

### Bank Teller Gets Punch, Mistaken As Trial Witness

ALAMEDA, Calif. — An Alameda bank teller who said he was mistaken for a prosecution witness in the kidnap-murder trial of Burton W. Abbott, was knocked unconscious Tuesday night by an unknown assailant.

Wade H. Gaskin, 28, told police a stranger got out of a car behind him in front of his house.

"Are you Otto Dezman?" asked the man.

"No, I'm not," answered Gaskin. "I believe you are," said the man and knocked Gaskin out with a blow to the jaw.

Taken to Alameda Hospital, Gaskin was suffering a possible broken jaw, broken nose, and multiple contusions of the face.

Earlier in the day, a threatening telephone call was reported at the beauty shop owned by Dezman's wife, Leona, who also was a prosecution witness.

Dezman, 37, partner in a lumber firm, Steiner also has three children.

Detective Herbert N. Kunz said Ellis freely admitted the plot. He said it began Sunday with a telephone call to Steiner demanding \$100,000 "or your children won't have any parents."

Kunz reported Ellis said he conceived the plan "to get money. The rent hasn't been paid in two months."

Steiner, confronting Ellis said "now that it's all over I feel sorry for him." The lumber man asked repeatedly if he could help Ellis' family.

Planes Search Area Inhabited By Fierce Men

missing in a remote jungle region of northeastern Ecuador.

The five men flew their small Piper Cub into the bush area last week to do mission work among primitive tribesmen.

Keenan made his investigation after the mission party radioed it had encountered a group of Indians, then broke radio contact.

Soon after the hunt began, a Quito radio station relayed a message from a U. S. search plane that it had sighted the Piper Cub—stripped of its fabric—and alongside it a body pierced with an Indian lance.

However, Air Force headquarters in the Canal Zone said its report from the search plane placed the body about 300 or 400 yards from the plane and made no mention of a lance.

### Flight Personnel Put On Furlough Without Wages

LOS ANGELES — Most of the flight personnel of Western Air Lines was on furlough without pay Wednesday.

A spokesman for the company, which suspended operations because of a strike of 850 reservation clerks and baggage handlers throughout the West, said Western is preparing for an extended shutdown.

The spokesman said 240 pilots and 42 flight engineers were put on furloughs, effective last midnight, and 159 stewardesses will be furloughed at midnight Thursday.

No attempts have been made to resume negotiations.

The Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers and Station Employees called the strike for more pay Monday night, when upon Western grounded all flights.

The union said picket lines were established in the 45 cities Western serves in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota.

The clerks' union claims it has agreed to Western's \$22-a-month increase for office help and baggage handlers, but the hitch came on retroactivity, with the union wanting the increase effective as of last July.

The company insisted on Jan. 1, 1936, with \$12.50 a month increase from July through December. A union official said average pay runs from \$230 to \$260 monthly.

Court Outlines Bid Call Policy

The Douglas County Court Tuesday outlined a policy of calling for bids on county construction for the benefit of a delegation of contractors.

The contractors represented an organization, the Douglas County Contractors Assn., which requested information on county jobs which might be planned this year.

The policy briefly is that bids will definitely be called on all road, bridge and building construction which the county isn't able to handle legally or because of equipment or manpower inadequacies.

Judge Carl C. Hill said that state law requires competitive bidding on all construction of a valuation of \$5,000 or better. But he added the court may ask for bids on lesser projects.

Below \$5,000, the court may enter into negotiated contracts.

The court told the contractors that construction plans for the year haven't been completed, but that they would be informed of pending jobs.

Snow Damage Said Worst Suffered By Utilities

Correspondent Mrs. G. B. Fox. She says it may be several days before the "multitudinous breaks" in the wires are fixed.

### County Residents Assured Of Aid For Flood Relief

Douglas County residents have been assured that the federal assistance they are entitled to as a result of the recent flood disasters will be forthcoming.

Federal and state Civil Defense representatives conferred with county officials Tuesday, reports Civil Defense Director Gen. J. T. Pierce.

State Civil Defense Director Arthur M. Sheets was accompanied by federal Civil Defense Engineer Charles Beal and state CD Engineering and Heavy Rescue Dept. member W. M. Bartlett.

