

## Aiken Talks, Trophies Given At Grid Banquet

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Gilbert, Buc Backen, John Desbiers, Norma Niblett, Bob Brandt, Don Powell, Jim Schaffer, Dennis Brundage and George Donnelly. Backfield Coach Bob Moore also spoke briefly, pointing out the outstanding players of the season and discussing their abilities. Assistant Coach John Guzzo, freshman coaches Bob Oliver and Bob Shewbert, eighth grade coach Hod Turner and seventh grade coaches Bruce Hamilton and Lamar Ormond were also interested. As well as athletic director Ceece Sherwood, Principal Harry Jacoby and school board members present.

Aiken, in his usually humorous fashion, told a series of anecdotes to put across his point that teamwork is an essential in football. In baseball a pitcher can win a game. In many other sports individuals excel. But there are no stars in football, he said. It is the team that counts.

He quoted the late Knute Rockne as saying that in picking a player, he picked a "team man." Aiken stated that in football you may have a winner or a good loser, but you seldom find a quitter.

Bob Rowe, Senior High faculty member, entertained singing with three numbers with guitar accompaniment. R. Cloyd Riffe led group singing, with Mrs. Bernard Saar at the piano.

The evening concluded with showing of University of Oregon-UCLA football game pictures by Alva Laws, with Jerry Oliver of KRXL narrating from a written script.

## Young Brothers Enjoy Binge With Stolen Cash

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—they also ran out of friends. By that time police had been informed of the spending spree and captured them.

The father promised full restitution, but the police decided they would get back as much money as they could. Juvenile Officer G. E. Bailey reported so far they have collected \$14.90.

One boy, he said, had only a nickel left—but he generously returned it. Several others also explained they had already spent their money.

In the meantime, the young millionaires found themselves penniless, friendless and facing the wrath of their angry father.

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## DeRoss Girl's Funeral Set

Funeral services for Laurett Alice DeRoss, 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. Bernice DeRoss of 417 E. 2nd Ave. South and Charles DeRoss of Umpqua Park, will be held in the chapel of the Long and Orr Mortuary Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Forrest Hill of the Roseburg Church of the Nazarene will officiate.

Surviving, besides her parents, are three brothers and eight sisters. Brothers are Gerald, Charles and Arthur. Sisters are Lavette, Beverly, Edwyna, Letha, Patsy, Marlene, Lloydene and Ganza. Her paternal grandmother is Mrs. Germaine DeRoss, Roseburg. Maternal grandfather is Ernest Simmonds, who resides in California.

The girl was fatally injured in an auto-bicycle accident Tuesday evening.

## Mary J. Shepherd Dies In Portland

Mrs. Mary Jane Shepherd of Rural Rt. 2, Roseburg, formerly of the Rice Hill community, died Tuesday morning in Portland. She was born in Arcadia, Mo., Oct. 8, 1887, and resided in the Rice Hill community many years before moving to Roseburg last spring.

She is survived by her husband, Benjamin; three sons: Truesdel of Oakland; Elmo E. of Downeyville, Calif.; Francis M. of Roseburg; six daughters: Laudena Hetrick of Homedale, Ida; Mary Garrison of Grants Pass; Ethel Polglase of Downeyville, Calif.; Nina Leonard of Roseburg; Gladys Law of Portland, and Jane Applegate of Yoncalla; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Private services were scheduled today at 2 p.m. at the Community Church in Oakland with Dr. Homer Noble officiating. Interment was in the Oakland 100th cemetery. Stearns Mortuary, Oakland, was in charge of arrangements.

## C. L. Wilson Passes Away At Myrtle Point

Mr. C. L. Wilson, born 1887 in North Dakota and who has been living in Myrtle Point, Oregon since 1913, died Tuesday. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Nita Wilson and three children, Mrs. Ala Eshoo and Clifford Wilson, both of Springfield, son Richard of Myrtle Point; sisters and brothers, H. H. Wilson, Sutherland; E. M. Wilson, Coquille; Rice Wilson, Azalea; Roy L. Wilson, Margaret Aydelott and Josephine Wilder of Roseburg, and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Schroeder's Funeral Home, Myrtle Point, and interment will follow in Norway cemetery.

