

## 2 Murder Charges Face Youth of 14

OROVILLE, Calif., July 19.—(AP)—A second death was charged today to Albert Jones, 14-year-old schoolboy, who was quoted by one of his alleged victims of assault as saying "I just feel like killing something."

District Attorney J. M. McPherson filed a murder charge against the youth yesterday in the death of Patricia Ann Crandall, 15, and said he would make it a double charge as a result of the death from bullet wounds of Mrs. Harold J. Nielsen.

Mrs. Nielsen, a housewife, died in a hospital last night after Jones previously had been charged with attempting to murder her. McPherson quoted the youth as admitting he shot her in the back last Tuesday as she turned to get him cookies and a glass of water.

The district attorney also said Jones had confessed strangling the Crandall girl in her home, setting fire to the house and walking away after the flames had begun to burn her hair.

Jones was accused in other charges filed yesterday of attempted murder of Mrs. Nielsen's husband and assault with intent to murder their daughter and a neighbor child.

McPherson said the frail-appearing accused youth had confessed:

"I've got Mrs. Nielsen's 21-year-old daughter, Betty, and a neighbor, Barbara Searle, 6, and gagging them by stuffing handkerchiefs into their mouths and knotting handkerchiefs over their lips.

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of H. J. Nielsen when he rushed home to the rescue of his wife, daughter and the neighbor child.

## OPA Bill Conferees Reported Deadlocked

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that the committee made no progress in considering it. He hinted at a possible compromise by which the decision on returning commodities to OPA control might be given to the Civilian Production Administration. He said this would eliminate contentions that the OPA would be arbitrary in its decisions.

The Republican-dominated Senate subcommittee's proposal on controls provides for a board with higher authority than OPA to determine whether such important food items as meat, eggs and milk could be put back under price ceilings at a later date. The Senate had voted to remove controls on those foods.

### Terms of Compromise

Senator Taft, who directed preparation of the proposed compromise, said the House conferees "flatly rejected" it and refused to accept any bill that eliminates price ceilings on important food items.

The compromise would permit the proposed board to return the foods to OPA controls on these findings:

1. That prices had risen unreasonably above former OPA price ceilings, after subsidies were taken into consideration.  
2. That the food products were found to be scarce and that resumption of price ceilings was "practicable."  
3. That such action would be in the public interest.

### CIO Demands Pay Hike

Meanwhile, there were these other fast-moving developments on the OPA-economic-labor front:

1. The CIO executive board declared that price increases since OPA died June 30 have wiped out the pay raises won by labor this year, called upon Mr. Truman to convene a labor-management conference for the presentation of demands for new wage benefits. The CIO said potential living costs have jumped 40 per cent in two months—55 per cent in the last two weeks.

2. Mr. Truman asked for a vote's postponement of a multi-million dollar passenger ship-building job in order to conserve federal funds and short materials and to remove some of the pressure on the price of materials. A statement said the most decisive factor "is the possibility that Congress will fail to extend effective price controls." The Maritime Commission announced immediately that it would comply with the recommendation.

## Price Index of No Value at Moment, Ellsworth Argues

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—

The commodity price index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics does not necessarily reflect changes in the cost of living, Rep. Ellsworth of Oregon, asserted today.

In a letter to the editor of the Washington Post, Ellsworth said a published chart purporting to show a rise in the cost of living since the demise of the OPA "shows no such thing and the figures on which it is based were not intended for that purpose."

"The BLS commodity index is intended to show the variation in prices of 20 basic commodities—and even for that purpose it is almost worthless in this period of transition from a controlled to a free economy," Ellsworth said.

"The reason why the index itself has little or no value at the moment is this: The prices on which it is based are the actual prices at which these specific commodities have been sold. In contrast, the prices on which it is based during OPA control are fictitious ceiling prices which, in many instances do not reflect with any measure of accuracy the real price of the commodities."

Ellsworth said the BLS index did not reflect actual prices during OPA because:

1. Black market prices which were so general in many commodities that they were the prevailing prices.  
2. Subsidies.  
3. Quality deterioration.  
4. Alternative buying (having to buy a \$4.45 shirt because the \$2.50 shirts you usually buy have disappeared from the market.)

"Comparing the actual prices of today with the fictitious official price level under OPA is like comparing apples to pears," he continued. "It may be an interesting pastime, but it proves absolutely nothing."

## Army Fires 5 Unionists In 'Security' Move

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than a coincidence.

### One Woman Included

The five, removed from their jobs June 22, were described by J. H. Mason, Patterson's assistant in charge of industrial relations, as "not mere routine employees." He declined however to describe them as scientists.

