

Arson Charges Filed Against UI Student

MOSCOW, Idaho, Nov. 20 (AP)—A charge of first degree arson was filed tonight against a freshman student who officers said had admitted setting one in a series of dormitory fires which struck the University of Idaho campus last month.

He was not charged with setting the fire in which three fellow students lost their lives early on the morning of Oct. 19.

Paul D. Matovich, 20, Kellogg, Idaho, was charged with physically setting a fire at Chrisman hall Oct. 13 in which a davenport, chair and drapes were burned.

Other Blazes

There were other dormitory fires on the campus Oct. 12, 14 and 19. Arson was suspected in each, including the last blaze in which the students died.

Earle Koehler, state law enforcement commissioner who has been here for two days, issued the following statement:

"Thirty-three days of intensive investigation by local, county and state officials has resulted in the solution of the series of fires at University of Idaho dormitories and the deaths of three students in the last fire at Gault hall, Oct. 19.

Koehler did not elaborate on the last section of his statement, other than to say investigation was continuing into the Oct. 19 fire.

Matovich was arraigned before a justice of the peace. He waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to Superior court under \$40,000 bond.

Latah county prosecutor Lloyd G. Martinson said that Matovich had a history of setting fires, including "three or four" at Hamilton Air Force base in California, where he had once been stationed while in the service.

Confession Filed

Koehler said the intensive investigation "has culminated in the full confession by Matovich" to setting the Chrisman hall fire.

The Gault hall fire struck just after 2 a.m., sweeping from a second floor lounge to sleeping quarters above in the new \$500,000 dormitory which housed 150.

The victims were Paul Johnson of Davenport, Wash., John Knudson of Idaho Falls and Clair Schuldberg of Terreton, Idaho.

Johnson was found dead in a shower room with a towel about his head. The other two were found in a charred hall on the fourth floor.

Gridder Cleared Of Theft Charge

CORVALLIS (AP)—Paul Lowe, Oregon State College football player indicted by a grand jury on a charge of taking a bicycle, was exonerated by circuit judge Fred McHenry Tuesday.

The judge sustained a demurrer to the charge filed by Lowe's attorney, Karl Huston, and dismissed the indictment. The demurrer objected to prosecution of the felony charge under the state motor vehicle code.

Huston contended a bicycle was not intended for inclusion in that part of the state code relating to theft.

Lowe and a fellow student, Bert Washington, were accused of taking the bicycle of a Corvallis High School youth last June 29, without his permission but without attempt to steal. They were indicted Oct. 11.

Judge McHenry also ordered the charge against Washington dismissed.

Lowe said he had borrowed the bicycle from a friend, not realizing that it did not belong to the friend.

Hungarian Rebel Vows to Continue Revolution Battle

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 20 (AP)—A 21-year-old Hungarian student who says he led an army of 5,000 in their uprising against the Russians, said tonight the revolt "is not over yet and I will return to fight in two weeks."

The student, who earlier told government officials in Washington of the revolution, is using the name "Istvan Laszlo" to prevent possible reprisals against relatives in Hungary.

In a talk at a rally called by sympathizers of Hungary, Laszlo declared:

"I don't believe the Hungarian revolt is crushed. It is still in force and it will be successful."

Laszlo told newsmen after his talk that he would go "underground" when he returns to Hungary if the revolt has been crushed.

State Employee Awards Available

Any state employee has the opportunity to receive a cash award for submitting practical suggestions for improving efficiency, safety, or cutting down expenses of State service, according to Mrs. Taylor, member of the University Employee Suggestion committee.

The committee, voted by the last legislature, has awarded a total of \$2,360 to 70 suggestions in cash awards. No one from the University has applied, however.

Suggestion blanks are available at the business office of Emerald hall or by writing the State Employee Suggestion Award board at Salem.

15 Corporations Make 100 Million This Year

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Some of the biggest boys are putting on more profit weight this year. And even when their corporate earnings are running behind a year ago, they aren't exactly wasting away.

Fifteen American nonfinancial corporations each have made more than 100 million dollars after taxes so far this year. That is one more than earned that much in the first nine months of 1955, five more than did in the same period of 1954. In prewar 1939 only two of them made that much—the Bell Telephone and General Motors.

Four of this year's 15 stayed above the 100 million mark although reporting earnings dropped below last year's.

