

Tombstone Inscription Irk Exonerated Man

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Hamp Kendall says he is being "slandered" by an inscription on the tombstone over Lawrence Nelson's grave.

Kendall at the turn of the century was accused falsely of Nelson's murder, but the error was not rectified until after he had served nine years in state prison. He was exonerated and given \$5,000 compensation.

Yesterday Kendall informed Governor Cherry he wanted something done about the tombstone in Lenoir Cemetery. He said he was particularly concerned with the "slandering" part which he said reads: "Robbed and murdered by Hamp Kendall."

Governor Cherry referred Kendall to Caldwell County officials and Lenoir municipal authorities.

Roseburg, Oakland Water Rates Up by Board

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Roseburg revealed that the recent water rates, with minor revisions, have been in effect since 1933, and for the past several years have provided an inadequate rate of return. It is added that the average cost of labor per man has increased from \$0.933 in 1941 to \$1.58 for the first six months of 1948, or 65.8 per cent, that all employees received a wage increase of approximately 40 per cent effective July 1, 1948; that the cost of materials used in construction was from 18.2 per cent to 116.5 per cent greater on Dec.

31, 1947, than that for Dec. 31, 1945.

That the average rate of return for the last six years has been 1.92 percent and for the year 1947 the rate of return was 1.99 percent; that the present rate of earnings in the California Oregon Power Company's Roseburg water system is inadequate to support the present investment and is not sufficient to attract the capital necessary to enable the company to meet present construction requirements.

The revised rates will not provide the commissioner points out, in excess of six percent rate of return on the company's investment, depreciated.

Logging Operations Figure

Findings pertaining to the Oakland water system, in addition to the facts found in the Roseburg situation, include the following:

"That the present source of supply is subject to flash floods and dilution from logging operations, to such an extent the company finds it necessary to find relief either by sedimentation from the present source of supply or by digging a well, and prefers and is pursuing the latter method, which is expected to produce a more suitable and adequate supply of water."

"That the proposed tariffs of the utility will increase the annual revenue of the company by \$7,948, bringing the total estimated revenue of the utility to approximately \$14,313 to offset an estimated operating expense of not less than \$11,987."

The exact rate change for Roseburg users will be announced when official information is obtained.

Annexation Vote Again Faced by West Roseburg

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vista (Coates Addition); on the south to and including the old Coos Bay Wagon Road, and on the east by the city limits.

There are reported to be 560 registered voters in the West Roseburg area, but only 260 persons voted in the annexation election held at the time of the recent general election, when the result was 136 in favor to 124 against. This election, however, was invalidated by the City Council because the polls were not opened until nearly an hour late, after the West Roseburg general election board had declined to handle the annexation ballots.

The board chairman gave as the reason that it had not been instructed to do so and that the general election vote was too heavy to carry the extra burden.

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Wallgren Seems Slated For Job at Washington

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Washington's Democratic Governor Mon C. Wallgren says here he is moving to Washington, D. C. next month.

A close friend of President Truman, Wallgren had been mentioned prominently for a high government post.

He conferred with Mr. Truman in Key West, Fla. last month. Wallgren is a former United States Senator from Washington who resigned in 1944 to assume the governorship. He was defeated for re-election in Nov. by a former Republican governor, Arthur B. Langlie, and goes out of office Jan. 12.

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Proposed Revision Of Game Code Discussed

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ated that the committee would recommend an increase in hunting and angling license fees.

The most controversial issue in the report, he said, will be that concerning law enforcement. The Gabrielson report recommends taking game law enforcement from the State Police and setting up an enforcement body directly under the Game Commission.

The enforcement officers, he said, probably would be known as "Game Protectors," rather than as "wardens," and their duties would include management, educational and public relations activities in addition to police work with a purpose of preventing game law violations as far as possible, Hill said.

Hill stressed the fact that the members of the committee feel the Game Commission has conducted a very effective and efficient program, considering the limited funds available. The law enforcement program, likewise, has been well handled by the State Police in accordance with the existing system. Individual members of the game law enforcement division were highly praised by the Representatives, who said that in the 18 hearings conducted throughout the state, the committee found the individual state policemen to command the respect of all sportsmen for their industry and efficiency. The present setup, however, does not, in his opinion, permit the most efficient use of money provided for game law enforcement. There is, however, some difference of opinion among the members of the committee concerning the law enforcement recommendations.

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bring L'il Abner and his Dogpatch friends to its rapidly growing family of readers, who will find much delight in this new comic strip, starting Monday, Dec. 13.

Truman Again Scores Spy Investigation

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try, they would have turned what they have found over to Clark rather than making headlines with it.

He still thinks the hearings are a red herring and that politics are a motive in the Republican-dominated committee's actions.

The Red Herring charge is one Mr. Truman first flung back during the campaign. He contended then that the purpose of the hearings was to divert attention from what he called the G. O. P. Congress' failure to deal with the high cost of living and other problems.

Other developments surrounding the spy inquiry:

1. The committee has been told so far that the State Department has found 65 documents which could be released now without hurting national security or the public interest. These probably will be made public. The state department is continuing to check other papers located by the committee.

2. Mundt said the committee still hasn't located two men newly suspected of supplying secret documents to Whittaker Chambers.

3. Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) said Alex M. Campbell, chief of the justice department's criminal division, has written the committee a letter "trying to stop the committee from hearing witnesses they want to use themselves."

A grand jury in New York is looking into Communist espionage. Rankin said Campbell is trying to interfere with the committee and this is "asininely stupid."

Eleanor Roosevelt Rapped

Rankin also told reporters people are getting sick and tired of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's "fulminations" against the committee in broadcasts from Paris. Mrs. Roosevelt is an American delegate at the UN meetings there.

Rankin told reporters her "attacks" on the committee give "aid and comfort to Communists throughout the world." He said she made an attack on him personally that was unwarranted.

The documents figuring in the affair were secured by the House Committee from Chambers, a key figure in the committee's hearings. Actually, they are photographic copies of documents. They date back to 1937 and 1938.

Chambers, now a senior editor of Time Magazine, says he was a courier in those years for a red spy ring.

Chambers has testified that Alger Hiss, then a State Department official, was among those who slipped him documents.

Hiss has denied that. Hiss is now president of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace.

While Mr. Truman was holding

his conference, the House Committee was meeting in a closed session at the capitol.

In the background was:

1. A member's charge that the administration is trying to "silence" the House Un-American Activities Committee.

2. Testimony that "many more than ten" Soviet spy rings either have been, or still are, operating in this country.

It was at a meeting last night that Russian-born Isaac Don Levine—a repeat witness—outlined his estimate of the extent of Russian espionage in this country.

Levine, now an American citizen, was the go-between for Whittaker Chambers when the admitted former Communist courier decided to take his story to the

government in 1939 — two years after breaking with the Reds.

Le