

Priest Files Criminal Charge After Beating By Parishioner

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — A Roman Catholic priest filed criminal charges Tuesday against a parishioner he said beat him and blackened his eye in a racial argument.

The Rev. Frank Ecmovich, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in nearby Belle Chase, filed simple battery charges against Leonard Henry Mackenroth. The argument involved a racially integrated religious instruction class.

Father Ecmovich said Mackenroth, whose child was a member

of the class, came to the church rectory last Saturday afternoon with his wife and the parents of two other children in the study group.

He said the parents "launched into a verbal attack on the race issue," because white and Negro children took part in a retreat together.

"Retreat" is a period of reflection preparatory to receiving several of the sacraments of the church—in this case Holy Communion.

Class Was Integrated

Father Ecmovich, 47, still had the black eye as he talked with newsmen Tuesday night. He said the class was integrated — 4 Negroes attended with 32 white children — so that separate three-hour instructions and confessions would not be necessary.

He said all other phases of the pre-sacramental instruction were

segregated in a policy followed at the church for the past two years.

Father Ecmovich, a member of the Society of the Divine Word for almost 20 years and a native of Alexandria, La., said Mackenroth jabbed his finger into the priest's shoulder repeatedly during the argument.

"One of the parishioners said 'Why don't you stand up to me?'" Father Ecmovich said. "I answered I wasn't afraid to stand up." He said when he did Mackenroth hit him on the left eye.

He said Mackenroth continued to strike him and knocked him against a filing cabinet. He said one of the other parents pulled Mackenroth back. Father Ecmovich said he extended his hand to Mackenroth, "but he and the others walked out."

Threatens A Mauling

He said Mackenroth shouted at him: "I am going to maul you so you can't preach tomorrow."

Whether the case ever comes to trial will be up to Dist. Atty. Leander Perez Jr. He must study the affidavit the priest filed with a justice of the peace Tuesday.

Perez, father, Leander H. Perez Sr., the political leader of Plaquemines Parish in which Belle Chase is located, was excommunicated last year from the Roman Catholic Church for vocal opposition to the archdiocese's plans to desegregate the schools under its jurisdiction.

A spokesman for the archdiocese said an attack on a priest means automatic severance from the sacraments of the church.

Belle Chase schools are not desegregated. The town is about 50 miles north of Buras, La., another Plaquemines Parish community, where last year segregationists succeeded in getting a total boycott of a Catholic school which was desegregated.

The school remains open, but no children attend.



AMERICA'S COOKOUT CHAMPION for 1963, Thomas J. McDermott, Jr., a 32-year-old Los Angeles attorney, is shown with his prize winner, "Grilled Imperial Crown Meat Loaf." The award made Monday night in Honolulu, and included besides the title, a check for \$10,000. McDermott, youngest winner in four years, says the loaf is made from ground lamb. (UPI Telaphoto).

Navy Probing Sinking Of Sub

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (UPI) — A naval court of inquiry into the sinking of the submarine Thresher went into closed session today to hear and review evidence of a classified nature.

Vice Adm. Bernard L. Austin, court president, said the closed sessions might last "several" days. The court is trying to determine the cause of the April 10 sinking in which 129 men were lost.

The hearing room was cleared of newsmen shortly after an official of the Portsmouth Naval shipyard where the submarine was built and overhauled was called to identify debris believed from the Thresher.

It was indicated the testimony by Cicero A. Lewis, project engineer in the shipyard's design division, might deal with military secrets.

The debris included a charred chunk of plastic believed part of the Thresher's nuclear reactor shield. A previous witness had testified the plastic was burned in a "crash of flame."

The debris, scooped from the Atlantic in the area where the Thresher sank, also included oil slick samples, gloves used in a nuclear reactor section of a submarine, and part of a life jacket.

Shortly before going into closed session, a veteran employee of the shipyard expressed the opinion that a failure in the Thresher's piping system triggered the sinking.

James C. Rogers, an assistant quality assurance division supervisor at the yard, said "failure of a piping system would be the most hazardous condition that might occur."

While the court was hearing testimony, the Thresher's sister ship, Jack, was launched in the yard nearby. The Jack was designed to travel faster, deeper and more silently than the ill-fated Thresher.

