

Private Stole, Witness Says

NEW YORK. — (AP) — A witness at the Navy court martial of Chief Signalman Harold E. Hirschberg, 29, accused of mistreating American war prisoners in the Philippines, testified Tuesday that an Army private tortured to death by the Japanese had been caught stealing sugar from his fellow prisoners' rations shortly before his death.

Marine Warrant Officer Louis E. Duncan, 31, of Baltimore, at present attached to the Second Marine Division at Camp Le-

jeune, N. C., who was a prisoner with the defendant at Camp Murphy on Luzon, was the first witness of the day.

Duncan testified that a storekeeper reported to him that he had caught Army Private George Garrett of Waco, Tex., stealing sugar from the men's rations.

He said he reported the theft to Hirschberg and asked him what he would do about it. Duncan said Hirschberg replied that "something would happen to Garrett" within 24 hours.

The witness said that within the specified period Garrett was beaten badly by Japanese guards with clubs.

No attempt was made to link the beating with the subsequent fatal beating and torture of Garrett.

Garrett's torture was described Monday by a witness. One of the specifications against Hirschberg accuses him of informing the Japanese guards of an escape attempt by Garrett.

Scientists Plan Corpse Study

TOKYO. — (AP) — A group of Japanese scientists planned Tuesday to exhume the body of Saburo Utsunomiya to check his prediction that he would live again.

Utsunomiya, who died July 23, 1902, said that if he were disinterred 33 years later, his body would be found "undead."

Utsunomiya was known in Commodore Perry's day as a progressive civil engineer who was inspired by western civilization. He pioneered in the development of heat-resisting brick and in chemical processes for brewing sake.

Before his death from tuberculosis, Utsunomiya designed a special steel coffin in which he placed mysterious chemicals. He commanded his family to seal the casket as soon as his body was placed in it.

Plans to exhume the body July 23, the anniversary of Utsunomiya's death, met official objections but the disinterment will be carried out in the near future, now that permission has been received from authorities.

None of the scientists commented on the fact that the body was being removed 45 years after Utsunomiya's death instead of after the 33 years he specified.

Federal Tax Collector Blasts Congressional 'Economy' Move

Fred L. Huber, deputy collector in charge of the Eugene office of the bureau of internal revenue, interpreted Tuesday the "economy" in the treasury department, necessitated by a congressional slash of \$20,000,000 from the bureau's budget.

Two deputy collectors, F. C. Wheeler and Roy Stageberg, were released from the Eugene office personnel roll this month, Huber observed.

The men were dropped at a time when 2400 investigations are pending in the territory for which Huber is responsible—Lane, Linn, Douglas, Lincoln and Benton Counties, he declared.

"These men each cost the government approximately \$4000 a year," Huber said, "and they brought into the United States Treasury an average of \$40,000 a year in delinquent taxes alone—taxes which would not be collected unless they went out and investigated the cases and ferreted out the money."

In Oregon, Huber said, 37 deputy collectors have been dismissed. This brings about a government saving of \$148,000 in their salaries and a government loss of at least \$1,480,000 in the taxes which will never be collected now because these men are gone. . . . a net "economy" of \$1,332,000 loss to the U. S. government in the state of Oregon alone, Huber added.

"The government figures show," Huber said, "that for every \$1 expended on deputy collectors, the return is \$11 in taxes which otherwise wouldn't be collected. In Eugene last month, the average delinquent tax amount collected per man was \$7318.50, with each of the nine collectors handling 37 cases."

Stageberg, one of the collectors released, was responsible for collection of \$10,449 in delinquent taxes during June—his last month with the government, Huber said. He has now set up an office in Roseburg, where he will be a private tax consultant and accountant.

Robert and Arthur Anderson, 27 and 21 respectively, and George W. Olney, 21, all of Eugene, accused of robbery and assault with a 38 cal. gun, pleaded guilty. The Andersons were arrested by state police officers near Florence, and Olney was arrested by the Eugene police after being recognized by an alleged victim downtown.

Bill Preston, 22, of Eugene, pleaded guilty to charges of forgery. All five were remanded to the custody of the sheriff upon failure to post bail bond.

Lane Recruits Sign For Army Service

Three new enlistments and one reenlistment were announced Tuesday by Maj. Carl Hornsby, in charge of Army Recruiting headquarters in the basement of the Post Office building.

