

Caretaker's Ulcers Lead To Discovery Of Big Still

OREGON CITY — A caretaker's ulcers led early Tuesday to discovery of one of the biggest illegal distilling operations uncovered in Oregon since prohibition days.

Two men were jailed as operators and the caretaker was held as a material witness.

The still, a 228-gallon stainless steel affair, was described as a fine professional product, and Fred Abelle, chief sheriff's deputy, said Oregon Liquor Control Commission agents told him the whiskey it turned out was high grade.

The still was located in a shed back of a dilapidated mountain cabin near Brightwood, on the southwest slope of Mt. Hood.

Officers of the Hoodland Merchant Patrol found it and this, said Abelle, is how:

Everett W. Kruckman, 57, lived alone in the cabin and was not well. He suffered from ulcers and told the patrolmen, who keep an eye on cabins which often are unoccupied, that any time they saw a light on his front porch, it meant he needed help.

Late Monday night the porch light was on. But Kruckman was more angry than ill. His ulcers were bothering him, he had no food, and he especially wanted milk. But his employers had neglected to bring him any and so he told the patrolmen there was a still in the nearby shed.

The patrolmen promptly notified Sheriff Joe Shobe who, with deputies, arrived and waited for the owners.

Early Tuesday morning John Everett Lee, 50, and George Ray Tansill, 47, both Portland, showed up and were arrested. With them was J. H. Busch, Portland sheet metal plant operator, who said he had built the still to the specifications of Lee and Tansill and understood it was to have been

for an experimental alcohol-from-wood project. He was not held, the said OLC agents took 132 gallons for evidence. Federal agents joined later in the day in dumping mash from the still and Abelle said the still itself was to be brought in for display.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses

DOUGAN & WILLIAMS — James M. Dougan and Sylvia A. Williams, both Myrtle Creek.

RICKETTS-BYRD — Allen L. Ricketts and Beverly M. Byrd, both Roseburg.

Eugene License

SEATON-JENKINS — Ernest Arlo Seaton Jr. and Sharon Nadine Jenkins, both Drain.

Funeral Set Wednesday For Joseph J. Jones

Funeral services for Joseph Jefferson Jones, 39, will be held in The Chapel of the Roses Wednesday at 2 p.m.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; four daughters, Joann of Medford, Sandra, Verna Rae and Judy of Roseburg; his mother, Mrs. Beattie Jones, Medford; three sisters, Mrs. Edna Smith, Crescent City, Calif., and Mrs. Ila Anderson and Mrs. Evelyn Tarr, both of Medford; two brothers, Clyde Jones of Medford and Ed Jones of California.

Interment will be in the Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Friday at 10 a.m.

Jones was found dead on Cobb Street in a car Sunday night. Death apparently was a suicide. He had been shot through the chest.

Grand Jury Indicts Four; Much Work Remains On Docket

Four criminal indictments were returned Monday by the grand jury, which apparently still has a lot of work ahead.

Charged with larceny over \$75 was Claude Crabtree, 25, of 1055 Alder St. He is accused of taking a box of mechanic's tools belonging to Charles Burnett.

Two men accused of committing assault being armed with a dangerous weapon were indicted, Donald Lee Reavis, 24, Canyonville, and Thomas Edward Noblin, 20, Myrtle Creek, are charged with assaulting a Riddle policeman, Lee Campbell.

They allegedly threatened the officer with a .22 caliber rifle during an affray May 2. Originally a third man was involved but charges against him were dismissed in district court.

When arraigned in district court, Reavis and Noblin asked for preliminary hearings. As a result, they were ordered held for grand jury action.

The fourth indictment was returned against Chester Nye, charged with assault with intent to commit rape. The 30 1/2-year-old hospital attendant, who lives at 1270 N. Stephens St., also was bound over to the grand jury by District Court Judge Warren A. Woodruff.

In the cases of Reavis, Noblin and Nye, Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Woodruff boosted their bail after the true bills were returned by the grand jury. In each instance, it was raised from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Bail for Crabtree was left at \$1,000.

Local Market Operator Dies

Virgil Batman, 46, owner of Batman's meat market on West Harvard Avenue, died in a Portland Hospital Monday morning.

He had been in business in Roseburg for six years. He was born July 29, 1910, at Koshkonong, Mo. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, of Roseburg; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Koskey of Portland; his mother, Mrs. Clara Batman of Kansas City, Mo.; five sisters, Mrs. Hally McClung of Hutchinson, Kan., Mrs. Opal Hunsperger of Kansas City, Mrs. Gladys Archer of Portland, Mrs. Grace Hollaway of Thayer, Mo., Mrs. Betty Gibbs of Grand Junction, Colo., and Mrs. Delores Williams of Mission, Kan.; and three brothers, Oral of Kansas City, Curtis of Overland Park, Kan., and Floyd of Portland.