Azalea-Glendale HEC Unit Slates Meeting

A special meeting of the Azalea-Glendale Home Economics Unit will be held at the Azalea Grange Hall Thursday at 10:30 a.m. to be featured will be a public information talk on wills by Mary Fletcher Douglas County home extension agent. Potluck luncheon will be served at noon.

Miss Fletcher was scheduled to speak at a recent regular meeting, but was unable to appear because of a conflict of dates. The public is invited to attend, reports Mrs. G. B. Fox, Glendale correspondent.

Floral And Art Exhibit Set Friday In Dillard

The Winston Dillard Rainbow Garden Club is having a silver tea, floral arrangement exhibit and showing of local amateur paintings at the home of Mrs. Oren Ledgerwood in Dillard this Friday between 1:30 and 4 p.m. All interested persons are invited according to correspondent Phebe McGuire.

Anyone wishing to bring a floral arrangement to be entered in the exhibit may do so. The judging will be done by Mrs. Lee Wilson.

Textbook Rent Plan Opposed

SALEM (UPI) — A bill to let school districts rent textbooks to parochial high schools was attacked here Tuesday by two churches, a lodge, the Oregon School Boards Association and the Civil Liberties Union. The Senate Education Committee is hearing the bill.

The measure grew out of a State Supreme Court ruling last year that the state's long practice of giving textbooks to parochial schools was unconstitutional.

Two Portland attorneys, both involved in the case, favored the bill.

Leo Smith, representing the Catholic Archdiocese of Portland and Oregon, said the bill only extended the "common privilege of any citizen" to rent books.

Judah Bierman of the ACLU replied the Supreme Court prohibition against giving books would apply to renting them to parochial high school students.

He said the court decision "made fully clear that even though the books were placed in the pupils' hands they benefit the religious institution."

He said the bill would be "opening the door again to state subsidy of religious education."

Attorney Roy F. Shields, a supporter of the bill, conceded school districts would incur some administrative expenses in renting books.

Lewis E. Starr of the Masonic Lodge said his group would not oppose the bill if it were amended to charge the private schools for all costs.

The committee did not take any final action.

California Man Waives Hearing Here Tuesday

Fraudulent use of a credit card is charged to David Francis Deer, 22, of Sacramento, Calif., who waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the Douglas County Grand Jury, on appearance before District Judge Gerald R. Hayes Tuesday.

He is charged with forging the name of M. C. Gilliam at the Elk Creek Market of Fred Burse.

The report of the investigating sheriff's deputy who made the arrest said Deer is alleged to have used the card with forged signature at several places in this county and elsewhere.

When first confronted, Deer denied having the card, but later produced it, the deputy said. He also admitted to being on a five-year probation in California and that he was in this state without authority of the probation and parole board there.

Fire District Committee Seeks Residents' OK

Clyde Marriott, chairman of the Fire District Committee of the Cow Creek Development Association, announced today that the section of the proposed district between the junction of the Glendale Road and Old Highway 99, and Azalea will be dropped from the proposed district within the next few days.

Marriott said that, to date, there had been some opposition from the area and practically no interest shown. If persons who live on that section of the road wish to be included it is imperative, Marriott said, that they express themselves either to him or at the next meeting of the Cow Creek Development Association, which will be held at the high school on Tuesday evening, May 7.

Cold, Rain Forecast

The five-day weather forecast, according to the Weather Bureau station at the Roseburg Airport, calls for temperatures below normal with highs of 53 to 63 and lows of 38 to 43. More than normal precipitation is expected in the form of recurring rains.

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Plea Of Innocence Entered To Charge

Wayne Alfred Kerr, 31, of Rt. 1, Box 1151, Roseburg, pleaded innocent to drawing a bank check with insufficient funds with intent to defraud, when arraigned before District Court Judge Gerald R. Hayes Tuesday. Trial was set for Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Plea Changed

Leo Leonard Miller, 25, of 707 SE Ramp Rd., Roseburg, changed a previous plea of innocence to guilty to assault and battery. He was sentenced by Judge Hayes to serve 30 days in the Douglas County Jail and fined \$5 cash for administering a beating with a belt to his 3-year-old daughter. He is to be released Friday on parole.

Jimmy Ray Bennett, 19, of 1632 SE Main St., Roseburg, pleaded guilty to drunken driving in District Court night session Tuesday. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined \$150.

Lymon L. Spencer, 544 NE Jackson St., was found guilty on trial of drunken driving in District Court. He was fined \$100, \$5 costs and sentenced to serve five days in jail. He served oral notice of appeal.

