

# Nebraska Takes Soldier's Life In Murder Case

Lincoln, Neb., March 23 (AP)—Sgt. Joseph T. MacAvoy, Brooklyn, N. Y., was executed in the electric chair at the Nebraska penitentiary today for the rape-murder of Anna Milroy, 16-year-old Sutton, Neb., high school girl.

MacAvoy was strapped into the chair at 5:57 a. m. and was pronounced dead four minutes later. He called goodbye to the prison chaplain, Fred Lessten, and Warden Nell Olson just before the executioner threw the switch.

The 25-year-old soldier was convicted of the slaying 38 months ago. He was arrested two days after the girl was found slain and he admitted assaulting her. He denied the slaying, however, and pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

Stationed at Harvard  
MacAvoy was stationed at the Harvard army air base at the time of the slaying. He said he picked up Miss Melroy the night of Aug. 7, 1943, and after a few drinks they drove out into the country.

He said the girl submitted willingly to his advances but after a quarrel over the possibility of disease, she hit him on the nose. This angered him, he said, and he knocked her out of the car. He then hit her on the head with a

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crank and threw her body into the ditch.

The soldier testified that he returned to the scene the next day and turned the body face upwards. The state contended, however, that the girl was still alive when he returned and he drove a chisel into her brain, killing her.

**Defense Is Made**  
MacAvoy's mother, Mrs. Mary Mears, testified that her son suffered an attack of malarial fever, or the "sweats," in 1941 while he was a soldier in Panama. Medical testimony admitted at the trial attempted to establish that MacAvoy for short periods of time after using alcohol "didn't know right from wrong."

He was convicted 39 days after the girl was slain and was sentenced to die Dec. 30, 1943. The execution was delayed by appeals to the state supreme court, the state pardon board, and the U. S. supreme court.

MacAvoy was the first person to be executed in Nebraska since 1929 when Harry Sherman, 19, was electrocuted for a triple murder.

**Katherine Chesley Joins Nurse Corps**

Edna Katherine Chesley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Chesley, 124 Greeley street, Bend, is the latest Bend resident to enlist in the Women's Army corps to serve with the Deschutes county medical department purple heart platoon. It was announced today by Wac recruiting headquarters, 614 S. W. 11th Ave., Portland.

Pvt. Chesley was employed by the Columbia Aircraft company before entering the Wacs. She was graduated from the Central City high school, Central City, Neb.

Pvt. Chesley will be sent to Dible general hospital, Palo Alto, Calif., after she has completed her basic training and her hospital training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Pvt. Chesley was active in the nurses aide corps before enlisting in the Wacs in answer to an appeal for additional women from Deschutes county to help fill medical platoons for army general hospitals.

Full information on the new medical program for Wacs, with pertinent data on eligibility requirements, is available at the Wac offices in the Post Office buildings in Eugene or Salem, and at Oregon district headquarters, 614 S. W. 11th Ave., Portland.

**TODAY IN GERMANY**  
(By United Press)

German authorities were reported anticipating an invasion of Denmark.

Berlin was bombed for the 31st consecutive night.

Berlin warned that the moment was at hand for the big allied push from east and west.

# New York Mayor Explains Stand

New York, March 23 (AP)—Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia turned today to problems of his own city government and left the midnight entertainment curfew to whatever enforcement measures federal agencies may find.

LaGuardia explained his position in a nationwide broadcast last night. He said the request of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes could be enforced only by congressional action and told entertainers in the world's largest city that it was entirely up to them whether they would close at midnight.

LaGuardia divided New York night spots into two classes.

1. Those having entertainers and operating under a city license must close at 1 a. m., he said, or face city prosecution.

2. Others, such as bars, operating under a state license, can remain open until 4 a. m., the legal closing time.

**Explains Stand**  
LaGuardia explained his stand with the statement that "the present mayor of the city of New York believes in law and order."

"He believes that the American people should be governed by law," he said. "He believes in enforcing the law. He hates hypocrisy and he had fought disregard or violation of the law all of his life. He is not satisfied with lip service, with proud proclamations of compliance when there is no compliance."

He said he was not concerned with the curfew in other cities, but advised residents to look about them and see if it was working.

"I want to cooperate," LaGuardia said. "I am simply realistic. I refuse to be hypocritical."

**Changes Listed In Bus Schedules**

To facilitate travel over the Bend-Portland and Bend-Boise lines, the Pacific Trailways has scheduled bus departure changes effective April 1, reports Jerry Chester, traffic manager for the organization.

The meal stop at Government camp on the Bend-Portland run will be reduced to a brief stop, Chester reported. This will speed up the time of arrival approximately 40 minutes.

Frequency of stops on the Bend-Boise run have been reduced considerably, the traffic manager pointed out, to enable the coaches to make direct connections with the Union Pacific train at Boise, avoiding the usual lay-over of several hours.

Chester said that the change on the latter line will reduce traveling time by approximately two hours.

**Strom Qualifies As Expert Shot**

Carl Leonard Strom qualified as expert rifleman under the NRA rules last night when the American Legion Junior rifle club sponsored a qualification shoot in the indoor rifle range.

