

John William Zimmerly Fatally Shot Saturday; Local Officer Is Cleared

John William Zimmerly, 24, Cottage Grove resident and ex-service man was fatally shot Saturday night near 10:30 p. m. by William Pankey, a special officer at the intersection of Main and Seventh street as the officer was attempting to assist Carl E. Jones, night patrolman in taking a prisoner to the city jail. Zimmerly was shot through the left side, the ball emerging on the opposite side of his body and died while being rushed to a Eugene hospital.

Testifying before a coroner's jury, Pankey said the shot was accidental. The jury also heard Guy Smith, police chief testify there had been a growing disrespect for the law here for the past few years and that in several instances in the past there had been interference from outside parties while the officers were making the arrests. The jury returned a verdict of "no crime committed", after hearing testimony of the five young men involved in the affray and the three officers.

Principal facts brought out in the coroner's inquest held in the council chambers of the city hall Tuesday, which lasted until well in the afternoon were these as gathered by a special Sentinel representative:

In the crowded council chambers at the city hall Tuesday, June 25, in an inquest conducted by Deputy District Attorney Ed Luckey and Deputy Coroner Fred Buell, testimony was given by witnesses concerning events as seen by them on Saturday, June 22 which led up to the death of William Zimmerly. These events followed the arrest of Robert Lee Dugan whom earlier in the evening officer Jones had tried to persuade to go home as stated by Dugan and others in testimony.

According to Dugan he was a member of a party of five, including Zimmerly who between them had consumed about half of five fifth bottles of whiskey during the evening. He stated that he himself drank about a water glass full of the whiskey, as he remembered. The arresting officer, Carl Edward Jones, when called to the stand stated that he called for special officer Pankey to accompany him to the station with the prisoner, that as they proceeded on their way they were approached by three others, Zimmerly, Robert Paul Fraser and Donald Deere, who attempted to relieve them of their prisoner.

He stated that in the scuffle which ensued Pankey was struck with a crutch by Fraser. Then he related how he with Fraser and Donald Deere fell to the pavement while officer Pankey was left with Zimmerly. When questioning Fraser on the stand Deputy Dist. Atty. Luckey asked him

whether he had respect for our laws and if he considered them to be fair. To his affirmative answer he was asked why he felt that he had to interfere at this time. He answered that there had been false arrests here before this. The examiner asked if the one arrested had been convicted and Fraser's answer was "No, he was freed". When testifying Chief of Police Guy Smith stated that there has been opposition to law enforcement here and disrespect for the officers which he has noticed ever since joining the force in 1938 and which seems to be steadily growing, and that several times there has been interference from third parties when officers have been making arrests.

When Pankey testified he stated that it became necessary to place Zimmerly under arrest and Zimmerly struck him on the jaw and that blow with the one received from Fraser's crutch dazed him, but Zimmerly struck him again, which brought him somewhat to his senses, then he said he grabbed Zimmerly and in their struggle Zimmerly got hold of his gun and brought it from the holster, and that as he tried to wrench the gun away it was discharged in some manner thus shooting Zimmerly. The case went to the jury a few minutes before 5:00 p. m., who later returned a verdict which was "No crime committed."

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Million Dollar Fire at Medford

A three-block sector of Medford's industrial district was a smoldering ruin yesterday after the worst fire in Medford's history leveled fruit packing and lumber plants valued at more than one million dollars.

There was fear too that the region's multi-million dollar pear growing industry would suffer an even greater loss because the fruit plants—two of them among the largest in the district—could not be replaced before the August fruit harvest.

Fire Chief Roy Elliot listed the \$500,000 American Fruit Growers plant, where the fire started; the adjoining Crystal Springs Packing Company and the Reter Packing plant among those destroyed. A large lumber yard, a lumber mill plant and a feed and seed company also were leveled.

Burning barrels of oil fruit spray resisted efforts of Medford firemen to halt spread of the fire for an hour and Elliott said only the combined hose of two neighboring cities, the Oregon Forestry Service and the Navy's Camp White equipment finally quelled the two-hour-long blaze.

Sentinel to Be Out Next Week July 3rd

Our next publication day will fall on July 4th, a national holiday. In order to observe the day we will print the next issue on Wednesday the 3rd. To do this we will have to have the cooperation of both our advertisers and news gathering staff. Please get your copy in early.