Science Fair Winners Named At Canyonville

Twenty young people have won gold seals at the Canyonville Science Fair, to become eligible to compete in the Regional Science Fair scheduled at Roseburg, starting Thursday.

The winners by grades were: Lynn Woods, Donald Cooper, Ricky Bloss, first grade; Daria Epping, Cameron Richy, Linda Neel, second grade; Colleen Olsen, Lona Marfield, James Ringen, Sharon Ford, Sheila Neel, third grade; Shelley Rowe, Remi Moore, fourth grade; Mary Beth Proctor, Linda Brayton, fifth grade; Dorothy Young, Terri Stanley, Bonnie Goss, sixth grade; and John Hancock and Mary Ann Soper, junior high.

Twenty-four youngsters won silver seal awards.

Suspended License Means Fine And Jail

Jack Benjamin Stroop, 36, of 3038 N. Follett St., Roseburg, was fined \$70 and \$5 costs and was sentenced to serve two days in the Roseburg city jail, by Municipal Judge Warren Woodruff in traffic court Tuesday night. The charge was driving an automobile with suspended operator's license.

Two persons arrested by city police on drunken driving charges pleaded innocent. They were Vincent Mahen Howard Jr., 39, of 1305 SE Cobb St., whose trial was set for April 30, and Ann Phillips, 26, of 520 SE Flood St. Date for her trial has not been set.

Total of 23 cases were handled in night court, including those mentioned, nine for basic rule violation, five non-stop, and the other miscellaneous.

Faye Allen

Faye Allen, 64, of Myrtle Creek, died early Wednesday morning at a Canyonville hospital following a lengthy illness. Funeral arrangements will be made later by Ganz Mortuary in Myrtle Creek.

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Publishers Ask Assurance Against Use Of Falsehoods

NEW YORK (UPI) — The President of the American Newspaper Publishers Association called today for "an authoritative and clear-cut assurance" from the Kennedy administration "that there is no place on its program for the use of the lie as an instrument of national policy."

The press is looking to the democratic weapons of truth and freedom at a time when government seems to insist more and

J. Lane Singers Get Trip Boost

Some 78 students of the Joseph Lane Junior High School will take part Saturday in the "large group" music contest to be held at Southern Oregon College as a result of a fund raising effort of interested parents, according to Mrs. Don Bailey, one of the volunteer sponsoring group.

The contest is a part of a spring event staged by the Southern Oregon Music Association for adjudication of bands and choral groups.

The advanced mixed chorus and the girls' club will each present several numbers. Mrs. Bailey said, under the direction of Marshall Warner, choral director at the school. The students will make the trip by chartered bus. The school band is also making the trip under school sponsorship and with trip funds budgeted for the band.

Judges for the choral groups at the gathering will be Neil Wilson from the University of Oregon, Gordon Tjernlund from the McMinnville school system, and Leiland Barlow from Humboldt State College in California.

The Joseph Lane choral groups are considered outstanding for their age group, Mrs. Bailey said, which prompted the fund raising effort.

Father-Son Banquet Scheduled By Baptists

This Friday at 6:30 p.m., a Father and Son Banquet will be held at the First Conservative Baptist Church, 1128 N. Lincoln St.

Pastor Roy Campbell announces that the annual event is sponsored by the Men's Fellowship of the Church, which has chosen a timely theme for the evening, "I Go Fishing."

This theme will be of interest to all men and boys and will be carried out in the decorations and program of the evening. The program includes the showing of a colored film of fishing in Canada and an appropriate message by the Rev. John Manitis of the Glendale Baptist Church.

Tickets for the banquet are in the form of "fishing licenses" and may be purchased at the door. All men and boys are invited to attend.

Merely Players Schedule Meet

The Merely Players will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. to-night at the Preschenn Barn on Melrose Road. General plans for the forthcoming production of "Bus Stop" will be on the agenda.

Cast for the play, which is now in rehearsal, is still short one male actor, according to Glen Yates, publicity chairman. Rehearsals are presently being staged by working around these roles, Yates said, and it is urgently requested that any interested persons come to tonight's meeting to try out. Ample coaching will be provided, Yates said.

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Polling Places Set For Annual Roseburg Budget Vote Tuesday

Polling places for the Roseburg city budget election next Tuesday are unchanged from polls established for the budget vote of a year ago, it was reported today by Mrs. Frances Jellison, city recorder.

