

Melvin Howard Dies At Yoncalla Thursday

Melvin Howard, 74, died at his home east of Yoncalla Thursday. He was born in Texas, July 30, 1877, and moved to Yoncalla in 1897. He married Effie Thompson at Roseburg in 1906. Surviving are his wife, one daughter, Mildred Briner of Route 1, Yoncalla; one brother, Romie Howard, also of Route 1, Yoncalla; four sisters, Fannie Watkins, Velere Trobee and Lulu Wills, all of Cottage Grove, and Macy Caldwell of Bend. Services will be held at Mills Mortuary, Cottage Grove, Sunday.

Mothers Slate Polio March Thursday Night

An army of Roseburg mothers will take to the field Thursday night, Jan. 31, in a march against infantile paralysis, which in the past four years has attacked the nation with utmost severity.

Plans are being completed for this special intensive 1952 March of Dimes activity, Mrs. O. J. Felt, Mothers' March Chairman, said last night.

Mrs. Felt said that the city has been divided into districts and each district headed by a captain. In addition to Roseburg, Winston Section will be canvassed with Mrs. Bill Tipton the captain in that area. Captains in Roseburg include: Mrs. G. N. Siefarth, Mrs. Eldon Howard, Mrs. William Lindell, Mrs. E. A. Pearson, Mrs. Walter Brittle, Mrs. Hari Kelley, Mrs. Charles Wright, Mrs. Don Gum, Mrs. Leslie Pfaff, Mrs. Leroy Hiatt, Mrs. Earl Garrison, Mrs. Glenn Scott, Mrs. Kenneth Garey and Mrs. Don Reed.

Promptly at six-thirty on Thursday evening porch lights will flare into a beacon of hope for polio patients. These lights will be glowing invitations to the volunteers, and will prove citizens are determined to do all in their power to help local boys and girls.

Recovers — Mrs. G. H. Ashman, 1123 N. Jackson St., has recovered from a brief illness. She was confined to her home for about two weeks.

Roseburg Hears Great Singers, Ray And Duncan

By LEROY INMAN

Two celebrities were in Roseburg Saturday night. Both are in the field of entertainment and artists in their own right, although their fields of work are of an entirely different nature.

But in no way was the presence of one overshadowed by the other. Johnny Ray, radio entertainer and song writer, was given a rousing home-coming welcome at the Hotel Umpqua. But over at the Junior High School Auditorium, at almost the same hour, Todd Duncan, baritone star of concert opera, stage and screen, walked onto the stage and was enthusiastically acclaimed by a crowd of Roseburg Community Concert members who packed the hall.

Hundreds of people thronged Jackson street in the vicinity of the Hotel Umpqua, eager to get a look at and to hear the voice of a youthful home town boy who made good with an emotional type of singing that has rocketed him to stardom almost overnight. **Duncan Master Artist**

But over at the Junior High, Baritone Todd Duncan, an artist in his field of singing in which he has been tried and found true over the years, displayed his own style of emotional singing—a style as emotional as Handel, Schubert and Kurt Weill would have their works immortalized from the concert stage.

Duncan proved why he was so highly acclaimed in the Broadway musical "Lost in the Stars," as well as being a favorite for more than a decade in the music world. He held complete control of his capacity audience. He made them laugh when he wished. He made them live the songs he sang. A pin could have been heard if dropped during the softer portions of his final encore number, "Old Man River."

He swayed his crowd with his dramatic portrayals of works by Bizet, Paladine and Piere. He delighted them with Negro spirituals and a rendition (Handel style) of Old Mother Hubbard. His concluding number on the regular program proved why he established himself in the hearts of Americans in 1935, as a star in "Porgy and Bess," by singing "I Got Plenty of Nuffin." Gershwin's number which he introduced to the Broadway theater-going public.

This was Todd Duncan's second appearance in concert here. And both times there was standing room only in the too-small Junior High Auditorium. He proved that his style of emotional singing still has a prominent place in American entertainment. If the crowd's repeated applause and request for encores was any indication, Todd Duncan was a success in Roseburg.

In The Armed SERVICES

Pvt. R. S. Surkamer Spends Weekend Here

Pvt. Robert S. Surkamer, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Surkamer, spent the weekend visiting friends and relatives. Surkamer has been in Fort Warden, Wash., since last February, with the 81st Eng. Division. He is to report back to Fort Warden for overseas duty.

