

Brutality Charges At State Asylums Held Unfounded

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Salem, Oct. 11 (UP)—Charges that attendants had murdered patients at Oregon state hospital and at the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton were denied today by William Ryan, co-ordinator of state institutions.

The citizens action committee of Portland told the state board of control here at its meeting last Tuesday that it had information that attendants through brutal treatment had caused the deaths of patients at the Salem and Pendleton institutions. At today's meeting of the board, Ryan denied any patients had been slain by attendants, and proceeded at detail to answer accusations of the citizens action committee.

Nothing that the committee had said that a Jim Butler was murdered in March or April of 1948 by being kicked in the stomach and jumped on by an attendant and that he died three or four months afterward as result of the injuries, Ryan told the board:

Record Cited

"This incident happened in June of 1942 and not in 1948. The records of the hospital show that Jim Butler was attacked by an attendant, and that he was operated on at the hospital in June of 1942 and completely recovered in a short time. The attendant was fired, Jim Butler later died on May 29, 1948, from coronary heart disease, and there was no connection between his death and the incident referred to."

Ryan assured board members—Gov. Douglas McKay, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson—that whenever an attendant is found guilty of brutality or of otherwise mistreating a patient, he is fired. He said it was some times difficult to catch an attendant in the act, but when the attendant was so caught, he was promptly discharged. Ryan said the aim at both institutions, as well as other state institutions, is to get competent and understanding employees, and those that are not competent or understanding are being weeded out whenever possible.

Referring to the accusation of the citizens act committee that Jack Leavy, Levi Hogrin and Sol Green died as result of electric shock treatment March 11, 1940, Ryan said:

Strangled by Patient

"The record clearly indicates that the three patients were strangled at night, and while asleep, by another patient. A coroner's jury on March 13, 1940, found that all three were strangled by Wylie Hill, another patient. Hill later hanged himself so severely he died as result of his self-inflicted injuries.

To charges of the Portland group that Evelyn Wakefield was beaten to death April 11, 1944, in ward 38, because the patient argued with the attendant, Ryan said:

"The record indicates that three criminally insane inmates in ward 38, two of whom were charged with murder and one with forgery, organized an attempted break in that ward. Wakefield was one of the three and was armed with an iron bar, around which was wrapped an magazine. Saturday Evening Post, and the three attacked the three attendants with such fury that the attendants were forced to take refuge in the linen room and lock themselves in. Another patient in the linen room on that ward handled the attendants a broom handle, and so armed, the three attendants opened the door and went out to restore order.

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Apprenticeship Training Making Rapid Strides Here

Apprenticeship training in this area has made great strides in the past several months. J. W. Blyeu, trades and industry co-ordinator in Bend, and R. H. Burt, representative of the bureau of apprenticeship, U.S. department of labor, announced here today. There are several trade apprenticeship committees operating in the area, under jurisdiction of the Bend local apprenticeship committee. These committees cover Crook, Jefferson, Deschutes and part of Klamath counties.

In the central Oregon area, trade committees have been formed for meat cutters, pipe tradesmen, carpenters and electricians. The Oregon state apprenticeship council is the registration agency for all apprenticeship agreements and standards of apprenticeship. The local school district, in cooperation with the state department of vocational education, is making available related technical instruction for apprentices in the different trades and crafts. The charge to the apprentice for this related training

Youth Shot By Brother, Check Shows

Information on file today in the state police headquarters here reveals that Donald Burtis, 22, Portland, who was seriously injured Sunday in a hunting accident on Pine mountain, got in the line of fire of his brother, Ray Burtis. Police ascertained that Ray Burtis shot at a deer, and at a distance about 200 yards the bullet entered the right leg of Donald Burtis, just below the knee. The Portland youth suffered a heavy loss of blood and was in a critical condition when brought to St. Charles hospital. Following several transfusions, he rapidly recovered.

Officers said the shooting was obviously accidental, and no charges will be filed.

In another accident Sunday, Douglas Ayres, Prineville, was injured when a gun was accidentally discharged in camp, when it fell to the ground. The bullet entered Ayres' right leg, just below the knee. The leg was badly shattered. The Ayres accident occurred in the Sand Springs area.

