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Man, Wife Die in Scottsburg Shooting

Double Crime Ascribed to Husband, 65

S. O. Martin of Mapleton Said to Have Slain Sick Wife and Then Himself

Seth Oskar Martin, 65, and his wife, Bertha A. Martin, 60, died last night at Scottsburg presumably in a case of murder and suicide, Coroner H. C. Stearns reported. Martin, the coroner said, arrived Monday from his home at Mapleton to visit with his wife, who had been receiving medical care at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kaylor, Scottsburg. Investigation indicated, the coroner said, that Martin had endeavored to persuade his wife to return to Mapleton with him, and that when she refused to leave Scottsburg, he shot her through the head and then turned the gun upon himself, inflicting a fatal wound. They were the parents of 11 children, seven daughters and

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WASHINGTON. En route to a meeting—by taxi. (Everybody goes everywhere here by taxi. You more or less have to, if you want to get there the same day.) There's a story that an economical stranger in Washington once tried to get where he was going by streetcar. Two days later, they say, his wife turned in a frantic call to the missing persons bureau of the District of Columbia police, and after a couple of calling-all-cars searches they finally found him wandering around dazedly in the suburbs. Natives may be able to use the streetcar and bus systems, but outsiders wisely refrain from such experiments.

In the back seat, two denizens of the Washington squirrel cage (duly identified by brief cases) are discussing weighty matters—that is to say, one is talking and the other listening.

Says the talker:

"We'll cut the so-and-so industry back immediately to 144 millions. If that seems too sharp a curtailment, we'll up it to about 160 millions. If the 144 millions seems to provide fairly ample leeway, we'll trim it a little. What I mean is that we'll keep at it until we hit just the right point."

(The listener must be a boy

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Marines Poised on Iwo Jima for Knockout

Anti-Discrimination Bill to Assure Labor Equality for Races, Creeds Passes in N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 6.—(AP)—A law by which New York employers willfully exercising religious or racial prejudice in selecting workers face fines and imprisonment will go on the statute books after early signature by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Legislative action on what both supporters and opponents termed "the most drastic measure ever enacted in the United States" was completed last night when the senate voted the bill, 49 to 6. The assembly approved the proposal last week, 109-32.

Stanley R. Kidder Freed From Japs

Mrs. Gertrude Rast and Mrs. James E. Sawyers, today received an official War department communication reporting the rescue of their nephew, Stanley R. Kidder, from Los Banos prison camp on Luzon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Kidder, the former a brother of Mrs. Walter S. Hamilton, Roseburg, and the latter a sister of Mrs. Sawyer and Miss Rast. Rescue of Mr. and Mrs. Kidder from Santo Tomas prison was reported several days ago. As yet unreported is Mrs. Lucia Kidder, wife of Stanley R. Kidder, but the official report would go to her aunt in Jacksonville, Fla., and, as it is known that she had been placed in Los Banos prison, it is presumed that her rescue was effected with that of her husband.

Rumors had been received by Mrs. Sawyer and Miss Rast that their nephew had been removed from the Philippines to a camp in Japan, but letters recently received from the parents indicated that the rumors were false. The physical condition of the younger Mr. Kidder was reported to be good.

Officer Rank Decried For Inducted Nurses

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—The house decreed today that any nurses inducted for service in the army or the navy must be given commissions as officers. The action came on a vote of 135 to 98 adopting an amendment to nurse-draft legislation prohibiting the induction of nurses who are not qualified to be commissioned and requiring the issuance of commissions to those inducted.

The commissions that would be issued presumably would be as second lieutenants in the army or ensigns in the navy, the same that are given now to volunteer nurses. Earlier, rushing to finish action today on the draft measure, the house rejected a proposal allowing the issuance of commissions to acceptable male nurses.

School Heads Want No Funds From Cigaret Tax

SALEM, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—The legislative bill to tax cigarettes 2 cents a package and to levy a 5-mill two-year property tax to give money for schools, and for buildings for state institutions and the state board of higher education ran into stubborn opposition today from the Oregon School Districts association.

The school directors oppose using money from cigarettes for education. They advocate use of income tax receipts to give additional revenue to schools, although legislators hold this is unconstitutional, as this money must be used to reduce property taxes.