Batman was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

The body will be returned to Roseburg. Funeral services are pending.

Truman Ellis Withdraws Demand For Taxi Action

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all rates. Knudtson declared, but said he felt this would have one of these results:

1. The city could lose all taxi business.
2. It would receive another application for rates the same as Ellis wants.
3. Or an even lower rate would be asked by the other operator.

The committee chairman reminded the council that at the beginning of the year, the council—wanted to avoid rate fixing and allow free competition. "However," he said, "if we approve too low a rate, maybe we'll ruin the taxi business." The rate given tentatively okay for Roseburg Cab Co. might be too high, he said.

Councilman Sid Moon stated he feels a minimum rate should be established, but not a ceiling, and thus allow competition. Knudtson replied that this would take it out of the competitive field because the city would have set a restriction.

Ross Myers noted that he was originally against the council setting rates but had changed his thinking since taking another look at the ordinance which required rates to allow a reasonable profit.

A ceiling rather than a floor for rates should be set if only one is to be adopted, according to Peter Serafin. The city must get into rate fixing, he said, and pointed out that other cities have found they must do it. "If we have many rates we would have a lot of unhappy citizens."

Knudtson said some people might have the idea that the council is trying to keep Ellis or some other operator from going into business in Roseburg. That is "false," he declared. "We're trying to provide some guarantee on continuing service to the people." That is the reason the ordinance calls for at least three cabs for each operator—to see that the city ends up with at least six cabs, he said.

Cites Purpose
The ordinance now on the books was drawn to make it possible to operate in the city. Knudtson reminded the council while admitting it had taken a long time to get it drawn and passed. "It's a darn good ordinance," he declared. "I think we will come up with something that will be equitable for everybody."

Ellis told the council he had tried to be patient and said that since he has the idea in the News-Review had not been done with any intention of being dirty or getting a pressure group organized.

Referring to the rate question, he said, "I felt and still do that my rates were accepted." He went on to note that if rates were left open he would be in more of a position to be hurt than the other operator. "I'm not trying to force the other to accept my rates," he declared.

Ellis' newspaper advertisements asked for supporters to come to the council meeting but apparently did not gain that end. Only one person in the audience had anything to say about the taxi business.

Woman Speaks
Mrs. W. A. Jennings asked the council how many other businesses the city sets prices on, and was informed that garbage disposal is the only one. Most cities set a price on those two services for the public good, City Atty. Paul Geddes said.

"It seems like you're trying to keep out competitive business," Mrs. Jennings replied.

"I take exception to that," retorted Knudtson.

"Well," said Mrs. Jennings, "if a taxi operator wants to go broke, I think he should be allowed to."

"He might pull someone else down with him," declared Knudtson, who noted that he didn't "consider those pieces in the paper exactly pats on the back."

When Ellis asked that he be informed of rates as soon as possible so he could have his meters set before installing them, Knudtson stated, "We haven't been dilly-dallying around." He said a lot of time had been spent considering the matter and assured Ellis that all possible speed would be made in establishing rates.

RECRUIT GRADUATES

Norman L. Hurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Hurley, 1944 SE Main St., Roseburg, was graduated recently from recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego.

Need Expressed For Canteen-Type Veterans Center

"There is a need for a downtown canteen - type recreational area for patients being given liberties at the Veterans Administration Hospital." So said Dr. Lewis Aumack, chief of the psychology department at the hospital, at a Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night.

The doctor spoke at a dinner meeting of the organization at the Hotel Umpqua. His topic was "Modern Trends in Mental Health" in which service organizations could aid in the hospital program.

"In the last few months there has been a 100 per cent increase in the number of patients being given liberties at the hospital," Dr. Aumack said. The Jaycees referred Dr. Aumack's recommendation for a downtown recreational area to the planning committee for further study.

It was announced at the meeting that approximately 10 members of the Jaycees, queen of the Douglas County Rodeo, Judy Strode, and the princesses, Nancy Dorman and Judy Ott will participate in the Grants Pass rodeo parade Saturday morning at 10.

Future activities of the Jaycees were outlined at Monday night's meeting. The activities include the Douglas County Rodeo, Miss Roseburg contest, Fourth of July fireworks show, Junior golf and tennis and a juvenile fishing program.

