

Orville Wright, Co-Inventor Of Airplane, Taken by Death 44 Years After First Flight

DAYTON, O., Jan. 31.—AP—Death came to Orville Wright last night 44 years after he put wings on the world with the first flight in a heavier-than-air machine.

The 76-year-old co-inventor of the airplane died in his sleep under an oxygen tent at Miami Valley hospital.

The world's pioneer aviator entered the hospital last Tuesday after suffering his second heart attack of recent months.

Without Orville Wright's cloth, glue and wood contraption and his 12-second flight over the sands of Kitty Hawk, N. C., in 1903, there would be no air force, but the inventor himself readily admitted he never had envisioned his airplane as the world's big military weapon.

"Quite obviously," he remarked once, "Wilbur (his late brother and co-inventor) and I could not foresee what awful use could be made of the airplane. But it is, and will be of tremendous importance in peace."

While he aided American military might by conferring with Wright Field engineers on many air force projects, Wright turned to peaceful uses of the airplane with more interest.

Along with his abiding interest in things aerial, Wright clung to a native shyness and modesty. He lived in close retirement most of his years. Once his noted impromptu wit brought forth this explanation of his aversion to speaking in public:

"The most talkative bird in the world is a parrot, but he's a poor flier."

Idea Born of Toy

Orville was the first man to fly in a motor-driven heavier-than-air machine when he soared over the Kitty Hawk beach sands.

From the powered kite in which he made history on Kitty Hawk Hill that day there grew a giant that shrank the world in time and distance and played a potent part in deciding the destiny of nations in World War II.

Yet it all started from a toy. Orville and Wilbur Wright, co-inventors of the modern airplane, were the sons of Bishop Milton Wright of the United Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, and ministerial careers were mapped out for them. But one evening in 1878 their father brought them a novel toy, a "flying spinner" consisting of a frame of cork and bamboo, covered with paper and forming two screws which were driven in opposite directions by rubber bands.

That whirling device fired their youthful imaginations. Through boyhood years they toyed with the idea that man could fly. Thoughts of the ministry faded. They opened a bicycle shop and the boyhood dreams returned.

Wilbur Betters Time

They repeated the flying experiments of those who had preceded them and failed. Then they discarded these theories, built themselves a wind tunnel and wrestled laws of aerodynamics from crude frameworks of wood and metal.

Out of years of experimenting

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news wires on the day this is written carry one of those little stories that warm the cockles of the news editors' hearts. We of the profession term them "freaks," and we like them because they serve as pepper in the hash, making it more palatable to the cash customers.

It starts off:

"The United States may send an expeditionary force of tough alley cats abroad to kill rats pilfering Europe's food reserves."

It ends up with this tongue-in-cheek "punch": "Only back alley brawlers would be drafted for the rodent hunting junket. Pedigreed cats aren't wanted—just the toughies."

THE proposal comes from the American Feline Society, whose president read a piece in the London Daily Mirror suggesting more or less facetiously that because there aren't cats enough

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Body of Assassinated Gandhi Consumed on Pyre as Wailing Thousands Chant Last Rites

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi's young son touched off the funeral pyre that consumed the wasted body of the martyred Mahatma today.

Tens of thousands of Indians, sobbing and shouting the Mahatma's name, surged forward as Devadas Gandhi, heavy with grief, placed live coals on the pyre just above his father's heart and set ablaze the lower portion of the pile of sandalwood logs.

A tremendous sobbing chant surged from the crowd—a Hindu hymn for India's prophet of peace, who was struck down last night by an assassin's bullet as he went to a prayer meeting. In a mighty roaring union, the crowd chanted the prayers of the last rites, as police struggled to restrain the grieving people.

The Mahatma's ashes are to remain at the pyre, on the banks of the river Jumna, for a day and a half. Then they are to be gath-

Congress Eyes European Aid Changes

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Employees Pension Plan Assailed

City Firemen, Police Express Disapproval

Small Size of Pensions, Slash in Contribution by City Principal Targets

Disapproval of the pension benefits of the State Public Employees Retirement System were expressed by a group of city employees last night, at a meeting in the City Hall at which Jerry F. Saylor, executive secretary was the speaker.

Forty persons, employees of the city, county and school district, attended the meeting. Saylor was introduced by Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor in behalf of City Recorder Amelia J. Dick, who had arranged the meeting for Saylor to explain the benefits of the retirement act.

Saylor said today that a majority of city employees were "against" participating in the retirement program, but considered it "better than nothing." Disapproval with the program was expressed mainly by policemen and firemen, who contended that pensions are too small for the length of service required and the amount of payments.

Saylor added that the city cannot withdraw from participation in the State Public Employees Retirement System except by a legislative act. After attaining the retirement age, employees

will receive a pension. The pension is based on the employee's salary at the time of retirement and the number of years of service. The pension is paid in monthly installments.

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Skating Show To Aid Dimes March

Sunday evening will mark the close of the public activities of the March of Dimes drive when the Roseburg roller skaters put on a special, 45-minute skating show.

The show will feature the girls of the Roseburg High School Baton Twirlers Club, along with the colorful 14-step and high-jumping over the benches. The show will take place under amber lights set up for the occasion.