## 'Y' BOARD TO MEET

A YMCA Board meeting will be held at noon Friday in the Rose Hotel. Secretary Merlin Donaldson said the board will review plans for next year and discuss an ending program for the YMCA.

## Mrs. Gilpin's Case Delivered To Jury

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during part of the time her daughter was on the stand.)

Zack broke down into tears when Thompson asked him what he saw in the kitchen that night. When asked what Parker was doing, the boy replied, "He had a knife." When asked how his mother got the knife, he said, "Gayle handed it to her." There was no cross examination. (Mrs. Gilpin wept during her son's testimony, also.)

Elsie Mayberry, who claimed to be a friend of Mrs. Gilpin's, identified the knife as one Parker was using earlier in the afternoon to put a windshield in his car. She also testified concerning a time when Parker came to her house when Mrs. Gilpin and Elvin Curtis were there and Parker threatened Curtis.

## Blood Trail Stressed

The attorneys gave their closing arguments Wednesday afternoon following the end of testimony.

In District Attorney Robert Stults' final statement to the jury, he said the physical evidence doesn't check with the people there—primarily the defendant.

"I think the stabbing took place beneath the window," he said. His stated reason was that there was only one trail of blood from the window, on which blood was found, to the porch. He couldn't see how, if the stabbing took place in the kitchen, as the defendant had stated, there could be only one trail of blood to or from the window around the corner of the house. "Of necessity there would be some deviation in his route," Stults pointed out.

Stults referred to earlier testimony of state crime investigator Dr. Homer Harris that the blood on the scene and window had been directed there with considerable force, as blood spurting from such a wound as Parker's.

Kelley, speaking for the prosecution, pointed out that there were "a lot of inconsistent statements made on the part of those who saw" the incident. He mentioned that William Spurgeon, who was with Mrs. Gilpin and Parker at the dance, went with them willingly. "Is that the conduct of a man who's afraid of a vicious person?" he asked the jury.

Kelley said Mrs. Gilpin washed the knife to hide the crime, and that there was not a tear on the coat she was wearing.

"This is what she was wearing when he threatened to kill her," he said. Then he mentioned the button, thought to be from Parker's shirt, found outside the window along the sidewalk.

Circumstantial evidence can be better than direct, "especially where a person has a very, very strong motive to twist the facts," he said.

As to Mrs. Gilpin being afraid of Parker, he said, "If Parker was so bad she knew it. The point is she was never afraid of him."

He mentioned that she had made statements three times, but "I'm convinced it isn't out yet."

"The issue is not whether or not she was stabbed to death," defense attorney William Green said in his closing argument. "The issue is whether or not Mrs. Gilpin acted in self-defense at the time of the stabbing."

He pointed out that the spurring could have, according to Dr.

Harris, continued for three or four minutes and that would have given Parker time to run to the window.

## Other Phases Pointed Out

As to why Mrs. Gilpin told conflicting stories he said, "She was in trouble and a natural tendency would be for her to protect herself."

Then he pointed out that "Curtis (who said he was standing down the street) didn't see Parker stabbed outside the window."

Thompson brought out a statement in Harris' report to Stults after the stabbing that hadn't been mentioned before.

He read the statement as "There is a reddish mark on the dorsal of the right hand which consists of two parallel red lines with several other lines coming in at right and acute angles."

Thompson said, "When Mary grabbed that door and swung it it struck the dorsal of his (Parker's) right hand and because of his drinking he was unable to keep his knife in that hand."

"There must have been a struggle. If there was a struggle, who had the advantage and who had to assert self-defense?" he asked.

"Under strain and stress all people don't see the same thing. One thing they (the children) do know is that the knife was on the floor."

Green's closing remark was "Turn Mrs. Gilpin free to raise her children."



ROSE QUEEN Leah Feland (above), 17-year-old student at John Muir College, Pasadena, Calif., has been named Queen of the 1953 Tournament of Roses. The brown-eyed miss will reign over the colorful rose parade in New Year's Day and then be a guest of honor at the Rose Bowl game between USC and Wisconsin. She was selected from 2,000 Pasadena coeds. (AP Wirephoto).

