

Driver Killed by Streamliner at Turner Crossing

TURNER — Grady Edmiston, 27, manager of the Honey-Bee Drive-In at Stayton, was killed instantly and his wife critically injured when their auto collided at 10:15 p.m. with the northbound Shasta Daylight.

The accident occurred at the intersection of C Street and the blocks from the center of Turner business district. A dog with them was also killed.



By Charles A. Sprague

Through the usual mechanism of a legislative interim committee Oregon will have another go at its tax problems. This time property taxation will be the principal subject for exploration. Last biennium it was income taxes and how their proceeds could be covered into the general fund.

The new committee met last week to organize, electing as chairman Sen. Howard C. Belton, a "blooded" expert in this field, having served on numerous interim and legislative tax committees and veteran of many tax battles. Other members are: Sen. Lowell W. Steen of Umatilla County, Representatives Lee Ohmart of Marion, Pat Dooley of Multnomah and Roderick T. McKenzie of Curry County; also Sam B. Stewart, chairman of the State Tax Commission, Giles French of Moro, former representative, and Mrs. Louise Humphrey of Portland, who is identified with Oregon Business and Tax Research, an organization alert to taxpayer interests.

The assignment given this committee is to define "true cash value" in assessments, to report on possible legislation for averaging inventories through the year and on exemptions from personal property taxes, also to look for a substitute for the personal property tax.

In working in the field of property taxation the committee covers a field well plowed and harrowed, but one beset with many thorns and tares. How to assess real and personal property and levy taxes thereon on an equitable basis has troubled the minds and consciences of assessors and legislators and tax gatherers from time immemorial. For years Oregon, largely at the instigation of the member of the State Tax Commission assigned to the property tax division has labored to standardize assessments in

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His wife, Mrs. Magdalena Elsie Edmiston, 22, was taken to Salem General Hospital by Wilamette Ambulance Service. Ambulance attendants said they didn't think she had any broken bones, but there was a possibility of a skull fracture and concussion. Hospital attendants said her condition was considered critical early Tuesday morning.

Edmiston was the eighth traffic fatality in Marion County for this year.

Impact of the collision was so great that the motor of the west-bound car, a 1949 Willys Station Wagon, was ripped from the chassis and thrown 30 feet from the tracks. The rest of the car was battered and banged about and turned completely around by the train. Edmiston apparently was knocked from the auto at the point of impact, decapitated and his body thrown 132 feet up the tracks from the intersection. The man's head was found 88 feet from the car. Groceries that the couple had in their car were strewn all along the track.

Three teenage Turner boys, Clayton Taylor, Eugene Winkler and William Norris, were sitting on the bridge one block from the tracks when the accident occurred. They said the car, driven by Edmiston, was not traveling at an excessive speed. They all said the train blew its whistle several short blasts as it approached the crossing and the wig-wag was said by the boys to be operating. The passenger train does not have a regular stop at Turner. The collision delayed the train about 30 minutes.

Friends said that the Edmiston was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Messer at Turner. She is Mrs. Edmiston's sister and Messer owns the Stayton drive-in.

Boarding House Blaze Kills Man In Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Fire killed an 83-year-old man, David E. Cota, in a boarding house here Monday. Twelve other boarders fled the house in pajamas to reach safety at dawn.

The fire was believed to have started in Cota's room, firemen tentatively blamed smoker's carelessness. Cota was found on his bed. Coroner Paul Mylan said asphyxiation and carbon monoxide poisoning took his life.

The blaze was confined mostly to Cota's room. Damage was estimated at \$1,500.

Mild Weather On Schedule

Mild temperatures in the high 70's and generally fair weather are predicted for the next few days by the weatherman. Some high cloudiness is forecast.

Breezes which stayed at 10 miles an hour or better all day Monday kept Salem cool. High reading was 78 degrees.

Bohlen on Way Back to Moscow

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles E. Bohlen, American ambassador to Russia, left by plane Monday to return to his post in Moscow.

Bohlen came back to the United States nine days ago to confer with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the situation arising from the purge of Lavrenty Beria, Soviet deputy premier.

2 Russians Killed In Nationalist Raid

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — The English-language China News reported today two Russians, "presumably radar technicians", were among the communists slain in last week's Nationalist commando raid on Tungshan Island.

The Defense Ministry said there was as yet no confirmation.

House Group to Give Matthews Hearing on Clergy Charges

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Un-American Activities Committee agreed Monday to give J. B. Matthews a chance to defend his charges that Protestant clergymen comprise "the largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in America."

No specific time was set and there was no decision whether the hearing will be open or closed. It may be held in the fall, sometime after Oct. 1.

Matthews' charges, in a magazine article, stirred up a row that resulted in his resignation as chief of staff of the Senate investigations subcommittee headed by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

The McCarthy Committee rejected Matthews' request for a hearing and he turned then to the Un-American Activities Committee.