The bills, which would be referred to the people at a special election next June 22, were introduced by the house taxation and revenue committee.

U. S. Fifth Scores New Gain Toward Bologna

ROME, March 6.—(AP)—U. S. Fifth army forces have captured the hamlet of Bisopra, 13 miles southwest of Bologna, after scoring advances of 400 to 800 yards in a drive up both sides of the Pistoia-Bologna highway, allied headquarters announced today. Allied planes blew up an enemy ammunition dump on the Eighth army front and stabbed at communications in northeast Italy. Austria and Yugoslavia. British bombers attacked freight yards at Graz, in southern Austria, last night.

City to Aid in Safety Patrol For Schools

The Roseburg city council will cooperate in inauguration of a school safety patrol, join in planning improved airport facilities, and continue zoning studies under the city fire commission, it was determined at Monday night's regular first-of-the-month meeting.

Paul S. Elliott, city school superintendent, announced plans for setting up traffic safety patrols in the areas adjacent to the Fullerton, Rose and Junior high schools. Cooperation of the council in painting warning signs on streets and providing police officers to serve as instructors was requested. The council agreed to give every possible assistance.

The aeronautical committee of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, headed by Chairman Roy Sunderland, appeared before the council and requested appointment of a committee from the council to represent the city at future committee meetings. The city has asked cancellation of the federal government's lease on the

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Post to Restore Names of Nisei To Honor Roll

INDIANAPOLIS, March 6.—(AP)—National headquarters of the American Legion announced today Hood River, Oregon, Post No. 22, had agreed to restore to its honor roll the names of 15 Japanese-American service men which it voted to scratch out last December.

Originally, 16 names were struck off, but since the Oregon post took its action Dec. 2, one of the Japanese-Americans was dishonorably discharged from the army and his name will not be restored.

National Commander Edward N. Scheiberling ordered the names restored on Jan. 19, backed by the executive committee of the Oregon department of the Legion.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—The American Legion post here said today that, although it was restoring Japanese-American soldiers to its honor roll, it still objected to Nisei returning to this area.

The post agreed to reinscribe the Japanese-American names— which previously it had refused to do—in the face of a threatened investigation by the national Legion. O. E. Palmeter, national committee chairman, said yesterday the post might lose its charter. Several Nisei have returned to this apple valley, despite American Legion advertisements urging them not to come back.

Roseburg Soldiers In Notable 5th Army Unit

PFC Gordon H. Gerretsen and PFC Frank L. Ellenwood, both of Roseburg and serving as army surgical technicians, are members of the 362nd infantry regiment, which recently broke through one of the best defended sectors of the Gothic line in Italy, according to a report from the Fifth army headquarters in Italy. The regiment broke across the Sieve River and attained the top of Mount Cervi, 2235-foot elevation in which the Germans had emplaced artillery in tunnels running 50 feet underground in rock. The outfit captured 400 Germans and killed and wounded many others within 11 days.

Bishop's Studio Chain Passes to New Owners

The chain of Bishop's photograph studios, including branches at Roseburg, Salem, Portland, Coos Bay and Vancouver, Wash., formerly owned by Don Simmons, Salem, has been purchased by H. I. Harmond and W. E. Klosterman, Seattle. Mrs. Linna Hughes, manager of the studio at Roseburg, announced today. The system will be added to a similar chain operated by the new owners in the state of Washington. Mrs. Hughes will continue as manager and photographer, and Mrs. Freda Heavilin will remain as bookkeeper and receptionist.

State Fish Commission Member Victim of Fatal Heart Attack on Farm



L. A. Cutlip

NORTH BEND, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—A heart attack proved fatal to L. A. Cutlip, 49, member of the state fish commission and one of southwestern Oregon's leading businessmen.

Cutlip was found dead beside a tractor on his South Coos river farm yesterday. He was mayor of North Bend for three terms and the widow, Stella, formerly was state representative from Coos County.

Cutlip, a native, founded an ice cream manufacturing plant here after returning from World War I. Surviving, in addition to the widow, are his father, Sherman Coos Bay; a daughter, Laruelee, and a son, Capt. L. A. Jr., in the South Pacific with the marines.

