

Odd, Varied Requests Reach Desk of Salem Police Office

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Salem police recently located in 30 minutes a man whose relatives had been seeking his whereabouts since he left his native Italy some 20 years ago.

Chief Clyde A. Warren said the department received a call from a New Jersey woman, asking confirmation of her belief that a long vanished uncle was residing in the Salem area.

The woman related that all members of the family are natives of Italy. She added that in the past year checks postmarked from Salem had been sent regularly to an Italian hospital to pay medical bills of her ailing father (brother of the missing uncle).

Missing 20 Years

The niece said that prior to the appearance of the checks there had been no response or word from the uncle in almost 20 years—not since he left Italy for this country.

Chief Warren said it took only a short time to locate the uncle—name not revealed—in the Brooks area north of Salem. He was asked to contact the niece in New Jersey.

The above incident is indication that the Salem police department's function is not confined solely to pasting parking tickets on windshields and picking up inebriated citizens and an occasional burglar.

Odd Requests

Countless—and often odd—are the requests that labor the ears of the desk sergeant through the average day. While the city's gendarmes haven't yet been assigned to finding the proverbial needle in a haystack, they've had jobs almost as exacting.

Among the stranger requests received recently, said Chief Warren, was one from an east coast woman. She asked police to confirm that money she sent here to buy a tombstone for a deceased relative was spent as suspected.

Officers thought that one over for a time—wondering how to convince the skeptical woman. The answer, according to Warren, was to send a police photog-

rapher out to the cemetery, snap a picture of the tombstone and ship the photo to the woman's residence.

Sometimes 'Stopped'

"That apparently satisfied her," said the chief.

The department tries to the best of its ability to give out information within the bounds of discretion, so long as no confidence is violated. But sometimes bewildered officers are handed

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"HELL'S HALF ACRE," with Wendell Corey and Evelyn Keyes

Women's Fifth Jail Concert May Be Last

KLAMATH FALLS — The county jail dusk to dawn girl quintet staged its fifth consecutive hillbilly concert Saturday night, to the dismay of sleepless jailers. But it might have been the final performance.

The concert ended at 5 a.m. Sunday after a conference between the five women prisoners, all serving terms for minor offenses, and Sheriff Murray Britton. He said the girls agreed to quit singing if regular meals are served to them. They have been on bread and water since Tuesday and all mattresses and bedding have been removed from their cells.

Britton said if the girls are quiet Sunday night they may be served one full meal Monday.

Suspected Smugglers

Two men arrested outside the jail early Saturday as suspected smugglers of songbooks to the songbird jailbirds each were fined \$100 on vagrancy charges. They asked to serve out their fines at the rate of \$2 a day as prescribed by law.

The girls sentenced at different times but kept together in a women's section of the jail, are:

Marcia Anderson 19, serving 60 days for disorderly conduct, accused of biting a state policeman on the hand. She is the wife of James Quinton Anderson, 34, a convicted slayer being held in the same jail pending an appeal to the state supreme court.

Phyllis Hill, 18, serving six months and 10 days for disorderly conduct and contempt of court.

Edna Stanton, 27, doing 30 days for permitting an unlicensed driver to operate an automobile.

Ernestino Pelicana, 22, serving 30 days for vagrancy.

Almina Charles, 34, serving 30 days for disorderly conduct.

Nocturnal concerts
Jailers said the nocturnal concerts started last Tuesday night when the women had a party after friends sent them food and candy. The party continued after lights out with singing, and then was repeated each night.

Some of their favorite numbers include "The Last Rose of Summer," "The Dipsy Doodle" and "Save the Bones for Henry Jones 'cause He Don't Eat No Meat."

The singers have attracted widespread attention and a number of queries have come in from West Coast cities. The sheriff said he received one telegram from Seattle asking:

"Do the girls know 'Davey Crockett'?"

200,000 ANGLERS
SEATTLE — An estimated 200,000 anglers, men, women and children, trekked to the state's lowland lakes Sunday on opening day of the state fishing season. Unseasonably low water temperatures held down the catches in some Western Washington lakes, despite generally good weather.

