

Grandmothers Meet; One, 99, Hardest Of All

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Grandmothers Club of America, 1,500 strong, is holding its annual convention here and the hardest grandmother of them all is 99-year-old Madame Marie Renier of Kankakee, Ill.

Mme. Renier speaks only French. She says she sits up past midnight to play euchre and rummies with family and friends, wouldn't think of eating a meal without wine, drinks an ounce and one half of whisky before retiring and sleeps like the 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and nine great great-grandchildren.

Three of her daughters are with her at the convention. They, too, are grandmothers. They didn't bring Mme. Renier. She persuaded them to come, she explained in her best French, and they agreed. They are Mrs. Alice Jeffrey, 75, and Mrs. Zoe Sharkey, 69, of Kankakee, and Mrs. Flora Van Sleet, 72, South Bend, Ind.

Mme. Renier tries not to miss a minute of living. She still likes her coffee hot and strong and she always is the center of attraction when the 450 descendants of the Renier and Le Coq (her maiden name) clans gather each July 14 for their annual celebration.

"The family speaks Swedish, Gaelic, French, German, Russian, English, Armenian, Hungarian and Greek," she says, "but I speak the best French."

Telephone Jangle Leads To Flushing Of Thieves

Two youngsters stealing a telephone got the wrong number as they ripped the instrument off a wall and were caught.

Mrs. J. O. Shaffer, Rt. 1, Box 830, Roseburg, said she heard her phone jangling Saturday and wondered who could be using the phone in a vacant nearby house. She investigated and found two boys leaving with an old crank-type phone they had ripped off the wall.

Mrs. Shaffer caught the boys and made them return the telephone to the vacant house which belongs to her son-in-law, Glen McMaisters. The boys broke loose and ran away before she could summon officers but she said she could identify them.

Gasoline Theft Stopped By Investigating Police

Roseburg police investigating a prowler report apparently stymied a gasoline theft.

Summoned by Herbert E. Wood, 1431 SE Cobb St., police checked a garage where sounds had been heard. They found the gas cap had been removed from George O. Hensell's car. The cap and a length of hose were found on the garage floor but the fuel thief had departed.

Longshoremen's Portland Meet Faces Problems

PORTLAND (AP)—West Coast longshoremen meet here starting Tuesday to consider what to do about automation on the dockside.

President Harry Bridges and a hundred delegates from locals of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union will try to chart a program to meet the inroads posed by mechanization.

"We're not fighting it, because it's no use," said Don Siddall, secretary of the Portland union local. "But we do want something in black and white so we can protect our members."

This is typical of the problems the longshoremen will talk about. These wharves were hoisted aboard as a unit for the trip to Long Beach, Calif., where they were unloaded onto trucks and taken to warehouses without individual handling of the rolls.

Means Few Jobs

This, said Siddall, meant about a dozen fewer longshoremen employed in Portland on that job. And, he added, for the most part they were older men, since work in the holds—which wasn't materially affected—is generally handled by younger men.

This week's caucus also is expected to hear from George Kuvakas, Anaheim, Calif., local business agent, who said the coast's ports ought to be shut down until a dispute at San Pedro is settled. At issue there is jurisdiction over the fishing fleet.

Some other business affairs also may be considered, but most of the time is expected to be devoted to reports on the new waterfront mechanization, which the union's newspaper, The Dispatcher, said only recently was "a few feeble beginnings" toward a major change.

It cited wet wood pulp shipments in a specially designed ship from Crown Zellerbach Corp.'s Campbell River, B.C. plant to Antioch, Calif. In the past, pulp has been shipped dry or in bales. But the new ship carries a 4,000-ton wet cargo and at the destination, more water is added and it is pumped ashore, bypassing the stevedores.

Retired SP Clerk Dies Here Sunday

Howard Edward Coleman, 68, well-known Roseburg resident, and retired chief clerk of the Roseburg Southern Pacific Railroad office, died Sunday at a local hospital.

He was born Nov. 10, 1888, at McMinnville, and was married to Eugene on June 26, 1913, to Pearl J. Johnson. He was employed by the Southern Pacific Co. for about 45 years, working at stations in the Willamette Valley until 1925, when he came to Roseburg.

Coleman was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Surviving are his wife; two nephews, Otto Heider of Sheridan, and Virgil Heider of Willamina, and a niece, Mrs. George Alexander, Parkdale.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Long and Orr Mortuary, Tuesday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. John Adams of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Vault interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

STUDENTS KILLED

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Four college students died Saturday when a convertible collided head-on with a tractor-trailer truck on the west edge of St. Louis.

The dead: Frances Windham Grace, 19, of Montgomery, Ala.; Myrna Kruel, 19, of Washington, Mo.; Earl Ross Tedrow, 23, of Kirkwood, Mo.; and Daniel John Carter, 23, of St. Louis.

Millions Of East Germans Will Be Stripped Of Savings By Currency Change-Over

BERLIN (AP)—Western officials said today that the East German Communist regime's blitz change-over of currency threatens to wipe out millions of marks held by the satellite's population.

East Germans who tucked away their savings rather than trust the Communist banks were hard hit by the Red Government's surprise order yesterday to turn in the old currency for a new issue.

