

Frankie Baker, Of Much Publicized Duo Of "Frankie And Johnny," Dies In Oregon State Hospital At 75

PENDLETON (AP) — Frankie Baker, who said it was her man who had done her wrong, is dead. No one knows whether she really was the Frankie in "Frankie and Johnny" — the two who were lovers until Nellie Bly came along.

She said she was the central figure in that song twenty years ago. She sued Mae West and she sued Republic Pictures trying to collect for a film about Frankie and Johnny. She didn't collect.

For nearly thirty years she talked about needing money from what she called that one part of the story of her life. It was perhaps bitterness over that which led in 1950 to her commitment to the State Hospital for the Insane here. It was in the hospital at the age of 75, she died Tuesday.

Frankie's story has been told and re-told in newspapers and magazine articles. They haven't always agreed in detail, but this much is definite: she generally told the same.

Guns Man to Death

She lived in St. Louis and there on the night of Oct. 15, 1899 on Targee street she took Allen Britt's pistol and she killed him with it. That was after she had gone to the home of Alice Pryor and had found Britt there.

Whether it was root-a-toot-a-toot-a three-shot job as the song says, isn't clear. But Frankie always said the shooting was the start of the song.

Why was "Frankie and Johnny?" Well, sometimes it was called "Frankie and Albert," too, and Allen Britt was usually called Albert, she said. Nellie Bly, she said, was just poetic license for the other woman's name.

Ran Shoe-Shine Stand

Frankie, whose teeth flashed white in her dark face, reached Portland in 1915 and that was her home from then on until brought here to the hospital. She ran a shoe-shine stand in Portland for many years and had a strong feeling of independence.

Small and slight, she sat in her

Democratic Senator Thinks Ike Unbeatable

BOSTON (AP) — Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) said Wednesday that if General Eisenhower receives the Republican Presidential nomination, "barring a miracle he will be elected by an overwhelming vote."

If the Republicans nominate Eisenhower, Douglas added at a news conference, he "personally would be very receptive to the idea that we (Democrats) nominate Eisenhower also with a different vice presidential candidate."

Auto Union Head Dated At U. Of O. Anniversary

EUGENE (AP) — Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers, has accepted an invitation to speak here Feb. 26 on a program celebrating the University of Oregon's 75th anniversary.

Sunshine Better Than Fluoride As Teeth Builder

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE Associated Press Science Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Sunshine appears to outdo fluoride as a builder of better teeth in children in a study reported from Oregon State College, Corvallis, Ore.

Flourine in the form of Flouride is about to be added to the drinking water of 40 million urban Americans. This is due to more than 10 years of reported unflinching benefit to teeth of children up to age six and a half.

The Oregon study sums up several years in which the state was divided into six districts. In some Oregon communities there is a small percentage of natural flouride in drinking water; in others, none.

This latest report, which adds the Willamette Valley region, was made by Drs. Demetrios M. Hadjmarkos and Clara A. Storvick of

the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

Decay Rates Vary

High rates of tooth decay were found in children west of the Cascade Mountains, where there is considerable rain and cloudiness, and altitudes are low.

Low rates were found in Central Oregon, where there is much more sunshine and altitudes run from 2,800 to 5,000 feet.

In these studies, no effects were seen from the Fluorides, or from candy bars, or drinking carbonated beverages, or from differences in dental care. Attention was given to carbonated beverages because of experiments on rats, whose teeth can be damaged by too much of the acids in carbonated drinks.

The Oregon scientists say sunshine may influence teeth by making Vitamin D. They say high altitude sunshine may do this better

than low altitude, because of a different quality in high altitude ultra violet rays. They propose to study this high altitude quality.

Garibaldi Fire Kills Tot, Second Near Death

TILLAMOOK (AP) — Fire destroyed a home at Garibaldi Monday, fatally burned a 2½ year old boy and inflicted critical burns on his 3½ year old brother.

The blaze broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Nash, who picked up their 4-month-old daughter, Cindy, and fled to safety. Then they discovered the two boys still were inside.

The father soaked his clothing and dashed inside to find both overcome by smoke. He carried them out, but Gary, 2½, died later. The other boy, Calvin, is in critical condition in a hospital.

Costello Goes To Trial On 11 Contempt Items

NEW YORK (AP) — Gambler Frank Costello sat unperturbed Tuesday as the prosecution outlined for a federal court jury its contempt of the senate case against him.

He kept his arms folded much of the time, and only occasionally blinked his eyes as U.S. Attorney Myles J. Lane told Judge Sylvester J. Ryan and the jury what the government expected to prove.

Lane recited the 11 charges in the indictment accusing Costello of contempt in his appearances before the Kefauver Senate Crime Committee in New York last year. The prosecutor said the indictment included eight counts alleg-

ing refusal to answer questions, and three charges of default. He said the default counts said that Costello had left the committee hearing room without permission, and on one occasion had appeared, but refused to testify. Lane said the questions Costello refused to answer included the defendant's net worth, his indebtedness, and whether he owed sums in excess of \$10,000 to single individuals.

Egyptian Guerrillas Attack British Troops

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Two British soldiers, one of them an officer, were killed Wednesday in a fight between British troops and Egyptian guerrillas six miles west of a big Royal Air Force base near the Suez Canal. A British spokesman said there were several other casualties among the British forces.



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SEEHAWER—To Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Seehawer, box 61, Oakland, Jan. 3, a son, Lyle Rudolph Jr. weight six pounds 12 ounces.
STRINGER—To Mr. and Mrs. Odie Stringer, box 38, Tenmile, Jan. 5, a son, Marvin Louis; weight nine pounds 14½ ounces.
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SHIRLEY—To Mr. and Mrs. William Shirley, Tenmile, Jan. 7, a son, William Columbus IV; weight six pounds six ounces.
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DIXON—To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dixon, Rt. 1 box 1006, Roseburg, Jan. 7, a daughter, Nancy Ellen; weight seven pounds.
NELSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Nelson, PO Box 28, Oakland, Jan. 8, a daughter, Jane Ann; weight six pounds four and three-fourths ounces.

Protestants In Canada Persecuted, Report

PORTLAND (AP) — The First Southern Baptists' Evangelistic Conference was told here Tuesday that Protestants are being persecuted in some predominately Catholic areas of Canada.
The Rev. H. C. Phillips, pastor of the Ruth Morton Memorial Baptist Church at Vancouver, B. C., said a number of Protestant missionaries, including many Baptists had been jailed, and in some cases beaten by mobs, for holding street revivals.
The Rev. Phillips was one of a number of speakers here to help train Oregon and Washington church leaders on evangelism and revivals.



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