Northwest Faces Another Storm

Blustery, rain-laden winds gusting to gale force velocity of 45 miles an hour whipped western Washington cities Tuesday but the weather bureau forecast "a gradual slackening off during the next 24 hours."

The storm started 48 hours ago in the North Pacific and moved rapidly eastward, weather forecasters said. They said a second storm, this one of Alaskan origin, was moving out of the Bering Sea, along the Aleutian chain and should hit the Pacific northwest late Wednesday or Thursday morning.

Fifty-five mile-an-hour winds—full gale force—struck Washington and Oregon coast Monday night. Rain squalls changed to snow showers at higher elevations.

Oregon's winds subsided Tuesday morning, but the gale continued unabated along most of the Washington seaboard.

Highest velocity winds—52 miles-an-hour—were recorded at Cape Flattery, Wash., Monday night. Guests exceeding 55-miles-an-hour in that locality gradually diminished, however, and Tuesday morning's high was 30.

The weather bureau saw no appreciable change in the temperature, the next few days. A forenoon forecast said storm warnings still were flying along the coast from the Strait to Cape Blanco, Ore., and in the inland waters of Washington.

College President Is Speaker



Dr. Elmo Stevenson, left, president of Southern Oregon college, was speaker at a general assembly of teachers this morning in the high school gymnasium, as the second day of the twelfth annual Central Oregon teachers' institute got under way. At right is Wayne Foster, Jefferson county school superintendent, who was in charge of arrangements for the institute program.

Bend School District May Borrow to Meet Expenses

Possibility that Bend school district may have to resort to short term borrowing to meet current budgeted expenses was foreseen last night when the board of directors passed resolutions authorizing Glenn H. Gregg, board chairman, and Mrs. Irene Cothrell, clerk, to represent the board in obtaining bank loans.

Under state law the district may borrow from month to month within budget authorization. The interest rate which would be paid is 3 per cent. Heavy cash outlays for buildings, two of which are under construction, may deplete the district's bank account before tax payments for the 1949-1950 fiscal year start coming in. Mrs. Cothrell explained to the board members.

The community college program conducted locally is "filling a great need in this area." Superintendent James W. Bushong declared in his report to the board. Total individual enrollment is 117 and class enrollment is 276, he said. Student age range is from 17 to 51 years and 78 out of the total registered are men.

Not in the college credit group of work but still a desirable part of the adult education program in Bend are courses in shorthand, boatbuilding, beginning sewing, upholstery and machine shop, which are being offered this term. Boatbuilding, upholstery and machine shop will be dropped for the winter term and wood turning, advanced sewing, architectural drawing and public speaking added.

In the spring term shorthand, auto mechanics and advanced (Continued on Page 7)

Salem Man Dies Of Wreck Hurts

David King, of 1963 North Fourth street, Salem, died last night at 11:30 in St. Charles hospital, of injuries suffered in an accident late Friday night near the highway intersection west of Sisters. Mr. King was in the driver's seat when his body was pried from the wreckage by state police, who investigated. With him was Victor Bousquet, 44, also of Salem, who is still a patient at St. Charles hospital. His injuries included fractures, but his condition is not critical, according to hospital attendants.

The accident occurred when the driver of the Salem car attempted to pass a truck, struck a soft shoulder and lost control of the car, which jumped off the highway and struck a pine tree. Investigating officers said the car was demolished. Before the driver could be removed he had to be pried from under the steering wheel.

Mr. King suffered hurts that included multiple fractures of the arms and legs, brain concussion, a fractured jaw bone, several fractured ribs and a collapsed lung. One leg was fractured above the knee through the knee joint and in the lower limb.

3 HURT IN ACCIDENT
Redmond, Oct. 11—Three local men were injured, two of them seriously, this past week end when their car left a curve on highway 97 near Madras and rolled down a grade. Injured and in the local hospital are Frank McCaffery, 78, who suffered a fractured hip; John Finley, who suffered internal injuries considered serious, and Robert L. Denton, rancher, who was only slightly hurt and was released from the hospital. McCaffery, who operates a real estate office here, was showing Denton's ranch in the Gateway area when the accident occurred.

