

Alabama Newsman Beaten Up While on 'Hooded Mobs' Story

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 20-(AP)—A reporter was beaten up today while on an assignment to investigate activities of hooded and robed mobs.

The reporter, Clarke Stallworth of the Birmingham Post, said he was roughed up by two men at a filling station-general store in the nearby mining community of Sumiton. He was not hurt seriously.

Several floggings had been reported in the area recently. Stallworth told Walker County Judge P. E. Day at Jasper he was "deceived" into the store. Judge Day issued warrants for two men on assault and battery charges.

Meanwhile, a delegation of American Legion members demanded in a sharply worded resolution presented to Sheriff Holt McDowell that he act to halt mob violence.

The legionnaires charged that, despite numerous "crimes and acts of violence" by white robed gangs recently, not one person had been arrested. The sheriff answered he was doing all in his power.

Civic leaders of Birmingham scheduled a meeting tomorrow to organize a "committee of 500" to fight night raiding activity.

Starr Elected Commander of Legion Post 9

S. W. (Seph) Starr was elected commander of American Legion, Capital post 9, at the post election and program meeting Monday night in Legion hall.

Starr, who moved up from the first vice-commander spot, succeeds Charles Huggins, retiring commander. Other officers elected included John Kerrick, first vice-commander and James Turnbull, second vice-commander.

John Crockett was elected adjutant; Ted Brabec, finance officer; the Rev. George Swift, chaplain; A. C. Worthington, sergeant-at-arms; Lloyd Hockett, quartermaster; Irl McSherry, historian; Orval Lama, building committee; Walter Nystrom and Lawrence Osterman, cemetery committee, and Charles Huggins, Conrad Paulson, Dave Hoss, James Garvin and Chet Zornwalt, all on the executive committee.

An amendment to the post's by-laws was approved. It defined the specific duties of the executive committee and sets up a board of trustees to replace the present building committee.

Entertainment after the election was provided by the local Merlain School of Dancing and by representatives of the Sweet Home American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. The 16-member post drum corps team appeared for the first time.

Elected as delegates and alternates to the legion state convention here on August 4 to 6 are Huggins, Starr and Ira Fischer, Paul Gemmel, John Crockett, Harlan Anderson, Luther Jensen, Claude Martin, Al Feiler, Duwe Hoss, Lawrence Osterman, Frank Grimm, Marion Lamb, Don Dill, Don Apperson, Douglas McKay, Walter Kirk, James Turnbull, H. E. Saalfeld.

Oregon PEO Opens Meet

REDFORD, June 20-(AP)—The state PEO chapter opened its annual convention here today, awarding five scholarships to girls.

Meredith Rae Goodrich, Baker, received the \$450 Veda Jones scholarship to Cotter Junior college. Four \$125 scholarships to Oregon schools of higher education went to:

Emma Louise Redbird, Ashland; Joe Ann Louise Brady, Milwaukie; Marie Maudie Howard, John Day; and Emily Jane Knecht, Vida.

Approximately 200 delegates were here for the three-day session. Officers will be elected tomorrow.

Dr. Withey to Remain at WU

Dr. Raymond A. Withey will remain at Willamette university as dean of students and counselor on religious life rather than accepting the offered chancellorship at Nebraska Wesleyan college, he said Monday.

Withey, who has been at Willamette the past two years, said he preferred to stay here because he felt his work there is not yet completed and that he wants to see the program further along.

Chin Up Club Board to Meet

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Chin Up club of Oregon has been called for Friday night by President Beth Sellwood, Salem, route 2, box 338.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 at the Sellwood home seven miles north of Salem on the Pacific highway. Purpose of the session is to appoint a club advisory board and staff for The Beacon, club publication.

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GI Insurance Dividend Due Early in 1950

(Story also on page one)

WASHINGTON, June 20-(AP)—Rep. Keating (R-NY) demanded that cash refunds to veterans on GI life insurance policies be started on October 15, 1949.

Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, jr., said that the checks would start going out "sometime in January, 1950." But Keating introduced a bill calling for the October deadline.

The New York lawmaker asserted that veterans were "overcharged" on their government-issued life insurance policies, and he told the house:

"This money should be refunded to them immediately, not a year from now. Many of them need the money now. It is their money. It does not belong to the government."

Keating said the supreme court ruled early in 1948 that such refunds were lawful, but VA failed to act.

Rep. Davis (R-Wis) said it was "a national scandal" and said he suspected the delay was political. Congressional elections come in 1950.

Described as a "dividend," the money to be repaid is from two sources:

1. An \$8,000,000,000 surplus which developed from the fact that GI insurance premiums were based by law upon a standard mortality (death-rate) table which turned out to be higher than needed.

2. Earnings from the surplus. In general, the administration said every veteran who took out national service insurance and three months will be eligible—provided the policies were not issued after Jan. 1, 1948.