The new enlistments are Edward Rambusek, 25, of 703 River Road, son of Joe Rambusek of Woodburn, enlisted for three years in the Army Air Force, unassigned; Burton Lockard, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Lockard of Creswell, enlisted in ordnance, Alaska, three years; Kenneth Ray Wulfschleger, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wulfschleger of 1692 Villard St., enlisted for two years unassigned.

Quentin Whitelock, 26, reenlisted as a technical sergeant in the Army Air Force for five years. The Air Force ex-officer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Whitelock of Rt. 2, Box 163-A, Eugene.

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Local Reservist Gets Armory Job

Jim T. Farley of 560 Fourth Ave. W. Eugene, has been ordered to active duty as armory keeper of the proposed Naval Reserve Armory which will be built in Eugene, according to Lt. Cmdr. Raymond E. Kerr, USNR, prospective commander, organized division.

Farley left Eugene this week for Seattle where he will receive instruction in his duties, and Butte, Mont., where he will learn procedures for handling pay accounts and other paper work connected with the Naval Reserve Organized Division.

He will then return to Eugene as assistant to the division commander.

It is expected that a total of five Armory keepers will be placed on active duty in Eugene before the Armory is completed. No information is yet available as to what Navy rates will be eligible for these jobs or when they will be authorized. No applications are desired at present, Cmdr. Kerr said.

Farley will have the status of a Naval Reservist on active duty and will receive the pay and allowances of storekeeper first class, his wartime rate.

Glenwood Meeting Features Debating

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S. P. railroad, from Jenkins Point to the overpass at Willamette Park.

Financing Studied

A committee composed of I. N. Klinefelter, Leland Davidson and William Cook presented a report estimating first-year expenditures of the proposed city at \$24,370, with income, other than property taxes, at \$15,400, leaving \$8970 to be raised by taxes. Klinefelter, who made the report said the tax rate in the Glenwood district this year was 73.7 mills but if it had not been for a mistake the rate would have been 85.45 mills.

The area considered in the report was 700 acres. The assessed valuation was not listed.

The "verbal swordplay" involved Ken Hulse, who led arguments in favor of incorporation, and Loran Smith, who spoke for annexation to Eugene or "remaining the way we are." Hulse, referring to conditions which have led to Glenwood being branded a "fringe area," retorted that anyone who advocated "remaining the way we are" should be ashamed of himself.

Quick Reply

Smith was on his feet at once. He declared that improvement of conditions Hulse referred to was a responsibility of each individual property owner and had nothing to do with incorporation. He asserted that the area would be better off to join Eugene and get the backing of an approximate \$16 million assessed valuation, but otherwise it would be wise to remain unincorporated.

Hulse urged incorporation so the community would have an organization to represent it and speak for it. And he said Eugene would not promise any immediate benefits if Glenwood joined it.

Marion Mooney reported suggested names for the city, ranging from names like Center City to Hell's Half Acre.

Next meeting will be Aug. 11.

Route F Produces 'Oversized' Squash

Route F's latest contribution to the world of oversized vegetables is a zucchini squash measuring more than 18 inches long brought to the Register-Guard Monday by Mrs. M. A. Wiese, Elmira, Mrs. Wiese pointed out that there were six more like it on the same vine.

Tuesday, however, one of Route F's garden brags was topped when Frank O. McDonald answered a report in Sunday's paper about Veneta sweetpeas. Reading that seven blossoms per stem are considered exceptional along the famed western route, McDonald showed reporters some sweetpeas from his Route 5 farm with 10 and 11 white flowers on each stem.

Charges Dropped

Drunk driving charges against Ralph Dee Farmer, 727 East Broadway, were dismissed in municipal court for lack of evidence, police said Tuesday. Farmer was arrested Sunday night after a minor accident in the downtown area.

Nigeria has 2,500 miles of railroad.

Fire Prevention Film Set for Thursday

Bureau of Fire Prevention officials in Eugene Tuesday asked proprietors and personnel of all service stations and all bulk gasoline distributing plants to see a movie on the chemistry of fire in city council chambers at 8 p. m. Thursday, July 31.

The film is based on explosives and inflammability of petroleum products, and shows methods of combating fires from such sources.

Firemen go to Church, Report 'No Damage'

Smoke in the basement of First Baptist Church at Broadway and Hight St., was attributed to paper in the furnace hopper after firemen were called Monday. Firemen said the blaze was brought under control without damage.

A leaking gas line in a car owned by Richard Smith, address not given, required assistance of firemen at Fifth Ave. and Lincoln St., at 9:37 p. m. Monday.

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