

### Court Rebukes Florida Police

#### Four Negroes Who Faced Death Saved as "Due Process" Denied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The supreme court spoke out sharply today against "secret, inquisitorial" police methods in reversing the conviction of four Florida negroes sentenced to death for the robbery-slaying of a white man.

In a Lincoln's birthday session, the court found that confessions obtained from the prisoners through five days of continuous grilling, even if unaccompanied by physical mistreatment, violated their constitutional right to "due process of law."

The circumstances were such, the court said, as to fill the prisoners with "terror" and "the haunting fear of mob violence was around them."

The unanimous opinion was read in the hushed chamber by Justice Black, whose appointment to the bench was the center of an angry controversy because of his one-time membership of the Ku Klux Klan.

Black slowly and solemnly declared: "Today, as in ages past, we are not without tragic proof that the exalted power of some governments to punish manufactured crime dictatorially is the handmaid of tyranny."

"Under our constitutional system, courts stand against any winds that blow as havens of refuge for those who might otherwise suffer because they are helpless, weak, ignorant, or simple because they are non-conforming victims of prejudice and public excitement."

"Due process of law, preserved for all by our constitution, commands that no such practice as that disclosed by this record shall send any accused to his death. No higher duty, no more solemn responsibility, rests upon this court than that of translating into living law and maintaining this constitutional shield deliberately planned and inscribed for the benefit of every human being subject to our constitution—of whatever race, creed or persuasion."

The negroes were Isiah (Izell) Chambers, Jack Williamson, Charlie Davis and Walter Woodward (Woodard). They were rounded up with more than a score of other negroes immediately after the killing of elderly Robert Darcy at Pompano, Fla., in 1933, and no charges were filed until after confessions were obtained the following week.

Dragnet Method Used  
"Here the record develops a sharp conflict upon the issue of physical violence and mistreatment," the supreme court found, "but shows, without conflict, the dragnet methods of arrest on suspicion without warrant, and the protracted questioning and cross-questioning of these ignorant young colored tenant farmers by state officers and other white citizens, in a fourth floor jail room, where as prisoners they were without friends, advisers or counselors, and under circumstances calculated to break the strongest nerves and the stoutest resistance."

"For five days petitioners were subjected to interrogations culminating in Saturday's all night examination. Over a period of five days they steadily refused to confess and disclaimed any guilt. The very circumstances surrounding their confinement and their questioning without any formal charges having been brought, were such as to fill petitioners with terror and frightful misgivings."

#### Will Head Arnold Arms

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Monday announced Drasdorf, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Drasdorf, Independence, was recently elected president of Arnold Arms. She is also an active member of the campus dramatic club, Crimson O.

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### Seventeen Dead, 300 Injured in Albany, Ga., Tornado



Only two or three buildings were left standing in this section of Albany, Ga., after a tornado struck. Homes and business houses were splintered and boxcars overturned like toys. At least 17 persons were killed and 300 injured. Damage was estimated at \$5,000,000.

### Freeze Noted in Parts of Oregon

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Sub-freezing temperatures were back on Oregon's weather menu today after a weekend of sunshine that warmed most of the state.

The government weather bureau forecast: "Cloudy Tuesday, with rain in west portion; slight rise in temperatures and moderate southerly wind off coast."

Today's minimum temperatures, some of them recorded at airports, included Burns 16 degrees, Lakeview 19, Baker 22, Bend 22, Brookings 41, Eugene 35, Hood River 28, Medford 30, North Bend 39, Pendleton 31, Portland 35, Roseburg 35, Siskiyou Summit 24.

### Children Tested At Turner Clinic

TURNER—A school clinic was held at the schoolhouse Friday, Lucille Maskey, nurse, in charge, with Dr. W. M. Thome and Miss Mrs. Agnes Bear, Mrs. Mary Ball and Mrs. Van Orsdel all assisted. Representatives from Cloverdale, Illihee, Sunnyside, Crawford and Turner districts were examined.

Turner Home and Garden club met with Mrs. Margaret Miller Thursday afternoon, with Miss Kate Ahrens presiding. It was voted to hold the annual club party for members and families the night of February 15, at 7:30. The winter care of roses was discussed as was new rose varieties on the market.

Turner city council met Tuesday night. The complete issue of Turner water bonds was turned over to the council by the treasurer, Mrs. Genevieve Harrison, and will be kept in the recorder's files. A fine of \$5 and costs was established as the minimum fine for the violation of issued permits to logging trucks passing through the city.