## One Youthful Cop Slayer To Hang, Pal Meted Jail

LONDON (AP)—Christopher Craig, 16-year-old son of a suburban bank manager, was sentenced to jail Thursday for shooting a policeman to death. His unarmed accomplice, Derek Bentley, 19, was sentenced to hang.

Craig, who said he hated the police because they got his elder brother jailed for 12 years on a robbery charge, was ordered detained behind bars "during her majesty's pleasure." The authorities will decide later how long he will serve.

Under British law, no one under 18 can be sentenced to death.

The two teen-agers were out to rob a candy store in suburban Croydon Nov. 2 when they were surprised by police. Cornered on a roof, Craig whipped out a sawed-off .45 caliber revolver and shot to death Policeman Sidney Miles. Another shot wounded a second policeman who was grappling with Bentley.

After a three-day trial, an all-male jury found both youths guilty of murder but recommended mercy for Bentley. Lord Goddard, the judge, rejected the plea. The defense had sought to show the two youths had been influenced by gangster movies and comic books.

A high proportion of the total area of Scotland is still deer forest, says the National Geographic Society.

## Gasoline Street Flood Gives Town Jitters

TRUCKEE, Calif. (AP)—The menace of a conflagration kept this mountain town in fearful suspense early Thursday after 7,000 gallons of gasoline spilled down a quarter mile of the main street.

All traffic on U. S. highway 40 was stopped for two hours for fear a match or cigarette from a car might touch off a terrible fire.

A large eastbound tanker truck overturned shortly before midnight and spilled its inflammable cargo. The river had swerved to avoid a collision with another tanker.

The U. S. Forest Service, California Highway Patrol and Truckee fire department teamed to wash the gasoline off the main street.

U. S. Highway 40, Truckee-population 1,025—is at the foot of Donner Pass, about 35 miles west of Reno.

## Collision Sinks Ship In San Francisco Bay

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Norwegian freighter Fernstream sank inside the bay Thursday shortly after colliding with the freighter Hawaiian Rancher, but the Fernstream's crew escaped in lifeboats.

The crash occurred just west of Alcatraz Island in a murky fog and drizzle.

The 12 passengers on the combination freight and passenger vessel also escaped safely before the Fernstream sank, stern down, and disappeared in about 100 feet of water. Not a trace of the ship showed above the bay.

## Aged Woman Not Promised Dance Job, Studio Says

PORTLAND (AP)—A dance studio said Wednesday that it had never attempted to make 73-year-old Mrs. Jennie B. Crawford believe that she could get a dancing job in Hollywood.

Mrs. Crawford sued the Arthur Murray Dance Studio for \$5,925, asserting that studio got her to spend \$325 on lessons that would help her "obtain a better position and possibly employment in a Hollywood studio."

Marvin Swire, attorney for the studio, said the studio never made any reference to Hollywood. What's more, the woman had paid only \$400 instead of \$325, he said.

Swire said Mrs. Crawford took about 30 lessons, then became ill and quit. He said a letter was received later from her attorney, asking cancellation of a contract calling for more lessons and \$400 more in payment. The letter also asked a refund, Swire said.

## TWO ALARMS ANSWERED

City firemen answered two calls Wednesday, one of them a false alarm turned in when steam was observed from washing. An overheated oil stove at the Dale Cook residence 1022 Altamont, caused no damage. The false alarm was at 444 Pitzer St.

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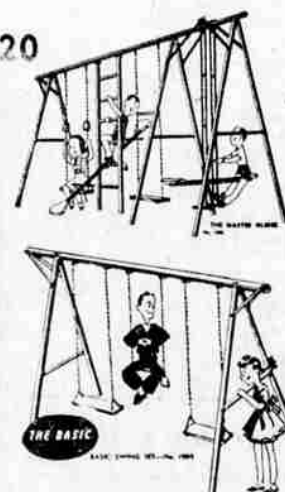
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