They met with Gen. Pierce, members of the county court and county road department employees.

Gen. Pierce said major purpose of the visit was to see that the county is getting the aid and assistance needed. The visitors clarified ways of making application for assistance under federal law.

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Edwin Sands Services Scheduled Saturday

Funeral services for Edwin G. Sands, 33, resident of Melrose, who died at a local hospital Tuesday following a brief illness, will be held in the chapel of Long and Orr Mortuary Saturday at 11 a. m.

Yoncalla City Council Passes New Ordinance

A new ordinance relative to the use of the fire siren was passed at the meeting of the Yoncalla City Council, according to Mrs. George Edes, correspondent.

The ordinance states that in case of fire one blast of the siren for 30 seconds will be given; in case of enemy attack, three blasts three minutes long, and one short blast at 10 p. m. each day for curfew.

### Army Engineers Still Recommending 265-Foot High Dam

PORTLAND — Division Army Engineers are going to stick with their recommendation for a 265-foot-high reservoir at the proposed John Day Dam.

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Reckless Driving Charged To Man Wanted By Police

A motorist, reported by state police to be weaving in and out of traffic at speeds as high as 70 miles per hour Tuesday afternoon in heavy fog, was arrested and lodged in county jail, Roseburg, in lieu of \$50 bail.

Arrested was Richard Eugene Rogers Jr., 20, a Washington laborer. Officers charged him with reckless driving. The arrest was made at 4 p. m. in Roseburg, following a chase from Winchester.

Passengers in the vehicle were Willard H. Roberts, 18, and Rogers' father, Richard Eugene Rogers. Officers released the car to Roberts, and the men continued south. They told state police they were headed to Central Point where Mrs. Rogers was in a hospital.

Shortly after midnight Wednesday, state police received a notice that Roberts and young Rogers were sought by the Pierce County, Wash., sheriff's office on a burglary charge. Bail for each was set at \$2,500. Young Roberts was jailed on the second count at the jail. At 1:19 a. m. Willard Roberts was apprehended in Jackson County and jailed.

Both are being held for Washington officers.

Miss California Of '55 Kidnaped And Raped

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Last year's Miss California, beautiful 18-year-old Donna May Schurr, was kidnaped and raped late Tuesday night by a young man authorities said has confessed making a similar attack on the girl last spring.

The assailant, identified as Jack James Walker, 25, was captured by Miss Schurr's fiancé after a 100-mile-an-hour chase along fog-shrouded back roads.

### Damage Suit Asks \$19,834 For Auto Accident Death

A suit for \$19,834.63 damages has been filed in circuit court against Delwin A. Doughty, a log trucking operator, and Elmer G. Baldwin, the administrator of the estate of a man killed in a tragic traffic accident near Myrtle Creek last Aug. 4.

The suit was filed by Russell H. Cary, administrator of the estate of John Victor Sheely, who also died in the accident.

In a twist of legal procedure, Cary also had petitioned in probate court for the appointment of Baldwin as administrator of the estate of Cecil LeRoy Lemen, the estate being sued by the Sheely estate.

Cary contends that Lemen and Doughty both were negligent in the accident. He claims Lemen attempted to pass Sheely in a dangerous section of Highway 29.

Lemen's car carried a loaded logging truck owned by Doughty. The load of logs dropped on both cars, killing Mr. and Mrs. Lemen and Mr. and Mrs. Sheely.

The suit is in favor of Ethel Sheely. The complaint stated the child suffered \$19,800 general damages for the loss of the support of her father. It also claims \$334.63 special damages for funeral costs.

Geiger Counter Discloses Cobalt In Worker's Car

MILFORD, Conn. — The jumping needle of a Geiger counter at a construction job gate turned up a small cylinder of deadly, radioactive cobalt Wednesday in the possession of a bewildered workman.

Benjamin Zowacki, 33-year-old electrician, told a reporter he took the cylinder late Tuesday afternoon because he wanted the string from which it was hanging.

The device, used in photographing steel pipe, was in a paper bag lying inside a cloth cap in the glove compartment of Zowacki's car.

