

Ex-Merchant's Body Found in Home's Garage

William George Weiss, 57, a retired merchant formerly of Corvallis, was found dead Tuesday evening in the garage of his home at 1835 John St. by a neighbor.

Police said he was discovered by G. K. Barge, 290 N. Luther St., who found Weiss seated in his car into which led a section of garden hose from the exhaust pipe. The garage doors were shut. Barge told police that, upon gaining entry to the garage, he shut off the motor and secured help in pushing the car outside. The car's doors and windows were opened and first aid men were called.

In the car with the body was a note apparently signed by Weiss which stated a belief he had been a failure since selling the Corvallis store and advising his wife, Lillian, of the status of his insurance and other property matters, police said.

His wife, at the time of the body's discovery, was visiting at the home of Charles J. Hallberg, 225 W. Luther St. Hallberg was one of those first to arrive at the garage.

Weiss was born March 16, 1897 in Muscatine, Iowa, and came west to Los Angeles when in his 20's. Most of the time he had been in the sales promotion business on the West Coast, and about 12 years ago opened a clothing store in Corvallis.

He sold it four years ago and came to Salem where, for a period, he was in the electric heating business. He had recently lost an eye because of a tumorous condition.

Besides his wife, of Salem, he leaves his father George Weiss, a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Wilson and a nephew, all of Muscatine, and another nephew, Leonard Brown, Corvallis.

The Virgil T. Golden Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Idaho Power, Bonneville Tieup Advised

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Power Commission said Tuesday direct connection of the systems of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Idaho Power Co. would help alleviate recurring power shortages in the Pacific Northwest.

Such connection also would result in substantial economic savings, the commission said.

In a report based on studies made by its Bureau of Power, the commission explained the connection would supplement existing transmission lines between the eastern and western portions of the Northwest Power Pool.

Operating Organization

The pool is an operating organization which includes the major electric utilities of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah. The report said the power supply of the west group of the pool is largely hydroelectric while the east group is more dependent on steam-electric generation.

The systems "are now connected only through weak circuitous ties," the commission said.

The report discussed a direct tie between the Bonneville and Idaho systems in the Baker-LaGrande area in Oregon. The connection would directly affect the systems of Washington Water Power Co., Montana Power Co. and Utah Power and Light Co. in addition to the Bonneville and Idaho systems.

Retention of Present O & C Rules Asked

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Some 350 persons meeting here Tuesday night requested Interior Secretary McKay to retain present regulations governing O&C timber in Oregon.

The meeting was sponsored by the Western Forestry Industries Assn., State Grange, AFL, CIO and Farmers Union. Those attending approved resolutions urging that existing regulations be retained and that public hearings be held on any proposed changes.

The resolutions were approved after a discussion of access road policy revision proposed by the regional Bureau of Land Management advisory board in compliance with recent recommendations of a Department of Interior survey team.

44,000 Strike In Finland

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — A nationwide strike of railway, customs and prison officials started in Finland Wednesday at one minute past midnight. It involves 44,000 workers demanding higher pay.

Authorities said prison chief wardens are asking the most trusted among the convicts to take over guard duties.

RAIL DISPUTE SETTLED

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Federal Mediator James Holaren of Washington, D. C., Tuesday announced settlement of a labor dispute between three railway brotherhoods and the Union Pacific Railroad Co. on the lines between Granger, Wyo., and Seattle, Wash., and between Salt Lake City and Butte, Mont.

1955 Salmon Trolling Season Starts in State

ASTORIA (AP) — Some 300 salmon trollers left Oregon ports Tuesday for the opening of the 1955 salmon trolling season.

Fishermen were to work through most of the night in the waters between Astoria and Newport for Chinook salmon. A packing company official said catches of about 100 pounds a boat were expected for the first night's fishing. The Chinook price to fishermen will be about 30 cents a pound.

Smith Again Heads County United Fund

Samuel H. Smith of Woodburn was Tuesday re-elected president of the Marion County United Fund at the group's executive committee meeting.