Polls will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) at five locations within the city. These locations are:

Benson School, for Benson, Eastwood, Umpqua and Mill West precincts.

Roseburg High School Library,

for Laurelwood, West Roseburg and Wharton precincts.

Hucrest School, for Hucrest precinct.

West Side Fire Station, for Brown, North Brown, West Brown, Fairhaven, Grove and Orchard precincts.

City Hall Council Chambers, for Caro, Deer Creek, Hamilton, Hawthorne, Herman, Lane, Miller, Roseburg and Woodward precincts.

Questions Reported

Two questions are before the voters. They will be asked to approve the city's annual proposal to levy an amount in excess of the 6 percent constitutional limitation. The levy excess requiring approval is \$316,550.

Total expenditures proposed amount to \$991,523 including an operating budget of \$899,023 and capital improvement budget of \$92,500.

The other question before voters will involve use of blast area funds. As result of savings in the use of the Blast Area Development funds, it has been proposed that the intended use of the fund be broadened so that \$88,900 can be expended for park and swimming pool improvements.

Turnout Small

Local voters in last year's budget election approved the levy excess 538 to 253. The total turnout of 591 was 9.6 percent of the city's 6,118 registered voters.

In 1961 the budget passed 274 to 88. That turnout represented 5.8 percent of the total registration.

To vote, residents must be qualified electors of the state who are

Bar To Big Fees Aimed In Bill On War Claims

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Appropriations Committee today was expected to approve a plan for rewriting the Philippine War Claims Act to bar big fees for Washington lobbyists.

An appropriations subcommittee decided to include the proposal in a catch-all \$1.4 billion supplemental money bill. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted unanimously to change the law and make the \$73 million lump sum payment to the Philippines.

The present law, passed last year, provides for payments to individual claimants through the U. S. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

Senate action on the House-passed measure appeared likely next week.

The revised approach was sponsored by Chairman J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., of the foreign relations group following disclosures that lobbyists for Philippine claimants stood to reap huge fees from the present law.

Money for the original \$73 million claims program was appropriated last year. If approved by the Senate and retained in the bill by House-Senate conferees, the new provision would redirect the amount to the Philippine government instead of to the claims commission. No additional funds would be needed.

Other congressional news:

Medical House leaders were faced with fights over civil rights and student loans in efforts to get the administration's medical school bill passed. The bill would spend \$175 million over three years to help build and renovate medical, dental and other "health profession" schools. It also would provide \$61 million over the same period to finance a loan program for needy medical, dental and osteopathic students. Rep. Abner Sibal, R-Conn., said he would introduce an amendment to bar allocation of funds to schools that practice racial or religious discrimination. A move to knock out the loan feature from the program was believed to stand a good chance of winning House approval.

Communications: Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., questioned whether the Senate had the constitutional right to confirm officers of the Communications Satellite Corp. Gore said it would be unprecedented for the Senate to give its "advice and consent" in a situation involving a "private corporation organized and chartered for profit." His remarks were prepared for the opening of a Senate battle over the 14 prominent business and professional leaders named by President Kennedy as incorporators to set up the new space company.

Lebanon Firm Bids Low On Substation Project

Low bidder for two projects involving construction of a 115-kilovolt switching station and substation in western Douglas County for Bonneville Power Administration Tuesday were named today.

It was Lebanon Electric Co. of Lebanon for the switching station, with a bid of \$39,933, and \$17,201 for the substation. The substation will be located at Tahkenith Lake and the substation will be at Gardiner.

The line is being strung to the area to furnish power for industrial developments in the western Douglas County area.

Ontario Driver Killed

ONTARIO (UPI) — Arthur Niles, 28, Carbondale, Pa., was killed in a one-car accident near here Tuesday night.

He was alone in his car.

Elkton Science Winners Named

Winners in the Elkton School Science Fair announced this week are now eligible to enter the regional Science Fair which is due to get under way Thursday at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Gold Seal awards went to seventh graders Candi Clemons and Diane Byers on a duo project; seventh graders Sally Grimsrud and Jerry Mask, also on a joint project; and to eighth graders Judy Abraham, Johana Lanfelt and Rachel Holcomb.

There were 11 silver awards and 14 rated awards, correspondent Mrs. C. W. Henderer reports.