Multnomah Judge Contest Decided In Favor of Bain

SALEM, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—The state supreme court ruled unanimously today that Circuit Judge Franklin C. Howell, Multnomah county must give up his seat to District Attorney Jas. R. Bain, who was elected last November to succeed Howell.

Howell, contending the election was irregular because the candidates were nominated by assembly, claimed he was entitled to serve for the next two years. The election laws make no provision for nomination of independent candidates by assembly.

The decision upheld Circuit Judge Charles H. Combs, who heard the case in Portland. Howell was appointed by Governor Snell on last May 6 to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Robert Tucker. It was too late to nominate candidates for the May primary, but after the primary, assemblymen nominated Bain, Howell and John R. Meeks to run for the position in the general election.

Bain got 52,837 votes, Howell, 43,430, and Meeks 41,119.

Bill Boosting Douglas Salaries Goes to Snell

SALEM, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—The senate passed and sent to the governor today a bill to increase the salaries of Douglas county officers from 20 to 25 per cent for the next two years.

District Heads Chosen for Red Cross Drive in Roseburg; County Goal Rises to \$30,000

Organization for a city-wide canvass in Roseburg on behalf of the Red Cross war fund is being completed by George Trapalis, chairman for the city district.

Six sub-chairmen have been named, he reports. They are Jack Fariss, Rev. Wm. Coughlan, Dick Maddox, Henry Carstens, Roy Hayden and Mrs. "Stub" Parker.

Fariss, who will be aided by members of the Lions club, will solicit the territory west of Stephens street.

Rev. Fr. Coughlan, with the aid of members of the Kiwanis club, will canvass the section east of Stephens street and south of Oak street.

Maddox, Junior chamber of commerce, will be in charge of the canvass between Oak and Douglas streets.

Carstens, Rotary club, will direct the solicitation north of Douglas street and east of the highway.

12,500 Japs, 2,050 Yankees So Far Slain

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, March 6.—(AP)—The clincher blow in the savage 16-day old battle for Iwo Jima, where more than 2,000 marines have died while killing more than 12,000 Japanese, was poised today—grown in power by supplies pouring ashore on the east and west coasts.

There were no appreciable changes in the lines yesterday as the leathernecks, holding more than two-thirds of the eight-square mile island, built up their positions for a grand scale assault on the rocky defense-studied north end.

In Washington yesterday Navy Secretary Forrestal disclosed on his return from a visit to Iwo that 2,050 marines have been killed, adding the loss was not out of proportion to the importance of taking the island. It is needed to put American fighter planes and Liberator bombers within range of Japan.

U. S. Wounded Over 4,000 Forrestal gave no figures for wounded and missing. The last official figure supplied by Adm. Nimitz covered casualties for the first three days. The figures included 644 killed, 4,168 wounded and 560 missing, although some of the missing since have been located.

Both Forrestal and Nimitz have given the incomplete count of Japanese dead found inside American lines at more than 12,500. Other enemy dead are known

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Labor Council Favors One-Time Chest Drive

The Roseburg Central Labor council, A. F. of L., at a regular meeting held Monday night, went on record favoring the establishment of a community chest drive, in which funds for local charities would be raised at one time instead of through separate campaigns. The council's opinion was polled following receipt of a letter from the Roseburg chamber of commerce, which is endeavoring to determine whether organization of a community chest is desired.

Officers of Roseburg Fire Dept. Re-Elected

Officers of the Roseburg fire department were re-elected last night at the annual election meeting. The officers are: Wallace Rapp, president; Walter Fredrickson, vice-president; Harrie W. Booth, secretary; William Unrath, treasurer; Glenn H. Taylor was re-elected fire chief and Jack Tol was retained as assistant chief.

Four Brothers Purchase Camas Valley Sawmill

Four brothers, Carol, Clyde, Oswald and Lloyd Crenshaw, all of Scio, Ore., have purchased the Church sawmill at Camas Valley. The deal includes the mill, equipment and timber. The new owners are planning installation of additional machinery to increase the capacity of the plant, which now is producing about 25,000 board feet daily.