The government paid out cash only up to 300 marks—about \$16 at the Western exchange rate.

The balance, the Reds said, would be made available from banks starting next Saturday. But West Berlin and Allied officials said the terms of the Red decrees made plain that the old marks would not be honored unless the holders could certify in detail where the money came from.

Under the Communist economy of rationing and scarcity, millions of farmers, workers and small businessmen have gone in for illegal trade. The Reds pointedly announced that the currency switch was designed to wipe out this kind of "illegal speculation."

Inflation Brake Intended

West German experts estimated that the Communists would mop up around a billion of the estimated 3 billion marks hoarded or in circulation. Allied officials said the East German regime apparently hoped this would put a brake on the red economy.

The West Berlin Exchange Office Assn. estimated West Berlin banks and exchange offices were caught with about 20 million East German marks which now were worthless. It could not estimate how many millions were held by businessmen, official organizations including underground agencies, and by individual West Germans.

A statement from the West German Socialist party denounced the currency action. It said a great many East Germans, particularly poorer people, can now expect to lose all their savings.

Guards had slowed down and carefully screened all movement over the satellite's borders during the conversion, to nab anyone trying to bring in marks for exchange.

Road Link Blocked

For the first time since the 1948 Russian blockade, the autobahn road link between West Germany and isolated West Berlin was closed to traffic. East Berlin was virtually sealed off from Allied-occupied West Berlin.

The East German regime admitted at least 80 arrests of persons crossing from the West with marks. But the fate of hundreds of people carried away from the border was secret. Presumably most of them were released after being searched and questioned.

Dealers quoted the new mark at the same open market price as the old currency, 4 1/2 East to 1 West. The West mark is valued at 23 cents.

16 Marines Facing Charges Of Brutality

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Sept. 12 by Maj. Haskell C. Baker of Atlanta, Ga., Marine commander at the South Japan base.

Baker gave his opinion in a written report "that all the incidents reported as findings did, in fact, occur."

The Marines are:

Sgt. Robert J. Barbute, 23, Schenectady, N.Y.; Adrian A. McLane, 24, Philadelphia; Thomas G. Flint, Mobile, Ala.; Bobby W. Phillips, 22, Tyler, Tex.; Maurice J. Beeson, 22, Palo Alto, Calif.; Cpls. Richard E. Painter, 21, Independence, Mo.; Sheldon D. Sibell, 21, Nelson, Minn.; James T. Ray, 21, Texas City, Tex.; Glenn W. Fredericks, 21, Anchorage, Alaska; Dayton D. Dierksen, 21, Miller, S.D.; Pfc. Patrick J. Stalker, 23, San Jose, Calif.; Frank S. Pasternak, Jr., 22, Chicago, Ill.; Donald B. Stansell, 21, Little Rock, Ark.; Owen J. Booth, 22, Scranton, Pa.; Pvt. William T. Youngerman, 20, Dayton, Ohio; and Jose D. L. Medina, 22, Albuquerque, N.M.

Pittsburgh In Grip On Transit Strike

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hourly boost over a two-year period.

The union previously had rejected a company offer of a 16-cent hourly boost, also in a two-year contract. Wages under the old contract which expired Aug. 31 averaged \$2.10 hourly, plus a 4-cent cost-of-living increment.

The company recently appealed to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for a three-cent increase in its basic 20-cent trolley and 25-cent bus cash fares, claiming it needed more revenue to meet the union's demands. The increase was approved and went into effect yesterday.

Negroes, Police Battle Over Traffic Speeder

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A belligerent mob of Negroes forced an off-duty white policeman to release a Negro speeder yesterday by attacking the officer. They also turned on more than a dozen other officers called to the scene.

Patrolman Alphonse Guichard, in civilian clothes, said he arrested George Martin, 28, after chasing him at 70 m.p.h.

Guichard said he was searching Martin when the mob formed. He said the Negroes started punching him and knocked him to the ground.

The disturbance developed into a free-swinging fight when other policemen, called by an observer, arrived. The officers arrested nine, Martin, who escaped during the fight, was sought on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicants, assault, resisting arrest and escape.

Parole Kills Wife Then Himself With Gun

PORTLAND (AP)—Myra C. Graham, 39, shot and killed his wife Sunday night, then turned the gun on himself, inflicting a fatal wound, police reported.

Officers said Graham was on parole from the Washington state prison, where he was sent in 1945 for a morals conviction.

Mrs. Matilda Graham's two daughters by a previous marriage, Jean, 16, and Barbara, 14, said their stepfather had complained that their mother had gone to a tavern Sunday afternoon instead of preparing an evening meal.

The daughters said they saw Graham shoot her, then they fled screaming from the house. They said a bullet was fired at them as they fled.

A neighbor summoned police, who found Graham dying from what they said was a self-inflicted wound.



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22-Month-Old Boy Dies In Roseburg Hospital

William Paul Morris, 22-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Morris Sr. of Dillard, died at a local hospital this morning.

The child was born at Myrtle Creek, Nov. 24, 1955.

