

Roy Fisher Gets Injury Award In Jury Verdict

Roy Fisher of Kellogg was given a 40 per cent accident injury award Monday afternoon in a unanimous Douglas County Circuit Court jury verdict.

A jury of four men and eight women deliberated less than an hour before returning the verdict before presiding Judge Frank B. Reid.

In a suit against the State Industrial Accident Commission, Fisher sought an award for permanent partial disability equal to 75 per cent loss of use of his left leg. Previously, SIAC refused to grant any award.

Fisher had already been awarded 75 per cent on his right foot following an accident March 31, 1953, when he was run over by a steam shovel. He was a county road foreman at the time.

Monday's trial centered around the contention that a stroke suffered a few days after the accident was partially due to the accident. The state maintained the stroke had no connection. Fisher is about 70 years old.

Young Government Girl Found Shot To Death

WASHINGTON (AP)—A pretty 25-year-old government girl was found shot to death Monday night amid piles of Christmas packages in a fashionable apartment just across the Potomac River in Arlington, Va.

The victim was Sally Wood, formerly of Boston, who worked as a secret government installation in Arlington. Police said Miss Wood apparently was the victim of a freak accident but launched a full investigation to check the possibility of murder.

The accident theory was advanced by Dudley H. Restor, Arlington detective captain. He said he believed Miss Wood was killed by a chance shot from a 12 gauge shotgun she had purchased as a Christmas present.

Restor said Miss Wood apparently died Sunday night or Monday morning. Her body was discovered shortly after dark Monday when apartment officials broke into the room.

The body was curled on its side beside a card table on which were piled Christmas wrappings and gifts. The shotgun's butt was on the floor; the barrel was supported by the table.

Two Youths Now Face Assault, Battery Counts

Two Winston youths, arraigned last week on vagrancy charges in connection with dynamiting a bluff along a county road, were facing new charges in a separate case today.

William McSperritt, 20, denied his guilt when arraigned on a charge of assault and battery. District Judge Warren A. Woodruff said. The other boy, a 15-year-old, was remanded to juvenile court. Private complaints were filed against the pair by Robert H. Nichols, alleging the youths beat up on another youngster, Harry Nichols. McSperritt was released on \$100 bail immediately following his arrest by a state police officer.

RAPED, SLASHED, BURNED

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (AP)—Raped, slashed and turned to a torch with flaming gasoline, an 18-year-old girl died after she was found on a lonely road Monday night. Her stepfather, S. J. Curry, 40, of San Francisco, was arrested today and booked for investigation. The victim of the slaying was Dorothy M. Cheeks.

YOUTH FINED

Orville Dale Palmer, 19, Days Creek, was fined \$25 in district court Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct, according to Judge Warren A. Woodruff. Palmer was arrested at Melrose Mountain Barn by a special deputy.

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Gift Selections For VA Patients Offered Relatives

Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital authorities have offered suggestions of appropriate and desirable Christmas gifts for friends and relatives and they agree that a visit tops the list.

"Generally, Dr. George Wadsworth, manager of the hospital, said the gift which brings the most satisfaction to any veteran in the hospital is a visit on Christmas Day or during Christmas week from a member of his family or a friend." If this is not possible he adds, the next best thing is a long, friendly, newsy letter.

Bob Kidder, chief of special services, had several suggestions for presents. He noted that VA canteen coupon books were recommended. He said they permit patients to select for themselves from the stock of the canteen at the hospital. For the benefit of patients confined to their beds, articles from the canteen are taken in carts to wards so patients may make their own selections. The coupon books may be purchased from the hospital. They are good the year around.

He also listed other desirable presents: Ball point pens, pens, pencils, billboards, address books, memo books, western and adventure paperback books, playing cards, plastic cigarette cases, cigarettes, cigars, plasticine clay, pocket combs, dried fruit, games, and puzzles, garters, handkerchiefs, plastic harmonicas, washable jackets, magazine subscriptions, pipes, tobacco pouches, Flannel and plaid shirts, sports, dress and "T" shirts, slippers, socks, sport caps, stationery, suspenders, sweaters, tie, pipe tobacco and pocket watches.