Searchers with a Geiger counter had been checking all cars entering and leaving the site of a job where the United Engineers Construction Co. is building a power plant addition for the Connecticut Light & Power Co.

When Zowacki's car came through the gate, the search ended.

Zowacki said he was wholly unaware that radio and television stations in this area had been broadcasting periodic warnings all night, advising whoever had the cylinder to dispose of it in a vacant lot, notify police and report immediately to a hospital.

Before he was taken to Milford Hospital, Zowacki was asked why he took the cylinder.

"Well," he said, "I was looking for a piece of string, and I saw this thing hanging there and I took it."

The cylinder, suspended by a piece of asbestos string, had been hung alongside a pipe which engineers wanted to photograph.

Zowacki said he left the cylinder in his car all night.

### France, Spain Agree To Joint Action On Rebels

LARACHE, Spanish Morocco — France and Spain have agreed on joint action against Riff rebels harassing the French in Morocco.

Gen. Rafael Garcia Valino, the Spanish high commissioner, and French Resident General Andre Dubois decided at a meeting their forces would cooperate in suppressing the rebellious tribesmen along their joint frontier.

The four-hour conference in this Spanish sector was the first meeting in three years of the top officials of the two protectorates.

Informants said they made progress in reconciling conflicting policies which have caused tension between France and Spain ever since the French threw out Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef in 1933.

Spain charged the ouster was illegal and openly sympathized with the Sultan's nationalist followers who finally forced the French to bring Ben Youssef back. The Spanish changed their tune when French promises of home rule for the Moroccans brought nationalist demands that the Spanish do the same.

Three More Join Guard's Training

Three more members of Co. D, 188th Inf., have joined the National Guard's six-month active duty training program.

The three are Larry E. Busenbark, 2945 Bradford Cr., James R. Severson, 433 Pittzer St., both Roseburg, and Glenn A. Jones, Rt. 1, Box 80, Camas Valley. They left for Ft. Ord, Calif., by plane Sunday.

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The six-months duty tour was set up by Congress under a new reserve training law recently for youths of 20 years of age and under. Through the program trainees can fulfill two years of their eight-year reserve obligation.

Another local Guard member, Lt. Alva J. Marshall, leaves after this month for Ft. Benning, Ga. for basic combat and specialized small unit infantry training. He will return in June.

Vector Control Session Slated Here On Friday

two-year period, the control of mosquitoes will not be a sure matter. Results of such a study would be helpful in many other localities.

The Friday morning program has been divided into five sections: (1) The overall problem — Miller; (2) the problem in Douglas County — Reiser; (3) Survey findings to date — Ogden; (4) research which is needed — Dr. Hess; and (5) general discussion.

A noon to 1:30 p. m. luncheon precedes the afternoon discussion.

(1) State board of health's role — Verne C. Reiser, director of environmental sanitation, Oregon State Board of Health; (2) Douglas County's role — Dr. Wainstock; (3) federal role — Dr. Hess; (4) group discussion.

Twenty Persons Take Oath Of Citizenship Tuesday

and Ida Messner Davies, both of Reedport, and Doris Irene Chambers, Winston.

### Hospital News

Mercy Hospital

Admitted

Surgery: Mrs. Raold Stroup, Carlos Read, Mrs. Charles Ostrander, Roseburg; Mrs. O. L. Leeper, Sublimity.

Medical: Mrs. Lee Holmes, Mrs. Earl Oldfield, Joe Helford, Oscar Berrie, Mrs. Herman Woodworth, Roseburg; Mrs. Forrest Ream, George Patrick, Myrtle Creek.

Discharged

Mrs. Melvin Wood, Mrs. William Westcott, Mrs. B. T. Randall, Mrs. Fred Abel and baby, Sally Ann, Roy Tannlund, Michael Casey, David Frum, Roseburg; Oscar Post, Brockway; Mrs. Charles Surby, Myrtle Creek.

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted

Surgery: Mrs. Richard Stritzke, Winchester; Mrs. Howard Walker, Roseburg.

Medical: Linda and Frankie Davis, Winston; Mrs. James Youtsey, Fritz Katzenmeyer, Mrs. Walter Bagshaw, Roseburg; Mrs. George Warren, Oakland.