### Gardeners Meet At Salem Heights

SALEM HEIGHTS—Mrs. Lewis Judson entertained the Little Garden club of Salem Heights on Thursday with a dessert luncheon before the meeting.

Visitors were Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Charles Radcliffe, Mrs. L. R. Chambers and Mrs. Pro. Mrs. Alvin Stewart led a discussion on spring pruning. Mrs. Paul Acton will entertain the club at the next meeting.

### Is Honor Sailor

WILLAMINA—Mr. and Mrs. Orland Myers received a letter from A. T. Moen, commander U S navy training officer, dated February 3, stating their son, Jesse Myers had been selected as honor man out of one hundred and twenty seven men in his company at that station for the week ending February 3.

### Mrs. L. E. Gischer Dies

BETHEL—Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bahnsen and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bahnsen drove to Molalla Saturday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. L. E. Fischer, who passed away suddenly with heart failure Tuesday night. Mrs. Fischer was well known in this neighborhood. The son, Lester Fischer, came from California.

### Amateur Program Set

UNIONVALE—An amateur program will furnish entertainment at the Unionvale community club meeting and picnic to be held at the schoolhouse Friday night. Louis Magee, the president, announces.

### Grangers News

MACLEAY—Howard Mader will entertain members of the Macleay Young Grangers of America at his home Wednesday night.

WEST SALEM—Grange met Thursday night at the city hall. Walter Lansing of the Oregon state police was the speaker and told of the vast amount of taxes paid to support the criminal. A large delegation from Brush College visited the meeting.

Members of the social committee for February are Jimmie Wardwell, Donald Kuhn and Ruth O'Brien. A play sponsored by the grange will be presented Friday night, "His Step Mother," by Salem players. A dance will follow the play.

### President Silent On Vacation Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will leave this week on a mid-winter vacation trip which is expected to develop into a cruise in southern waters.

The White House declined to comment on the trip. It was learned on good authority, however, that the president would disclose details at a press conference tomorrow.

Since he has made it an annual custom to take a fishing trip around February, it was assumed he would again use a navy cruiser and sail southward along the Atlantic coast or possibly enter the Gulf of Mexico.

### Henry Dittmer Dies of Injuries; Hit by Auto

ALBANY, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Henry Dittmer, 65, Oregon City, struck by an automobile last night, died today.

Bernard A. Young, Portland, told State Patrolman Wallace Hug that Dittmer, former Linn county farmer, stepped directly in front of his automobile.

### Old Depot Moved

AURORA—The Southern Pacific depot which is one of the old landmarks of Aurora has been severed in two parts, H. J. Ziegler has bought the west half and is moving it onto a lot near his warehouse. The railroad company is reserving the east half as a company store house.

### Leave for Kansas

BETHEL—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Chapman left Friday to drive to Leota, Kan., to visit his mother. They plan to be away about two months. Friends from Independence are staying at their home to care for things during their absence.

### Have Skating Party

ORCHARD HEIGHTS—The young people of Orchard Heights had a skating party Friday night. Fifty-seven attended. New shrubbery has been planted around the Summit Methodist church.

### Give Paralysis Benefit

TALBOT—A large crowd gathered Friday night at the benefit for Virgil Calavan, Talbot's infantile paralysis victim. The proceeds will be given to help put Virgil through business college.

### Rev. George C. Fallu Dies of Heart Attack

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Rev. George C. Fallu, 51, pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic church here since 1928, died today following a heart attack.

A native of Michigan, Father Fallu was ordained here in 1915. Program numbers were: vocal solo by Johnny Westphal, accompanied by Mrs. Alleen Westphal; son by Doris and Joan Roth, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Roth; orchestra music by Frances King and Lillian Butler, violins; Rita Steffen, accordion; Carol King, harmonica; Louise Aubrey and Joyce Steffen guitars and Ruth Hildebrand, piano; reading by Mrs. Clarence Simmons; solos

### No Defense Made, Stock Sales Case

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Louis Payne, New York City stock broker, and Frank Johnnes, Boise mining engineer, entered pleas of nolo contendere (no defense) today to charges of mail fraud, conspiracy and violation of the federal securities and exchange act.

They previously had pleaded innocent to the charges, filed in United States district court here as the outgrowth of sales of mining stock.

Federal Judge C. C. Cavanah indicated he would take the pleas under advisement after state and defense attorneys outlined the case.

### Brooks 4H Club Gives Play Party

BROOKS—The Ladies' Aid met Wednesday afternoon in the church with Mrs. Harry Bosch presiding at the business session. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. H. H. Bosch, Mrs. A. M. Dunlavy and Mrs. Jennie Gilbert.

