrs. Adrian Hurtbert, Mrs. Harold McKay, Marion Nichols and Gertrude Morgan.

This operetta is to be presented again on Monday evening, May 11th. As a fitting conclusion to Music Week programs will be given at the various hotels tonight, starting promptly at seven o'clock. A different orchestra will play at each hotel the entire hour, but the soloists will go from one place to another, with a continuous program. At the Grand Hotel Mrs. A. J. Young's orchestra with Mrs. Arthur Knapp, accompanist, will play with Mrs. Fred Strang, managing the program; at the Umpqua Mr. Ott's orchestra, with Mrs. E. T. Melvin, accompanist, in charge of the program; at the Terminal Hotel, the Sherman Clay orchestra with Mr. Arundel, accompanist, and Mr. J. E. McClintock as manager; at the Douglas Hotel, the Christian Church orchestra under the direction of T. H. Olson, with Miss Luella Sappington accompanist, and A. T. Lawrence, manager.

The program that will be given at all the hotels follows:  
Saxophone Solo, Mr. Roy Wells; Contralto Solo, Miss Edna Haseltine; Cornet duet, Mr. Crocker and Mr. Teuber; Bass solo, Mr. H. A. Canada; Euphonium solo, Mr. Fred Strang; Soprano solo, Mrs. Fred Powell; Toe dance, Marjorie Miller; Trombone solo, Mr. Dale Strang; Violin solo, Mr. Herbert Williams; Soprano solo, Mrs. Fred Strang; Gypsy dance, Helen Virginia Young.

There will also be given at the hotels:  
The Sherman Clay company will play a piano at the Terminal Hotel for the program; and the Music Store is providing pianos at the Grand and Douglas Hotels.

### ISLAND OF OAHU NEEDS DEFENSE WARFARE SHOWS

#### War and Navy Department Officials Convinced Island Is Defenseless.

### REPORT IS PUBLISHED

#### Force on Island Too Small and Present Strength of Army Air Service on Hawaii.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, May 9.—War and navy department officials are satisfied that the gigantic war game just concluded at Hawaii served as a dramatic illustration of deficiencies in the defense of the island of Oahu which have been repeatedly called to the attention of congress in the last few years.

In advance of official report of the maneuvers, the dispatches do not indicate any striking new fact to have been disclosed, but are confident that the sham battle will enable presentation of the Hawaiian Islands, problem on a basis of established facts instead of theories.

That the combined naval and military forces now maintained at Hawaii cannot insure the safety of the Pearl Harbor naval base against a strong surprise attack is expected to be shown in the report by Admiral Cointz and Major General Hines, chief umpires. The actual problem of the maneuvers was to test the efficiency of personnel and equipment of the peace time garrison of Oahu which includes all allied element of modern military communications would have rendered doubtful the score of even larger garrison in defending the island against landing operations.

First, that 12,000 men in the regular armyarrison and forming the mobile defense is too small force by from 5,000 to 7,000 men.

Second, that failure to provide adequate means for interior communications of Oahu which includes all allied element of modern military communications would have rendered doubtful the score of even larger garrison in defending the island against landing operations.

Third, that the present strength of the army air service detachments assigned to the Hawaiian Islands is not sufficient.

Fourth, that the present equipment of the garrison air service, particularly in long range scouting planes, is wholly inadequate to afford the defending force necessary information of an approaching enemy in time to repel a landing.

On the naval side it is predicted that there will be again disclosed vital weaknesses in the composition of the fleet among them:

First, lack of modern post-treaty high speed 10,000 ton light cruisers.

Second, lack of keeping fleet submarines.

Third, lack of large high speed airplane carriers and of adequate numbers of modern aircraft with the fleet itself.

In addition it is explained that naval weaknesses will be disclosed from the report from Rear-Admiral MacDonald, who was associated with Major General Lewis in the joint defense of Oahu. From that aspect it appears probable to officers here that lack of mine-planting submarines as a part of the regular naval contingent assigned to the Hawaiian Islands will be emphasized. It is felt also that the peace time naval forces at the island should include modern light cruisers and naval aircraft with the surface auxiliaries.

### The Weather

Highest temp. yesterday 97  
Lowest temp. last night 50  
Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday.

If you wear your old winter hat too long, a FAMILIAR AIR is apt to take care of the situation for you.