

Former Tulelake Resident Faces Murder Charge

KLAMATH FALLS, June 14.—(AP)—L. W. Evans, a former Tulelake restaurant operator, was held in the Siskiyou County jail today, booked for the murder of Charles Twigg in the notorious El Rancho Tule murder case of March 3, 1946.

Evans is also charged with conspiracy to commit burglary. He has been in the custody of Oregon and California officers since June 4, when he was picked up near Pendleton.

Twigg, a 57-year-old crippled nightwatchman, was brutally murdered when the night club, located at the California line 30 miles south of Klamath Falls, was robbed of about \$13,000. Twigg's body, bound with wire, was found on the night club dance floor. His head had been crushed.

The arrest of Evans is the first made in the 39 months of investigation of the crime. The complaint was signed by James H. Brownfield, Klamath Falls, who in 1946 was owner of El Rancho Tule.

J. Everett Barr, Yreka attorney representing Evans, said the former Tulelake man denies any connection with the slaying and robbery. Officers did not immediately disclose how Evans was suspected in the case.

lated telephone unions. The Idaho Supreme Court upheld a state law making it a criminal offense to picket in a secondary boycott. Striking CIO union employees of the Western Electric Company picketed a building housing both that firm and a telephone operating company.

The two companies are subsidiaries of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Employees of both firms refused to cross the picket line. The pickets were convicted under the Idaho law.

Goldberg commented that "the Idaho decision goes to the most extreme lengths yet in encroaching upon the fundamental rights of labor to strike and to picket."

"If a monopoly such as AT&T can have a strike declared criminal simply because it affects two of its innumerable subsidiaries, the way is open for big business generally to have any labor dispute labeled as a secondary boycott by separately incorporating various plants or departments."

The unions involved are the Association of Communication Equipment Workers and the Mountain States Federation of Telephone Workers, both in the CIO.

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BETLES DEVOUR FORESTS

Almost Half Of Timber In Two Western States Destroyed By Invasion

By BEN FUNK

DENVER, June 15.—(AP)—Ten years ago today, a terrible windstorm lashed at the mountain slopes of Colorado and Wyoming—and set the stage for the worst insect invasion in the history of Rocky Mountain forests.

The wind blew with near-hurricane force, and by nightfall thousands of trees were on the ground. In the trunks of these wind-topped trees, the Engelmann beetle found an ideal breeding ground.

Three years later, there were so many beetles no forest could stand before them. In the ten years since the storm, while the U. S. Forest Service stood helplessly without a practical weapon to fight him, the beetle has destroyed four billion board feet of timber—enough to build a house for every family in Colorado and Wyoming.

He is known as the Engelmann beetle because he feeds only upon the Engelmann spruce. He has always been present in the mountain woodlands but until June 15, 1939, offered no particular problem. He had fed only upon old, over-mature spruce. Young trees were too tough for him.

Today, the forest service says 46 percent of the standing timber resources of Colorado and Wyoming is dead or doomed, and billions of the beetles still are gnawing away.

More than three-fifths of all Colorado's timber is Engelmann Spruce. The beetle has destroyed one-third of all the spruce and

almost one-tenth of the saw timber on all commercial forest lands in the state.

His legions have concentrated especially on the White River National Forest. Here 3.3 billion board feet of lumber has been destroyed and less than half a billion feet of green spruce remains uninfested.

All spruce in the forest north of the Colorado River is dead.

About 46 out of every 100 commercially useful trees in the national forests of Colorado and on the eastern slopes of Wyoming are Engelmann spruce. Three-fourths of these trees are dead and the rest immediately threatened. In some areas, destruction is 100 percent.

A total of 21 billion board feet of timber in the two states is dead or doomed.

"At the present time," says the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, "there appears to be no economical method of battling the spread of the infestation. The astronomical number of trees in need of treatment makes control economically impossible."

Insect predators, like woodpeckers, and insect diseases are about the only controlling agents. Since the beetles are under the bark of the trees, insect sprays have been useless.

Commencement Held For 8th Grade, Sutherlin

Commencement exercises for the Sutherlin eighth graders was held last Thursday evening in the school gymnasium. The platform was beautifully decorated and the large hall was decked with purple and white streamers.

The program was as follows: Processional; Invocation, Rev. Rea Kleinfeldt; welcome, Harriet Riggs; "Happy Song" Junior High Chorus; talk of appreciation, Lee Leisinger; class will, Glen Gowey; song, "Glow Worm," Junior High Chorus; response of seventh grade, Barbara Van Komen; address, Fred Richardson; music, Sally Thompson and Harriet Riggs; presentation of class, A. R. Tremien; presentation of diplomas, W. Riddle; presentation of corsages, class; "Home Going Song," Junior High Chorus; benediction, Rev. C. E. Brittain; recessional.

Those receiving diplomas were: Katherine Bay, Peggy Butler, Edna Mae Carter, Myrdred Chester, Margaret Davey, Ronald Elliott, Charles Eynart, Troy Fennell, Carol Firman, Bruce Geider, Glen Gowey, Mardell Grover, Cleta Lanning, Lee Leisinger, Patsy Moore, Darlene Muston, Virginia Neal, Kathryn Norris, Joyce Ouellette, Phyllis Pond, Harriet Riggs, Margaret Rose, Harriet Scroggins, Sally Thompson, Coleen Wagner, Shirley Weber, Patricia Wilder and Ronald Woodlett.

Dying Man's Plea Brings Funds For Cancer Fight

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 14.—(AP)—A dying newspaper man's appeals for cancer research support have brought a total of \$22,973.82 in contributions. More is being received.

The Daily Journal announced the figure yesterday. The donations have been received since its columnist, Forrest Warren, 71, informed his readers May 17: "I have cancer and I am going to die of it."

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Phone Company Trying To Break Union, Is Charged

CHICAGO, June 14.—(AP)—CIO President Philip Murray said here that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company is attempting to break the phone workers union and that "they (the AT&T) may go to hell with my compliments."

He made the statements in an address to the organization committee of the CIO telephone workers at their convention.

Murray called the AT&T "the most vicious monopoly in America," and added: "I don't often run amok, but I'd take on AT&T tomorrow. Walter S. Gifford, chairman of the board of directors of AT&T, is made of the same clay as any telephone worker or any other citizen of the United States."

Murray said the company is treating contracts "which I consider sacred, as scraps of paper," but that it "will discover to its complete amazement that it is not big enough to get away with this."

He pledged the TWOA the CIO's support "with all the resources at its command."

The company, he said, has filed decertification petitions with the National Labor Relations Board on the ground that the Communication Workers of America, formerly an independent union, has changed affiliation. The CWA received a CIO charter May 9.

A company spokesman in New York said the AT&T had no comment on Murray's remarks. On the matter of union certification, however, he said "the various operating companies of the Bell System, in requesting elections of the NLRB, have already indicated that they were so doing simply in order that they might obtain assurance, through such elections, that the CWA-CIO was the preference of their employees."

Grasshoppers Threaten Baker Alfalfa Crops

BAKER, June 14.—(AP)—County Agent Leroy C. Wright reports a serious grasshopper infestation at Durkee. He says two new chemical insecticides, chlorodane and chlorinated camphene, will be used in an attempt to control the pests.

Wright says that the threatened grasshopper plague here is the worst in years and may cause serious damage to alfalfa crops if not brought under control.

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