Another offshoot of the ruckus was a move by a fellow senator

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ROK Hints of New Truce Obstruction

Just Debris—That Is All That's Left in House Fire



TURNER—Nicholas Jenkins, 85-year-old resident of Turner Route No. 1, sifts through debris of fire which destroyed his home Monday morning and caused the death of his brother-in-law, C. P. Langdon. A bachelor, Langdon lived in a house adjoining Jenkins'. He died from a heart attack while fighting the fire. The fire which completely gutted the small frame house—apparently was caused by an overheated stove. (Photo by John Erickson, Statesman Staff Photographer.)

Heart Attack Fatal to Man Fighting Fire

TURNER—One man is dead and a woman suffered from shock as the result of a fire that wiped out the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Jenkins on the Turner-Marion Highway at 8 a.m. Monday.

C. P. Langdon, 66, in his efforts to quell the fire by carrying water in buckets from a pitcher pump, died from a heart attack. He was the brother of Mrs. Jenkins, who suffered from shock.

Langdon was born in Douglas County and lived in a house adjoining the Jenkins'. His residence was not damaged.

The fire started in the chimney and is believed to have been caused by an overheated stove. Neighbors turned in the alarm, which was handled by the Turner fire department.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, age 85 and 78, respectively, were able only to save some bedclothing and dishes from their home. Poultry on the five acre property was unharmed.

Policewoman Job Sought by Gal with Arresting Figure

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A South Carolina girl with a most arresting figure applied Monday for a policewoman's job.

Mary Kempt Griffin, 23, Miss Myrtle Beach, S.C., and runner-up for the Miss United States title at last week's Universe Beauty Pageant, filled out a Civil Service application. The 5-foot, 8-inch southern beauty told officers:

"Since I didn't win the contest and get a movie contract, I'd like to stay in Los Angeles, and a policewoman's job always fascinated me."

Miss Griffin faces a written examination August 1. Officers said there was little doubt she would pass the physical test.

Bread Price Rises Cent

Salem housewives paid a penny more for bread and buns Monday as local bakeries took their cue from a one-cent increase in Portland.

Almost all brands of one-and-a-half pound loaves of white and wholewheat bread have retailed here at 25 cents.

Higher production costs caused the increase, a bakery industry spokesman said.

Charge Filed Against Man In Knifing Case

A charge of assault with a dangerous weapon was lodged against Raymond John Rightmour, 1211 S. 17th St., Monday in connection with the fatal stabbing of the Eskimo logger from Valse, 21-year-old John Melton.

Rightmour is accused by police of holding Melton when he was knifed in the stomach during a street fight early Saturday morning in the 200 block of North Commercial Street.

A similar charge (in the name of John Doe) was issued in Marion County District Court against the unknown slayer of Melton who is still at large. Bail for each is \$7,500.

Rightmour is in jail here where he has been held on an open charge since his arrest by city police Saturday.

Police Chief Clyde Warren indicated Monday further charges may be brought against the two men after receipt of an autopsy report from Dr. Homer Harris, pathologist with the Crime Detection Laboratory, Portland.

Rightmour's case was continued to July 22 at 9:30 a.m. for arraignment in district court.

Meanwhile, city police pressed their search for the slayer. Scores of persons have been questioned, but no definite leads have developed, detectives said.

A knife uncovered by police yesterday was being checked to determine if it was the murder weapon.

Jess Coleman, 64, of Wickburg, Ariz., who, police said, was punched in the nose by Melton before the stabbing was sentenced to five days in jail Monday for vagrancy.

Coleman became involved in a brief argument with Melton at Bligh Billards, North Commercial Street tavern, and received a broken nose when punched by the Eskimo.

Melton was then ordered to leave and was followed by two men who attacked him with a knife, according to witnesses.

Nail-Gulping Champ Found

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Sword-swallowers, flame-eaters — they're nothing to 22-month-old Randy Green.

His mother, Mrs. Sidney Green, found two nails in his mouth. She rushed him to a hospital. Examination revealed he'd swallowed 10 nails.

Doctors told her to feed him cotton, which she did, mixed with spinach. She says she thinks he's rid of the cotton-swallowed nails. Another examination is to be made to make sure.

Copter, Frogman Help to Rescue 2 Men on Rock

CANNON BEACH (AP) — Two men, trapped by the heavy surf as they tried to get off Haystack Rock here, were rescued Sunday. But it took a Navy helicopter, an ex-Marine frogman, a Coast Guard patrol boat and two life guards to do the job.

The pair, Sherwood Willets, 22, Portland, and on Kinney, a coast-guardman from Portland, both fell into the ocean while trying to climb down the rock.