Discharged

Mrs. Stanley Walker, Mrs. Ada Bihler, Miriam McLean, Larry R. Kvidera, Mrs. Gale Wegener, Mrs. Robert Gunderson, Caroline Schulze, Roseburg; Mrs. Jerry Clark and son, Jerry; Mrs. Stanley Freeman, Glide; Ernest Street, Idleyld.

Supervision Of Sampling Of Ore Under Scrutiny

month for lack of a safe place to keep them.

The samples, he said, were sent to the A. Williams Inspection Co. in Mobile, Ala., whose assay reports formed the basis for paying the gold and silver mining claims.

Volin said he designated R. N. Appling Jr., bureau engineer at Grant Pass, Ore., to represent the government when the samples were taken.

He said he and Appling discussed the possibility of sending part of the samples to a bureau laboratory for analysis as a double-check on the findings of the Williams laboratory. This plan, he said, was abandoned because of lack of funds for assay work.

Volin said Appling tried to have the samples retained stored in a local bank vault, but ended up placing them temporarily in a public office of the Oregon geology division in Grants Pass.

### 2 Missionaries Feared Captured From Portland

Seattle and Portland are the hometowns of two of five flying missionaries feared in the hands of savage Indians in South America.

Peter Fleming, 26, left Seattle in 1932 to do missionary work in Ecuador for a group known as Christian Missions in Many Lands.

K. L. Fleming, Peter's father, said Tuesday night his son returned briefly in 1933 and was married, then took his bride back to Ecuador.

The father said Fleming wrote home last weekend but said nothing about a pending trip to the jungles. Tuesday he received a cable from a Quito radio station reporting the missionary party had not been heard from for 20 hours.

The father said he was confident the party would come out alive.

"We trust the Lord to bring him back to us," he said.

James Elliott, 27, of Portland, has spent five years in South America converting natives. Elliott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Fred Elliott of Portland. He is married and the father of a 1-year-old daughter.

The family said Tuesday night Elliott's missionary trip was sponsored by the Grace and Truth Gospel Chapel of Portland.

Graveside Services Set Sunday For Mrs. Bennett

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Alice Bennett, 80, who died at Riverside Sanitarium Sunday, will be held at the Tenmile Cemetery Friday at 2 p. m.

North Roseburg Sanitary Office Closes Saturdays

The office of the North Roseburg Sanitary District will be closed on Saturdays, starting immediately, Howard Harris, manager, announced today.

Harris said the policy has been adopted to coincide with hours in the courthouse. The County Court last fall ended Saturday office hours in the courthouse.

Harris said the sanitary district office will be open weekdays between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Attorney's Brief Case Is Found Near Drain

A brief case belonging to a Washington State assistant attorney general has been mailed to him after a drain resident found it in Sand Creek this week.

Hugh Miller turned it over to the Sheriff's Dept. Sheriff Ira C. Byrd said it had been stolen from Lloyd G. Baker, the Washington official, some weeks ago. It contained papers regarding a swindle case in that state, Byrd said.

Umpqua Flying Club Members View Trophy

Members of the Umpqua Flying Club Tuesday night viewed a \$10,000 trophy they will be vying for this year.

The trophy, awarded by the Civil Aeronautics Authority annually for best achievement in safety records, was brought to Roseburg by Robert Kagy, aviation safety agent for the CAA office in Medford. He reported the trophy will be awarded at the first national "fly-in" convention of flying clubs in Seattle Aug. 1.

The Roseburg club is participating in the contest which will be judged on amount of flying, hours flown and licenses issued, stacked against violations and accidents. Kagy reported small clubs have as good a chance of winning as large clubs.



WHAT THE DYNAMITE DID—Sheriff Ira C. Byrd Tuesday inspected the hole left by the Dec. 3 blast set off by three teen-age boys in North Roseburg. Thirty-five sticks of dynamite placed on top of the ground scooped out this pit and blew limbs from the trees for dozens of yards around. The boy who lighted the fuse said he fell while running and made only about 100 yards when the charge went off. It knocked him flat, he told police. (Master Studio).