

Gas Company Attorney Gets Wires Crossed

WASHINGTON (AP) — An attorney for three natural gas firms forgot he was testifying for a fourth company at a Power Commission hearing Tuesday.

D. F. McDonald of Calgary, Alberta, described a gas purchase contract at the hearing on five applications for licenses to build pipelines to Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The contract provides for the purchase of gas by Trans-Northwest Gas Co., Spokane, Wash., from Westcoast Transmission Co. Limited, Canada.

Another lawyer asked McDonald which company he was representing as a witness.

McDonald replied he was testifying for Westcoast, but he was quickly corrected by Power Commission examiner Glen R. Law and Charles V. Shannon, Westcoast attorney.

Shannon said McDonald was testifying as a witness for Trans-Northwest. He explained he was presenting witnesses on Trans-Northwest gas sources as a courtesy to Trans-Northwest attorneys who have not yet arrived for the hearing.

McDonald is an attorney for Westcoast Transmission Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del., which seeks to build a pipeline in Washington and Oregon, and for two of its affiliates in Canada. He also is a director of the parent company, which would provide gas for the proposed Westcoast and Trans-Northwest pipelines.

The Canadian Westcoast firm would construct a pipeline from the Peace River gas fields in Northern British Columbia and Alberta to a point near the international border at Sumas, Wash. The U. S. affiliate would extend it into Western Washington and Oregon.

The contract described by McDonald would provide 103 million cubic feet of gas daily for the proposed Trans-Northwest pipeline, which would extend into Eastern Washington and Idaho.

Arthur Logan, attorney for Northwest Natural Gas Co., Wilmington, Del., said he intends to prove that Westcoast hasn't shown it has enough gas to supply its own pipeline for 15 years, without taking care of Trans-Northwest. McDonald, Westcoast witness, replied that the company has "more than enough" reserves for both projects.

Shannon declared that Westcoast could draw gas from "millions of acres — more gas reserves than have been shown by any other company ever to come before the Power Commission."

Westcoast claims it will be able to get gas from fields covering more than 30 million acres, which are virtually untapped because there's no pipeline into the area.

Miss Wolcott to Attend Conference

Over 200 delegates from seven western states are scheduled to arrive at Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, to participate in the conference of the Pacific Camping Federation, March 10 through 13. This is a division of the American Camping Association.

One of the outstanding speakers will be Rudolph M. Wittenberg of New York, who has had over fifteen years of professional social work. Rabbi Julius J. Nodal of Portland will speak at the Wednesday morning session. Jack Cheley of the well known Cheley Camps in Colorado, and a national officer of the A.C.A. is one of the panel participants, also Mrs. Elizabeth Spear, New York City, national chairman of the camping department of Camp Fire Girls. The executive director of the Willamette Area Council of Camp Fire Girls, Miss Edith Wolcott of Salem, will participate in the conference.

Neighbors of Woodcraft will meet Friday night at the Salem Woman's Clubhouse at 8 p.m. for a formal birthday party. Members whose birthdays are in December, January, February and March will be honored. The committee includes Mrs. J. McNeil, Mrs. Coral Smith and Mrs. Pearl Bairy.

Neighbors of Woodcraft drill team, husbands and families will meet for a no-host dinner at the Mayflower Hall Thursday night at 6:15 p.m. Practice and social hour will follow.

Laurel Guild of the Knights Memorial Church will meet tonight at the Kingwood Heights home of Mrs. Loring Grier, 721 Kingwood Drive, at 8 p.m. Assisting hostesses are Mrs. George Sundie, Mrs. Thomas Downs and Mrs. Leonard Elliott.

Miss Nellie Schwab will entertain members of the Zonta Club at a dessert supper Thursday night at her Kingwood Heights home on Grandview Place at 7:30 p.m. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Byron B. Herrick, Miss Maxine Buren and Miss Josephine Baumgartner.

Harmony Rebekah Lodge at Quinaby held its meeting Monday night. The vice-grand, Mrs. E. Mason, presided. A dinner and refreshments followed the meeting for all Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and friends.