Surviving besides the parents are two sisters, Sonja Lee and Aubrey Dean, both of Dillard; his paternal grandfather, William E. Morris of Sayre, Okla., and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Gentry of Dillard.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Long and Orr Mortuary Wednesday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. William Walker of the Winston-Dillard Methodist Church officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Hoffa Barred By Court As Teamster Chief

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ed all Teamster locals for their records relating to selection of convention delegates.

Tax Evasion Charged

Beck faces trial soon on a federal indictment charging he evaded more than \$250,000 in income taxes. Hoffa is to go to trial tomorrow in New York on wiretap conspiracy charges. He also faces arraignment tomorrow on another federal indictment alleging perjury before a federal grand jury.

Beyond all the pending civil and criminal actions against Hoffa, he faces a fight next week before the AFL-CIO Executive Council. The council has labeled Hoffa and Beck corrupt and unfit to continue in union power.

The council, at its meeting here Oct. 24, will consider suspending Hoffa in union office. This decision will be subject to a ratifying vote at the AFL-CIO convention at Atlantic City in December.

Hoffa obviously hopes to persuade the AFL-CIO Council to put the Teamsters on probation or a similar lighter punishment than suspension.

FLUE FIRE REPORTED

A flue fire in a fireplace at the home of Ed Starr, 137 W. Bodie St., Sunday occupied firemen from the West Roseburg fire substation for 13 minutes. Firemen were called to the scene at 2:30 p.m. No damage.

BANKRUPTCY PETITION

Edward J. Hyatt, Canyonville, filed a petition for bankruptcy in U.S. District Court, Portland, listing \$2,017.31 in debts.

Nasser Counters U. S. Policy By Pouring Troops Into Area Of Arabia, Posing Naval Unit

By WILTON WYNN

CAIRO (AP)—President Nasser is sending Egyptian troops around the Arab compass in an apparent counteroffensive against the Eisenhower Doctrine.

There were reports of a dual shift in the Middle East: a swing toward stricter neutrality in Cairo and Damascus and a weakening of support in pro-Western Lebanon for the anti-Communist U.S. doctrine.

Nasser pushed Egyptian influence with these moves:

1. The surprise landing of an undisclosed number of Egyptian troops at the Syrian port of Latakia yesterday was followed by a formal display of Egyptian naval force there.
2. Egypt announced it was sending to Libya a symbolic gift of six armored cars and 100-200 rifles. Egypt offered arms to Tunisia in September and sent jet planes to the Saudi Arabian air force in August.
3. Egypt moved to weld stronger military ties under the joint command which includes Egyptian, Syrian and Saudi Arabian forces.

With the arrival of Egyptian troops in Syria, preceded by Egyptian technicians, the two governments declared their determination to stand together against any aggression from Turkey.

Lebanon Would Reneg

The campaign to rebuild Egyptian influence was accompanied by further maneuvering to heal the rifts in the Arab world.

Lebanon, previously under bitter attack from Egypt and Syria over its endorsement of the Eisenhower Doctrine, was reported asking the United States to let it renege on that endorsement. Lebanon might have little to lose, since she has received almost all her share of the 200 million dollars Congress appropriated for the American campaign against Communist aggression in the Middle East.

King Saud, who is visiting in Lebanon, was said to be urging a Lebanese reversal as a contribution to Arab unity.

The armed forces of Syria are estimated at 50,000 men and of Egypt at 100,000 men. The combined armies would be no match for Turkey's well-trained army of about 500,000.

Peewee Football 'Jam' Postponed By Weather

The annual Peewee football jamboree, in which teams from seven Roseburg grade schools were to participate, was postponed Saturday night because of foul weather.

A new date will be set as soon as there is better weather, according to Cecil Sherwood, school district physical education director. The jamboree is sponsored annually by the Roseburg Kiwanis Club.

OREGON MAN KILLED

KANSAS CITY (AP)—An Oregon man was killed Friday in a two-car collision near Kansas City.

He was Thomas Ray Skien, 57, of Klamath Falls, a passenger in a car driven by his son, Tommy Skien. The son is an airman at Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kan.

Most of the land occupied by the 15 buildings, including the Associated Press Building, in New York's Rockefeller Plaza, are owned by Columbia University.

Ex-Roseburg Woman Dies In California

A former Roseburg woman, Mrs. Estelle Thompson Downing, died Saturday in a Palo Alto, Calif., hospital.

Mrs. Downing, a graduate of Stanford University in Palo Alto, was born in Santa Rosa, Calif., on July 4, 1880. She married Earl S. Downing before moving to Oregon in 1912.

Downing died in 1945 and Mrs. Downing moved to Roseburg in 1946. She journeyed to California recently to be with her son, Dr. George Downing of Atherton, Calif.

Surviving, besides the son, are a daughter, Mrs. Lucy D. Packard, formerly of Roseburg and now of Prineville, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Spokane Warehouse Fire Damage \$300,000

SPOKANE (AP)—A three-alarm fire broke out in a storage company warehouse in downtown Spokane near midnight Sunday and loss was estimated at \$300,000.

Most of the furniture and appliances stored in the three-story building belonged to military personnel. It was valued at \$150,000 and replacement value of the building was fixed at \$150,000.

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