He said packages should be wrapped and marked as to contents. Gifters were cautioned not to give candy, cookies or other sweets unless they are certain the patient is permitted to have them. Kidder also pointed out that books, playing cards and games are supplied to veterans, so gifts of this nature would generally be less acceptable than others mentioned.

West Coast Telephone Rates Hearing Conducted

PORTLAND (AP)—An examiner for the state public utilities commissioner Tuesday continued hearings here on West Coast Telephone Co.'s application for rate increases.

The proposed increases would affect the company's 55,000 customers in Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, McMinnville, Gresham, Reedsport, Coos Bay, Gold Beach, Lakeview and La Grande.

Varying rate schedules were proposed and would bring the company \$825,000 a year in additional revenues. Spokesmen for West Coast said increased costs made a rate increase necessary.

MAN RELEASED

Albert Edwin Harper, 44, Riddle, has been released from the county jail at Roseburg after posting \$50 bail on a charge of disturbing the peace. He pleaded innocent when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Nina Pletzdorf, Canyonville. He was arrested Saturday by a sheriff's deputy.

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NAMED—Mamoru Shigemitsu is Japan's new foreign minister. He pledged cooperation with the free nations of the world, in particular the U. S. Shigemitsu was foreign minister during World War II.

Wife Of Editor Refuses To Talk On Communism

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Mrs. Silvia Powell, who was born in Pendleton, Ore., and attended schools in Portland and Milwaukee, Ore., refused to answer questions about Communism before a Senate committee here Monday.

Mrs. Powell, wife of John Powell, former editor of the China Monthly Review, invoked the 5th Amendment in refusing to say whether she had ever worked for the Shanghai China, publication, or whether she had ever been a member of the Communist Party.

"In view of the way these hearings are being conducted, the publicity and threats, that have been made, I decline to answer any questions which might be used against me in any future criminal action," the 34-year-old mother of two children said.

Mrs. Powell did testify that she went to China for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and was in Shanghai from 1945 to 1953.

But she refused to answer whether she had served as secretary for a short time to Mme. Sun Yat Sen, widow of the founder of the China Republic, who now is working with the Communists.

She also refused to say whether she had ever interviewed American POWs in China.

When Sen, Herman Welker (R-Iowa) asked her if she had ever done anything she was sorry for, Mrs. Powell replied: "I've never done anything I've repented, nothing I'm sorry for."

She refused to tell Welker where her husband was.

Welker, holding one-man hearings here, demanded "severe penalties" for Powell. He said Powell's publication had been used by the Chinese Communists to indoctrinate American prisoners of war and that circumstances "strongly indicate" the magazine was controlled and supported by Peiping.

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In announcing his company's plans, Goettel said the station "would serve to further bring together the two cities (Eugene and Roseburg) which already have many business and economic ties."

KVAL-TV telecasts on channel 13, while KBES-TV is on channel 5.

Construction Delays On Highways Reported

Construction delays may be encountered on three Douglas County highways this week, according to the Oregon Highway Commission's road summary.

Construction delays will probably continue on the stretch of Highway 99 four miles north of Myrtle Creek. On the coast highway, gravel surfacing is showing traffic between three and eight miles north of Gardiner. And construction may cause minor delays for 1½ miles east of Reedsport on the Umpqua Highway.

ADVISORY GROUP TO MEET

The Citizens' Advisory Council of School Dist. 116 will meet Tuesday night at 7 at Douglas High School. Chairman Allan McLennan, Lookingglass, said the meeting would adjourn at 8 p.m. to enable members to attend the Douglas High-Bandon basketball game there.

State Completes Examination Of Dr. Sheppard

CLEVELAND (AP)—The cross-examination of Dr. Samuel Sheppard ended Tuesday with an assertion by the state's attorney that he killed his wife and inflicted his injuries on himself.

"That is absolutely untrue—and unfair," Sheppard replied.

This was the only time in the long cross-examination that the accused man raised his voice.

The state's attorney, John J. Mahon, had asked Sheppard: "Now, those injuries you received, doctor, didn't you receive those from jumping off that platform onto the beach?"

"No, sir," Sheppard answered. "I think that would be impossible."