Thousands 'Revolted' Against Soviet

MAIZURU, Japan — More than 150,000 slave laborers revolted against their Russian guards in Siberian forced labor camps last May, a Japanese repatriate said Monday.

The Russians restored order "only after machine gunning many of the protesting laborers," the newspaper Tokyo Shimbun quoted Minoru Okada, 43.

Okada was one of 88 Japanese who returned Monday aboard the repatriation ship Koan Maru from Soviet ports.

Okada said the rebellion started simultaneously in scores of compounds in the huge Nalinsk forced labor camp, in North Central Siberia.

Throw Down Tools

"The workers threw down their tools, raised black flags to protest brutal treatment by Russian guards, and refused to work," Okada said.

The wave of rebellion swept to other slave labor camps at Karagana in Karakastan State, Okada said.

He reported the refusal to work lasted almost a month at Nalinsk. "Then the Russians restored order but only after machine gunning many of the protesting laborers," he said.

Okada would not discuss details of his own case except to say he was in one of the camp compounds at the time.

Kyodo News Service said other repatriates reported at least 200 slave laborers were killed and 180 injured at Karaganda.

The repatriates said most of the laborers were Russians and Central Europeans from nations now behind the Iron Curtain.

Lodge Has Leg Lanced

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., U. S. ambassador to the United Nations, had an abscess on his right leg lanced Sunday at the Presbyterian Hospital.

Lodge told the reporter the leg was pierced accidentally near the shin bone by a thorn a week ago last Monday while he was riding a bicycle at Antigua, British West Indies. He had been vacationing there.

He plucked out the thorn but a part remained and an infection developed. When the infection failed to yield to treatment Lodge went to the hospital Sunday and had it lanced.

He's Set for Surprise Alert



Probably the first man on the job when "Operation Minute Man" goes into effect soon will be National Guard Company B. Sgt. Melvin R. Karsten shown above eating lunch at the Oregon Pulp and Paper Co. where he works. Purpose of the test will be to determine how fast National Guard units throughout the nation can be pressed into service in an emergency. If the surprise alert happens during working hours, Karsten—with only a two-block sprint to the armory from his job—should be a clinch to cop "first man ready" honors. (Statesman photo).

Extortion Cab Driver Had 'Bad Fright'

(Story also on Page 1)

PORTLAND (AP) — Donald Halfman, taxicab driver who took Aaron Frank's representative to Eugene Friday night in an effort to contact a would-be extortioner, said Sunday he did not suspect the nature of the trip he was undertaking.

"I didn't even know an explosion had occurred that afternoon," he said.

Halfman said his passenger had told him to be on the watch for a car which blinked its lights three times, as per instructions in the extortion note left at the Meier & Frank Store just before Friday's explosion.

"I got a bad fright just out of Oregon City when there was a terrific blinking of lights just behind us, but my passenger saw that the lights were from a passenger train."

He said he made only one stop, at a service station in Junction City, 14 miles north of Eugene, and that no "contact" was made.

Music Educators Choose Officers

EUGENE — The Northwest Music Educators Conference Saturday elected O. M. Hartsell, M.S., Eugene, as president.

Henry J. Vop Der Heide, supervisor of instrumental music for the Boise, Idaho, public schools, was elected vice president.

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Woods Yield 17-Year-Old Girl's Body

CRESTVIEW, Fla. — The body of Margie Paul, 17-year-old high school student who disappeared Wednesday, was found in a wooded area Sunday.

Sheriff Aubrey McDonald said the girl had been murdered. She was shot three times through the head with a .22 caliber pistol.

The teen-ager was last seen Wednesday night with Curry Columbus Carter, 39, of Defuniak Springs, who shot himself to death Thursday after critically wounding his wife, Stella Rushing Carter, 32.

The sheriff said all bullets in the case were from a .22 caliber pistol.

McDonald said Carter left three notes, but their contents were not disclosed.

Margie's body was discovered a quarter-mile from an abandoned logging road. It was lying face down in the brush. Her blue coat was flung over her shoulders.