National Commander Frederick Davis of Eugene will be a guest at the no-host dinner meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary tonight at the home of Mrs. W. J. Hagedorn, 1405 Fir St. All members are asked to attend the meeting and meet the commander.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Jacobson spent the weekend in Corvallis with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Fowler and granddaughter, Judy.

TV Backer Visits Salem



Establishing a UHF television station in Salem by fall of this year is the topic being discussed here by Laurence Harvey (right), executive vice president of the Harvey Machinery Company of Torrance, Calif., and Gene E. Zinniger, chief engineer of the company. Harvey is in Salem this week making arrangements for the new station. Statesman photo.)

Bidding Slow At Fairgrounds Livestock Sale

By LILLIE L. MADSEN, Farm Editor, The Statesman

Walter Palmer, widely publicized California cattle auctioneer, just wasn't being funny Tuesday when he failed to draw any enthusiasm in bidding at the second annual Oregon Aberdeen-Angus Association sale at the state fairgrounds.

Whether it was worry over unsteady beef prices or it was lack of advertising to bring out more bidders, the fact was that folk just weren't buying. No matter how hard Palmer worked bids were difficult to raise on most of the animals. The sale of 77 head brought a total of \$19,432 while 39 head brought more than \$27,000 a year ago at the same place.

Of the number sold Tuesday 44 head were commercial (not registered) and these averaged \$136 a head. With the exception of one, consigned by Don Spabel of Powell Butte this group was sold in lots with the highest average being on a group of five cows, three and four years old. They were consigned by Archie Riekkola and went to A. F. Koppich of Astoria for an average of \$195. Broadmead Farm of Amity bought 10 head of the commercial heifers for \$1,400 and L. G. Ferschwieler of Gervais bought 9 head consigned by Carl Williams of Salem for a total of \$1,012. The 44 head totaled \$5,987.

The 27 registered females in the Tuesday sale averaged \$436 to the total \$11,065. Snabel bought the champion female of the Monday show which was consigned by Harold Rankin of Hermistoff, paying \$950 for her. Snabel also bought the reserve champion for which he paid \$500 and which was consigned by Ben Hilton of Grants Pass. Second highest female in price paid was another Rankin cow, sold to H. W. Ray of Hillsboro, for \$255. The four females consigned by Rankin averaged \$765, the highest average of the sale.

While the majority of the cattle went out of the Willamette Valley to the south and east in Oregon and into Washington, a few did remain here. Others than those already mentioned were: Carlton J. McLeod of Brooks, bought three females for a total of \$875; Loren & Muril Hicks of Turner took home one female for \$295. Broadmead Farm of Amity bought three of the registered bulls paying \$425 for the highest of these and \$250 and \$200 for the other two.

Wreck Brings \$15,182 Suit

A Salem auto-pedestrian accident resulted Tuesday in a \$15,182 suit in Marion County Circuit Court.

The suit was filed by Judith Lauree Morrell, through her mother, Edna M. Morrell acting as guardian, alleging the girl was struck by a car April 12, 1952, while crossing State and Liberty Streets intersection.

Defendants are Darrell F. Stratton, driver, and Belva Stratton, owner, of the car. The girl allegedly sustained leg, spine and kidney injuries. Damages sought are \$15,000 general and \$182 for medical expenses.

Business Up, Costs Stable, Co-op Reports

By LILLIE L. MADSEN, Farm Editor, The Statesman

SILVERTON—With an increase of more than a quarter of a million dollars in volume of business, expenses were up only \$396 over a year ago, the auditor's report showed at the annual meeting of the Valley Farmers Cooperative Oil Association held at Legion Hall at Silverton Tuesday.

John Horn made the audit report for the W. G. Stacey & Company. Total volume of business for 1952 was \$864,689, which was an increase of \$288,938 over the 1951 volume. Biggest one department volume was that in the feed, seed and fertilizer which amounted to a total of \$698,890 for the year.

That the increase in volume is continuing was shown by a report of Manager J. Saum, who reported a \$24,000 increase during the first two months of 1953 over the first two months of a year ago. Expectations, Saum said, was that the 1953 volume would go over the \$1,000,000 for the first time.