A play party was given in the schoolhouse Thursday night by the 4H cooking club. After games, refreshments were served to Mrs. McCoy, Miss Ruth Sidebottom, Mrs. Joe Fitts, Mrs. Chris Otto, Mrs. Lester Ricketts, Charles Vinyard, Cleo Ramp, Alice Holmes, Toskie Tamayan, Tom Imagawa, Haruyi Tamiyasu, Jordith Stenson, Richard Ogura, Masao Tamiyasu, Delores Miller, Mickey Tamiyasu, Hisako Kawata, Toyoko Kawata, Dean Bartholomew, Harry Kaneko, Jack Mabry, Muriel Fitts, Nobuko Kawata, Edward Wright, Beverly McCoy, Orvena Stamper, Lilly Kaneko, Oral Lee Fitts, Alvina Hamann, Dwight Wood, Ruby May, Mickey Umemoto, Norma Jean Wright, Lois Lowery, Julie Kaneko, Henry Ogura, James Raglin and John Earle.

### Gardeners Meet

INDEPENDENCE—The Independence Garden club met Monday night for the regular monthly meeting. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. T. D. Pomeroy, Mrs. W. F. Campbell, Mrs. C. O. Sloper and Mrs. Ed Wunder. Mrs. Fields gave a talk on mosses.

### Centennial Group Meet, Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL—Previous arrangements caused Archbishop Howard of Portland to agree to a Sunday night meeting of the Mt. Angel division of the centennial confraternity as against the Monday gatherings scheduled for all other towns. The confraternity is composed of all those who pledged \$50 to the Catholic centennial fund last year.

The meeting was held in St. Mary's club room at 6 p.m. Father Alcain gave a short report on the financial status of the Mt. Angel confraternity. Membership pledged were 142 amounting to \$7660. The amount was to be paid over a period of two years. Of this \$3631.75 had been paid by January, 1940.

Eighty four per cent or \$6444 of the total amount pledged will be returned to the parish to be used as a building fund for a new rectory.

### Program Contest Women's Victory

CENTRAL HOWELL—Judges Milo Wilcox, Ed Dunnigan and Mrs. Silke gave the women the decision over the men in the program contest Friday night at the community club.

Program numbers were: vocal solo by Johnny Westphal, accompanied by Mrs. Alleen Westphal; son by Doris and Joan Roth, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Roth; orchestra music by Frances King and Lillian Butler, violins; Rita Steffen, accordion; Carol King, harmonica; Louise Aubrey and Joyce Steffen guitars and Ruth Hildebrand, piano; reading by Mrs. Clarence Simmons; solos

### Community Club To Give Comedy

SALEM HEIGHTS—The community club will meet at the community hall Friday night.

The young folks will present the program. Important community improvements will be considered.

The program will be in the form of a radio hour, with Richard Martin, Maxine Gowan, Dr. D. D. Craig, June Martin, Bertha Skelton, Ryan Martin, Loren Gowan, Lynn and Laurel Witzel, V. G. Martin, Dorothy Witzel, Dorothy Helbert, George Douglas, Warren Page, Margaret Baker, Robert Hamilton, John Cotton, Carl Waddle, Larch Douglas, Donald Burger and Mary Skelton taking part.

### Putnam Takes on Register Agency

C. F. "Jack" Putnam, former operator of the Salem Parking service and prominent Lions club member, announced yesterday he was returning to the employ of the National Cash Register company. He will again cover the Salem district for the company.

### Former Aumsville People Have Son

AUMSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hiles of Portland have announced the birth of a 7-pound son, Harvey Larry, at a Portland hospital. Mrs. Hiles is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilcox and the family formerly resided here.

The Townsend club held its first meeting in the hall which was recently rented. At the next meeting of the club, February 22, Washington's birthday will be celebrated with an oyster supper and a program.

William Howard, jr., has gone to Chemawa where he has enrolled for work and training in the NYA.

### School Days With T. Dewey Recalled

FOREST GROVE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Grant D. McClure, member of a Bonnevillie line surveying crew, hoped for an opportunity today to talk over school days with Thomas E. Dewey, New York's candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

McClure recalled that as schoolboys in Oswego, Mich., he and Dewey paddled a leaky boat on the Shawassee river.

"American might have lost a potential president," McClure said as he told of the leaky boat. "I couldn't swim a lick and I'm not sure that Tom could."

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