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C G Masonic Lodge Observes Its 75th Birthday Friday

The 75th anniversary of the local Masonic lodge was observed Friday evening with a program at the Masonic building and following the program a pot luck dinner was served and the evening closed with a dance.

Several of the older members, invited as special guests were incapacitated and could not attend. Interesting talks were made by Pat Graham and Sherman Godard, past masters of the Cottage Grove lodge, Worth Harvey, past master and grand senior deacon, Mrs. Ilma Thum, grand conductress of the Eastern Star and Mrs. Nettie Gawley, worthy matron of the Eastern Star.

Miss Culver favored the gathering with several vocal numbers during the program.

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Sawdust Mulch Is OK if Nitrogen Supply Is Ample

Sawdust as a mulch may be used around perennial plants safely whether fresh or old and regardless of kind, but if worked into the soil it will rob crops of available nitrogen until thoroughly decomposed.

Such is the gist of a preliminary report on sawdust mulching made to the Oregon Association of Nurserymen, members of which spent two days on the Oregon State college campus in June visiting scores of experimental projects related to their industry.

Fresh fir and fresh alder sawdust has been used in mulching trials started three years ago and which will be continued to determine results year after year. Alder sawdust decomposed much faster than fir, but even it depleted soil nitrogen when turned under.

Additions of large amounts of nitrogen fertilizer when sawdust is worked into the soil has overcome the depleting effect, reported A. N. Roberts, assistant horticulturalist of the experiment station. Just how much fertilizer is required under varying conditions and how long it will be needed is now being studied.

Other effects on the soil have all been favorable, Roberts explained. Physical condition and water holding capacity were improved by the added organic matter. Some plants, including roses, appear to be especially benefited.

Small Mill Being Built on Sharps Creek East of Here

T. A. Lovegren is building a small mill in the Sharps creek area east of here. The mill will have a daily capacity of 20,000 to 25,000 feet and will employ some 15 to 20 men when completed. Operations will likely be started within 30 to 60 days if materials are available to complete the plant.

Fire Crew Ready At Rujada Station

The Umpqua national forest has organized a fire fighting crew to serve this district according to Rex Wakefield, district ranger at Rujada, and the crew has completed a brief guard school held at Roseburg June 17th to the 21st under the auspices of the Umpqua national forest.

The crew which will serve the Brice Creek, Layne Creek section in addition to Mr. Wakefield includes: Hal Goodyear, the new assistant ranger; Geo. Damewood, sealer; Jay Robinson, packer; Ray Nelson, fire prevention guard; Leo and Leonard Layne, 2-man suppression crew; Earl Elliott, in charge of road and trail improvement. He will also help out in fire prevention. David Jones from the Colorado state forester school will serve as patrolman from the Musick guard station, assisted by two boys, Morgan Shirlock, school teacher from DeBay, Wash., will man the Rujada lookout. L. Plath navy discharge, will serve as lookout fireman stationed at the Silica lookout and John Kelly at the Swastika lookout.

At least one trail crew of boys will be used and possibly two. Mrs. Gladys Berrey will again be stationed at the Fairview lookout. C. W. Vasey who has been stationed at Rujada for several years will be transferred to the forest warehouse at Roseburg.

The forest service at Rujada has a new fire truck purchased on account of the increased lumber activity of that area.

John W. Zimmerly Rites Yesterday

Rites for John William Zimmerly, 24, who died June 22nd, were held from the Catholic church yesterday morning at 10 a. m. with Father L. H. Sohler, officiating. Interment was in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery. He was born January 22, 1922 at Pioneer, Washington, and had lived here practically all his life.

Surviving relatives are the following relatives: mother, Mrs. Eleanor Zimmerly, three sisters, Mrs. Daisy DeLacy, Mrs. Dorothy Peck and Miss Patricia Zimmerly, all of Cottage Grove.

He was a member of the Catholic church and VFW. Mills Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Camp Lucky Boy Opened June 23rd

Camp Lucky Boy, summer camp of the Oregon Trail council located on Blue River off the McKenzie River highway, officially opened Sunday, June 23 for its 20th season, according to council president J. R. Bruckhart. Reservations had been received for a capacity period of 125 scouts and 30 leaders and staff members.

The camp staff checked in to camp director Ernest A. Seaton last Wednesday and participated in a pre-camp staff training program preparatory to the opening period.