Willets was washed back to the rock where he clung until a helicopter was flown from Seattle to rescue him.

Two life guards swam out to Kinney but they were unable to make it back. Then Roger Shanahan, ex-Marine, swam out with a line and the four men were towed back to shore.

Hundreds watched the rescue from the beach.

Nude 'Sunbather' Lying in Shade, Arrested by Police

A Salem man found "sunbathing" in Wallace Park on the west side of the river with nothing but his shoes on was arrested by police Monday and charged with disorderly conduct.

The arresting policeman pointed out, however, that the man was "sunbathing" in the shade.

Asked to explain his actions, the man replied: "I get nervous and this helps me to relax."

He posted \$50 bail and was released—clothed.

Novelist to Marry

LONDON (AP) — British novelist-playwright J. B. Priestley said Monday he will marry Mrs. Jacquetta Hawkes, noted writer and archaeologist Thursday.

Senator Hit By Automobile

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bridges (R-NH), knocked down Monday morning by an automobile, suffered only minor injuries but will remain in emergency hospital overnight for rest and observation.

The president's pro tempore of the Senate had stopped by his bank en route to the Capitol from a White House conference. He walked around his car into the line of traffic and was struck a glancing blow by a passing car.

He suffered some pain from being thrown to the pavement, but did not lose consciousness. He was taken to the hospital in his own car.

BASEBALL

Western International
At Victoria 5, Spokane 6
At Vancouver 4, Tri-Cities 3
At Calgary 12, Yakima 19
(Only game played.)

National League
At Pittsburgh 6-4, St. Louis 4-9
At Brooklyn 3, Chicago 0
(Only games scheduled.)

Coast League
(No games scheduled.)

American League
(No games scheduled.)

U.S. Asked for Assurances Of Unification

PANMUNJOM (AP) — Allied and Communist staff and liaison officers worked busily Tuesday on the apparent final arrangements for a Korean armistice, but a hint of new opposition came from a South Korean source.

In Seoul, Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai said the republic "may change its attitude" of not obstructing an armistice unless it gets assurances from Washington as to unification of the divided nation.

A highly placed government source, who declined to be named, said President Syngman Rhee was awaiting a reply from Washington on matters left unsettled in conferences earlier this month with U.S. envoy Walter S. Robertson.

But the hustle and bustle of preparations for a truce went on apace in this dusty western Korean village. Two groups of staff officers met during the morning — one apparently working on a cease-fire line and the other on administrative details.

Talks Recess

Allied and Communist liaison officers met at 1:05 and recessed 22 minutes later. Liaison officers usually exchange communications between the two high commands.

For the second day, final arrangements for the historic signing went on within sound of Communist hammers and saws rushing to complete a huge, 10,000-square-foot Korean style hall for the ceremony.

The Reds also had swarms of workers building a side road in the neutral zone.

Under floodlights, 200 Red laborers hammered and sawed through Monday night in order to have the historic hall ready by Thursday.

No date for a signing has been set as yet. Some observers said there could be a signing within a week, followed 12 hours later by a ceasefire.

Occupying a backseat, South Korea officially took a dim view of these preparations. A high official who asked that his name not be used called the current moves an "unconditional surrender by the allies."

To Continue Boycott

Maj. Gen. Choi Duk Shin, South Korea's truce delegate, said he would continue the boycott he has observed since May 25 and Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai said no South Korean representative would attend the signing ceremony.

Peiping Radio charged that South Korea still is trying "to scuttle the armistice." The Red China propaganda broadcast, heard in Tokyo, said Allied assurances that South Korea will observe truce terms "will be nothing but empty talk... if the American side continues to pamper Syngman Rhee."

Russ to Send Food To East Reich, But Germans Must Pay

BERLIN (AP) — The Soviet Union has agreed to send more than 57 million dollars worth of food to help hungry East Germany, but the East Germans will have to pay for the aid with manufactured goods.

The Communist East German government announced the extra Russian shipments early Tuesday. It admitted it had been forced to call on Moscow for help "several times" to ease food shortages.

The announcement said the shipments, to be delivered during the rest of 1953, would consist of 27,000 tons of butter, 8,500 tons of fats, 10,000 tons of vegetable oil, 15,000 tons of seed oils, 20,000 tons of meat and 1,500 tons of cheese. The value placed on this was 231 million rubles (\$57,500,000).

The Russian relief offer to the hungry satellite was made public 10 days after President Eisenhower promised 15 million dollars worth of American food to help the people of East Germany.

Offer Rejected

The Russian food agreement was made public just one day after President Eisenhower renewed a 10-day old offer to supply 15 million dollars worth of American food to East Berlin.

En Route to Reich

Much of the food the President promised already is en route to West Germany for distribution in the East if that Communist government agrees.