High scorers were: Carl Leonard Strom, 98; Ray Winters, 89; Tom Fagg, 89; Rowan Brick, 95; Bill Harris, 95; Howard Whitson, 86; Charles Gulliford, 89; John Davis, 86; Richard Miller, 89; Robert Messenger, 86.

**Cliffs of Dover Author Is Dead**

Hollywood, March 23 (AP)—Funeral services for Nat Burton, 43, composer of the "White Cliffs of Dover," will be conducted Sunday afternoon in Santa Monica, Calif. His body will be sent to New York City for interment.

Burton, who also wrote the currently popular "Don't Ever Change," and others, died yesterday from a heart attack.

**VERMONT DEER PLENTIFUL**  
Montpelier, Vt. (AP)—Slaughtered indiscriminately for more than a century, deer became almost extinct in Vermont in 1870. However, 17 deer, bought with private funds, were freed in Rutland county in 1878, and today deer are fairly plentiful in the Green mountain state. An average of 2,000 are killed each year during the brief open season.

**CARS ARE TAGGED**  
Cited for overtime parking, automobiles registered to Veal Lehrman, Bend; Rex Brown, 224 Emerson street, and Everett Lentz, 1055 Ogden avenue, today had been tagged, it was reported at police headquarters.

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# War Briefs - - -

(By United Press)

**WESTERN FRONT**—Sharp fighting flares along Rhine at north end of front; unconfirmed Paris radio report says three allied armies cross river between Arnhem and Dusseldorf.

**EASTERN FRONT**—Three Red armies reported striking toward Vienna in bid to thwart Nazi plans for last-ditch stand in southern Germany or Austria.

**AIR WAR**—RAF Lancasters drop 11-ton bombs on Bremen bridge in main communication line between northwest Germany and western front; American bombers soften German defenses for impending allied smash across Rhine.

**PACIFIC**—American troops and Filipino guerrillas close in on Baguio on north Luzon.

**ITALY**—Patrols clash along fifth and eighth army fronts.

**Schools Sponsor Typing Contest**

Madras, March 23 (Special)—Ramona Sweet placed second in shorthand and Roy Sweet second in typing in a contest between Madras Union high school and Crook county high school typing and shorthand students in Prineville last Monday. Mrs. H. M. Stephens, Madras typing teacher, is the coach. The Madras high school girl's drill team, under the direction of the principal, H. M. Stephens, also staged a 45-minute program before the student body and faculty at the high school there. A group of other Madras students also presented a skit.

**Sisters**

Sisters, March 23 (Special)—A special meeting was held by the Victory Girls Sewing club at the home of Mrs. Lewis Luckinbill last week when Anna France was presented with a gift. She is leaving with her parents who are moving to California.

Mrs. Emmett Campbell and Mrs. Carl Campbell were guests at the home of Mrs. Lewis Luckinbill Thursday afternoon.

D. L. Farleigh and son, James, spent the week-end at his home in Sisters.

M. M. 2/c Harry Bedwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bedwell, left for San Diego, Calif., after spending his week's furlough with his parents. He will resume his schooling.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Allison of Bend, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy McLaughlin.

Pat Dempsey of the U. S. navy, nephew of Mrs. Guy McLaughlin, will be confined in the Camp Adair hospital for some time. He is suffering with jungle fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Riggins and daughter, Clarice, from Portland, visited at the Charles Boyer home last week-end.

Thomas Harris, brother of E. L. Harris, is returning to Weiser, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Barnhart of Sweet Home, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seigl Potter Sunday.

Seigl Potter received his notice to report to Portland March 27 for his pre-induction physical examination.

A birthday dinner was held at the home of Mrs. Ray Smith last Wednesday evening in honor of her mother, Mrs. George Carroll. Sixteen guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade of Redmond, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ayres Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gridley were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gridley on the Willows ranch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Owens were visitors at the Lane Fillmore home last week.

Pvt. Wayne Owens was home from Ft. Knox and has now gone to Ft. Meade, Md.

Mrs. Wayne Owens, sister of Mrs. Fillmore, is a welder at a Portland shipyard.

Marion and Joyce Carroll and Donna Lee Eckhart, sisters of Mrs. Lane Fillmore, visited at the Fillmore home last week-end.

Mr. Lloyd Hewitt and daughter, Sarah Anna, went to Portland last week to bring Mrs. Hewitt home from the hospital. On their return trip the storm in the mountains forced them to stay overnight at the Junction.

Mrs. Roy Taylor went to Lebanon last week.

Martha Wolfe and Helen Coons spent the week-end in Portland.

Mrs. Ida Keane, teacher at the grade school spent the week-end in Redmond visiting at the homes of Mrs. Book and Mrs. Parrot.

A birthday dinner for Jack and Jim Trushiem was given by their mother, Mrs. Don Trushiem Sunday evening. Guests present were Kitty Bruns, Betty Poschwatta, Lester Wells, Wayne Korsch and Lillian Dudding.

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