Had it not been for the reduction of expenses in so many divisions, Saum reported, the "squeeze between selling price and cost" might have been serious in spite of the increase in business. But only, he added, by business increase can these expenses be cut extensively. A total of \$190,000 worth of more grain was handled for growers in 1952 than in 1951, reports showed.

In 1951, \$12.16 out of each \$100 went for expenses while in 1952, this figure was cut to \$10.72. The net margin remaining in 1952 was \$12,577 compared to \$7,427 a year earlier.

Net margin prior to partial distribution was \$18,050, with \$3,913 distributed in 6 per cent dividends on preferred stock and \$1,560 in six per cent interest on certificates of preferred interest.

Considerable time was devoted Tuesday to adoption of a revised constitution and by-laws which provided for five share of common stock at \$10 a share for membership instead of the former \$10 share which gave patrons a one share vote. The capital membership vote of the cooperative oil association was also raised from \$75,000 to \$225,000.

Two other major changes in the amended by-laws, gave the cooperative the name of Valley Farmers Co-op instead of the original longer name of Valley Farmers Cooperative Oil Association, a title it has borne for the past 10 years, and provided for a seven instead of five member-board of directors.

Directors elected for three years were Alvin Krug and Fred Jarrell while elected for two years were Ames Furness and Dan Steffen. Holdovers are the chairman, Walter VanFlue, the secretary, Robert Riches and Stanley Swanson.

Little Linda Murrhammer, daughter of the Luther Murrhammers, gave a couple of dance numbers, and Mrs. Bruce Strachan of Portland demonstrated making Easter candles during the entertainment hour.

Influenza Cases On Rise Again

A new surge in reports of influenza cases dominated the Marion County communicable disease list for last week, the health department announced Tuesday.

Physicians reported 15 new cases of flu in Salem, 34 in the rest of the county and 171 in institutions. Other diseases listed were chickenpox 7, German measles 4, measles and mumps 3 each, lobar pneumonia 2, infectious hepatitis, broncho pneumonia, ringworm and scarlet fever, 1 each. Institutions also reported 12 cases of measles, 9 of German measles and 2 of syphilis.

The list included one case of poliomyelitis, announced earlier to be a Stayton area teen-aged boy, hospitalized at Eugene.

Deep Freezer Won at Center



Mrs. Mary Lechtberg (left) examines the 14 cubic foot deep freezer she won Monday night in a drawing at Capitol Shopping Center where Coronation Days festivities are marked by the like of this winner's "growns." Inset shows part of large crowd at drawing. Mrs. Lechtberg lives at 4840 Auburn Rd.

Mrs. LeGrand Succumbs During Visit to Silverton

SILVERTON—Mrs. Millie Ann LeGrand, 70, mother of Mrs. Juanita Pasley and Mrs. Edna Woldahl of Silverton, died at a Salem hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. LeGrand, who was born Feb. 6, 1883, in Boone County, Mo., had come to Silverton on February 1, from her Colorado home, to visit her two daughters here. She had been ill for the past two weeks.

Other survivors are another daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Hill of Sugar City, Colo.; and four sons, Chester LeGrand, Fruita, Colo.; Ernest LeGrand, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Leo LeGrand, Monrovia, Calif.; and Robert LeGrand in the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Pasley and Mrs. Woldahl will accompany the body to Colorado for burial.

Bids on Three Suburban Postal Stations Sought

Bids on operation of three suburban Salem postal stations were called Tuesday by Postmaster Albert C. Gragg, with the deadline 3 p.m. on March 20. The stations are in regular operation now at Four Corners, South 99E and Keizer.

Forms are available at the Post-office for bidders. Contracts call for the operator to provide building facilities, a safe and to keep the station open during the regular business hours. Bids are called each two years.

Gragg said several bids received last week for airmail messenger service between the Postoffice and the airport were forwarded to the Postoffice Department's bureau of transportation for award.

TB Group to Visit Hospital

A visit to the new tuberculosis section of the State Hospital will feature the meeting of Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Association directors tonight at 7:30.