Eisenhower wrote West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that the U.S. offer "was motivated solely by humanitarian impulses and that the food is available if that government wishes to permit its entry into the Soviet Zone of occupation."

Meanwhile West Berliners were finding ways and means of getting food relief to their countrymen behind the Iron Curtain. Thousands of food packages were distributed along the border and coupons redeemable in grocery stores were also handed out.

Scarcely 24 hours after Eisenhower made his offer, the East German government and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov turned it down and denounced it as an empty propaganda gesture.

Their curt rejection made East Germans boil with anger since it seemed to prove to them that their Red bosses would play politics with hunger.

Discordant Grows

Unrest, which began in East Berlin June 17, continued to swell. Both the U.S. government and West Germany made further efforts to feed the satellite citizens.

Molotov, in his rejection, told the U.S. government it had been "misinformed" as to the need for food relief in East Germany. Tuesday's announcement that Russia would supply such relief apparently contradicted that statement.

It seemed to indicate, too, that the U.S. offer had been so successful in stirring up the people of East Germany that the Soviet Union found it necessary to counter with a dramatic gesture of its own.

The East German government claimed Tuesday it sought Soviet special assistance two weeks ago before the Eisenhower offer.

The government said the Soviet regime "after consideration" consented to add 83,000 tons of foodstuffs and 7,000 tons of cotton to the trade agreement between the two countries.

Agriculture Bureau Rejects New Building

The State Agricultural Department will not occupy space in the new \$450,000 Service Building approved by the 1953 Legislature, E. L. Peterson, department director, advised the State Board of Control Monday.

Peterson said the department prefers to remain in its current quarters in a building on 12th Street directly east of the State Supreme Court and state office structures. It occupies this building jointly with the State Printing Department.

An appropriation of \$700,000 was voted by the 1953 Legislature to cover the cost of the Service Building and site along with construction of a garage to be used in connection with operation of the state motor vehicle pool. Plans for the Service Building are being prepared by James L. Payne, Salem architect. Officials said actual construction of the Service Building probably would get under way within a few weeks.

It is now proposed that space originally assigned to the State Agricultural Department in the Service Building shall be occupied by the State Veterans Affairs Department, now housed in the State Library Building.

A part of the garage will be occupied by the State Purchasing Division. The Veterans Affairs Department is now scattered in three locations.

Israel, Russ To Exchange Envoys Again

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Soviet Union and Israel announced Monday they will resume diplomatic relations.

Russia severed relations in a dramatic after-midnight move Feb. 12, three days after a bomb exploded at the Soviet legation in Tel Aviv. The legation was badly damaged and three Russians were injured, including Claudia, wife of the Soviet minister, Pavel I. Yershov.

In an exchange of letters, Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov announced he was accepting Israel's apology for the bombing and assurances that Israel would continue its attempts to catch the "culprits."

Molotov also said the Soviet Union was taking into consideration a statement by the Israeli government "that it would not take part in any alliance or agreement pursuing aggressive aims against the Soviet Union."

Coos, Douglas Forests Shut

Closure of 6,000 acres of heavily timbered lands in Coos and Douglas counties, except by permit, was announced Monday by Gov. Paul Patterson, to be effective Tuesday midnight.

The closure was asked by State Forest Department officials.

Most of the lands involved in the closure are in the Coast Range mountain area and include part of Douglas Forest Protective Association. The lands extend from south of Umpqua River to the South Fork of the Coquille River.

Officials said other closures might follow within a few days provided warm weather continues.

Nearly Full Day Required to Select Dr. Bartell Case Jury

By CHARLES IRELAND
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DALLAS — Selection of a jury required nearly a full day Monday as the manslaughter by abortion trial of Dr. Isaac Donald Bartell, 58, Dallas physician, opened in Polk County Circuit Court.

Thirty-four potential jurors were questioned before seven men, five housewives and an alternate juror were selected.

Several were excused by Judge William East after declaring they would not hear the case with an open mind. Others were challenged because they named Bartell as their family doctor.

The trial will continue at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday when presentation of evidence is expected to start.

Brief opening statements were heard Monday afternoon when selection of the jury — a task Judge East called "tedious" — was finished.

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Commissar for God

Eddy Gilmore is on his way home to the U. S. after 11 years as Associated Press correspondent in Moscow. On page 4 of today's Statesman, he reports how Stalin modified his suppression of the church in order to use it for his own purposes by forming the "Commissariat for God."

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	78	42	0.00
Portland	74	34	0.00
San Francisco	73	49	0.00
Chicago	88	70	0.10
New York	88	72	0.17

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary's Field, Salem): Mostly fair today, tonight and Wednesday. A little warmer today with the highest near 80 and the low tonight near 46. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 54 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
43.29 42.69 38.23



Animal Crackers
By WARREN COODRICH

Who's a square!