



"O-MI-GOSH... THAT LITTLE?"—One-year-old Mary Ruth DeVor stares in disbelief at a four-pound incubator baby in St. John's Hospital, Cleveland, O. What Mary Ruth doesn't realize is that just a year ago she checked in at St. John's, slightly premature, and weighing only one pound, 14 ounces. Now she's a husky 17 pounds, eight ounces. Sister Agnes Therese, who cared for Mary Ruth as a tiny tot, showed her around the baby ward on her birthday visit to the hospital.

Democracy-Red Struggle Is War, Educator Says

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The struggle between Communism and Democracy is not a debate; it is a war. Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, president of the University of California, emphasized this Tuesday in an address before the general session of the American Bankers association convention.

Lashing out at advocates of totalitarianism in any form, Dr. Sproul declared:

"Why should our institutions offer hospitality to those who use a false and brutal hope to persuade the young and gullible to sign away their birthright?"

American business "is having another tremendous year in 1949," Secretary of the Treasury Snyder told the convention.

The cabinet officer, addressing the first general session, professed no fear of the coal and steel strike clouds in the economic sky.

Bankers from 44 states were honored at the general session for their service to agriculture when their state associations received the ABA agricultural commission's 1,000-point rating awards.

Presentation of awards was made by Charles T. O'Neill, commission chairman, of Charlottesville, Va.

O'Neill particularly cited the Oregon Bankers association for having received the rating for 20 consecutive years.

Oregon, first state to achieve such a record, was presented a special certificate.

Four Killed In Shooting Orgy

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Nov. 3.—(AP)—"I say—no, come in day time. 'No push door or I shoot you.' 'Him push door, I shoot.'"

Thus, said prosecuting Attorney Charles J. McGoldrick today, did Policapaco (Henry) Pio, 37-year-old Filipino hop ranch worker, explain the start of a killing rampage last night which left four persons dead.

They were:

Clyde Howard, 23; his Indian bride of two weeks, Louise, 27. Mrs. Howard's sister, Mrs. Maria Silvas, 39, and Tony Abaya, another Filipino ranch worker, about 40.

The slaying, from a dozen or more shotgun blasts, occurred last night when Howard and his wife, accompanied by Mrs. Silvas and her five-year-old daughter, Esther, went to Pio's cabin to get a small trunk belonging to Mrs. Howard.

Minutes later all three were dead on the porch and in the yard in front of the cabin and the child was running screaming down the road. Then, the prosecutor said, Pio went to the cabin occupied by Abaya on an adjoining ranch, called him out and shot him.

Mrs. Howard, McGoldrick said he had learned from a number of acquaintances and from Pio, had been Pio's girl friend until shortly before her marriage and had lived at Pio's cabin.

When the three went up on the porch shortly after dark last night, McGoldrick said, Pio warned them to stay out and come back in the daytime.

Pio finally was arrested at the edge of Santa Rosa as he drove into town in an old automobile. He explained, the sheriff said, that he was driving into surrender.

Value Of Oregon's Utilities Heavily Increased

SALEM.—(AP)—Public utilities in Oregon are worth \$451,500,000, the State Tax commission says. Their assessed value, which is for tax purposes, is \$246,800,000, or \$24,500,000 more than last year.

The railroads have the biggest value, \$185,733,000. Every one of the 36 counties has at least a little piece of railroad track except Curry.

Second largest are the electric companies, worth \$145,900,000. Then come the telephone and gas companies, worth \$81,000,000 and \$19,000,000.

Other utilities included in the total are air lines, express, telegraph, water, heating and bridge companies.

Truck Driver Jailed On Murder Complaint

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Ted Bussey, 28-year-old Vancouver, Wash., truck driver is held in the city jail under a murder complaint issued by Deputy District Attorney Jack Murchison.

Bussey was arrested as a result of the death Monday of Peter J. Ottoboni, 44.

Ottoboni was injured Oct. 22. Bussey called police at that time and reported that Ottoboni struck at him after an argument over an automobile mishap, and he pushed Ottoboni who fell and struck his head on the sidewalk.

The detective bureau reported that the case is scheduled to go to the grand jury.

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By J. R. Williams

Loan Fraud Revealed In Portland Credit Union

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The district attorney's office has started an investigation of reports that loans totaling some \$27,000 had been obtained fraudulently from the city employees credit union.

Credit union officials reported that a series of automobile loans were made to borrowers having the same address. When this was noted, an investigation was made and it appeared—the district attorney's office was advised—that someone had bought wrecked cars which had been written off as of no value, and had used the certificates of ownership to obtain credit union loans.

The loans were made on the basis of the ownership certificates without an actual inspection of the automobiles.

The credit union has no official connection with the city but has city employees as members.

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