

Robert M. Smith Of Elkton Dies

Robert M. Smith of Elkton died Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Eugene hospital from complications following an appendectomy. He was operated on Jan. 2.

Smith was born Feb. 12, 1915, near Oakland to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Smith. He attended Oakland, Kellogg and Elkton public schools. He was married Nov. 6, 1936, to Phyllis Adams. To this union were born three children, Do, Earl Robert, 12, Patricia Joyce, nearly 11, and Norman Leroy 3 1/2 years.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and of the Modern Woodmen encampment at Elkton.

Besides his parents, widow and children of Elkton, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Harold M. Smith, Coquille; William M. Smith, Scottsburg; Haldeman E. Smith, Elkton; Mrs. Morris (Belle) Kesler, Sar Francisco; Mrs. Fred (Myrtle) Grush, Scottsburg, and Mrs. Tony (Betty) Coccolia, Coloma, Calif., and 15 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be announced later.

Police Find No Clue To Boston Bank Robbers

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dollars—a million in cash—at the vaulted garage of Brink's, Inc., armored transportation company, Tuesday night. The robbery was the largest cash haul in American history.

Buzzer Saves \$1 Million
Police said they had strong evidence the gunmen passed up an additional million—not because they were unable to carry it—but because a sounding buzzer frightened them off.

They quoted a Brink garage man as saying he sounded an office buzzer at about the time of the holdup in an effort to get into the vaulted section. Vault employees usually open the automatic door to the guarded office in response to the buzzer.

Police said the gang leader ripped the adhesive tape from the mouth of one of the five bound and gagged vault employees and demanded:

"What does that buzzer mean?"

"Someone wants to get in here," the employee replied.

"What happens if nobody answers it?" the gang leader asked.

"He might get suspicious and notify police," was the reply.

Police said that the gang apparently frightened by the persistent sounding of the buzzer dropped efforts to get the contents of the strong box containing the additional million—and bounded out of the place with their enormous loot.

Rewards Total \$150,000
This information did not throw investigators off their check of former employees of the company. They continued a minute listing of the present activities of former guards of the firm.

Rewards which would total as high as \$150,000 have been offered for the capture of the gunmen or recovery of money seized in the holdup.

The company offered \$100,000 for the bandits "dead or imprisoned."

The other possible \$50,000 was offered by the National Surety corporation, with whom Brink's was insured. The corporation said it would pay five percent of all cash recovered.

Most of the stolen bills were in small denominations—\$20, \$10, \$5, \$2, \$1.

Detectives may be able to trace some of the money, however.

A Brink's official told police that serial numbers would help as much of the loot was in new bills.

This money, the official explained, was mixed with other bills which can't be tracked down very easily.

Gen. Vaughan Ouster Urged By Senators

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day reprimanded Vaughan for activities the group looked into at last summer's five percent inquiry.

The two Republican senators said the committee's unanimous report on that investigation would justify the disciplining of Vaughan by Mr. Truman.

Senator Hoey (D-NC), the committee chairman, told a reporter that while the report does criticize Vaughan, "no effort should be made to read into it what it does not itself contain," he added.

"It should be borne in mind that the criticisms of General Vaughan do not reflect on his character or integrity, but relate instead to customs and practices engaged in by him. The committee did not suggest that the President take any action."

Improper Influence Seen
The report rapped at Vaughan for accepting seven home freezers from a company which the committee said "obviously was trying to curry favor with the presidential aide. The document also criticized the general on several other counts. Vaughan declined to comment.

The freezer incident was a high point of the committee's inquiry into the activities of men who collect a commission, often five percent of the proceeds, for help in getting government contracts for others.

The purpose of the investigation was to find out whether improper influence figured in the handling of those contracts and other federal business. The committee concluded it did.

The freezers Vaughan received were presented by him to Mrs. notables. Besides condemning Truman and other Washington Vaughan's committee report said in effect that the presidential aide had used his influence to help friends engaged in business with the government.

Fresh Storm Snarls Traffic In Northwest

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state patrol requested that no one drive unless trips were essential.

In Oregon, Gov. Douglas McKay ordered National Guard armories prepared for possible sheltering of winter refugees.

In eastern Washington and Oregon there was more snow and occasional freezing rain and sleet in the southern portions.

Portland was getting mixed sleet and rain today, with city buses moving slowly through crusty snow. A Greyhound bus and an estimated 100 automobiles were stalled on the Columbia river highway a few miles east of Portland, where drifts reached four to six feet in depth.

The weather bureau ordered small craft warnings continued this morning from Tatoosh to Cape Blanco, Ore. The prediction was for 20 to 30-mile winds along the coast.

The ice accumulation broke power lines in the Aberdeen area. Power in the city was off and on at intervals during the morning, and business was nearly at a standstill.

Oregon Conditions
The Columbia river highway and Willamette highway remained blocked today as dangerous driving conditions prevailed over most of Oregon, the State Highway commission reported.