The eighth grade class will be in Roseburg Friday of this week to take part in the annual 4-H Market Day, Mrs. Henderer said.

Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m., has been set for the annual Spring Music Concert to be given at the high school under the direction of William Hickerson. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

Order Of Court Holds Up Strike

CHICAGO (UPI) — A court order protected the Santa Fe Railway today from a trainmen's strike until at least next Monday.

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Local Shriners Hear Potentate

Six representatives of the Roseburg Shrine Club were briefed in Ashland Tuesday by Imperial Potentate George M. Klepper on future plans of the national Shrine organization.

Klepper is head of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the



GEORGE KLEPPER ... cites Shrine projects

Mystic Shrine for North America. He was making his official visitation to Hillah Temple.

He told the shriners that a projected "burns hospital" to provide children who suffer from burns specialized treatment is being programmed as a Shrine project. The first of these is to be established in Boston, Mass., in collaboration with the Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts General Hospital. He also outlined plans for expanding and improving the work of 17 existing Shriners hospitals.

Those attending from the Roseburg club were C. H. (Stub) Esselstrom, junior past potentate of the Hillah Temple; Bob Curtis, divan member; Jim Vaughn, president of the Roseburg club; Dave Weisman, vice president, all of Roseburg, and Harry Held and Eddie Barnes, both of Sutherlin.

Umpqua Lambs Reported First To Be Marketed

Mrs. Will Long of Umpqua is reported to be the first lamb raiser in the county to bring spring lambs to the market this year. The lambs, sold at auction in Wilbur, averaged 103 pounds each in weight. They were 3½ months old at the time of sale, according to Mrs. George Munson, correspondent.

Mrs. Long raises sheep on her own. Mrs. Munson said, and last year was also the first to market with spring lambs for the area.

Christian Endeavor Rally

This Friday at 7 p.m. the West-side Christian Church is hosting a rally, election, and installation for Douglas Union Christian Endeavor. The Crusader Quartet of Northwest Christian College will conduct the program, consisting of readings and songs.

Burglary Probed At Melrose School

The sheriff's department and school authorities today were investigating a burglary at the Melrose School. The building was ransacked, but nothing so far has been discovered missing, the report showed.

Meanwhile, two house burglaries were reported to city police. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. St. Onge, 2110 Foothill Dr., returned from vacation to find their home had been entered and coins taken from a piggy bank. The bank had been forced open by use of a .22 calibre pistol.

Minor items were taken from the home of Nancy Ann Phillips, 621 NE Winchester, some time between April 13 and 21, while the occupants were away.

Several minor larcenies around the county are being investigated.

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The trainmen threatened to strike against the 8,000-mile eastern and western lines—roughly, the area between Chicago and Albuquerque, N.M., and Sweetwater, Tex.—of the 13,000-mile Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe system. The Gulf and West Coast lines were not involved.

The dispute was over the remaining issues of more than 100 work rule changes asked by the Brotherhood in 1956. The remaining issues included union requests for fixed crew make-up, guaranteed pay for yardmen, and changes in computation of pay of trainmen in depots.

The dispute was closely related to the featherbedding controversy that has raged almost as long between the nation's 195 Class I railroads and five operating brotherhoods.

In that controversy, negotiations resume in Chicago Thursday with a presidential emergency board seeking to achieve a settlement before a June 10 expiration date.

Hospital News

Visiting Hours
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Mercy Hospital

Admitted: Mrs. Raymond Finch, David Vigue, Robert Keyser, Greg Stoughton, all of Roseburg; Thomas Mills, Mrs. Leonard Fullerton, both of Winston; Kit Johnson, Sutherlin.

Discharged: Sherrie Barg, Carrie Thomas, Willard Nickolaus, George Workman, Isaac Cheeseman, Robert Voss, Minerva Westenhiser, Mrs. Lynn McCabe, all of Roseburg; Edward Probst, Sutherlin.

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted: Mrs. Lyle Kelly, Samuel Platt, Mrs. Ernest Bazilotti, George Quine, Mrs. Roy Burhart, Mrs. Robert Williams, all of Roseburg.

Discharged: Clyde Yarbrough, Aubrey Henderson, both of Roseburg; Vernon Brenden, Carolyn Schulze, Harold Guthrie, Jerry VanSlyke, all of Roseburg; Anna Ordal, Bellingham, Wash.; Floyd White, Winston.

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