They were identified by Parks as Harry and Irving Spector, brothers, Abraham Hotelchuck, Phil Weiss and Rheabel Mendelsohn, the latter a woman.

The May 25 "news-letter" of UPWA Local 250 at Aberdeen reported under the headline "Witch-hunt" that the five dismissed members were charged with "subversive activity."

The story added that "red-baiting of CIO unions is the old trick of the labor haters which does not scare anybody anymore." Under civil service regulations the five who were dismissed have 30 days in which to appeal to the Secretary of War.

## Statues of Jason Lee, Dr. McLaughlin to Rise

PORTLAND, July 19.—(AP)—The Oregon historical statues to be placed in the Nation's hall of fame at Washington, D. C., will be carved by A. Philimster Proctor, 83, of San Francisco, and his son, Gifford MacGregor Proctor, of Wilton, Conn.

The Proctors were commissioned on their \$17,000 bid for the statues of Jason Lee and Dr. John McLaughlin by a committee of seven. The committee received seven other bids.

The elder Proctor has done many statues now on display in Oregon, including the circuit rider at the state capitol, the pioneer mother and father at the University of Oregon campus, and Sheriff Till Taylor at Pendleton.

## May Subpoenaed to War Profits Inquiry

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might appear before the committee voluntarily if it would give him the right to call or cross-examine witnesses or subpoena records. The committee refused to accede to such terms.

May is chairman of the House military committee.

Before it came up with the May subpoena, the committee heard Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.) testify that two or three times he had called the Washington office of the combine—but only to get a third for a pinocchio game.

## Oregon Due for Another Day of Hot Weather

PORTLAND, July 19.—(AP)—The weather bureau said today that Oregon would swelter again under a beaming sun today and tomorrow as it did yesterday.

Medford with an even 100 topped the state's heat spots yesterday. Eugene and Salem reported 91 while widely separated Rose-

burg and Pendleton recorded tops of 90 degrees. Other cities' maximums ranged from Bend's 83 to Lakeview's 89. Only on the coast was it cool. Newport reported a maximum of 65 and a minimum of 55.

## Dr. Verne B. Eoin Takes Portland Education Post

SALEM, Ore., July 19.—(AP)—The resignation of Dr. Verne B. Bain, director of the state department of education's special education division, to become head of the Portland school district's special education department, was announced today.

Eoin will assume his new post September 1. His successor here has not been chosen.

## Ample Fertilizer From Salem Plant Upon Early Order

A generous supply of nitrogen fertilizer is now assured for Pacific northwest farmers for the first time since the war started, reports Art King, extension soils specialist at Oregon State College. King has represented the extension service in negotiations with the government to manufacture ammonium sulfate at the Columbia Metals Alumina plant at Salem.

This defense plant, built by the RFC, has been authorized to continue and expand production of fertilizer throughout the remainder of 1946. King has been notified. Experimental alumina operations are expected to end about July, after which the entire plant will be available for fertilizer production.

Plant alterations to permit continuous production of 200 tons per day are planned by Harry Morgan, RFC engineer. Raw materials, anhydrous ammonia and sulfuric acid, are being ordered from various Pacific Coast and Midwest points.

Present authorized production totaling more than 30,000 tons is much more than the three north-west states can use, King points out, but it is expected that the major part of the output will go to UNRRA for foreign relief purposes.

### Early Action Needed

Northwest growers and fertilizer dealers will have ample supplies available from immediate production however, if they take advantage at once of the current supply. The output of the plant can probably be kept for local use as long as the material is taken directly from the plant which has no storage facilities. When there is a lag in local demand other arrangements for distribution will have to be made.

King believes growers will be wise to purchase not only the entire needs for fall use but at least part of their 1947 requirements as well. Because dealers' warehouses will be largely filled with this year's seed crops, growers will have to cooperate by providing their own storage facilities.

"Much more nitrogen could be used profitably in the fall in Oregon," King adds. "All perennial grass seeds make good use of a fall application as will pastures. Most cover crops would make more cover and organic matter to turn under if nitrogen is added at seeding time, while even fall grain should return profitable increases in view of present demand and price prospects."

### Wilbur

Mrs. Lois Irving and daughter, Miss Jane, left Saturday morning for Berkeley, California, after visiting relatives and friends here the past two weeks. Miss Irving is employed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaRaut, Priscilla Wade and Jimmy LaRaut visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Fisher at Kellows Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barneberg and sons, Bruce and Brian, were dinner guests of Mrs. D. P. McKay Thursday evening.

Mrs. Eva Kinsel spent the week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaRaut, on the west side.