Bonn, Coblenz Also Facing American Onset; Nazis Brace Anew on East Bank of Rhine

(By the Associated Press)

U. S. First army troops thrust steel columns deep inside Cologne today and drove to within seven miles of the great Rhine communications center of Bonn, while to the south the U. S. Third army by German account has smashed a deep breach into Nazi lines guarding Coblenz and the middle Rhine.

South of the battering drive into Cologne, the Third army, cloaked in a security blackout, last was reported 44 miles from Coblenz.

U. S. First army tanks and infantry reached the Ringstrasse today—the rim around the heart of Cologne—against surprisingly light resistance, rolling through the great industrial area in the northern and western section of Germany's fourth largest city.

Big guns were shelling the railroad marshalling yards, among the biggest in the reich, and from the air the old Rhineland capital looked to a U. S. pilot like a "dead city." Final fall of the Rhine metropolis was expected hourly.

The Americans now hold the entire west bank of the Rhine from Cologne north to Rheinberg, five miles south of Wesel, except for a tiny pocket in the north and two small salients south of Neuss, and these were being compressed. The Nazis seemed chiefly concerned with fighting rearward actions. They had blown the Hohenzollern bridge and were shelling the remnants from the east bank and were pictured in a field dispatch as massing guns on the river's east bank in preparation for attempted allied crossings.

Noose on Nazis Tightens Canadian First and U. S. Ninth army troops to the north tightened a noose on more than 50,000 Germans trapped against the Rhine's west bank.

To the south the U. S. Third army, moving under a partial news blackout which may mean swift gains, ripped through defenses on the direct road from Priem to Coblenz, after breaching the Kyll river on a 25-mile front.

Farther south the U. S. Seventh army drove to within 11 miles of shell-blackened Saarbrücken, Saarland capital. The Seventh had driven the last Germans from Forbach, Saar gateway city.

Air Bombs Lash Reich During the night the RAF sent more than 1,100 bombers over the reich. Chemnitz, communications center ahead of the Russians, was hit in the wake of a 250-bomber attack by U. S. airmen. Synthetic oil plants near Leipzig were

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Bottle Hurling at Wrestling Match Admitted by Youth

Robert Roelitz, 17, identified as the wrestling fan who threw a pop bottle during matches here Saturday night, seriously injuring Clarence Grubbe, elderly spectator, chief of Police Ervin Short reported, is being held in custody on an open charge. Grubbe, who was struck on the back of the head by a bottle hurled from the balcony at the Grey Mask, one of five grapplers in a battle royal, was returned to the hospital Monday. He had been treated Saturday night for his injuries and was removed to his home, but suffered a heart attack Monday and was returned to the hospital. Roelitz has admitted hurling the bottle, Chief Short reported.

City police have issued orders to soft drink vendors that no beverages are to be furnished customers in bottles at future wrestling matches, short said. Drinks, if sold, must be poured into paper cups.

A near riot occurred Saturday when fans became angered by "meanie" tactics of the Grey Mask. The pop bottle hurled from the balcony fell short of its mark and struck Grubbe, a ringside spectator, with sufficient force to inflict deep scalp wounds. The bottle was followed by other missiles but, fortunately, inflicted no damage.

Girl Eats Ant Paste by Mistake, Calls Ambulance

PORTLAND, March 6.—(AP)—Dorothy Ellington, 10, was hungry for a sandwich she didn't look too carefully at the jar—supposedly containing peanut butter—which she took from the shelf. After a few ravenous bites she stopped and a queer expression came over her face. She read the label, then called an ambulance.

Vinson Given O.K. By Senate's Banking Group

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's nomination of Fred M. Vinson as Federal Loan administrator was approved unanimously today by the senate banking committee.

The committee acted without hearings. Chairman Wagner (D-N. Y.) said the nomination was approved "enthusiastically."

Skunk Odor Pervades Educators' Conference

Teachers who attended an educational conference at Roseburg Junior high school Monday, found the atmosphere quite chilly, but no one suggested closing the open windows. School authorities are seeking the student who sprinkled skunk oil in the hallways.

Counties Voted Raise In Advertising Fund

SALEM, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—The senate sent to the governor today a bill to let counties spend \$5000 a year to advertise their resources. Counties now are allowed to spend \$3500 a year.