Columist Winchell Under Doctor's Orders

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Doctors planned further tests Monday for Broadway Columnist Walter Winchell, who said he has been ordered to "drop everything" for at least a month.

Winchell announced during his broadcast Sunday night that he had been ordered to rest and later said the decision followed an examination by his physician and a heart specialist.

Winchell said they told him his condition was "good" but if he didn't stop all activity he "might not be around to talk about it in another week or a month."

X-Ray Totals

Total x-rays	11,257
X-rays Saturday	1991
Number remaining	31,084



SWALLOWED UP in this huge welcoming crowd in front of the Umpqua Hotel Saturday, Singer Johnny Ray (arrow) is interviewed by Radio Announcer Lyle Fenner. And his arrival in Roseburg was supposed to be a "secret." (Staff Picture)

POW Swap Offer Rejected By Reds

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representative as non-voting chairman would supervise repatriation of civilians.

Both Committees would function under the Military Armistice Commission and would make their headquarters at Panmunjom.

SEOUL, Korea — U.S. Sabre jets exchanged firing passes Monday with 50 Communist MIG-15 jets over North Korea but no damage claims were made by the Allied pilots.

It was the first reported appearance of the MIGs since they lost 10 in a sky battle Friday.

Overcast skies sharply curtailed Allied air strikes.

Only light patrol contact was reported on the frozen 145-mile battlefield.

Planes from the U.S. carriers Antietam and Essex struck at Communist rail lines on the East coast. The Navy reported the tracks cut in 165 places—a new record for one day.

Bids To Be Opened This Week On Douglas Jobs

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in the interests of traffic safety, and are correlated with the modern standards of limited access highways to which the new Pacific Highway relocations are being constructed.

On Feb. 1, the commission will receive bids for the construction of a 200-foot reinforced concrete bridge over Bear Creek on the new relocation of the Divide-Anlauf Section of the Pacific Highway near Curtin. This structure is designed to carry the new highway over the creek and an existing county road and is correlated in design to provide separation of cross traffic as well as to provide a stream crossing.

Local Band Parents Elect New President

Mrs. Vernon Keel was elected president of the Roseburg Band Parents Association at the Jan. 22 meeting held at the Senior High School Library Arts Building. Wayne McCauley was elected vice president.

The Ways and Means committee appointed included Mrs. Zelpha Christenson, Clyde Moore, E. G. Stiles, Mrs. Vernon Keel and Mrs. N. T. Combs.

A discussion was held regarding purchase of new band uniforms.

The next meeting will be Feb. 12 at 7:45 p.m. in the Library Arts Building. All Band parents are urged to attend the association meetings.

Oregon Accidents Claim 3 Lives

By The Associated Press

Accidents claimed the lives of three in Oregon over the weekend. Two were fatally injured in traffic mishaps, and the third, a 19-year-old youth, was killed outright by an accidentally discharged gun.

Melvin E. Baker, 74, died in a Portland hospital Sunday a few hours after he was struck by a car.

Driver of the car, Tony T. Kurar, also of Portland, was cited for having an improper license.

Mrs. Bertha Mandy, 69, was fatally injured Sunday when she was struck by a car operated by FBI agent Bentley Skousen. The accident was on the outskirts of Portland. Skousen was not cited.

Melvin Herbert Gould, 19, was killed outright at his home in Corbett Sunday by a bullet from a gun which police said accidentally discharged in the hands of his brother.

The brother, Donald, 44, told police he was trying to eject a cartridge when the rifle discharged.

PORTLAND — A teen-age couple, married only a few hours, and six other teen-agers were injured early Sunday in a two-car collision on the Lower Columbia River Highway.

The couple, Donald Marlock, 18, and his bride, Betty, 17, were returning from a wedding barn dance, sheriff's deputies said. Their car caught fire after the crash but the Marlocks and three passengers were pulled from the flames.

Three, including the driver, David A. Curtis, 17, were injured in the other car.

HORTICULTURIST DATED

Dr. John Hanley, Seattle horticulturist, will speak in the Roseburg Woman's Club house Wednesday at 2 p.m. The topic of his speech will be "Organic Gardening and Pest Control." A question and answer period will follow. All gardeners and nurserymen in Douglas County are invited.