No refunds will be made on policies issued after that date. The administration urged veterans not to write in about their rebates, explaining that a flood of letters would "only cause the payment to be delayed."

Application blanks are being prepared and will be available in August in postoffices, Veterans' service organizations and VA centers.

Gray said holders of policies issued after Jan. 1, 1948, may get later dividends which may be declared annually if a surplus develops.

Man Knocked Into Log Pond By Electricity

A man working at a West Salem log pond narrowly escaped serious injury Monday when 440 volts of electricity knocked him from a log into the water.

M. G. Burdick, Gervais route 1, told city first aid men he was walking over the floating logs carrying an aluminum pole about 2 p. m. The pole touched an overhead power line and the next instant Burdick said he was slapped into the water.

First aiders, who said Burdick was "very lucky," reported he was not seriously injured. He was removed to Salem General hospital and then taken home.

Terry Riffe, 5, of 540 Leslie st., was treated by first aid men Monday when he broke his wrist while playing at Leslie school playground.

Coal Miners At Work Again

PITTSBURGH, June 20-(AP)—Coal flowed from the nation's tippleries today after a week-long "stabilizing" walkout by 480,000 United Mine Workers. Absenteeism was virtually nil as the miners trooped back to the pits to get in the five days' work before they began their 10-day paid vacation July 25. The diggers get \$100 vacation pay.

The walkout reduced the nation's coal stored above ground from an estimated 70,000,000 tons to about 60,000,000 tons. That's about 40 days supply for the country's coal-burning industries.

Tomorrow UMW Chief John L. Lewis will resume negotiations with the southern operators at Bluefield, W. Va., and begin wage talks with a big bloc of northern and western operators at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

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'Governor' Cooke at Capitol



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Nineteen Y.M.C.A. boy "governors" here to evaluate legislation directly affecting the country's teen-age youth, supplemented their meeting with first-hand studies of the mechanics of national government and visits with senators and representatives from their respective states. James Cooke of Salem, Ore., is shown outside the senate office building, where the youths carried on most of their deliberations. (Cooke's reports of the trip and conclusions are appearing in The Statesman.)

Ex-Associates Testify for Hiss Defense

NEW YORK, June 20-(AP)—Former associates of Alger Hiss in the state department came to his aid today as his defense on perjury charges got underway.

Hiss, once high in the state department, is scheduled to take the witness stand later this week. The defense resumed a line of questioning intended to convince a jury of 10 men and two women that Hiss' Washington office was open on many occasions to his department associates.

Whittaker Chambers, self-styled former Soviet spy ring courier, has accused Hiss of feeding him prewar state department secrets.

Hiss denied the accusation and added that he had not seen Chambers since Jan. 1, 1937. A federal grand jury in New York indicted him on two perjury counts as a result.

As the trial entered its 15th day, Harry C. Hawkins testified that he often entered Hiss' Washington office in his capacity as chief of the trade agreements division of the state department from 1936 to 1943.

Hawkins, now a professor at Tufts college in Medford, Mass., said he never heard Hiss spoken of as a communist, although Chambers has so branded him.

Restoration of Camp Pioneer Nearly Done

Despite the winter's heavy snow damage Camp Pioneer will be in excellent condition and will feature new facilities for Cascade area Boy Scouts when the camp opens July 10.

A work party of 36 local scouts and leaders repaired most of the damage and completed a pre-camp cleanup last week, Gordon Gilmore, scout executive, said Monday. The party left Thursday and returned Sunday night.

Summer registration is nearly complete, Gilmore said, and the week beginning July 31 is the only period available for troops which wish to attend the camp.

John Klapp of Dallas, waterfront director at the camp this summer, and his assistants Dick Wyatt and Jerry Bachle, both of Salem, returned Sunday from the National Aquatic school at Camp Meriwether near Astoria. The school is one of two on the Pacific coast.

Six new canoes and six new rowboats were added to the waterfront equipment during the past year.

Texan Meets Hohenzollern Future In-Laws

HECHINGEN Germany, June 20-(AP)—The royal relatives of Princess Cecelia of Hohenzollern met her American husband-to-be tonight and beamed approval.

Clyde Harris, 31, Amarillo, Tex., interior decorator, was introduced to his future in-laws at a pre-wedding reception in ancient Hohenzollern castle.

That's where the tall, good-looking American former army officer will take as his bride tomorrow the grand-daughter of Kaiser Wilhelm. She is a direct descendant of Queen Victoria of England.

"We love Clyde," Prince Louis Ferdinand, brother of the bride and spokesman for the family, told reporters.

"He is such a sincere, likeable and genuine chap. I can tell you, we are happy about this match."

The bride's mother, Crown Princess Cecelia, displayed a similar fondness toward the young American.

None of the family appeared at all concerned that the blonde Cecelia, a descendant of one of the oldest families in Europe, was not marrying a title.

The 31-year-old princess, courted by various royal swains, intends to become a typical American house-wife.

