

T. J. Howell, Retired Army Officer, Dies

Thomas Jefferson Howell, retired Army officer and former resident of 1149 Ruge St., died at the age of 50 years at a local hospital Tuesday.

Howell was born in Thayer, Mo., May 25, 1902, and lived there until he was 22 years of age. He then lived in Oregon and parts of Western Washington following his profession of photography. He had lived in Salem for the past three years.

He suffered from a liver ailment which had troubled him most of his life and for the past two years he had required hospitalization and treatment.

Howell enlisted in the Army Dec. 2, 1928 and during his 15 years service he served at the Headquarters Company, Fort Warren, Wyo.; the Quartermaster Corps, Air Force, Lowry Field, Colo. and Camp Carson, Colo. He was given an honorable discharge as a second lieutenant Jan. 26, 1944.

Survivors include his widow, Gladys Howell, Denver, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Lillian R. Cummins, Salem; two half-sisters, Mrs. Nora Carpenter and Mrs. Margaret Parker, both of Portland; a niece, Rita and a nephew, Robert Cummins, both of Salem. Announcement of services will be made later by the Virgil T. Golden Company.

George Schacht, 15, Unreborn

WOODBURN — George O. Schacht, 15, Silverton Route 3, Box 59, who was last seen by his parents Saturday, was reported still missing from home Tuesday night by his father, Louis A. Schacht.

The boy left home Saturday night driving a 1931 Ford coupe, with license number 331505. He was wearing dark corduroy trousers, a blue plaid jacket, a battered hat and field boots. He is six feet and weighs 160.

Portland State Office To Reduce Hours

The Portland office of the Secretary of State, 625 N.E. Oregon St., will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only after April 30. Now the office is open until 5 p.m. Saturdays.

The Salem office will continue to operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

SP Engineer to Retire; 45 Years Of Service Ends

After 45 years employment with the Southern Pacific Company, David L. Downing, engineer, will retire today on his 70th birthday.

Downing, who resides at 1325 Lee St., started railroading in Denver, Colo., when 16. Most of his railroad career, however, has been with the SP in Oregon. He came to Oregon in 1906 and started with SP April 14, 1907.

He became a locomotive fireman in 1913 and was promoted to engineer in 1927. At present he has been on the daily Salem-Canby run, with return via Silverton. He says he "is going to take it easy and do some traveling."

Illness Claims Mrs. Reas, 75

Statesman News Service HUBBARD—Mrs. Evelyn Reas died in a Salem hospital Monday after a long illness. She was 75.

She was born in 1877 at Ferndale, Calif., and had lived near Hubbard since 1900. Surviving are brothers, Henry of Hubbard and Matthew of Aurora.

Funeral services are being arranged by the Ringo Chapel in Woodburn.

Influenza Cases Decline in County

Only 24 new cases of influenza, down considerably from recent weeks, were reported in Marion County last week, the county health department said Tuesday.

Other cases of communicable disease listed by physicians included five each of measles and ringworm, four of virus pneumonia, three of conjunctivitis and one each of poliomyelitis and undulant fever. The polio case was reportedly not current, but had not been on earlier lists.

1,526 Permits Given for Employment of Minors

The State Labor Department has granted 1,526 permits to Oregon business firms in the first three months for employment of minors under 18 years of age, State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey said Tuesday.

It is a 12 per cent increase over the total for the first quarter of 1951.

Ben Johnson Succumbs at McKee Home

Statesman News Service WOODBURN—Ben H. Johnson, 53, died Monday at his home near McKee, where he had lived since coming to Oregon in 1907.

He was born at Hemingford, Neb., Nov. 7, 1898. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Woodburn and a member of the Mt. Angel American Legion post.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Johnson of McKee; sons, Ben Johnson Jr. of Portland and Sheldon of Salem; brothers, William of Portland, Albert of Junction City, Fred of Canby and Henry, Melvin and Edwin of Woodburn; sister, Mrs. Josephine Worley of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Ann Rondeau of Portland and Mrs. Emma Wolf of San Francisco, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, at 2 p.m. at the Ringo Funeral Chapel with the Rev. J. William Carlson officiating. Interment will be at Belle Passi cemetery and military honors will be accorded by the Mt. Angel Legion post.

Services for Mrs. Townsend Set Thursday

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. for Catherine R. Townsend who died Monday in a local hospital. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park.

Mrs. Townsend, former resident of 1135 N. 19th St., was born in Bergen, Norway, April 26, 1874. She came to America at the age of eight years with her parents who settled in Minnesota. She married Watson Townsend at St. Paul, Minn., in 1902. They moved to Salem in 1922 and he died in 1942.

She had been a member of the Englewood Woman's Club and also a member of the First Methodist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Margaret E. Millard, Salem; a sister, Mrs. Roy T. Larson, Portland; a grandson, Everett W. Millard, Salem, and several nieces and nephews.

Services are under the direction of the Virgil T. Golden Company.

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