Seaton Opposed Tax Writeoff For Idaho Power Co.

WASHINGTON — The opposition of Secretary of Interior Seaton was ignored in granting a rapid tax writeoff to the Idaho Power Co. because the question of financial need was not one for administrative decision, Gordon Gray, director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, testified Monday.

Idaho Power had met all requirements in its application, and Gray said consequently he could "see no reason" for turning it down.

The ODM action last month set off the newest dispute in the long series over whether the Hells Canyon area of the Snake River should be developed as a private or federal power project. The order has been severely criticized in Congress.

Seaton's views on the tax writeoff, as set forth in a letter March 11 to the former ODM director, Arthur S. Flemming, was submitted Monday as evidence before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee headed by Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.).

Kefauver obtained the letter from Interior Department files and he directed Gray, who had not mentioned it in previous testimony, to read it into the committee record.

Riddle Sawmill To Be Reopened

Another sign of a reviving economy was reported from Riddle today.

"Bud" Johnson, owner of the C & D Lumber Co. mill at Riddle, announced today that the mill would be re-opened on a full-time basis Wednesday. It had been closed since December 1955.

He told Riddle correspondent Erma Best that it is expected the mill and planer will be in full production again shortly. When both are operating, he said, about 30 men will be employed.

Johnson is the son of the late Phillip Johnson, former owner of the mill. The mill had not been back in operation since the death of the elder Johnson in 1956.

Reduction In Civilians Aboard Said Probable

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whether U. S. aid to the Nationalist stronghold should be curtailed as a result of last week's outbreak.

Wilson had been questioned by Chairman Green (D-R1) as to the wisdom of continuing large scale aid to Formosa.

"I don't think I should take a public position on that so quick," Wilson replied.

But both Wilson and Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, agreed that Formosa "would support us in the event of a military attack on us in that area."

They appeared before the committee to support the administration's \$3,865,000,000 foreign aid program.

Peterson Is Released From Grand Jury Duty

Burdette C. Peterson was ordered released Monday from further grand jury duty because of the press of personal business which requires his presence elsewhere.

This morning in Judge Charles S. Woodruff's circuit court room, Wayne Schroeder, Roseburg furniture dealer, was named to replace Peterson. His name was drawn from the jury list before selection of a jury for a criminal trial started.

Funeral Services Wednesday For Shooting Victim

Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Garrett Alva Maupin, 62, who was shot to death in his home at Drain Sunday.

He was born at Kellogg April 23, 1895, and had spent his entire life in Douglas County. He was a veteran of World War I, a member of Elkton Masonic Lodge, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Maupin is survived by two sons, Howard of Drain, and Clyde of Hayfork, Calif.; one brother, Dan of Eugene; five sisters, Edith Edwards of Kellogg, Lois Mode of Umpqua, Hazel Pressnal, Florence McNabb, and Irene Westenhoe, all of California; and five grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services will be held at the Kellogg Cemetery Wednesday at 2 p.m. with the Elkton Masonic Lodge in charge. Mills Funeral Service of Drain is in charge of arrangements.

Sewer Bids Approved With Qualifications

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proved under the same conditions. The company's low bid was \$151,186.79.

The only bid for installing sewer mains—\$78,678 by A. & W. Construction Co., Eugene — received conditional approval. These lines will be of rubber ring joint construction.

Revised Ordinance
A revised bonding ordinance was passed as an emergency measure and replaces one adopted previously. According to City Atty. Paul Geddes, bonding attorneys asked for an ordinance carrying a complete schedule of bond maturity with the county and school districts for installing a sewer line for bids for the \$850,000 worth of bonds to be received June 17 at 7:30 p.m.

In another aspect of sewer business, City Manager George Farrell asked for a committee to be appointed to work out an agreement with the county and school district for installing a sewer line to connect with the new Eastwood School and county shops. Councilmen Ross Myers, William Adair and Robert Harris were named to work with Farrell and the city attorney.

Farrell also announced that Mrs. Marshall Farrell, city recorder, is resigning to leave for Oklahoma. Mrs. Farrell is going to Healdton, Okla. where her husband is going to take over a grocery business. They plan to leave Monday.

Committee Named
A three-man committee was appointed to study recommendations for changes in the city's accounting methods. Leo Young, auditor suggested four moves:

1. That funds in the street sinking fund started in 1942 revert to the general fund. He pointed out that this was supposed to occur three years after World War II ended. The fund contains cash of \$1,983.93, government bonds totaling \$6,750 and has \$10,247.36 owed it by the general fund.
2. Paying off \$2,900.21 in Bancroft Lien Fund warrants acquired by the parking meter fund.
3. Closing and transferring to the general fund the Airport Improvement Fund which has a balance of \$6,634.88 remaining from a bond issue for construction.
4. Clearing all interfund accounts by June 30, if possible, to simplify accounting records.

