

### Death For White Slayer Of Negro Sought In South

KOSCIUSKO, Miss., April 13.—(AP)—The state of Mississippi will make a new attempt to get the death penalty for Leon Turner, white bricklayer, for his part in a massacre at a Negro farm home here last Jan. 8.

District Attorney Henry Rodgers said last night he will ask a murder indictment and the death penalty for Turner in the case of Thomas Harris, 27-year-old Negro tenant farmer.

Harris died Tuesday night of wounds received the night his daughter, Ruby Nell Harris, four, and two stepchildren—Mary Burside, eight, and Frankie Thurman, 12—were shot to death in their beds at Harris' home.

Paralyzed from the waist down by a bullet which struck his spine, Harris was the star witness in the conviction of Turner and Windol Whitt on murder indictments in the slaying of Ruby Nell Harris. He testified from a cot rolled into the courtroom.

Turner, described in court as the trigger man in the wild slaying, now is serving three life sentences for murder. As a three-time loser he is ineligible for parole. Windol Whitt, serving one life term, is eligible for parole in 10 years. Malcolm Whitt was sentenced to 10 years on the manslaughter count.

Harris was buried yesterday beside the three slain children. Rodgers said Turner and the Whitts descended on the Harris home in a "drunken orgy of revenge," mistakenly believing Harris was responsible for their arrests.

### Canyonville High Student Honored For Shorthand

Dora Jean Springstad, a senior in the Canyonville high school, this week received a gold OGA emblem pin and red seal superior merit certificate, an award which she won in a contest in which nine Canyonville shorthand students entered. Miss Dorothy Krebs is the instructor in shorthand in the local school.

The award of the OGA, Order of Gregg Artists, was made by the Gregg shorthand company. The contestants were graded on fluency of writing, correct formation of curves, blinks, and other characters, proportion in the length of strokes and size of circles, and facility in the joining of hooks, circles and consonants.

This is the first time the award has been won by a Canyonville student.

### INDIAN THANKSGIVING SILETZ, April 13.—(AP)—It will be Thanksgiving here Sunday—the first such Indian celebration in years.

The Siletz Indian tribes decided to resume the former tribal custom of holding a spring Thanksgiving in the long house.

Gen. Clifton B. Cates is the 19th man to head the U. S. marine corps.

### U. S. Faces Worst Threat, Warning Of Symington

Macon, Ga., April 13.—(AP)—Americans last night heard Air Secretary Stuart Symington warn that they were living "in the shadow of the greatest threat this nation ever faced."

Symington made no bones about what nation was casting the shadow, Russia, he said.

The air secretary, who leaves shortly to take the job of chairman of the national securities resource board, added that the "price of survival" is a strong America.

One reason for the shadow, he continued, is the fact that "never before has any potential enemy possessed the military means to deal, in a single, swift surprise attack a possible devastating blow."

Such a blow, said Symington, would make the "farms and factories and front yards of America one gigantic battlefield."

### Governor Probes K. C. Police Dept.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 13.—(AP)—Gov. Forrest E. Smith is investigating the Kansas City police department, under fire since the slaying of Charles Binaggio last week.

The governor said last night he intended to get to the bottom of charges against the department. He declined to say who was conducting the inquiry for him.

Binaggio, Kansas City northside political leader, and his musician, Charles Gargotta, were slain in gangland fashion in their Democratic headquarters. Police have found no trace of the slayers.

In Missouri, the governor appoints four members of the five-man Kansas City board of police commissioners. The mayor automatically becomes the fifth member.

Earlier this week, Kansas City Mayor William E. Kemp called for an investigation of the police department. He said an inquiry would determine "if there are any weak links in the entire police department that would lead gangsters and racketeers to feel they could operate here with any degree of immunity."

### FIRE LOSS LIGHT

A fire call was answered by the Drain volunteer fire department, Tuesday noon at the residence of Frank Boutin in south Drain on property owned by E. G. Whipple. The fire did little damage, being confined to the woodshed. The property adjoins the Whipple Mill.

### HURT IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. Cliff Townsley, Sutherlin, received a bad cut on her head in an automobile accident north of Oakland Monday. Her husband and son escaped with minor shocks and scratches when the car overturned after a blowout. The family was returning home from a trip north. Mrs. Townsley's injury took several stitches.

