

Police Investigate Bizarre Shooting

NEW YORK — (U.P.) — Mrs. Olga Rocco, 28, who was wounded in the Times Square subway station by a blonde who thought she was taking a picture for an insurance investigator, remained on the critical list at Roosevelt Hospital Wednesday while police sought her husband for questioning about the bizarre shooting.

Physicians said Mrs. Rocco probably would recover but it may be necessary to amputate her right leg. She was wounded in the right thigh.

Pearl Lusk, 19, who shot Mrs. Rocco with a sawed-off shotgun concealed in a gaily wrapped package, was held at an undisclosed place by police pending further investigation of her story that she thought she was taking a picture of Mrs. Rocco with a special X-ray camera.

She faces charges of felonious assault and violation of the Sullivan law. However, no charges have been filed against her, police said.

Miss Lusk identified a picture of Al Fresco Rocco, husband of the victim, as the Allan LaRue who she said hired her to take the "picture" of Mrs. Rocco, police reported.

Bank Robbers Leave Cold Trail

BATTLE GROUND, Wash. — (U.P.) — A cold trail was followed Wednesday in the wake of Tuesday's robbery of the Battle Ground State Bank as officials revised estimates of the amount taken to somewhere under \$20,000.

Loran Richey, a teller, said an audit Tuesday night showed the first estimate of \$8000 to have been too low. Normally that would have been about the sum in the cash drawer which three armed men rifled, but heavy post-Christmas deposits of currency were in the till, he said.

Two abandoned automobiles were the only clues from which to work. One, believed that in which the robbers fled as Deputy U.S. Marshal Ed Bannion of Tacoma opened fire, was found two miles east of here. It was believed the men may have separated at that point or have taken another car.

One of two spotting airplanes saw a car crash into a telephone pole and one man leave it. When police arrived, it was unoccupied.

CRASH VICTIM DIES — SHANNON, Eire — (U.P.) — Dudley Hill, Alexandria, Va., radio officer of the wrecked TWA airliner Star of Cairo, died Wednesday of his injuries, raising to 13 the death toll of the crash near Shannon Airport Saturday morning.

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JACOB'S WELL — Greek Orthodox priests examine the windlass and cup at Jacob's well at Balata, suburb of Nablus, Palestine's second all-Arab city. The top of the well, a 100-foot shaft given to the Samaritans by Jacob, is 30 feet underground.

Loy Rowling Praises Seal Sale Supporters

Appreciation to the people of Lane County for their generous support of the 1946 Christmas Seal Sale was expressed Wednesday by Loy Rowling, county seal sale chairman.

"There seems to be no doubt that when final reports from throughout the county come in, and a few more late contributions arrive, that we will reach our quota of \$12,000," Rowling said. "The response to the seal sale showed the people's deep interest in the continuation of the Lane County Public Health Assn.'s control program."

"We are deeply grateful for the response to our appeal for funds," he continued, "and we assure our contributors that the association will keep faith with them by making the best possible use of every dollar contributed to fight tuberculosis, one of the greatest health menaces of the day."

City News

Central Presbyterian Church will not practice Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Regular practice schedule will resume next week.

Women's Relief Corps will meet Thursday at 2 p.m. in the armory for installation of officers. All members are requested to attend.

I SAW — On a very cold morning of Dec. 29th, a large flock of robin redbreasts alight around a puddle of ice cold water. Several of them stepped into the water and gave themselves a vigorous, splashing bath. — Mrs. E. B.

L. S. Axland, district representative of General Foods Sales Co., left Jan. 1 for a three-day company convention in New York. He has been with the company 20 years, and in Eugene since 1933.

Radio Drama Portrays Auto Accident Tragedy

"And Sudden Death," an eleven-year-old radio drama, brought its annual warning into the homes of Eugene through station KORE at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The story, presented by Mutual Broadcasting System on Christmas eve and repeated by popular request, deals in vivid terms with an automobile accident from its conception to its tragic end.

Highlights of Business Year

By UNITED PRESS
Aircraft—1946 total production 37,200 planes, against 49,862 in 1945. Of these, 1400 were military, against 47,815 in 1945; 35,250 were personal, against 1974; and 550 were commercial transport against 73.

Automobile—1946 production, 3,070,000 units, including 930,000 trucks; 1947 estimate, 4,500,000 cars and trucks.

Bank Clearings—1946, \$631,500,000,000, against \$569,428,000,000 in 1945, and \$338,765,000,000 in 1941.

