

REDS CLAIM ATTACK BY UNARMED PLANE



HIS BLOOD IS HIS LIVING — For 15 years, Wilhelm Klein, 52, of Frankfurt, Germany, has lived on the money he receives for his blood. The former pastry cook stands beside 26 jerry-cans which represent the 520 liters of blood which he has sold. Members of the medical profession are astounded by the fact that Klein can give transfusions on an average of twice a week, as blood donors usually can only give blood every six to eight weeks.

Explorer Scouts Schedule Another Canoe Jaunt Down Umpqua River To Reedsport

Explorer Scouts of the Oregon Trail Council once more will match their wits against the white waters of the Umpqua River, planning to go by canoe from Roseburg to Reedsport.

So far, 22 Explorers have signed for the first week's trip, which starts Sunday, June 22, and is due to end Saturday, June 28.

Community Hospital Directors To Be Chosen

Ballots for election of directors are being mailed to all persons who contributed \$10 or more to the Douglas Community Hospital, announced J. W. McAlvin, manager.

Three directors are to be elected from a slate of six candidates named by the nominating committee. The six are Kenneth Ford, Dr. Morris Roach, Frank Ashley, incumbents; Jeff Jeffers, Gordon Bevans, Harold McKay.

Any contributor who fails to receive a ballot is asked by McAlvin to notify the hospital office. Ballots are to be returned by 5 p.m. June 30.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics:
At Wilmington the other night, Senator Taft told Delaware's 12-man delegation to the Republican national convention he expects President Truman will be a last resort candidate for the Democrats—and added that he would welcome a race with the President because it would be "clear cut."

Remember Senator Smathers' crack in Florida the other day to the effect that Truman "has his dander up" (at the supreme court, the senate, etc.) and don't be surprised if he takes a whirl at another term to gain vindication?
Anyway, don't write off that possibility until after the Democratic convention.

As Senator Taft says, a contest between President Truman and any candidate who is likely to be
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Energy, Patience Of Two Youths, 14, End Predatory Career Of 500-Lb. Bear

Young Richard Geer of Camas Valley was acclaimed a "heap, big bear hunter" today by all his friends and neighbors.

He trapped and killed "Big Tuffy," a 500-pound black bear that has been frightening ranch families in the vicinity of Bradford Station for three years.

The 14-year-old boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Geer, started his bear hunt a month ago after Big Tuffy's last foray to the family ranch when the Geer goat herd was scattered.

Recalling similar incidents over the past three years, when the marauding bear had terrorized other ranches, Richard decided to try where men had failed.

He studied the bear's habits and then borrowed a huge steel trap to set in the spot he had carefully selected near the goat herd.

After he and a friend, Harold Leeman, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Leeman of Bradford, had lugged the trap to the site they found they didn't have the strength to spring it open.

Persuading two men to help them, they finally were ready.

Stationing themselves in a clump of trees nearby, they patiently waited for nearly 24 hours. Intent on another foray at the goat herd, the bear walked into the trap.

While the raging bear snarled and growled, Richard approached the trap and shot the animal with his Dad's 30-30 rifle.

Already, Mrs. Geer has canned 65 quarts of bear meat and gotten 25 pounds of lard from the animal. And the bear steaks are "just delicious," she declares.

Richard is now busy making a bear skin rug for his mother.

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Smith Trial Due In Jury Hands Today

Arguments Started By Attorneys; Version Given By Accused Man

By KEN METZLER

Attorneys concluded their arguments shortly before noon today, after which Judge Wimberly recessed the court. He planned to instruct the jury this afternoon. The jury will then retire to deliberate the case.

Daniel Webster Smith, accused as a shotgun slayer, testified late Tuesday that he walked to his house May 12, returned to his front yard with a shotgun—and couldn't remember what happened next.

Testifying in his own behalf at the end of the second day of trial in Circuit Court, the white-haired 70-year-old defendant said:

"I don't know what I done—I don't know whether I shot him or not."

Smith's testimony before a large group of spectators climaxed the three-day trial before a jury in Judge Carl E. Wimberly's court. The defendant is accused of the fatal shooting of John Henry Jenkins, 37, May 12 at Camas Valley.

Both the state and defense rested their cases Tuesday afternoon and closing arguments were held this morning.

Day-Long Spree Admitted

Smith admitted partaking in a day-long drinking spree with the dead man the day of the shooting. Finally the pair ended up drinking beer in Jenkins' pickup in front of Smith's place, the defendant said.