Sour milk can be made for recipes by adding two tablespoons of vinegar to each cup of sweet milk.

### Honesty Try Nabs Alleged Robber

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—Donald W. Phillips, 39, was arrested today on a hold-up charge because he was honest enough to try to pay his cab fare.

A man rushed into the New Heathman hotel just after midnight today, vaulted over the counter, and demanded money. Hotel clerk Frank O. Beckwith said there wasn't any. At that the man leaped back over the counter, said "I'll be back with my buddies," rushed out, and departed in a taxicab.

A half hour later Phillips was arrested on the tip of a cab driver, Edward Bushman Jr.

The cabbie said he's been carrying a fare who kept talking about hold-ups and leaving the cab for brief intervals. Each time the fare got out, the driver radioed his dispatcher for help.

Finally, after a stop at the New Heathman, the fare told the cab driver to go to an east side tavern, so he could borrow money to pay the cab bill.

When the man went into the tavern, Cabbie Bushman again radioed for help. Police arrived in time to make the arrest.

### Edsel Ford's Estate Yields \$35 Million Tax

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., April 13.—(AP)—Taxes took a chunk of \$35,000,847 out of the estate of \$128,039,503 left by Edsel B. Ford, only son of the founder of the Ford Motor Co.

This was disclosed in an accounting yesterday before probate judge Joseph B. Trombley.

The accounting showed that both the voting and non-voting stock of the family-owned Ford Motor Co. is valued at \$90 a share.

Mrs. Eleanor Clay Ford, widow of Edsel B. Ford, was left an inheritance of \$19,105,887. This included property she had owned jointly with her husband and her one-fifth share of the class B voting stock of the Ford Motor Co.

### New Administrative Head At Drain High Announced

Raymond Brown, principal at Condon, Ore., this year, is to be the new administrative head of the Drain union high school it was announced today by Robert Laird, district coach.

"Mr. Brown has signed his contract and it has been returned," Laird said, in releasing the information.

Brown is married, has three children, and plans on buying a home in the community. He will arrive here the first part of June. Brown was formerly principal at Culver, in Jefferson county, and before that football coach at Sweet Home and Vale, Ore. There are three vacancies in the present faculty, with the following teachers staying next year: William Chatham, head of the physical education department; R. L. Marple, present principal, heading the English department; Miss Schmidt, of the home economics staff; Mrs. Ross of the commercial department, and Mr. Rands, English.

The first potatoes in North America were planted in Rockingham county, N. H.

### Polio Victim Bears Child During Prayers Of Friends

ATLANTA, April 13.—(AP)—A daughter was born last night to the 23-year-old polio victim for whom her friends held a mass prayer.

Immediately after delivery, Mrs. James Bentley of Palmetto, Ga., who left an iron lung 16 days ago, was placed in a chest respirator.

Attendees at Grady hospital said the young mother and baby were in fair condition.

After Mrs. Bentley was stricken Feb. 18, her physician told her husband that prayer was the only answer.

The Rev. Carl J. Mowell called a prayer meeting at the Baptist church and most of the townsfolk at Palmetto showed up to ask Divine help for the young woman.

"Last night Bentley said simply, 'We believe God has answered our prayers.'"

### Crisis Nears For Coal Industry; Idleness Mounts

PITTSBURGH, April 13.—(AP)—The nation's soft coal industry is suffering from curtailed production today while even greater woes are foreseen in the immediate future.

Industry spokesmen predict spreading unemployment and a chain of mine closings as a result of reduced coal output and the inroads of competitive fuels.

The nation's 8,600 bituminous (soft coal) mines produced a record-breaking 631,000,000 tons in 1947. Now they are reverting to a normal market estimated at around 400,000,000 tons. Last year 430,000,000 tons was dug despite several strikes.

Many high cost or low quality mines already are being squeezed out. And thousands of miners are joining the ranks of job hunters. There are 400,000 soft coal miners in the United States.

The National Coal association estimates 50,000 coal miners will be jobless in coming months. Another 50,000 transport workers, who haul coal from mine to market, also will be laid off, the NCA predicts, as the result of oil imports alone.