She said her husband would return to America about 10 days after the wedding to go back to work -- and find a home.

"We probably will live in an apartment at first in Amarillo," she said. "Then Clyde is going to build a house -- of his own design."

PGE Begins Work on New Sub-Station

Construction of a \$15,000 Portland General Electric company sub-station has begun at 355 Jefferson st. the company reported Monday.

A permit for the one-story structure which, with grounds, will occupy nearly a full city block, was issued by the Salem city building inspector's office Monday.

Two houses which were standing at the site have been removed. The building will extend along Jefferson from North Liberty to North 4th street. The grounds are to be landscaped.

The new sub-station is to be part of the company's \$7,000,000 kva system for this area. It will enable local facilities to meet a heavier power load for that district.

Other permits Monday included those going to Stan Baker to build a \$1,350 office building at 595 N. High st., and to L. W. Schunk to erect a \$10,000 house at 1080 N. 22nd st.

Soldier, Wife Hurt in Wreck At Rose Lodge

SHERIDAN, June 20-(Special)—Sgt. and Mrs. R. C. Baker, Ft. Lewis, Wash., were in serious condition in a Vancouver army hospital today from injuries suffered in an auto accident west of here Friday night.

The accident occurred at Rose Lodge on the coast highway about 11 p. m. Willamina police said the couple was brought to that city by passing motorists. Unable to secure an ambulance, the officers took them to McMinnville General hospital.

Physicians said Baker was suffering fractures of the pelvis, right leg and skull and possible internal injuries. His wife incurred a jaw fracture and internal injuries.

MAYFLOWERS TO DRILL The Mayflower Milk team of the Junior B league will practice this evening, 6:15, at Olinger. All team members are asked to turn out.

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Lasky on School Board at Keizer

KEIZER, June 20—Ray Lasky was elected to a three-year term on the Keizer school district board in an election at the school Monday night.

A total of 12 voters were present and Lasky received 8 tallies. He succeeds Andrew Beardley. Also approved were a \$5,500 sinking fund and a final \$1,000 payment on a new school site adjacent to the present one.

Magazine Says Russ Operating Atom Furnace

NEW YORK, June 20-(AP)—Russia probably has an atomic furnace working and may be able to make atomic bombs soon, says an article in Look magazine.

Nat Finney, the author, says these are two things which "we can conclude" about Russian atomic energy work.

Soviet scientists have at least "reached the point we reached in 1942 when our first atomic machine began to work at the University of Chicago." Some scientists believe Russia is a little farther along the atomic road than that, he adds.

Finney continues: Russia doesn't yet have the atomic bomb, but "will be able to make an atomic bomb something like ours before many months have passed." That "doesn't mean that Russia can suddenly have a lot of atomic bombs—something we already have."

Finney says the United States may be turning out one atomic bomb a week, and the bombs are more destructive than those used on Japan.

(In 1945, Dr. Robert J. Oppenheimer, wartime head of the Los Alamos laboratory, predicted this country could produce 200 bombs a year.)

AEC officials in Washington declined comment on Finney's article.

Lincoln County Changes Mind In School Vote

NEWPORT, June 20-(AP)—Lincoln county voters changed their minds today and passed a special tax levy and bond issue to bring county schools up to state standards.

The issues were defeated in an April election.

The \$1,350,000 bond issue was passed today, 2276 to 673. The \$398,049 special levy was approved, 1947 to 786. The figures were compiled with only three small precincts unreported. The three had about 150 votes.

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Czech Catholic Faction Ousted From Church

VATICAN CITY, June 20-(AP)—The Roman Catholic church struck back at its enemies in Czechoslovakia today and excommunicated all Catholics who join the communist-sponsored Catholic Action, rival to the church's lay organization of the same name.

It was a blow in support of the 60-year-old Archbishop of Prague, Msgr. Josef Beran, whose sermon was broken up at St. Vitus cathedral yesterday by hecklers.

The excommunication was announced in a decree of the Sacred Congregation of Holy office, an ancient body charged with defending the faith against false doctrines. The decree declared the new Catholic Action group "schismatic" and accused its founders of fraud.

Even as the church acted with one of the most powerful weapons at its disposal, Czech police tightened their guard over the palace of the archbishop. He has declared a fight to the end against efforts to make the church a communist puppet.

Railroads Seek Expense Cuts

PORTLAND, June 20-(AP)—A hint that railroads are suffering from declining economic conditions came today from A. E. Stoddard, president of the Union Pacific.

Stoddard told an interviewer that all rail lines are striving to reduce operating expenses. He spoke of a new turbine, to be tested by the Union Pacific soon, which may greatly reduce costs.

The railroad executive suggested that the government might stagger its European shipments to the "fear or famine" problem which always plagues railroading.

"There is either a lull or you have more business than you can handle," he said of freight shipments. The jam, of course, comes at harvest time.

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