Bituminous Coal—1946 production, 521,000,000 tons, against 576,000,000 in 1945.

Cigarettes—1946 production 329,100,000,000, against 267,570,000,000 in 1945, and 206,408,000,000 in 1941.

Commodity Prices—United Press Dun and Bradstreet index (1930-32 equals 100) hit high record at 243.90 on Oct. 13, compared with low of 181.90 on Jan. 2, and 1945 close of 182.16 in 1945. Last 1946 prices around year's highs.

Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural, Consumer Loans—1946 reach record high of \$17,300,000,000.

Construction—1946 total \$5,200,000,000, against \$2,300,000,000 in 1945.

Crops—Wheat, 1,169,422,000 bushels; corn, 3,380,872,000 bushels, record high; cotton, 8,482,000 bales, smallest crop since 1921.

Currency in Circulation—Around \$29,000,000,000, record high.

Dividend Payments—\$4,000,000,000, record high, against \$3,876,200,000 in 1945.

Electricity—1946 output 222,500,000,000 kilowatt hours, against 222,435,000,000 kwh in 1945.

Employment—Hits record high around 60,000,000, including armed forces.

Failures—1,104 in 1946, against 810 in 1945, and 11,848 in 1941.

Financing—1946 total, \$7,000,000,000, against \$7,958,000,000 in 1945.

Food Index—Dun and Bradstreet index of 31 foods touched \$4.12 on Jan. 2 and rose to record high of \$6.49 on Nov. 19. Closed 1945 at \$4.15.

Foreign Trade—1946, exports, \$9,500,000,000; imports, nearly \$5,000,000,000.

Gasoline—1946 production, 746,000,000 barrels, against 774,460,000 barrels in 1945.

Gold—Stocks at year end, around \$20,500,000,000, new high since early 1945.

Insurance—Ordinary life in force end of year, \$115,000,000,000, record high.

Inventories—Manufacturing, jobbers, and retailers, \$82,300,000,000. Labor—Estimated 5,000,000 workers involved in strikes lost 114,000,000 manhours, both records.

Lumber Production—29,946,000,000 board feet, against 27,351,000,000 in 1945, and 33,476,000,000 in 1941.

Petroleum—1946 production, 1,730,000,000 barrels, against 1,711,103,000 in 1945.

Railroads—Net profit in 1946, only \$29,000,000; car loadings, 41,000,000 cars, against 41,901,000 in 1945.

Retail Trade—1946, record high of \$97,000,000,000, against \$76,800,000,000 in 1945, and \$55,500,000,000 in 1941.

Shoes—1946 production, 525,861,000 pairs, against 443,900,000 in 1945.

Steel—1946 production, record peacetime high, 65,800,000 net tons, against 79,700,000 in 1945.

Tires—1946 output, 88,000,000 units, record; 1947 estimated at 80,000,000.

Wholesale Trade—1946, \$126,000,000,000, against \$105,386,000,000 in 1945, and \$84,686,000,000 in 1941.

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — Dealers in building materials were free Wednesday of controls that forced them to save most of their scarce supplies for home builders.

Housing Expediter Frank Creedon Tuesday called a halt to the set-aside system that held a key

place in the housing plans of former Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt.

Creedon previously had abolished the priorities formerly granted to GI home builders. Housing officials said it was no longer necessary, therefore, to maintain set-asides.

Suppliers still must give preference to orders on which priorities have already been established, up to a maximum of 75 per cent of monthly deliveries.

The abandoned set-aside system covered several score building items including bathtubs, radiators and nails. Many of the items are not longer in short supply.

Creedon also terminated, as of Jan. 31, a Wyatt premium payment plan designed to encourage production of gypsum paper liner. He said production of gypsum board had risen to an all-time peak.

PORTLAND — (U.P.) — There will be little change in lumbering operations in the Northwest as a result of new federal regulations now effective, F. H. Brundage, Civilian Production Administration log and lumber administrator, said Wednesday.

He said the order would eliminate a rule that lumber must be held 60 days for rated or certified orders and that 85 per cent of shop grade lumber be channeled to millworking plants.

The provision that 50 per cent of mill output must be for housing construction items remains.

Magazine Names Ten Young Women For Awards

United Press Staff Correspondent By BARBARA BUNDSCHEU
NEW YORK — (U.P.) — An atomic physicist, the tutor to the prince of Japan, and a Negro attorney were among ten young women named today for Mademoiselle Magazine's annual awards of merit.