Russians Shelling Stettin, Berlin's Harbor on Baltic

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—Russian troops closing on Stettin reached the Oder near Grefenhausen, 11 miles south of the port, a Moscow dispatch said today. The Germans declared the soviets had thrust to within 13 miles of Stettin bay and 35 of the U-boat base of Swinemünde.

Red army artillery was shelling Stettin, the port of Berlin at the Oder's mouth.

The river flows into two main channels at Grefenhausen.

The Berlin radio asserted Marshal Zhukov had massed five infantry and two tank armies on the central sector for a push westward on Berlin.

Moscow dispatches said Zhukov's First White Russian army was tightening its flank on the Baltic coast in preparation for a new push on Berlin.

The Germans also reported local breaches by the Second White Russian army pushing up the Polish corridor farther east toward Gdynia and Danzig.

As Zhukov thus got set for a knockout blow against Stettin, capture of which would be a strategic prize, Marshal Rokossovsky's Second White Russian army to the northeast slashed deeper into the coastal strip of Pomerania between Danzig and Koecin.

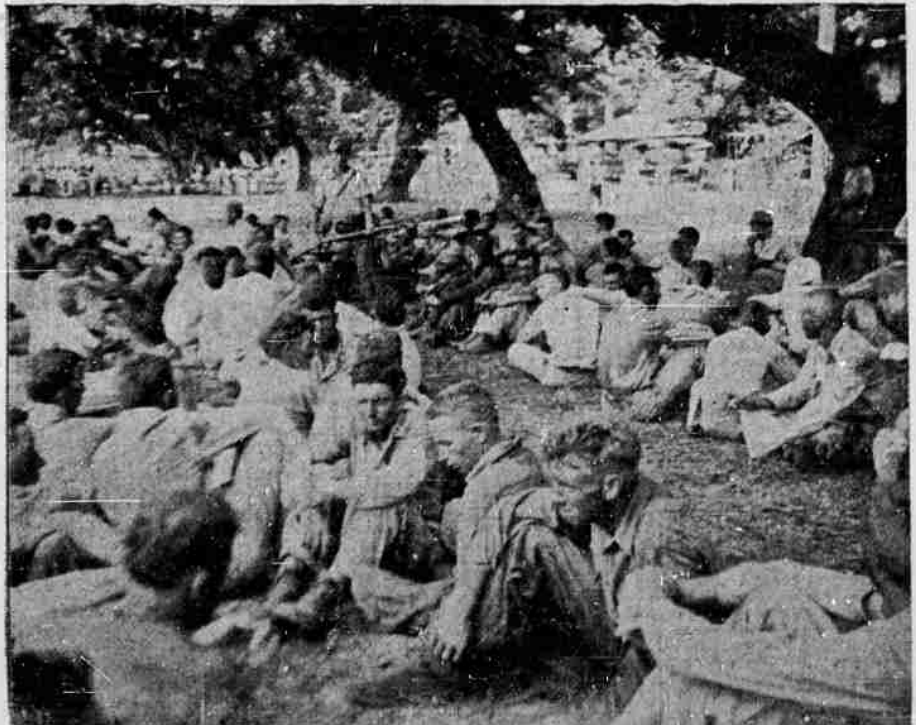
The Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, posthumously awarded to Lieutenant Wayne L. Case, killed in action in the European theatre, was presented Monday to his wife, Dolores H. Case, at her home, Route 2, Roseburg. The presentation was made at an informal and private ceremony at the home by Capt. Otha M. Smith, commanding officer of the Medford army air field.

The decoration was awarded for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in twenty separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe." Each cluster on the air medal is equivalent to another award of the honor.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Regarding themselves as under-privileged and subjected to discrimination under its terms, smaller nations are beginning to balk at the Big Four accord at Dumbarton Oaks. So they're withholding O. K.s to avoid the risk of being classed as "Okies."



START OF BATAAN'S "MARCH OF DEATH"—Herded together like so many cattle, their faces reflecting anguish and despair, these American soldiers are guarded by a Japanese guard with fixed bayonet before they began the "march of death" from Bataan after their surrender in April, 1942. This picture, one of a series stolen by Filipinos from the Japs during three-year occupation, was released by U. S. marine corps.