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Needle's Macabre Use Means Murder Charge

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — A charge of second degree murder was placed against the 44-year-old superintendent of the Daytona Beach Humane Society after he admitted he jabbed into his wife's stomach two shots of an anesthetic he kept to kill "small kittens and dogs."

Walter R. Hoffman said Tuesday the act followed a day of beer drinking. He told State Atty. W. W. Judge he made the injections as his wife sat "sagging in a chair." He said he had no idea why he did it.

"My wife was the best woman in the world," Hoffman told the state attorney. "That's why I can't understand any of this. I've been begging the Lord to give me an answer."

Mrs. Hoffman died an hour after the shots were injected. "Something may have gone wrong with me somewhere because it's really bothered me, putting animals to sleep," Hoffman said. Hoffman is also the city dog warden.

The plane veered off the runway, bowled over a marker-light and then struck the girl, tossing her body six feet, investigators said.

The accident was witnessed by the father and airport officials. Pilot Lloyd Harvey Vernon, airman first class from a nearby radar base, suffered only minor cuts.

State Highway Traffic Takes Rise In June

SALEM — Highway traffic in Oregon during June was 13 per cent more than in June, 1956, the state Highway Commission reported Wednesday.

The count was made at 28 rural automatic traffic counters. The largest increase, 15.7 per cent, was on the Central Oregon Highway, five miles east of Bend. The Pacific Highway showed an 8.6 per cent increase near Halsey, while traffic on the Coast Highway at Otter Rock was up 7.9 per cent.

An 11.3 per cent increase was recorded near Rainier on the Lower Columbia River Highway, 13 per cent increase at Valley Junction on Oregon Highway 18, and 7.7 per cent gain on the Dalles-California Highway six miles south of Klamath Falls.



Fire Chief Calls For Researching

PORTLAND — The survival of fire service hinges on the creation of a comprehensive research program, J. T. Caldwell, Ellensburg, Wash., fire chief, said Wednesday.

Fire fighting and its administration would be studied under such a new program, Caldwell told the annual convention of the Pacific Coast Inter-Mountain Assn. of Fire Chiefs.

"You must do something immediately," said Caldwell, the president of the association. "Economics and politics are pushing us into a corner."

A tribute to the association's 22 members who died in the past year was paid Wednesday by the Most Rev. Francis P. Leipzig, bishop of Baker, Ore.

He said "humanity knows no death more worthy" than that of "some of these soldiers of peace who died in fulfillment of their duties."

The convention, which ends Friday, is composed of fire chiefs from eight Western States, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Son Of Former Owner Of News-Review Dies

Funeral services for Ross Bates, 47, were held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Arthur Sullivan Funeral Home in San Francisco.

He was born Jan. 22, 1911, in Roseburg, the son of the late B.W. Bates, then publisher of The News-Review, and the late Mrs. Bates. He attended Roseburg schools and was graduated from Hill Military Academy in Portland, after which he attended University of Oregon school of journalism. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

He worked as advertising manager for the Oregon City newspaper and later moved to San Francisco, where he has been advertising manager of the San Francisco Chronicle. He was married in 1934 to Alberta Hill of Klamath Falls. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Barclay, 20, and Barrett, 11; a granddaughter, Betty Lee Bates, 6 months, and a brother, Bert G. Bates, Bakersfield, Calif.

Bates died Monday in San Francisco as a result of a brain hemorrhage suffered in a fall. His only sister, Mrs. J. F. (Velma) Bates Dillard, died last September as a result of a similar fall in which she suffered from a fatal brain hemorrhage.

National County Officials Pick Portland For Session

PORTLAND — Multnomah County Clerk St. Cohn Wednesday said the National Assn. of County officials will hold its 1958 convention here.

Selection of Portland as the convention site, Cohn said, followed his proposal at the group's recent annual meeting in Atlanta.

Tall Miss Maryland Claims Title Of Miss United States

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A "go-for-broke" gamble in which two beautiful girls pooled their money to back one of them in the Miss Universe contest paid off today for lovely Leona Gage, 21, the new Miss United States of America.

The tall, raven-haired beauty from Glen Burnie, Md., who came west with her 24-year-old cousin, a \$45 gown and high hopes, won the coveted crown last night and will now compete in the international phase of the contest.

Gamble Taken
 The gamble that led to the thrill-packed climax was taken two months ago when Leona and her cousin, Barbara Gage, who make their home together, scraped together \$45 and went shopping for a gown so Leona could enter the Miss Maryland contest.

"I had \$35 and she had \$10," said Barbara, breathless with excitement as she watched the pearl-studded Miss U. S. A. crown being placed on the dark locks of her cousin. She added:

"We had made the money modeling and it was all we had. We found a dress marked down from \$90 to \$45, so we bought it. And she won!"

"But we still didn't have any money. They gave Leona a two-way ticket to Long Beach so we used both ways so I could come out, too. . . and now she's won again!"

Barbara who is pretty enough to be a Miss Universe contestant herself, said Leona came to live with her two years ago after her widowed mother had remarried.

Glen Burnie is a suburb of Baltimore. Blossoms Out
 Barbara said while Leona, as a contestant, has been living like a princess, she's been staying "in a tiny place down the street" and "living on fruit."

Leona wore her \$45 Miss Maryland dress as her formal gown on the first night of the contest, but blossomed out last night in a dazzling white dress loaned to her for

Edgar Litherland's Funeral Mass Friday

Edgar Litherland, Oakland, died at his home Tuesday. He was born Jan. 9, 1892 in Mt. Carmel, Ill., and came to Oakland in 1918. He was married to Cyrilla Lecluyse in Roseburg, April 12, 1941. She survives him.

He was a member of the Catholic Church, and rosary will be held at the Drain Catholic Church tonight at 7:30. Funeral mass will be at the Drain Catholic Church Friday at 10 a.m. with interment in the Yoncalla cemetery. Father Carl Mui will officiate.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
 PESCHER - BAKER — Reinhart Peschel and Nancy J. Baker, both of Myrtle Creek.
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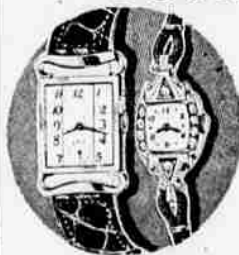
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