Also re-elected were Dr. David J. Ferguson, Pratum, assistant to the president; A. A. Atherton, treasurer; C. A. Kells, recording secretary.

Kells said the other existing officers were nominated for reelection but action will be delayed until the March 29 annual meeting when it is expected they will be present to personally accept or reject the posts.

Kells said it was also announced that \$17,129.73 had so far been collected from Marion County towns other than Salem and that there are still two towns yet to report results of the fall campaign.

He also said the Oregon Chest has confirmed its intent to conduct next fall's campaign in rural areas here.

Witness in Jelke Trial Wins Respite

NEW YORK (AP) — Call girl Pat Ward broke down completely Tuesday and won brief overnight respite as star witness at the vice trial of oleomargarine heir Mickey Jelke.

Earlier, her voice fragile, her chin firm, she invoked the Fifth Amendment to try to avoid naming the father of her illegitimate child. Calm at the time, she refused to answer that or any further questions. But she went ahead later on order of the court.

When the state began to pin her down on the names of her cash lovers, she dropped her head in her hands and let the tears flow. A recess failed to calm her. Again she broke under questioning. As she huddled in the witness chair, court was adjourned early in the hope she might regain composure by Wednesday.

Before Miss Ward took the stand, the defense injected fleeting references on the record to movie stars John Carradine and Mickey Rooney.

Dog Racing Writ Filed

An amended alternative writ directing the State Racing Commission to show cause within 10 days why it should not issue a license for dog racing at Eugene has been filed in Marion County Circuit Court.

Arguments of attorneys on the original writ of mandamus were heard last week by Judge Val D. Sloper, who directed the Greyhound Park of Eugene to file an amended writ on a motion by racing commission attorneys.

Under the amended writ, the commission is to file its answer by March 25.

Planning Unit Gives Warning To Surveyors

(Story also on page 1.)

Salem Planning Commission, complaining of sketchy plat plans, directed, its engineer Tuesday night to advise surveyors to meet commission regulations if they expected the plats to be considered in the future.

Commissioner Engineer C. A. McClure was directed by the commission to send copies of the rules and regulations to the surveyors with the warning. The commission also directed McClure to advise the city recorder's office that no plats would be accepted for consideration unless given preliminary approval by him.

One plat was given final approval Tuesday night and two others won tentative approval on recommendation of the commission's plat committee.

Final Approval

Final approval went to a 100-foot section of Lincoln Park addition in the Four Corners area. Tentative ok went to Emil Hallik for a replat from 9 to 7 lots of a section of Pioneer Heights addition west of Pioneer Drive between Mader Avenue and Red Hills Drive. A 70-foot plat for A. G. Hamilton east of Liberty Road and south of Mize Road was also given tentative approval on condition that in an attempt be made to secure right-of-way in the addition for extension of a north-south street to Mize road.

A request by Elmo A. McMillan for approval of an 8-foot access driveway to an interior lot near 14th and D Street was denied by the commission. Regulations call for a 20-foot driveway. At a public hearing on the variance request, Dale Peterson appeared to plead for the owners. No opposition was heard.

Tabled Indefinitely

E. M. Buchholz' request for establishing of property north of State Street and between 21st and 23rd streets as III-X zone was tabled indefinitely after receipt of a second letter from Buchholz advising the commission he was no longer interested in the property.

The variance and zone change committee agreed to investigate a request by George E. Wagenblast that property at 2790 Market St. be rezoned from residential to business classification. The property is included in a section annexed by the city last December.

A proposed budget of approximately \$5,700 for the commission was ordered sent to the city manager for consideration in the city's budget next month. The budget item includes a salary for the commission's engineer and for miscellaneous expenses.

Wyoming Hotel Fire Kills 6

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — A fire in this Wyoming University city wrecked the two-story Johnson Hotel Tuesday, killing six men and sending five others to a hospital. Hotel guests leaped from windows and some hung from the front portal signboard to escape the flames quickly engulfing the 55-year-old building. It was of frame construction with brick veneer.