As a brain surgeon he gave his reasons for that answer. He said there would have to be an injury on the top of the head as well. The top of his head was not injured, although he claimed to have a damage to the vertebra in his neck.

"Isn't it a fact that you beat your wife that morning," Mahon demanded, "and after you killed her, you rushed down steps toward the beach and fell or jumped and injured yourself?"

Sheppard delivered his emphatic denial.

With that, Mahon said he was finished.

Another Group To Seek Roseburg TV Channel 4

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ing outside the cable system, which is confined to Roseburg.

He related Tuesday that he has no idea when FCC action on the application may be expected nor when construction of the projected station may start. Site of the proposed outlet wasn't revealed.

The first application for a channel 4 station was filed with the FCC Nov. 18, by the Southern Oregon Broadcasting Co., Medford. That company is owner of KBES-TV in Medford and the two radio stations in Grants Pass.

At that time, Everett Faber, president of the firm, said plans for construction were "definite." It is understood here that the out-of-town group also plans a satellite operation, with KBES-TV as the source. The application still is pending.

The persons signing the articles of incorporation for the Roseburg company are M. E. Dreske, F. L. Stewart and H. S. Benson. They are KVAL-TV "people," Goettel said.

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JOHNNY REITZ... here for Christmas

Johnny Reitz Band To Play At Firemen's Ball

Tickets for the 72nd annual Firemen's Ball will go on sale Wednesday.

The dance will again be the Christmas night feature at the Roseburg Armory. It is sponsored by the Roseburg Volunteer Firemen.

Again this year, Johnny Reitz and his band will furnish the music. The same band played at last year's event.

One of the features of the entertainment is the "blacklight" show in which a special spotlight plays on the treated uniforms of the band to bring out color effects.

Reitz will stop in Roseburg on his way to California where he will play after Christmas.

Charles Fingerlos, chairman of the event, reports that tickets may be secured from either fire station or from any member of the regular or volunteer department. It is a benefit dance.

The dance has been an annual Christmas feature since 1882.

U.S. Rules Out Swap Of Students For Airmen

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along with Korea prisoner of war problems, at the Geneva Far East peace conference last summer.

He repeated U.S. accusations that Red China, in holding the airmen and sentencing them to long prison terms, is violating the Korea prisoner agreement as well as international law and general rules of international conduct.

The Chinese students have been in this country since before the Communists took over in China in 1949. Last May 26 at Geneva, Red China Delegate Huang Hua told a news conference the United States was holding 5,000 Chinese students.

Two days later, White told newsmen the figure was blown up out of all proportion. Both sides at the time ruled out any deal.

According to a 1953 registration of the Chinese students, the total actually was 4,300. Of these, department figures show, 430 requested permission to return to the China mainland. Of these, 124 were refused.

That left 396 who were, according to the department, free to move about, communicate with anyone they pleased, get a job of their choice—all so long as they kept in touch by writing every three months to immigration authorities. This immigration procedure, by law, applies while the country is at war or in a state of emergency. It lasts until ordered terminated by the President or Congress.

Department officials said the 124 Chinese denied permission to leave the country were recently resurveyed. They said half of them decided to stay. The remaining 62 were interviewed and it was decided 27 could be allowed to return home, leaving 35 whose cases are still under consideration. Of the 27 granted permission to leave, about a dozen already have left.

Korean Veteran Dies Monday

Bernard L. Wilcox, 24, resident of Bend, died Monday at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital. He was born Jan. 11, 1930, in Bend. He was a veteran of the Korean War, and a member of the Catholic Church.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Wilcox, of Bend.

The body has been removed to the Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home and will be shipped to Bend for funeral services and interment.

Foster Parents Guests Of Church Service Guild

Douglas County foster parents were honored recently in Roseburg. Some 30 foster parents from many parts of the county were guests of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church.

The work of the parents was highly commended by guest speaker Mrs. E. W. Carter, a social worker by profession.

Mrs. Carter dealt at length with the work done by foster parents whom she termed a special group of people and partners in a job that must be done.

Such parents comprise a selected group she said, who: (1) choose of their own accord to undertake this job of helping others out of trouble, and (2) were selected by the welfare agency to do this job because in the agency's opinion "you were capable and possess the necessary qualifications to be substitute parents, and (3) want to do it. "Not all can be chosen or choose to keep others."