The show will be in addition to the regular Sunday evening skating program. Admission fee is any donation to the polo fund.

E. G. Erickson, sponsor of Roseburg's skating events, says that all proceeds of the night, including the regular admission price paid by the skaters, will be turned over to the campaign. The regular skating event begins at 7:00 P. M. The show will begin at 8:15 and last 45 minutes.

Went to Church to Steal Purses, Girl Confesses

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Pearl Stewart, 19, who admitted she went to church to steal purses—always at the most solemn parts of the service—was sentenced to jail for six months and placed in probation for two years in Felony Court yesterday.

Judge Charles S. Dougherty told the girl that "although the law is designed to give first offenders another chance, yours is a cold blooded enterprise."

"You maliciously chose the most solemn moments of the mass to steal; moments when the minds of the worshippers are far from worldly things. This not only was a crime, it was sacrilege."

Miss Stewart, who had pleaded guilty to a petty larceny charge, said she had quit her job because of a back injury.

Farm Parity Price Rule Changes Sought in Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Revision of the farm parity price formula to include all farm labor costs is sought in a bill introduced by Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.).

Under the measure, the formula would include not only the costs of hired farm workers, but of farm operators and the families of farm operators engaged in farm work. Such labor would be figured on the basis of wage rates for hired workers.

Parity is a price plan selected to give farmers the same purchasing power they had in some past favorable period.

Destruction of Personal Property Charge Faced

Milton Johnnie Robertson, 23, of Reedport, was booked at the county jail Friday on a charge of willful destruction of personal property, for which he had been sentenced to six months by Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright at Reedport.

Manuel Mendes Pires, 29, Roseburg, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail by Justice of the Peace Hartfield on a charge of petty larceny. He had been arrested by city police, Hartfield said.

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Proficient — Implicated by four teen-age pals who confessed a number of burglaries at Chicago, 19-year-old Raymond Schee (above) boasted to police that he is a "professional burglar."

He gave the names of the men involved in the burglaries: Edmond Bailey, 23, 602 N. Jackson St., and George H. McGlamery, 26, 705 N. 4th Ave. He said the men were arrested by agents of the Oregon State Liquor Commission in cooperation with city police.

Details of the alleged violations were not available today. Hartfield also reported that Lester Roderick Lewellyn, 24, of Wilbur, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail on his plea of guilty to a charge of unlawfully furnishing liquor to minors.

Hartfield said that Lewellyn, who was arrested by city police, had allegedly purchased beer for some Roseburg Junior High School students. Lewellyn was arrested after the pupils reportedly became disorderly while returning home on a bus.

Fine of \$150 Paid for Possession of Venison

Albert McGee, Roseburg, paid a fine of \$150 in the Justice Court Friday on a charge of possession of venison during the closed season. Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield reported McGee pleaded guilty, changing from an earlier plea of innocence. He allegedly shot a deer on the North Umpqua Road Sunday and was traced through the license number of his automobile, Hartfield said.

EX-LEGISLATOR DIES

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(AP)—H. C. Herron, 73, president of the Monroe State Bank and one-time Benton County legislator, died in a hospital here yesterday.

He was president of the Monroe Bank from its organization in 1910, was county commissioner from 1910 to 1918 and county judge for two terms starting in 1935. He was a member of the 1933 state legislature.

Admission Tax Change Sought by Sen. Morse

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Sen. Morse (R-Ore.) yesterday introduced a bill excepting from federal admissions taxes the first \$100 collected in any year from admissions which are for benefit of high schools or elementary schools.

Staggered Work Hours Required to Supply Electrical Industrial Demands, Copco Says

Staggered work hours among Douglas County's electrically equipped industrial plants is a necessity if power demands are to be supplied, plant operators were told Friday at a dinner meeting called by the California Oregon power company. It was shown that there was a general power shortage over the entire West Coast area and that there is little prospect of improvement until new generating units now under construction can be brought into production. Even new units now building may be insufficient, it was stated, as demands for industrial power is absorbing new production capacity as rapidly as power is made available.

Until the Toketee Falls unit, now being constructed by Copco on the North Umpqua river can be brought into production, probably in either the second or third quarter of 1949, the area will lack sufficient power to handle peak loads, but will have capacity to handle these loads if they are spread out to avoid high peaks, operators were told.

Tentative Plan Stated

A tentative plan to stagger working hours will be prepared and submitted at future conferences. Some mills will start in the early morning, probably around 4 or 5 o'clock, while others will come on the line at noon or 1 p. m., it was explained. In addition, mills will be asked to stagger equipment usage as much as possible and conserve power.

The meeting was addressed by John Boyle, vice-president and general manager of the California Oregon Power Co.; H. P. Bosworth, assistant general manager, and H. C. Wells, manager for the Umpqua division.

Boyle told of the general situation on the Pacific Coast, showing that both the California and Pacific Northwest power companies are tremendously overloaded. Copco, it was explained, originally developed to wholesale power to both the north and south, now is being forced to buy power. Damage to any major generating unit on the coast, he said, would be a catastrophe, as no surplus power is available to serve an area suffering from a major failure.

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