Contractors present at today's opening of bids included L. E. Jeffs, of the Beebe Construction Co., of Eugene; J. B. Davy, of Glendale, and Harold M. Ramsey and C. C. Kelley, of Corvallis. Also present were M. E. Meade, Victor Boehl and Ted M. Hon, all officials of the Grants Pass Irrigation district.

Terrific Storm Takes Lives Of 31 Persons In Midwest

U.S. Mediator Plans Action To End Strike

Pittsburgh, Oct. 11 (UP)—The government set out for the third time today to "lay the ground-work" for a quick settlement of the 11-day-old steel strike.

Federal mediation director Cyrus S. Ching said he was scheduling the time and places for a series of "separate and informal" conferences with industry leaders and representatives of the CIO United Steelworkers.

The latest government move came as picket-line tension eased at the East Chicago, Ind., plant of Inland Steel Co. after the company dropped plans to send supervisory employees through the line.

The coal fields, however, remained a hotbed following a new rash of tripple-burning, property-wrecking raids on non-union mines in western Pennsylvania by bands of pickets.

Pickets Raid Mines
Six carloads of pickets raided the T. & T. mine in Armstrong county late yesterday, throwing stones and damaging a truck. State police arrested two pickets on charges of destruction of property and assault. In Butler county, a non-union worker was injured when the truck on which he was riding was showered with stones by pickets hidden in a woods.

The new mediation meetings, probably starting Thursday, will be wholly expected. But Ching left no doubt he fully expected the conferences to pave the way for an early end of the economy-wrecking strike.

Some government officials still believed, however, that any solution to the steel strike will have to involve a settlement of the 22-day-old coal strike. The mills cannot operate without coal, they said.

Business Tax Now Proposed

Salem, Oct. 11 (UP)—The Oregon legislature may consider a new business tax of two per cent when it meets again in 1951.

Such a tax, which would be based on net earnings, was proposed by Rep. Giles French, R-Moro, at a meeting of the legislative interim committee here Monday.

The tax would take the place of the present personal property tax, which French said has so many exemptions it is virtually inoperative.

French said a sub-group of the interim committee had discussed the proposal and tentative bills will be drafted by the committee's legal department for further study.

Discussion by committee members indicated the corporation tax rate would be around five or six per cent, but French stressed that the exact amount had not been determined.

Meetings Proposed
A per centage of such a tax would be returned to the counties to replace the personal property tax.

Sen. Howard Belton, R. Canby, chairman of the interim group, proposed that a series of regional meetings be held throughout Oregon so taxpayers could learn of the French proposal and other tax suggestions first hand. French added that these meetings could determine whether the plan would receive public support.

French said the present personal property tax law is not satisfactory because the tax is placed on inventories on hand at a certain time. He said his proposed tax would be based on profits from the sale of such goods.

Steel Span Across Mill Creek Taking Shape; Plans For Dedication Discussed

The steel span across Mill creek, on the route of the new Warm Springs cutoff into Portland, is taking final shape, but considerable work remains to be completed by the Nov. 13 deadline, date set by highway officials for the dedication of the bridge. Major work remaining to be completed is the placing of the hand rails at approaches and on the lofty span.

Aridity Still Grips Bend Area, Readings Show

Aridity characteristic of the entire year continued through September, with only .26 of an inch measured at the Bend weather station to bring the total for 1949 up to a meager 3.87 inches. Temperature, however, was near normal, the mean for the 30 days being listed as 56.8 degrees, compared with a long-time mean of 55.5 degrees. The mean minimum was 39.1 degrees, slightly above the 37.9 normal, and the mean maximum was 74.8 degrees, compared with a long-time mean of 73.4 degrees.

Highest temperature of the month was 88 degrees, recorded on September 1, and lowest was 23 degrees, on the 17th. Skies were cloudless on 15 different days and partly cloudy on 14 days. On only one day was the sky overcast.

Highest temperature ever recorded in Bend in September was 94 degrees, in 1922, and the lowest was 12 above zero, in 1902.