When all of 1956's earnings after taxes are tallied, two more corporations may join the 15. Their nine months profits weren't too far below the mark.

The summer steel strike and the auto sales drop changed the standings of some of the top 15 money makers, and pushed another one out of the list.

Bethlehem Steel, which at this time last year had earned more than 100 million dollars, was just under that figure when the summer quarter ended.

Ford in 11th Place

Ford, which at this time last year ranked fourth among the giants of profit, is down to 11th place now after a 53 per cent tumble.

General Motors, despite a 30 per cent drop in earnings, still holds top rank, however, edging out New Jersey Standard Oil. The Detroit giant made 639½ million dollars, while the big oil company reports its nine months net at 693 million to retain second place. It was a 15 per cent rise for Jersey.

Bell holds onto third position with a gain of 14 per cent, reporting 550½ million dollars net income.

DuPont Replaces Ford

DuPont has moved into Ford's old place at fourth, although the chemical firm's profits this year are four per cent lower than last year, when it was fifth.

U. S. Steel moved up from sixth to fifth, although earnings were off nine per cent, while the Texas Co. went from seventh to sixth with a nine per cent increase in profits from its old activities. Gulf Oil rose even faster, from eleventh to seventh place, on a 42 per cent jump.

DuPont, big steel, Texas and Gulf were all in the 200 million to 300 million bracket.

Eighth, ninth and tenth positions didn't change, being held by California Standard Oil, Socony Mobil and General Electric, respectively—each better than 150 million dollars.

Kennecott Copper Jumps

Kennecott Copper jumped from 16th to 12th this year—from 82 million dollars profit in the first nine months of 1955 to 116 million this time, a gain of 42 per cent.

Indiana Standard Oil retained 13th place despite gaining 12 per cent in earnings this year. Union Carbide & Carbon kept 14th place with a slight profit gain. Shell Oil is the fifteenth, a 17 per cent increase bringing it from 86 million to just above the 100 million mark.

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Thanksgiving Choice Stymies Poor Texans

By ROBERT E. FORD

DALLAS (AP)—Texas is blessed with two Thanksgivings this year. No other state can make that claim.

Texans can take their pick—Nov. 22 or Nov. 29.

For this they can thank Franklin D. Roosevelt, the U.S. Congress, the Texas Legislature and a rugged states rights outlook.

FDR started the ball bouncing in 1939. November has five Thursdays that year. He announced that the third Thursday would be Thanksgiving.

More Yule Shopping Time

He hoped to make merchants especially thankful. His plan was to allow a greater spread between Christmas and Thanksgiving so shoppers would have more time for yule buying.

People who wanted their traditions to stay put cried out. Texans called it federal intervention.

Congress got around to making the "fourth Thursday" official in 1941.

Texas governors picked the state's Thanksgiving after that. The Legislature took it out of the governors' hands in 1951 by naming the "last Thursday."

Careless Cussing Halts Finn Twin

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Nov. 20 (AP)—George C. Finn, one of the "flying Finn twins," was acquitted of assault today but found guilty of using profane language during a dispute at Washington National Airport Sept. 18.

Finn, conducting his defense, moved to "arrest judgement" against him on the swearing count on the ground the airport regulations covering cussing are not valid.

Sentence was withheld in federal District Court pending a decision by Judge Albert V. Bryan on his motion.

Finn was charged with assaulting an air force policeman at the airport.

calendar or Congress or the Legislature backs down, Texas will have two Thanksgivings on years when November has five Thursdays.

What do Texans think about it?

Wick Fowler of Dallas said he is violently opposed. "I'm a sentimental fool about Thanksgiving," he said, "but two Thanksgivings just cut the pleasure in half."

"I think having two Thanksgivings is just plain dumb," Mrs. Carl Ryan of Dallas exploded.

Just One Thanksgiving

Vick Lindley of the Bryan Daily Eagle, almost next door to the A&M College, said: "Two Thanksgivings? In this place there's only one Thanksgiving—the day the Aggies play Texas U."

"The banks and post offices may be closed Nov. 22, but everybody will wonder why."

Waco's Mayor D. T. Hicks proclaimed what he called a "States Rights Thanksgiving" for Nov. 29.

The conflict strikes into the home. Many fathers will observe the 22nd because that's the day the boss liked. Their school-age children will observe the 29th in most places.

Generally speaking, federal agencies, the armed services and many retail stores will observe the first holiday.

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