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First period troops which checked in at camp Sunday included troop 1 and troop 3 of Corvallis, troop 6 and troop 54 of Eugene; troop 15 of Junction City; troop 30 of Toledo, troop 46 of Newport; troop 66 of River Road and troop 89 of Harrisburg.

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Following is the schedule of games for next week: Monday, July 1, Eagles vs. Drain; Knickerbocker's vs. Creswell; V. F. W. Wednesday, July 3; Bressler's vs. Quality Market; Drain vs. Knickerbocker's; Friday, July 5; Creswell vs. V. F. W. vs. Bressler's; Quality Market vs. Eagles.

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Outlook for Feed Grain Down Here, Better Nationally

Oregon's feed grain yield prospects this year are comparatively better than those nationally for rye and barley, but are much below as to oats, according to a review of farm outlook information by the OSC extension service. The combined prospect is better nationally than here.

In contrast with the short prospective national rye grain crop, production in Oregon is expected to be 45 percent greater than last year and 35 percent above average. The USDA crop reporting service estimated the national rye crop at 21.4 million bushels, about 80 percent of last year but less than one-half of the average crop. Production in Oregon was forecast at 675,000 bushels.

Although no estimate of corn production has been made, the over-all feed grain prospect so far this year is about the same as a year ago nationally and in the three Pacific northwest states combined, although smaller in Oregon.

Substantial premiums are being offered for malting barley, and the demand for feed barley is strong. A short national crop of barley was indicated, the smallest since 1937. Oregon's barley crop is expected to be below last year although about average. The national oats crop, however, is expected to exceed even the big 1945 output, but prospects for oats in Oregon on June 1 were 10 percent under 1945 and 25 percent below average.

Carryover stocks of rye are unusually small and the wheat carryover will be the smallest for several years. At mid-June wheat production was estimated at one billion 33 million bushels, however, the third largest crop of record. Thus far in June winter wheat has improved enough to more than offset deterioration in spring wheat.

In the Pacific northwest states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, as of June 1 wheat production was expected to reach 128 million bushels. That would be 11 percent greater than last year and 31 percent above average.

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C. G. Roseburg Tie In Golf Match 23rd

Sunday 22 local golfers journeyed to Roseburg and held the strong Roseburg aggregation to a 34½ tie on the Roseburg country club course. Forty-four golfers took part in the play interrupted several times by showers.

Junior Langston led his team mates with a low score of 74. Low score for Roseburg was turned in by Ward Cummins Sr., with a 78.

The players and points follow:

Roseburg	pts	Grove	pts
R. Bridges	2	Jones	1
C. Howard	1½	Laswell	1½
McElroy	2	Wolford	1
Harris	2½	Morelock	½
E. Pearson	0	Langston	3
Cummins Sr.	2	Lemlog	1
Dr. Amiot	3	P. Rickard	0
W. Brydges	2	P. Johnson	1
R. Collier	3	Macklin	0
P. Collier	1	Bartlett	2
Couter	1½	S. Gasper	1½
Cummins Jr.	1½	B. Gasper	½
Kash	½	F. Lemley	1
Fisher	2	Leonard	1
Marks	2	E. Lemley	0
Rodgers	3	Hays	0
Weber	1½	Hanson	1½
Knight	0	L. Rickard	3
K. Adams	1	Hill	2
Syron	0	DeYoung	3
John Leonard	0	Zebek	2½
Isley	½	Kelly	2½
Total	34½	Total	34½

Biggest Wheat Crop Prospect

New York—Private crop experts think the winter wheat crop, which is now being harvested in the middle west, will be at least 26 million bushels larger than most optimistic government estimates.

However, it does not necessarily follow that there will be more bread on the shelves of grocers and bakers. Continued government pressure for heavy wheat exports and reluctance of farmers to sell are expected to more than offset benefits from the larger domestic crop. Bakers point out that "you can't make bread with statistics," and they are not enthused by the government's promise of more flour for domestic use. Agriculture Secretary Anderson recently promised that next month flour for domestic use would be increased to 85 percent of the 1945 volume from the present 75 percent, but bakers contend that they are getting only half of what they used last year. Grocery stores, especially in the larger cities, find their bread supplies exhausted early each morning and in some instances they ask delivery men to carry the day's supply in the back door. It keeps eager housewives from interfering with deliveries.