Today's children are living in a changing world, the speaker said. They are being forced to make more rapid adjustments than ever before, she said, and helping them make such adjustments are the many foster parents.

Four representatives of the Douglas County Welfare Office were on hand to talk with parents: Mrs. Lois Baker, administrator; Miss Helen Falbe, case work supervisor; Miss Joan Fredrickson and Miss Lee Yeager, child welfare workers.

The evening's program concluded with an explanation of Christmas and symbols throughout the world by Mrs. Ellsworth Tilton. Music for the evening was presented by a vocal trio consisting of Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Doris Lee Cooksey and Miss Janet McCracken. They were accompanied by Miss Alice Hamilton.

Oliver T. Henry Dies At Winston

Oliver Tillman Henry, 77, life long resident of this community, died Monday evening, at his home in Winston.

He was born June 24, 1877, the son of pioneer parents, John M. and Sarah Jane Palm Henry.

Surviving are his wife and five children, Mrs. Tommy Stillwell of Halfway, Ore.; Mrs. Nell Rondeau and Mrs. Laura Smith, both of Glendale; George of Shirley, Mass., and Bill of Jewell, Ore.; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, Thursday, at 2 p.m. Dr. Homer Burdick of the Community Presbyterian Church of Oakland will officiate. Interment will follow in the Willis Creek Cemetery.

Oakland Garden Club To Sponsor Contest

Residents of Oakland will decorate their homes for Christmas with an opportunity of winning cash prizes, according to Edith Dunn, Oakland correspondent.

Oakland Garden Club is sponsoring a contest in Christmas decorations, with cash prizes to be awarded for first and second places and honorable mention to be given in three divisions: window and door, yard, and general effect.

Judging will be done Dec. 21. Residents wishing to enter any division may contact Mrs. Harry Barker or Mrs. Howard McFetridge.

BACK FROM MEET

Robert E. Kischel, manager of the County Land Dept., has returned from the Western Forestry & Conservation Assn. convention in San Francisco. Several Douglas County men attended the annual meeting, at which Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay was principal speaker.

ATTENDS MEETING

Dr. Ron Brown, associated with Dr. Dean Bubar, is now in Portland attending the Northwest Congress of Optometry. He is due to return Wednesday.

Graveside Rites Set For Tiller Infant

Graveside funeral services for Phillip Wayne Loftis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Loftis of Tiller, have been scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the IOOF Cemetery in Canyonville.

The Rev. Mark Browning of the Southern Baptist Church, Canyonville, will officiate. Ganz Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. The baby died Monday afternoon.

Surviving beside the parents are paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Loftis of Carlsbad, N.M., and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Loftis of Canyonville.

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Earl Ladd Is Awarded Coveted Scout Honor

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the book was taken in the wrong light by awed English boys, he wrote another book on scouting for boys.

Thus boy scouting was born. When scouts were trained later for the boy movement, the tradition survived in the wood badge, a scouting and camping program.

The honor is disbursed to deserving men from the world London office.

Besides the wood badge beads, Ladd holds the silver beaver for outstanding service to boyhood on the council level and the scouts' award for having lead five years of training courses within the district.

The honor isn't passed around indiscriminately. In order to earn the award, a scout, among other things, must: (1) Complete a course of intensive training in leadership; (2) complete certain projects on the council or district level, including running training courses for other scouts; and (3) pen a thesis. That thesis, in the words of Francis N. Williamson, Portland Council executive committee member, "would make a Ph.D. look sick." To earn the award is equivalent of "graduation," said Walt Smith, Douglas Fir District field executive.

Ladd did all that, plus teaching a wood badge course at Couer D'Alene, Idaho, in 1954.

The educator joins 146 more men in the United States in holding the award. He was the first in the Oregon Trail Council, ever to qualify for the honor, although a second man, Bill Sharon, assistant district commissioner of the Kalahain District, Eugene, also earned it Sunday night.

The actual beads are worn around necks of winners by a leather thong. There are two beads.

Douglas Fir District had other award winners at the meeting. It won the attendance award for having the most representatives coming from the greatest distances. Three