The Columbia river route was blocked by snow between Viento and Troutdale. The Willamette highway closure was caused by fallen trees.

Driving was made difficult by the silver thaw in the Willamette valley, while packed snow and ice covered most eastern Oregon roads.

But the thaw continued in southern Oregon, where most highways are bare.

Boundaries Of Roseburg Precincts Are Revised

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westward to the new west city limits. This section includes the Nebo Vista area.

Wharton Precinct—The area north of Harvard to the South Umpqua river, and lying between the west boundary of Westmoreland addition and the west city limits at the veterans facilities.

Brown Precinct—The area lying beyond the west city limits and extending roughly two miles west.

Miller Precinct—Includes all of Miller's addition and Sleepy Hollow and other portions in that vicinity that were annexed to the city Dec. 13, 1949.

The boundaries of Parrott precinct, lying south of the south city limits, were altered to exclude the area now included in Miller precinct.

Court Asked To Halt Short Job In Mines

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L. Lewis kept his plans to himself.

About 90,000 miners in seven states stayed away from the pits entirely this week, refusing to work even the three days Lewis has ordered for the industry as a whole. This was the third straight week in which key groups of miners have quit work completely.

Lewis has mildly suggested that the completely idle coal miners return to their jobs, a "suggestion" many ignored. They may become the basis for a Lewis argument against the Denham court plea: That he had already asked the miners to return to work, but they didn't as a protest against lack of a work contract.

Taft Questions Move
Some lawmakers, including Senator Taft, who have been urging President Truman to act under the Taft-Hartley law to halt the three-day week because of lack of coal, expressed doubt that Denham can do the same thing under another section of the labor law.

Taft said he doesn't think Congress intended to give anyone except the President the power to force men to go back to work without a contract. He said Denham might get an injunction to require Lewis to bargain with coal operators in good faith and stop demanding what they call illegal contract terms.

"But I can't see that would be an effective means of getting full production of coal," Taft said. He urged again that Mr. Truman declare a national emergency and seek the emergency-type injunction. Previous court actions of this type have resulted in heavy fines for Lewis and the union for not obeying injunctions.

CIO President Philip Murray announced that his organization "vigorously protests" Denham's action and said CIO lawyers will work with Lewis' United Mine Workers union legal staff in fighting the case.

"In this attack upon the UMW, through the instrumentality of the evil Taft-Hartley law," Murray said, "Denham is challenging the legitimate rights and interests of all organized labor."

Denham acted on the premise that Lewis is making illegal demands on the operators and using the limited work week and full strike tactics to "club the operators" into accepting union terms.

The whole trouble is that Lewis and the mine operators have failed to get together for nearly eight months now on new contract terms. The old agreement expired last July 1.

The operators have balked at Lewis' demands, claiming some of them are illegal, and Lewis has refused to alter the asking price. The shortened work week is a union device to pressure the mine owners into settling. Only a very few of them have done so.

Lewis' main demands are a 95-cent boost in the present \$14.05 basic daily wage, plus a 15-cent increase in the 20-cent tonnage royalty for the miners' welfare fund to pay for pensions and other benefits. The operators say this is more than they can afford.

Cub Pack At Rose School Planned

Parents of Rose school boys interested in forming a cub pack are asked to attend a meeting at Rose school Friday at 7:30 p. m. At that time Jerry Willis, commissioner for scouting in Douglas county, will show motion pictures of cubs in action.

Exhibits of handiwork of cub scouts will be displayed. Clyde Adair, president of Rose P.T.A., stated today that the P.T.A. is sponsoring organization of a cub scouting in Rose School with the assistance of the parents.

This meeting will constitute the first phase of parent training and another meeting will follow later.

Meredith has been appointed chairman of a group to select other parents to work with him in the organization of den fathers. It is estimated that enough boys are interested in scouting at present in Rose school to form five dens.

Local News

Father Dies—Funeral Services

for Walter M. Persons of Salem, who died Jan. 13, were held Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. in that city. Mr. Persons was the father of Mrs. Odille Messing of Gilde.

In Medford—Miss Helen Busenbark

daughter of Judge and Mrs. D. N. Busenbark of Medford, has accepted a position as deputy probation officer in Jackson county, with headquarters in Medford.

In Hospital—Eddie Lindell

11-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Lindell, underwent an emergency appendectomy Tuesday night at Mercy hospital. He is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

Services Today—Services were held in Springfield today for Alfred Howe Patrick, 78, who died in Springfield Saturday. Surviving are his wife, 13 grandchildren, two brothers, four daughters and three sons, one of whom is Vernon Patrick, of Yoncalla.

Funeral Held—Services for Walter Scott Vail, 86, who died in a Vancouver hospital, Sunday, were held Wednesday at the Vancouver funeral chapel with burial in Park Hill cemetery. Among his survivors is a daughter, Mrs. Clara Perry of Roseburg. Mr. Vail, a pioneer, came to Washington in a covered wagon from the east and moved from Washington to Battle Ground, Wash., eight years ago.