Mrs. Harvey Carey is quite sick and was taken to Merced hospital Saturday morning for a checkup.

Miss Beverly Brown, who is employed in Portland, and her sister, Arlyn, who spent the past two weeks visiting with her and another sister, Mrs. Norman Lentheiser, arrived here Saturday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Adams and daughter, Shirley Kay, of Eugene, was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McKay Sunday.

Mrs. Virgil Smith and Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. Ralph Holt and Mrs. Smith spent Monday in Eugene shopping and visiting friends.

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## Farm Safety Week Will Be Observed In Douglas County

"Remove a hazard a day to live the safe way" is one of the slogans for National Farm Safety Week, July 21 to 27, which will be observed in Douglas County and other parts of Oregon, announced J. Roland Parker, county agent. By press, radio, placards, car stickers and other means arrangements have been made to call attention to the need for constant care to overcome the many hazards of farming.

Accident rates on the farms as well as elsewhere are on the increase since the end of the war, according to word received from Dean Wm. A. Schoenfeld, Oregon State College, appointed chairman of the Oregon farm safety week committee by Governor Snell. The Oregon Industrial Accident Commission has noted this increase but does not know the reason.

Statistics such as 16,000 farm-related accidental deaths in 1945, or 44 farm people dead by accidents each day of the year, may shock us but they do not "cool" unless they result in actual removal of hazards," said Dean Schoenfeld in asking cooperation in the "early emphasis on safety."

As President Truman said in proclaiming the special week this year, experience in previous observances of National Farm Safety Week have indicated real benefits from this nationwide emphasis on safety practices."

While every family and every individual on the farm has personal reasons to take safety precautions the country and even the world have special reasons to be concerned with farm safety this year. Adds County Agent Parker. Every accident on a farm this year threatens production to that extent at a time when every pound of food is needed badly some place in the world.

Strange as it may seem, farming is considered one of the most hazardous of occupations, largely because it is so varied and inclusive. Farm machinery, buildings, fires, animals, electricity, tools and the farm home all present hazards that can and do cause injury and death unless constant care is taken.

## Army-Navy Merger Plan Off for This Session

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—Senator Elbert Thomas said today that President Truman, on advice of congressional leaders, has abandoned his request for Army-Navy merger legislation at this session of congress.

The senator added that he will introduce a new unification bill at the next session of congress.

### Hotel at Glendale Bought

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton have sold their 80-acre ranch and purchased the Eldon Hotel in Glendale, Ore., which they will rename the Hamilton Hotel.

Mr. Hamilton's two sisters, Mrs. Eloise Healy and Mrs. Edna Kolovaks, have moved from Chicago to make their home in Glendale.

## Explosion Kills Nine

ONSET, Mass., July 19.—(AP)—Searchers continued today to dig into the ruins of four buildings wrecked yesterday by a gas explosion that took nine lives but a town spokesman said there was little likelihood more bodies would be found. At least 50 persons were hurt.

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## Rep. Slaughter Accepts Challenge of Truman

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home county. It brought a statement not only from Slaughter but from Axtell, Jerome Walsh, third candidate in the race, and James M. Pendergast, nephew and heir to the once-powerful Democratic organization built by the late T. J. Pendergast but crippled by its loss of the city hall here to a reform administration.

Pendergast explained that while Truman had asked him to support Axtell, he had already decided to back the 37-year-old World War II veteran before the request had been made. Axtell expressed his appreciation for the Presidential support while Walsh announced he was staying in the race despite "the devil of politics."

## Council Edict Draws Candidacy for Mayor

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 19.—(AP)—The hearded-one-time royal barber to the late king of Hawaii filed yesterday for mayor. He was octogenarian Harry Byng, who did the regal shearing in 1886 when King Kalakaua ruled the island paradise and Byng operated a barber shop in Honolulu.

Later Byng became a cook on windjammers that sailed the Pacific. He settled in Hoquiam more than half a century ago, where his long white beard, frock coat and bowler hat are a familiar sight.

Byng's republican filing is apparently his answer to city council action Monday night when the city attorney was instructed to institute court proceedings authorizing the city to raze Byng's ramshackle home, alleging it was a "menace to public safety."

## Forest Service Now Industrial Factor

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management, it was stated, will be greatly aided by the program of aerial survey now in progress. All forest service holdings are being photographed from the air. Pictures will aid in blocking out timber sale units and routes for access roads. It is expected that the aerial mapping will cover 80 per cent of the Umpqua forest during the present season, leaving to be photographed only the eastern section of the Diamond lake district, an area scheduled for inclusion next year.

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