Honored for outstanding achievement in widely varied fields were the following:

Alicia Alonso, Cuba-born prima ballerina of the Ballet Theatre, currently performing in San Francisco.

Pauline Betz, of Dayton, O., and Los Angeles, tennis champion.

Dr. Chein-Shiung Wu, of Shanghai, China, senior research scientist on the Manhattan Project at Columbia University, formerly a student and lecturer at the University of California.

Cecil Chapman, of New York, designer of young evening clothes.

Dorothy Fosdick, daughter of the noted clergyman, Harry Emerson Fosdick, adviser to the U. S. delegation to the United Nations and assistant chief of the State Department's Division of International Organization Affairs.

Judy Holliday, twenty-three-year-old actress now starring in "Born Yesterday."

Virginia MacWatters, twenty-three-year-old Philadelphia opera singer presently singing at London's Covent Garden.

Pauli Murray, native of Durham, N. C., graduate of Hunter College, Howard University and the University of California, deputy attorney general for the State of California during a special legislative session on post-war problems last winter, now attorney for the American Jewish Congress.

Elizabeth Gray Vining of Philadelphia, now in Tokyo as tutor to the crown prince of Japan.

Dorothy V. Wheeler, of Sedalia, Mo., and Wichita, Kan., director of the nursing service of the Veterans Administration.

Viet-Nam Forces Press Offensives

PARIS — (U.P.) — Viet-Nam troops launched fresh attacks against the French in Hanoi, the French news agency reported Wednesday, revealing that the city was under Viet-Nam artillery fire.

A general attack was launched by Viet-Nam forces at Nam Dinh two days ago, it was revealed, but fighting was now dying down without a decisive result.

Another unsuccessful Viet-Nam offensive was reported at Bac Ninh, northeast of Hanoi and in Haiphong a French guard post at Anhe Bridge was attacked.

Gen. Jacques Philippe LeClerc arrived at Hanoi airfield. He is making a personal inspection of the battle area.

Alums' New York Head Sets Visit on Campus

John MacGregor, assistant dean of New York University law school and head of the New York alumni group of the University of Oregon, will visit the campus Jan. 2 and 3, Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel administration, reported Tuesday.

MacGregor, former student body president and 1923 graduate of the University of Oregon, will be guest at a dinner given by the Inter-Fraternity Council Friday. The New York lawyer is national president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and chairman of the National Inter-Fraternity Conference.

Dean Onthank will have a group of alumni of the class of '23 at his home Thursday evening to meet MacGregor.

Junction City Proves Virile Home for Plants

Nora M. Wright, Junction City, has come up with a challenge which Route 7 probably couldn't meet without building a greenhouse. It's narcissi in December. Mrs. Wright says they grow under her oak trees, partially protected from the frost, and the lovely, fragrant blooms were snifted with pleasure by everyone in the Register-Guard office Tuesday.

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Cold Weather Covers Nation

By UNITED PRESS
The coldest weather in the nation, this first day of the new year, covered a broad area from the New England and Great Lakes states southwestward through the Mississippi Valley into the Gulf of Mexico.

Temperatures were below freezing as far south as Corpus Christi, Tex., and sub-zero readings were general in New England areas as well as the Great Lakes region.

Early morning readings included La Crosse, Wis., with 25 degrees below zero; Pellston, Mich., 27 below, and Saginaw, Mich., 11 below.

Freezing rain and sleet continued to fall from central Texas northeastward to Arkansas, Tennessee and Virginia, with the belt of freezing rain extending as far south as Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Corbin, Ky., reported an eight-inch snowfall, and there was six inches at Pikesville, Ky., and four inches in Monticello, Ark.

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Leaders of 4-H Clubs To Meet in Corvallis

Leaders of 4-H Clubs in western Oregon will gather for a training conference at Oregon State College, Corvallis, next month, it was announced Tuesday by E. A. Danielson, county 4-H agent.

The date for the conference has been tentatively set at Jan. 28, 29 and 30, Danielson said. He added that this will be the first postwar meeting of leaders from all western Oregon. During the war, only district gatherings were held.

Local club leaders interested in attending are asked to contact Danielson.

MATCH TELLS STORY
INDIANAPOLIS — (U.P.) — Holbert Sweetman, 23, lit a match to see if there was any alcohol in the radiator of his car. There was. Sweetman was treated for face burns at City Hospital.

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