Her pocketbook, containing family snapshots, was found about 30 feet from the scene.

Coroner George Vandelikas said a preliminary autopsy showed bruises on the girl's neck and arms. A final autopsy is planned later.

McDonald said no reason had been advanced for the shootings.

Eden Scolds Indochina Truce Boards

NEW DELHI, India — British Prime Minister Anthony Eden was reported Sunday to have told India's Prime Minister Nehru that the Indochina truce commissions are not properly carrying out their roles under the Geneva agreements.

Authoritative sources said Eden criticized the commissions in a letter he wrote as co-chairman of the Geneva conference, which ended the Indochina War. The letter was addressed to Nehru as Prime Minister of the country which holds the chairmanship of the truce commissions.

The informants said Eden's letter stated that the truce commissions' main job was to supervise the truce and investigate alleged violations, but that the commissions, under India, were more interested in finding a permanent solution of the Indochina crisis.

The letter is said to have angered Nehru, who normally is on friendly terms with Eden.

The informants said it was received here during the last week in March and was one of the reasons Nehru burst forth in Parliament March 30 with a bitter attack on Western policy.

It is understood Nehru has not answered the letter.

To Speak



Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, noted nuclear physicist, who will give the 1955 Condon lectures at the University of Oregon, Oregon State College and in Portland under the sponsorship of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Oppenheimer Plans 2 Talks At Oregon U.

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, one of the world's great scientists, will open the Condon lectures at the University of Oregon Tuesday with an address on "The Subnuclear Zoo: The Constitution of Matter." Oppenheimer, director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, has been one of the great figures in the development of atomic plans and weapons. He was the wartime head of the Los Alamos atomic laboratory.

The scientist will speak again Thursday at the university on the topic "Elements of Order." These two talks will be repeated at Oregon State College April 26 and 28 and in Portland at Portland State College on May 3 and 4.

Snow Sweeps Moscow as Many Celebrate Easter

MOSCOW — Snow flurries swept Moscow Sunday as the faithful of the Russian orthodox religion filled their few churches for Easter services.

Many foreigners joined the congregation Saturday night in the capital's big Yelokhovskiy Cathedral, where Russian Patriarch Alexius officiated.

Easter usually falls on a different day here than in Western countries since the orthodox church still uses the old Julian calendar. Western churches use the Gregorian system.

Second Victim Of Shooting Spree Dies

PASCO, Wash. — The second victim of an April 1 shooting spree in which a policeman was killed, died Sunday.

P. H. Petersen, 52, father of the 16-year-old youth who is now being held on a murder charge for the death of policeman Alva M. Jackson, died of injuries he received when his son shot his way through Pasco's East Side two weeks ago.

Doctors said death was caused by a bullet which had struck him in the abdomen. Another slug had hit him in the hip.

The elder Petersen had been hospitalized with critical injuries since the shooting and had been semi-conscious the last four days.

Chester Young, the boy's grandfather, also injured in the fracas, was released from the hospital last week after being treated for a wound in the leg.

Sheriff's deputies said Sunday night that the youth, Richard Petersen, had not been notified of his father's death. He is being held at the county jail where deputies said he has remained calm since the shooting.

Police reported that young Petersen fired more than 20 bullets from a .30 caliber rifle and a .22 caliber pistol in the half-hour battle in which Jackson and the elder Petersen were fatally injured.

Police Office Floor Work Begins Today

Construction work will begin today on a new mezzanine floor at the city police department. The project, approved by the City Council, will cost an estimated \$2,000.

Chief Clyde A. Warren said the mezzanine will house new offices for detectives and several interrogation rooms. The project will provide additional room for files and records, which have accumulated to the point where present facilities are inadequate.

Completed Sunday was the cutting of a doorway through solid masonry to give access from main headquarters to future filing rooms on the north side.

TURK LEADER RECOVERING

ANKARA, Turkey — President Celal Bayar, 71, underwent an operation for a prostate condition Sunday. He was reported in good condition.

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