Bilow Infant Passes; Funeral Held Today

David Arthur Bilow, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Bilow, died Jan. 27. Private funeral services and interment will be today in the Masonic Cemetery.

Surviving are his parents: Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Bilow, Roseburg; a sister, Deborah Bilow, Roseburg; his grandparents: Mrs. Ethel Bilow, Leham, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brower, Winston. The Roseburg Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

MOTHER'S CLUB MEETS

The University of Oregon Mothers' Club will meet tonight at the home of Mrs. Charles Briggs for a 7:30 dinner-supper. All mothers eligible are invited.

JOHN CARTER DIES

John Carter, well-known resident of Riddle died Sunday afternoon in Canyonville. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ganz Mortuary.

Iron Workers Return To Atomic Plant Jobs

RICHLAND, Wash. — The 430 AFL Iron Workers who walked off their jobs at the Hanford Atomic Plant last week returned to work Monday. The walkout Wednesday had idled some 1,500 other atomic workers.

E. B. Skeels, general manager for the Atkinson-Jones Construction Co., said it was a jurisdictional question that led to the dispute. He said the iron workers objected to steamfitters installing certain equipment on some tanks.

Myrtle Creek Boy Killed By Auto Blow

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lips, he first denied all knowledge of the incident, Corbett said.

Investigation revealed that the left front fender of his car had been smashed against the side of his garage.

Phillips' wife explained she had hit the side of the garage inadvertently when driving into it earlier in the day.

In his statement to police, Phillips also admitted hitting the fender of the car several times with an axe earlier that evening.

Saturday evening Phillips was lodged in the Canyonville jail on an open charge pending investigation. Sunday evening he was transferred to the county jail.

Tragedy Prevents Sleep

In the statement he gave police, Phillips said he left Riddle about 3:30 p.m. Saturday and was headed for Winston.

"I didn't see the boy until I saw him fly out the side of the car," officers quoted him as saying.

After the accident, Phillips said in his statement, he continued north, later cutting back to Riddle. He then said he went to bed, where he was when officers apprehended him.

"I couldn't sleep," he said. Phillips is married and has a 3-year-old daughter.

The youngster's body was removed to Roseburg Funeral Home. Paul Van Osten was born March 19, 1946, in Hood River and came with his parents two years ago to live in Myrtle Creek.

Surviving besides his parents are his grandparents, Mr. Paul Van Osten, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Adam Maxwell, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Van Osten, Hood River.

The body is being taken to Hood River by the Roseburg Funeral Home for funeral services to be held Wed., Jan. 30, at 2 p.m. Interment will be in the Hood River cemetery.

Blazing Plane K... 3 On Landing; Crew Safe

RAUNHEIM, Germany — A blazing American "Flying Boxcar"—abandoned by its five crewmen in mid-air—exploded like a bomb in this village Monday and killed three Germans.

The burning C-52 struck the roof of a small two-family house near the railway station. With a great roar, wreckage scattered for 200 yards and set other dwellings afire.

DIES AT CANYONVILLE

Mrs. Lester (Pearl) Pauline Tipperly, 51, of Canyonville, died early this morning. The body is being shipped to Castle Rock, ash, with Ganz Mortuary in charge.

Mrs. L. O. Kromer Claimed By Death

Mrs. Louise O. Kromer, 77, died at Mercy Hospital Jan. 27, following a brief illness. She was born March 15, 1874, at St. Paul, Minn., and was married there, Oct. 28, 1895, to Daniel David Kromer.

Later, she moved to Boise, Ida., and following the death of her husband in September, 1951, she came to Roseburg to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Henry L. Lebacken.

Mrs. Kromer was a member of the First Baptist Church at Boise. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. H. L. (Luella) Lebacken of Roseburg; three sons, Sydney H. Kromer, Salem; David F. Kromer, Portland; and Ralph M. Kromer, Boise. She is also survived by two sisters, Miss Wilma Kurraich, Portland, and Mrs. Thomas Jackson, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada; a brother, Arthur Kurraich, American Lake, Wash.; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

Her body has been removed to the Long and Orr Mortuary and will be forwarded tonight to Boise, Ida., for funeral services and interment.

Tele-fun by Warren Goodrich

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