"I wanted to get out—I was getting too much—I wanted to quit," he said.

"He (Jenkins) was getting kind of quarrelsome with me," Smith continued. "He grabbed me by the arm and jerked me over that way."

"I said here, now, cut that out. You're going to get quarrelsome, you better get out."

In direct examination by his attorney, Paul E. Geddes, Smith said he was angry and afraid of Jenkins.

"I didn't intend to shoot anybody," he declared. "I figured if I got it (the shotgun) out there, maybe he'd get scared and leave."

Speaking in disjointed sentences, the defendant said he doesn't remember pointing the gun or firing it. Neither did he recall Jenkins falling over.

"I kind of seems to me like he went out of the car but I don't know where," Smith testified. "I was so drunk I didn't know what I was doing."

The defendant said he later returned to find the body by the pickup.

Claims Memory Failure

"I thought I've got to report that to the officers," he continued. He tried to pick up the body but it was too heavy so he rolled it under the pickup and placed a canvas tarp over it, he explained.

Asked in cross examination by District Attorney Robert M. Stults about the confession he had given Sheriff O. T. Carter, Smith said:

"I told him that because I really thought I had. I found him there dead and I told Carter I guess maybe I had done it—I don't know."

Asked what he had done with the gun, he said he couldn't remember. The day following his arrest he had been returned to Camas Valley to help look for the gun.

"(Sheriff) Carter wanted to know where the gun was," Smith testified. "I didn't know either, but I thought maybe I found it."

Sheriff Carter testified that Smith told him the morning following the shooting that Jenkins had been "so mean and abusive" that he shot him. He said Smith had asked him to leave his place.

"When he didn't leave, I went into the house and got my shotgun and shot him," Carter quoted Smith as saying.

Dr. Homer Harris, head of the state crime detection laboratory, (Continued on Page 2)

The Weather

Sunny and warm today; partly cloudy and cooler Thursday.

Highest temp. for any June 104

Lowest temp. for any June 35

Highest temp. last 24 hours 80

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 52

Precip. last 24 hours 0

Precip. from June 1 88

Precip. from Sept. 1 35.84

Excess 3.82

Sunset today, 8:56 p.m. DST
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:32 a.m. DST

T. E. Patty First In Douglas To Get Vets' Bonus Check



(Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Thomas E. Patty, above, a World War II Air Force veteran residing at 1028 Council St., Roseburg, was listed today as the first ex-serviceman from Douglas County to get his Oregon state bonus.

A former technical sergeant, Patty was among the first 300 veterans in the state to file papers for his bonus check.

Checks were placed in the mail Tuesday for the first group of Oregon veterans to file papers.

Patty said the check "can't come too soon" and he expects to spend the money on new household furnishings and a vacation.

He is employed as an engraver for the Roseburg News-Review.

The Roseburg veteran served five years in the Air Force and therefore will get the maximum bonus of \$800 from the state. He is married and has one child.

Reedsport Civic Leader J. Unger Passes Away

John Unger, prominent business man and civic leader at Reedsport, died Tuesday morning at Kizer Hospital at North Bend, following two weeks' illness.

Unger operated the Unger Funeral Home at Reedsport since leaving in that city in 1925.

Born at St. Mary's, Nebr., June 20, 1882, he lived for a time at Omaha, Nebr., where he worked as a police detective, prior to going to Reedsport.

During the war he was chief of the Office of Price Administration and did other civic work in connection with the wartime program at Reedsport. He served on the Reedsport city council eight years and was a member of the Elks lodge at Coos Bay.

Surviving are the widow, Margaret; two sons, John Jr. and Robert; and two grandchildren, James Jeffery and Nancy, all of Reedsport; three brothers, two of whom, Ed of Mt. Angel and George of Stickney, S. Dak., are in the undertaking business, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth Unger of Mt. Angel.

Funeral services will be held at the Catholic Church at Reedsport at a time to be announced later.

Upped Budget Need Given Explanation

Better Service, Longer Employee Tenure Aims, Manager Gilchrist Says

The aim of the Roseburg city council and budget committee in presenting the 1952-53 fiscal year budget in the sum of \$457,410 is to render a better service to the city. It is not possible to solve all the problems of the city, but with a larger budget it will be possible to start solving a few.