President Otto Skopil announced that speakers will be Dr. Dean K. Brooks, assistant superintendent of the State Hospital, and Dr. Rudolph Rosenfelt, staff physician in charge of the TB unit.

Business will include adoption of the coming year's budget.

Bomb Explosion Aboard Carrier Brings Heroism

TOKYO (AP) — The Navy told Wednesday of heroism amid exploding death aboard the U. S. carrier Oriskany off Korea March 6 when a wild bomb killed two men — one a cameraman who wouldn't quit shooting.

Fifteen others were injured in the blast and subsequent fire. The Navy said six men are still regarded as "in serious condition," but that all the wounded show definite improvement.

Memorial services were held aboard ship the day after the explosion for the two dead men. The Navy is investigating.

In Washington, the Navy said the incident occurred when a Navy pilot, returning from a strike over North Korea, attempted to land on the carrier, deck with one of his bombs dangling perilously ajar under the wing of his plane. The bomb had failed to release over the target.

As the plane touched down, the bomb shook loose, bounced twice and exploded.

Hurling bomb fragments tore through the fuel tanks of jet fighter planes nearby, drenching the deck with gasoline and jet fuel. Fire instantly broke out, touching off live ammunition.

The Navy pilot, Lt. Edwin Kummer of Rochester, N. Y., was knocked unconscious by the bomb blast. He lay helpless, strapped in his parachute harness, until a buddy plunged through the flames and exploding ammunition to rescue him.

Bomb Casualties

The dead were: Photographer Airman Thomas Leo McGraw Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. McGraw Sr., Watertown, N. Y.

Aviation Electrician Airman Thomas M. Yeager, son of Mrs. Mary Yeager, Columbus, O.

Yeager was killed by flying shrapnel.

McGraw was at his station, taking movie shots of the plane when he saw the bomb drop from its wing bracket.

Unflinching, he kept on taking pictures. The film taken from his camera showed the bomb bouncing along the deck. Suddenly it exploded in a blast of flame.

McGraw was killed outright.

The Navy said that after night-long emergency repairs, the Oriskany returned to its task force post the next day.

Ferry Cable Said Hazard

Hazard of the Buena Vista ferry cable to some Willamette River traffic was called to the attention of Marion County Court Tuesday by the Army engineers.

The court plans to discuss the situation with Polk County Court, since the ferry south of Salem is a joint operation.

The engineers said their dredge must lift the cable to pass it and that tugs on a barge line which recently began river operations clear the cable by only five inches. It was pointed out that contact between the boats' masts and electrical wires carried on the cables might cause considerable damage.

Services for Mrs. Miller Set at Dallas

DALLAS—Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Miller, 86, died Monday at the home of her son, Milton L. Miller, Rt. 3, Dallas. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Bollman Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Earl Benbow officiating. The body will be sent to Craig, Nebr. for interment.

Mrs. Miller was born Nov. 5, 1866 at Knox, Ind., spent most of her life in Craig, Nebr., and moved to Dallas 16 years ago. She was married to John Miller Feb. 22, at Craig.

She is survived by two sons, Milton L. Dallas, and Argie J. Miller, Craig; one daughter, Mrs. Blossom Boemer, Glendale, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Dallas Methodist Church and was a charter member and past Noble Grand of Leah Rebekah Lodge No. 33 of Craig, Nebr.

'Slide Hurts Ex-Valley Man At Sutherlin

MILL CITY—A former resident of Mill City and Salem, Paul Cree, 37, was seriously injured Monday in a landslide near Sutherlin where he is a logger.

Doctors at a Roseburg hospital where he was taken operated on his head to relieve the pressure on his neck and spinal cord resulting from a broken neck. He also suffered several broken ribs, a broken ankle and face lacerations.

Hospital officials reported his condition as "fair."

Loggers who witnessed the landslide said Cree was caught by a sudden slide that carried trees and rocks into a ravine. Cree was the only man injured. He had been bucking logs with a power saw when the slide started.

Cree lived at Mill City and attended school in Salem for several years before moving to Sutherlin a few years ago. He is married and has two children.

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