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HOLLYWOOD "FRANCIS JOINS THE WACS" with Donald O'Connor. "BILLS INTO LARAMIE" with John Payne.

County Cases Of Positive TB Total Only 2

Only two positive cases of tuberculosis were discovered from among 1,120 persons tested in Marion County during the past six months, it was reported at Tuesday's meeting of the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Department.

The report was made by Mrs. Bernice Yeary, nursing supervisor of the health department, who said these tuberculosis tests also found 132 "reactors" — persons who have been exposed to the TB germ but who haven't active tuberculosis.

Mrs. Ruby Bunnell, the agency's executive secretary, termed the results "quite good," and average for Oregon, and Dr. Grover Belinger, former head of the state TB hospital, lauded the value of these tests for positive reactors, who should keep periodic checks on their conditions.

At this March board meeting directors voted that the \$100 donated to the association by Salem Girl Scouts be contributed to the Sadie Orr Dunbar endowment to provide a public health nursing scholarship at the University of Oregon.

Plans were made for the association's April 11 annual meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Bunnell announced that Dr. Brook Chisholm, former director of the World Health Organization, will be speaker at a dinner to be held March 25 at the Marion Hotel. The dinner is open to the public.

U. S. Demo Boss Plans Talk With Press at Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — Paul M. Butler, new Democratic national chairman, will hold a press conference when he arrives here Thursday morning for his first official visit to Oregon.

He has scheduled a number of conferences with party leaders during the day and will speak at a Democratic dinner meeting in the evening.

Butler will leave for California Friday morning.

D.A. to Seek Dismissal of Con's Appeal

District Attorney Kenneth E. Brown said Tuesday he planned to file a motion with the Supreme Court to dismiss an appeal on a life sentence made by Gordon Sayre Little last August.

Little was sentenced to life in prison in Marion County in 1943. Eleven years later he filed a writ of habeas corpus, and the Supreme Court ordered issuance of the writ on the ground that he had been improperly sentenced.

The court then ordered the writ to be stayed for 30 days, allowing officials to bring Little back to court for proper sentencing. He was again re-sentenced to life under the habitual criminal statute.

Little then filed an appeal and was admitted to bail for \$5,000. Since that time, Brown said, Little has been arrested in Boise, Ida., for selling alcoholic liquor without a license. He allegedly posted \$2,000 bail and failed to appear for a preliminary hearing.

He was arrested in Twin Falls, Ida., for alleged burglary on Feb. 1. Six days later he was extradited to Utah on charges of second degree burglary and grand larceny. He is now awaiting trial in Logan, Utah, on these charges, the district attorney said.

Brown said he was asking the Supreme Court to dismiss Little's appeal on the grounds that the court had already decided on the question involved in the appeal and because the out-of-state charges which have since been lodged against him.

Major A-Shot Planned Today

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — The Atomic Energy Commission, after a weather briefing Tuesday, decided to go ahead with preparations for a major shot in the present series at 5:15 a. m. (PST) Wednesday on Yucca Flat.

The AEC, after Tuesday morning's postponement, had at first given up the idea of shooting until Thursday. But suddenly clearing skies suggested there might be a chance Wednesday.

ST. PATRICK'S CARNIVAL DANCE TONIGHT

Crystal Gardens

Barbershop Quartet Show Due April 16

Rehearsals are now underway for another Barbershop Quartet Show scheduled for April 16 under the sponsorship of the Salem Rotary Club.

The show will be held at North Salem High School auditorium, and will feature quartets from Eugene-Springfield, Forest Grove, Portland and Klamath Falls.

The Salem Senate-Aires, male chorus of the Salem chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America, will hold a new member rehearsal and social hour at the Salem Woman's Club house tonight at 8 p.m.

Each member has been asked to bring a prospective member

to the meeting in an effort to double membership. Entertainment at tonight's meeting will be provided by the "Chord Cats," a Salem quartet.

Dr. Don Foster is president of Salem's barbershop singing enthusiasts.

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