

Hooded Gang Blackjacks Six Attending Church

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 13.—(AP)—Police are investigating the reported blackjacking of six men and boys at a church near here by a group of robed and hooded men.

The white victims, three of them teen-agers, told Sheriff Frank Burns they were beaten at a church in Dolly Pond, 25 miles from here, Saturday night. They said their attackers wore Ku Klux Klan hoods and robes.

The six identified themselves as Ed Allison, 50, son, L. E. Allison, 22, and Charles Beaver, 40, all sawmill workers; Tom Ferguson, 18, his brother, Leonidas, 14, and Henry Blair, 13. Seven violent floggings and whippings by masked and hooded men have been reported since February in the mountain area surrounding Chattanooga.

Only two days ago a sheriff, three deputies and another man were indicted by a grand jury for the flogging of seven Chattanooga Negroes at Hooker, Ga., about 20 miles south of here.

The latest victims said they had just arrived at the Little Holiness Church and services had begun when the masked men appeared.

One of the masked men accused Beaver of "not looking after his family properly."

Legislator Frowns On Pension Bill Referral

PORTLAND, May 13.—(AP)—A referendum attack on the 1949 Legislature's old age pension measure would be unwise, Rep. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland Republican, believes.

He told a church fellowship meeting that the law "will make more money available for the needy by deterring the chiselers."

Joe Dunne, Portland pension group spokesman, has said referendum petitions will be circulated. Principal objection to the law is its provision giving the state a claim against the estates of beneficiaries.

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Republicans Keep Up Economy Battle Despite Loss Of Round In Senate

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—Republican leaders said Thursday they will carry on their fight to trim federal spending despite the licking they took on the first major money bill passed by the Senate.

A measure appropriating \$3,113,068,503 to finance the Treasury and Post Office Departments in the fiscal year starting July 1 was passed by the Senate Wednesday.

Final approval was given by voice vote after various Republican-backed maneuvers to force a 5 percent cut in the total were defeated.

As passed by the Senate, the bill carries \$40,250,600 more than the House voted. If the House refuses to accept the increase, efforts will be made by conferees from the two branches to work out a compromise.

Senator Bridges (R-N, H.) told reporters there will be no let-up in the reduction campaign despite the setback.

He promised that "every senator is going to be on record a great many times on how he stands on the issue of economy before this session is over." He called the Post Office-Treasury Bill "the most difficult to cut" of all appropriations and predicted

better luck on others to come. The Treasury-Post Office Measure was the first regular appropriation bill passed by the Senate in this session of Congress. The House has passed all the regular money bills for the coming fiscal year.

United States Flag Torn Down By Rioting Arabs

TRIPOLI, Libya, May 11.—(AP)—Rioting Arabs tore the United States flag from the American Consulate here yesterday and threw stones and iron balls at the windows.

They were demonstrating against a British-Italian plan to restore Tripolitania to Italian trusteeship in 1951, which Arab leaders contend would throw "the Tripolitanian people to Italian floggers."

The mob—sometimes chanting "Russia! Russia!"—stoned the French consulate, one stone striking the consulate.

U. S. Counsel Oray Taft Jr., agreed not to fly the U. S. flag outside the Consulate until the tension has eased.

The population of North America more than doubled between 1880 and 1940.

Boy Uses Three Companions For Rifle Targets

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 13.—(AP)—A nine-year-old boy lined three young companions against a bedroom wall Wednesday and took a shot at them with a rifle.

One of the three was wounded in the ear.

Sheriff's deputies said John Harold Newman fired the shot from a combination gun—a 410 gauge shotgun—22 caliber rifle.

The deputies said only the rifle section of the combination gun was fired.

They said the shooting occurred in the Newman home while John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Newman, were at work. The rifle slug drilled two holes in the left ear of Jimmie Lee Patton, 8. Uninjured were Jimmie's five-year-old brother Hiner, and a playmate, Carroll Doherty. Jimmie's injury was not

considered serious. No charge had been placed against the boy.

San Diego Wholesale Bakeries Strike-Bound

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 12.—(AP)—Five of San Diego's major wholesale bread bakeries were shut down today for the fourth day in a wage dispute with AFL bakers.

Bread shelves of most independent grocery stores were bare as the city depended on the output of 40 small retail hand-bake shops, one wholesale machine-bake plant, and the sole outside supply—from Safeway's Stores' Los Angeles bakery.

The union has demanded a 12-cent an hour raise, while the employers offered a 4-cent boost.

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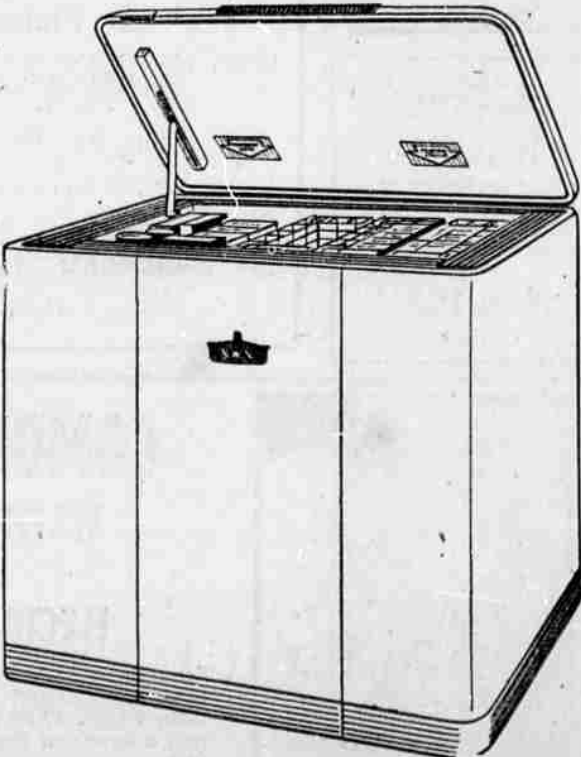


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