Junior First Citizen Of '49 To Be Named Friday

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the invocation by Rev. Mr. MacArthur. Past President Scott will give the welcome. Installation of officers, presentation of the awards and the evening address will follow the dinner.

Dancing from 9:30 until 12 midnight will conclude the evening. Tickets are still available at Lawson's Local Loan and Tipton-Permin, insurance. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Turkey and fish will be on the menu.

Gleemen Set Concert At High Gym Jan. 26

The Gospel Gleemen, a male chorus of thirty ministers, will present a sacred concert Thursday, Jan. 26, at 8 p. m., in the Roseburg high school gymnasium.

The Gospel Gleemen serve as local pastors of evangelistic United Brethren churches throughout Oregon and Washington.

The concert is free to the public. Reserved seat tickets will be available, free of charge, at Neilsen's market in the south end, Fairhaven market on the west side; Wally's grocery in North Roseburg; and the Umpqua Valley Hardware for the downtown district.

Record-Breaking Flier, Companion Die In Crash

CHIPLEY, Fla., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Johnny Mann, California flier who claimed a non-stop distance record for light planes last week from Van Nuys, Calif., to Jacksonville, was killed with another Californian, Robert E. Milander, in a plane crash near here last night. Both were from Los Angeles.

The record flight was made in connection with the all-American air maneuvers at Miami which ended Sunday.

The Florida Highway patrol identified the men as John Francis Mann, 45, and Robert E. Milander about 40.

Papers on Milander's body identified him as a deputy sheriff of the aerial division of the Los Angeles county sheriff's office.

Woman Who Set Hospital Fire Adjudged Insane

DAVENPORT, Ia., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Elnora Epperly, 22, accused of setting the Mercy hospital fire in which 41 persons were killed Jan. 7, is to be committed to a mental hospital.

The Scott county sanity commission ruled yesterday the attractive young woman, of Rock Island, Ill., is insane.

County Attorney Clark O. Fildes, who filed a charge of "murder in the perpetration of arson" against Mrs. Epperly said she would not be brought to trial. He said she admitted starting the fire.

Thawing Effort Deals Fire Loss To School

MONROE, Wash., Jan. 19.—(AP)—A student's efforts to thaw the frozen gasoline line of a school bus with an electric plate backfired yesterday into a \$50,000 blaze that destroyed the Monroe high school bus repair shop and manual training classrooms.

Supt. Gerald Ladley said the fire started when gasoline dripped on the electric plate and exploded.

The student, Leonard Webster, was burned slightly attempting to back the bus from the shop. A volunteer fireman, Bob Bond, also was injured when he fell through the building roof at the peak of the fire.

Boy Who Soloed To Sea Ordered To Reform School

DUNDEE, Scotland, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A 14-year old boy who made a solo voyage 200 miles into the North sea was sent to a reform school today on a charge of stealing the boat.

The boy, Johnny Guthrie, and the 30-ton fishing vessel Girl Jean disappeared Jan. 10 from the little coastal town of Arbroath. A trawler picked them up three days later halfway to Norway.

Judge K. D. Cullen pointed out that British law requires children to go to school until they are 15. He said the length of the boy's stay in the reform school would depend on his behavior there.

Taft Tosses Feeler In Social Security Issue

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A surprising Republican proposal of \$25 or so a month "old age pensions for everyone" has died a-borning in the Senate.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), who tossed the idea into the Senate finance committee hearings yesterday, later explained he was only seeking reaction.

The committee is considering expansion of social security benefits.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) said the flat "pensions for everyone" would mean abandoning "our whole present program."

Taft, George and senator Millikin (R-Colo.), former finance chairman, agreed in separate interviews they would push along with the House-passed bill expanding coverage and benefits under the existing program.

Young Republicans Defer Meeting Indefinitely

Meeting of the Douglas County chapter of the Young Republican Federation of Oregon, scheduled Friday night at the Hotel Umpqua, has been postponed indefinitely, according to word received from President Robert Hansen of Sutherlin.

Reason for the postponement was given as uncertain weather conditions and conflicting events for that evening.

Three More Soldiers Die From Army Camp Blaze

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Three more soldiers died today at the Camp Carson hospital, bringing to five the number killed in a roaring brush fire which swept an area of 50 square miles south of here Tuesday.

Their names were withheld. The two previous victims were Pvt. Lawrence H. Elwell, Remer, Minn., and Joseph A. Weston, Atoka, Okla.

The five were overtaken by gale-driven flames as they fought with thousands of other soldiers and volunteers to save the sprawling camp.

Three soldiers were reported missing and 26 others were burned, seven seriously. The fire burned 33 buildings at the camp.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon

Cloudy with showers today. Partly cloudy with few showers Friday. Slightly warmer tonight.

Highest temp. any Jan. 71
Lowest temp. for any Jan. -6
Highest temp. yesterday 34
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 33
Precipitation last 24 hrs.63
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