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Bryan, recommended by the Lane county Republican central committee, was discharged from the army air corps last Easter.

Several ministers were appointed to Lane County Methodist churches as the Oregon Methodist annual conference closed Monday at Seaside.

The Rev. Frank Brown was returned to the local Methodist church; Claude Groth, supply pastor for Creswell; Fred O. Hunt, Drain and Yoncalla; Maxwell Morris, Oakridge; Rev. Buck, Elkton and Gardiner; Walter MacArthur, Roseburg.

WOMAN MOTORIST KILLED IN REEDSPORT CRASH

Mrs. Leanna Jane Chamberlain, 50, Lakeside, was killed Saturday in a collision of her auto and a truck police reported driven by Wayne Morey, Reedport.

Police reported the truck struck the auto at the intersection of Highway 101 and Oregon 38 as Mrs. Chamberlain turned to enter the entrance to the E. K. Wood Lumber Company mill where she worked.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Eldora Young, Reedport, and one son, Glen, Anchorage, Alaska.

Red Cross Swim Class Starts July 8

Registration for the Red Cross swimming classes sponsored by the Cottage Grove Recreation committee is being held this week and next week at the Jefferson playground. Classes will start Monday, July 8 and will last through either a two or a three week period depending on the registration and interest. All who wish to take advantage of this opportunity for swimming instruction must register in advance so that provision may be made for the proper scheduling of classes, number of instructors needed, etc. Swimmers from the surrounding communities are invited in for these classes.

There will be classes for beginners, intermediates, swimmers, junior lifersavers, and senior lifersavers. The beginners are those who do not know how to swim or are just learning. The intermediates must be able to swim at least 45 feet and be able to dive in and turn around in the water and return to the starting point. The swimmers must be able to swim for at least five minutes, know the frog kick, side stroke and overhand stroke. Junior lifersavers must be able to swim at least 100 yards and be able to float and treat water for at least one minute and know the side stroke and an approach stroke. The senior life savers must have the same qualifications except that they must be able to swim at least 200 yards. The minimum age for the junior life savers is 12 years and is 16 years of age for the seniors or be in the junior class or above in high school.

Classes will be held at the Cottage Grove lake under competent Red Cross instructors. Tentative arrangements are for afternoon classes for the beginners, through a class of junior life savers and evening classes for junior and senior life saving. A definite schedule will be made up after the preliminary registration.

Next week's recreation program includes the usual activities at the Jefferson playground each day. Tuesday evening there will be a twilight softball game at Kelly field starting at 6:45 p. m. when the East Siders meet the West Siders. The East Siders eked out a 9-8 extra inning game over the City Center last Tuesday. The lights will be used for touch football, passing and kicking after the game. All boys interested in football should be out for this. There will be no activities Thursday, July 4th. Next week's swimming sessions will depend on the weather and announcements will be posted on the bulletin board at Jefferson playground. The golf class will be held Monday evening as usual.

There will be a teen age swimming party from 7 to 9 p. m. this Saturday night at the Cottage Grove lake. Anyone going out should drop by the Jefferson school to pick up any swimmers who do not have transportation.

Collins Dairy Sold To Seattle Man

The Collins Dairy located on 5th street, operated here the past year by M. V. Collins and son Ray has been sold to M. F. Hartwig of Seattle, it was learned yesterday. The new owner will take charge July 1st.

Mr. Collins is retiring from the dairy business on account of his health. Mr. Collins and son expect to move to Corvallis about July 15th, where Ray will be employed in a creamery there.

Bicycle Club To Be Formed July 3rd

Preliminaries are underway here to form a bicycle club with all teen age bicycle owners invited to affiliate. Purpose of the club which is sponsored by Bud's bicycle shop is to promote cycling with planned trips and picnics to points nearby.

A call has been issued for the first meeting to be held at Bud's bicycle shop, 1025 South Fourth street, July 3rd beginning at 8:30 a. m. Any bicycle owner is welcome to attend and help plan the activities. Similar clubs have been organized in many other localities.

F. EARL GRAOUTTE REELECTED

At the annual union high school election Monday, F. Earl Graoutte was unanimously reelected to the board, receiving all of the 25 votes cast. In a board meeting called following the election, C. A. Baller was reelected chairman of the board.