These were the opening remarks of City Manager W. A. Gilchrist, in a talk before the Roseburg Kiwanis Club Tuesday noon at the Hotel Umpqua, in which he explained various phases of the proposed budget.

The residents of Roseburg will vote upon an amount of \$132,997.92 outside the six per cent limitation at a city election Friday, June 20, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., standard time, (9 a.m. and 9 p.m. DST). On the same ballot will be a charter amendment empowering the city to levy a sewer users' tax for future expansion of the city's sewage disposal system.

Revenue Estimate Higher

Gilchrist pointed out that while the proposed expenditures in the new budget would be \$102,063 greater than last year's, estimated revenues from sources other than taxation are sufficiently higher so that the actual budget amount to be raised will be only \$37,608 greater. The tax would be increased from 19.9 mills to an approximate 22 mills, he said.

He stated that the council wants to hire better city employees and to keep them longer. Sawmill workers' base pay averages \$1.77 an hour, and that of construction workers, \$1.87. If the budget passes, street laborers would receive a \$1.67 minimum. Police minimum would be \$1.72. Firemen's pay is

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Boy Seriously Injured By Automobile Blow

A six-year-old Roseburg boy running home with a sack of groceries, was injured seriously at 6:35 p.m. Tuesday when he was struck by an auto at the intersection of Harvard Ave. and Shenandoah St.

The victim, Harry Joers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Joers, 1112 Rose Lane, was taken to Community Hospital for treatment of a broken right leg and a slight concussion. Hospital attendants said his condition was good this morning and improving rapidly.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Lockyear, who investigated the accident, said the driver, Mrs. Virginia Jeannette Fout, Route Three, Box 1840, Roseburg, slowed down as she noticed the boy running along the north side of Harvard Ave.

The boy stopped, looked up the road but was apparently blinded by the setting sun, and dashed in front of the car.

Top Level Cowboys Begin To Arrive For Battles With Broncs On Rodeo Program

Several champion cowboys from the rodeo circuit checked in at the Fairgrounds today to prepare for the Douglas Sheriff's Posse rodeo Saturday and Sunday.

The list of champions already on the grounds for the gala weekend celebration includes:

Sonny Tureman of John Day, Ore., rated one of the best saddle bronc riders in the world and winner of the title of World's Champion Bareback Rider in 1948.

Eddie Akridge of Beaver, Okla., a comparative newcomer in the rodeo circuit who recently placed third in competition for World Champion Bareback Rider and a leading contender in the saddle bronc and bull events.

Dave Stout of Phoenix, champion calf roping last year and now leading the ropes in point competition for the title of champion roping.

Other top riders here include Ed Coffee, Claude Morris, Billy Ward and George McMaine.

The rodeo will start at 1:30 daylight saving time each day.

Colorful Parade Slated

Among the many festivities accompanying the rodeo will be the regular "Cowboy Breakfast" Sunday morning, open to the public, and the parade at 10:30 a.m. Saturday preceding the first show.

The big Western days parade will include a colorful array of floats and marching units.

One of the parade features will be a 35-year-old mare owned by Dave Sand. The old mare will walk the parade route.

Gaily colored flags have already been placed at strategic spots in the downtown area by the Volunteer Firemen in preparation for the parade.

Already many floats of various themes are being built especially for the parade. One float will carry Rodeo Queen Bobette Huff and her court of princesses.

Units taking part in the parade will include the Knights of Pythias Girls Drum Corps, the Roseburg Fire Department, Naval Reserve marching unit, Paul Bunyans, the Lane and Douglas County Sheriff's Posse and saddle clubs.

Cash prizes will go to float winners in the commercial and non-commercial divisions of the parade.

The parade will start at the triangle on S. Jackson St. and go south to Mosher, then to Main and north on that street to the Court-house.

Drunken Driver Jailed In Default Of \$300 Fine

Daniel G. Mathews, a 38-year-old Myrtle Creek bartender, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunk driving Tuesday and was fined \$300 in the Myrtle Creek City Recorder's Court, reports Recorder G. D. Mylenbeck.

Mathews, arrested Monday by the Myrtle Creek police, is being held in the Douglas County Jail in lieu of payment of the fine, Sheriff O. T. Carter said.

Wayne Van Gort, Roseburg Hotel, accused of drunken driving, pleaded guilty today in Municipal Court and Judge Ira B. Riddle fined him \$150, gave him a suspended 30-day jail sentence and ordered his driver's license suspended for 90 days.