Reedsport Man Found Dead In His Apartment

A 59-year-old Reedsport man was found dead, apparently of natural causes, about 8 a.m. today in his apartment.

Coroner L. L. Powers said an autopsy will be performed.

The man was Harold Post Haines, an employee of the State Highway Department. The body was discovered by a milkman.

Haines had been a member of the Elks Lodge at Coos Bay for 36 years. The body was removed to Unger Funeral Home, Reedsport.

CEMETERY CLEANUP

The Masonic Cemetery in Glendale is being cleaned this week. Officials of the organization have made a public request to the effect that persons taking flowers to the cemetery put them in metal containers instead of a glass jar because many of the glass containers have frozen and burst.

TO VOTE AGAIN

The second vote on Glendale School District's 1957-58 budget is scheduled Wednesday at the high school from 2 to 8 p.m.

The vote will be on \$125,925.15 outside the 6 per cent limitation on a \$203,497 budget. A public hearing is scheduled tonight at 8 in the high school.

South Douglas Achievement Day Set Saturday For 4-H

Ribbons will be awarded demonstrations and exhibits at the annual South Douglas Achievement Day Saturday, June 1, in the Riddle Masonic Hall, Miss Jane Gates, county 4-H extension agent, said.

"The exhibits should be set up by 9 a.m. so that they may be judged before the program, which starts at 2 p.m.," Miss Gates said. Judges for the day will be Mrs. Lyn Clemon, 4-H leader from Drain; Frank von Borstel, 4-H county extension agent, and Miss Gates.

Approximately 150 parents and friends attended the annual North Douglas 4-H Achievement Day at the Yoncalla Grade School Friday.

Girls who received blue ribbons for clothing exhibits were Lela Swearingin, Dianne Skeurs, Helen Haines, Barbara Bogen, Judy Mode, Susan Mitchell, Linda Moore, Diana Henderer and Rosalie Holcomb.

Blue ribbons for knitting were awarded to Larry Russell, Christy O'Neill, Janice Sehn, Linda Bringer, and Mary Thompson. Child care ribbons were presented to Darlene Mitchell and Peggy Leventagen.

Nine 4-H club members received blue ribbons in cookery. They were Barbara Haviland, Mickey Gurney, Jimmy Jane Eden, Nancy Dood, Mary Russell, Janice Deeds, Judy Patrick, Edith Traylor and Marvin Hosteter.

Health posters were also included in the exhibits. Boys and girls receiving blue ribbons for their posters were Loretta Hogarth, Frank Kipp, Kathleen Emery, Barbara Nelson and Carroll Thornton. Rodney Thompson was presented a blue ribbon for his soil conservation poster.

Students receiving blue ribbons for their forestry exhibits were Tommy Thompson and Harlan Smith.

Former Sutherlin Woman Dies At 93

Arvilla Talbott, former resident of Sutherlin, died last week at Sacramento, Calif., at the age of 93.

Private committal services were held for her last Sunday at the family plot at Fair Oaks Cemetery.

She was born June 28, 1863, and was a resident of Sutherlin from 1909 to 1947, when she went to Sacramento to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Norman (Grace) Slater.

Funeral services were held at the chapel of Harry A. Nauman and Son, Sacramento, Cremation services were brought to Sutherlin for the private services.

Mrs. Talbott's husband, C. E. Talbott, preceded her in death in 1938. Another daughter, Vera Payne, also preceded her in death.

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NOTICE

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Glendale Man Victim Of Heart Attack Monday

Virgil Guy Clayton, 58, a Glendale resident since 1942, died from a heart attack at 4:05 p.m. Monday at his home in Glendale.

Clayton was born Nov. 4, 1898. Clayton was found by his wife, Florence, sitting in a chair. She had been visiting the neighbors.

He is survived by his wife, and two sons, Phillip of Santa Monica, Calif., and Arthur, who is stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base at Rapid City, S. D. He has a sister living at Grants Pass.

Funeral arrangements will be in charge of Ganz Funeral Home in Myrtle Creek.

STAY AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower plans to spend the long Memorial Day weekend at the White House, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty announced Monday.

Hagerty had indicated earlier that the President and his wife probably would go to their farm at Gettysburg, Pa., on Thursday, Memorial Day, and remain until Sunday afternoon.

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