Natural gas and fuel oil continue to creep into fields once dominated by coal. Railroads are changing from coal burning locomotives to diesel engines.

The mine operators, the United Mine Workers union, the government and others are trying to do something about the situation.

Dr. James Boyd, director of the United States bureau of mines, has warned the mining industry to get ready to retrench.

### The Weather

Mostly cloudy with showers today. Fair Friday morning with increasing cloudiness in afternoon.

Highest temp. any April 96  
Lowest temp. for any April 25  
Highest temp. yesterday 40  
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 43  
Precipitation last 24 hrs. .18  
Precipitation from Sept. 1 39.95  
Precipitation from April 1 .43  
Deficit from April 1 .41

### Sutherlin PTA Elects Officers At Meeting

The Parent-Teachers association met Monday evening at Sutherlin high school for their regular meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Those elected to office were: Mrs. Velma Brauning, president; Mrs. Gene Smith, vice-president; Mrs. May Willis, secretary and Mrs. Jeanette Loerts, treasurer.

Installation of officers will be held at the next meeting, May 8, at the high school building.

Mrs. Erma Buck, president was in charge of the meeting with many items of business being brought before the members, were discussed and placed on file.

The school band played several numbers during the evening under the direction of Miss Deis.

The men of the club will be hosts for the next meeting.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Betty Stamp.

### Theft Bared As Welfare Recipients Buy Autos

YAKIMA, April 13.—(AP)—The sudden prosperity of two brothers who bought new cars at more than \$3,000 each while drawing unemployment compensation put sheriff's deputies on the trail that ended yesterday with charges of grand larceny against three persons.

Superior Judge Dolph Barnett fixed bond at \$5,000 each for Mrs. Cec' Barnett, 47; her son-in-law, Virgil Gallington, 29; and his brother, Harold E. Gallington, 25. They are charged with the theft of \$11,000 from a Grandview restaurant last Sept. 12.

Deputy H. T. Armstrong said Mrs. Barnett, a cook in the restaurant, admitted taking the money which Mrs. Susie Evans, cafe owner had placed in a pie case. She, in turn, hid the money in the back of an old car. Armstrong said, where it was found and hijacked by the two brothers.

### Mrs. Thomas Cornutt Funeral Services Set

Funeral services for Mrs. Thomas (Laura) Cornutt, 80, pioneer resident of Myrtle Creek, who died Wednesday, will be held at the Methodist church in Myrtle Creek Sunday, April 16, at 2 p. m., with the Rev. Mr. Burleson officiating.

Concluding services and vault interment will follow in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Myrtle Creek. Arrangements are in charge of Long & Orr mortuary, Roseburg.

### Negligence Found In Hospital Fire

NORRISTOWN, Pa., April 13.—(AP)—A coroner's jury has found that "negligence" existed at the Belle Vista sanatorium where a fire killed 10 patients March 29.

The six-man jury reached its verdict yesterday after hearing these disclosures:

Four of the 10 who died were strapped to beds, powerless to save themselves. Fifteen of the 82 patients who survived also were strapped to beds.

Doctors signed "restraint" orders giving a nurse authority to decide when some patients were to be tied down.

A previously convicted firebug, who set the blaze, had keys to the rooms and a closet, handled matches and was allowed to go home weekends.

It took firemen 20 to 25 minutes to chop their way through mesh-barred windows to reach patients trapped in four small cubicles.

Besides finding "negligence," the inquest jury urged further investigation of the disaster in Springfield township and recommended that the arsonist, Nicholas A. Verna, 26, be committed to an asylum.

Inchmurrin is the largest of 30 islands in Loch Lomond, Scotland.

### 38 Men Penalized For Peaceful Picketing

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W. Va., April 13.—(AP)—Peaceful picketing has brought about the arrest and conviction of 38 men who marched too close to the struck Victor Products Corp. plant here.

They were convicted yesterday of violating a new town ordinance banning congregating in emergency areas. Each was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$30—the minimum sentence under the ordinance.

All appealed and were released under \$300 bond each.

The ordinance gives the mayor power to declare any part of the town an emergency area if he has reason to believe that a disturbance might occur.

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