BOSTON POST SOLD
BOSTON — Sale of the 121-year-old Boston Post to John Fox, 45-year-old Boston financier, was announced Tuesday night.

The announcement that Fox contracted to purchase the Post was made by Mrs. Helen D. Grozier, widow of Richard Grozier, executor of Richard Grozier's estate.

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Warren came here Tuesday to question Karnes because of what appeared to be a similarity in the attack on Mrs. Callaway and the June 7 ax slaying of Mrs. Susan Litchfield in Salem.

Slaying Recounted
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He went to the Litchfield home June 6 to look for his former wife. He did not locate her but returned the next day and found Mrs. Litchfield in a woodshed near her home. He hacked her to death with an ax and later took the money from her purse. He then went to the bathroom of Mrs. Litchfield's house and washed off the blood and changed his clothes.

He left Salem by bus and arrived in The Dalles late that night. On Tuesday he attacked Mrs. Callaway with a hammer as she surprised him while he was prowling her home, he continued.

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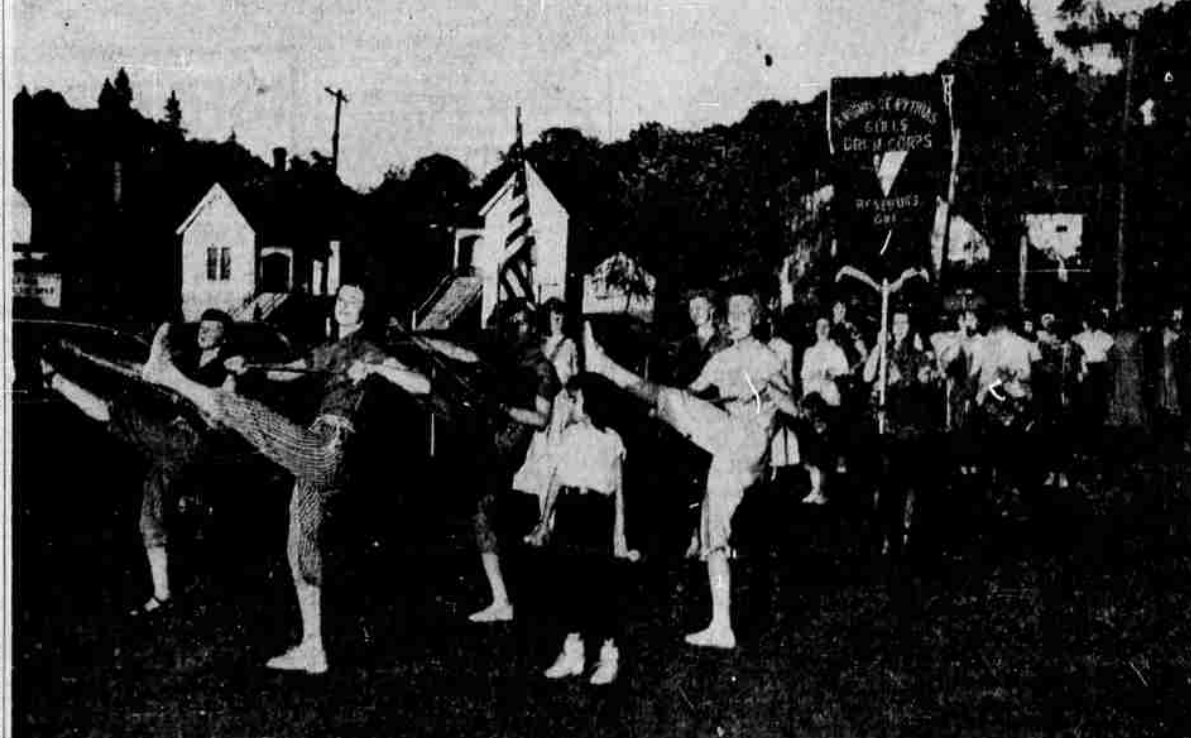
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Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Federal Civil Service announces an examination for janitor for the Bonneville Power Administration, at a salary of \$2,750 a year. Here's a chance for some energetic high school graduates to make a larger salary at the start than some school teachers get in a lifetime.



PREPARING FOR RODEO PARADE — Pictured above is the Knights of Pythias Girls Drum Corps strenuously rehearsing for Saturday's Rodeo parade scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 21. Rodeo time is 1:30 p.m. The corps is under the direction of Billy Black. (Photo by Master Studio)