Figures For Month
Maximum and minimum temperatures for the past month follow:

| | Maxi- mum | Mini- mum | Maxi- mum | Mini- mum |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | 88 | 46 | 46 | 28 |
| 2 | 84 | 41 | 41 | 22 |
| 3 | 84 | 41 | 41 | 22 |
| 4 | 79 | 41 | 41 | 26 |
| 5 | 74 | 42 | 42 | 27 |
| 6 | 78 | 40 | 40 | 26 |
| 7 | 80 | 45 | 45 | 28 |
| 8 | 80 | 45 | 45 | 28 |
| 9 | 71 | 45 | 45 | 28 |
| 10 | 75 | 44 | 44 | 26 |
| 11 | 62 | 40 | 40 | 26 |
| 12 | 72 | 24 | 24 | 16 |
| 13 | 72 | 24 | 24 | 16 |
| 14 | 72 | 40 | 40 | 24 |
| 15 | 69 | 47 | 47 | 33 |

Many Trash Fish Killed in Ochoco Dam Reservoir

Prineville, Oct. 11—Cats of Crook county and other central Oregon communities since Sunday have become sated on suckers and other trash fish, and families have eaten the French proposal and other tax suggestions first hand. French added that these meetings could determine whether the plan would receive public support.

The destruction of the fish by use of rotenone was begun shortly before noon Sunday, when 14 boats, the use of which was provided by local sportsmen and members of the Prineville chapter of the Izak Walton league, were put into commission, and these were towed by the volunteer boats in assigned quarters of the reservoir until the paste had been released in the waters. The rotenone is being applied by hand to the reaches of the streams of the watershed.

Borovicka obtained a concrete mixer for use in preparing the rotenone dust. It was placed in the mixer and water was added to make a thick paste. This was then placed in burlap bags, and these were towed by the volunteer boats in assigned quarters of the reservoir until the paste had been released in the waters. The rotenone is being applied by hand to the reaches of the streams of the watershed.

Many Get Fish
Announcement that the rotenone, while it will kill the fish by paralyzing their gills, would not render the fish unfit for food, attracted scores of Crook county families to the shores of the reservoir Sunday. By early afternoon the waves, whipped up by a stiff wind, which proved somewhat of a handicap to the boatmen, were sending hundreds of dead fish to the shores.

D. K. Frewing, president of the local Izak Walton league, which had taken a lead in securing the trash fish poisoning program, said he estimated 100 suckers for every trout salvaged. There were many crappies and squawfish. Frewing reports, but surprisingly few catfish were washed ashore. It was thought the catfish sank. Indeed, Frewing (Continued on Page 7)

Crop Damage Will Extend Into Millions

A mighty storm with hurricane-strength winds left 31 persons dead in the Midwest and west today as it roared north into the Canadian wilderness.

Gales that sometimes hit 100-miles-an-hour lashed the plains and Great Lakes yesterday as warm air from the south collided with strong breezes tearing down from the Canadian Rockies.

Heavy rains swept vast sections, pouring tons of water from thick cloud banks. Temperatures, which had been setting new highs for the season, tumbled as the wind and rain struck.

The warm southern air turned the storm back to the north and today it was rushing into the area surrounding Hudson Bay.

Hot in East
The storm brought no relief, however, to the sweltering east where temperatures soared to record maximums for the second day in a row. Forecasters said the heat wave would linger "for as far as we can see into the future." Thousands of New Yorkers sought relief from the humid heat with autumn swims at Coney Island.

Cleanup Work Remains
Yesterday, New York had its hottest Oct. 10 on record with 88 degrees, just two points under the all-time high for the month. It also was the hottest day since Aug. 29, Newark, N. J., recorded a 90-degree higher.

Four of the storm dead were in Wisconsin. One man drowned when his sailboat capsized in the wind; a heavy barn door torn loose by the wind killed another; a third suffered a heart attack struggling against the storm and a fourth was electrocuted when the wind hurled him against a downed wire.

Crops Hard Hit
The Midwest, assessing millions of dollars in damage to crops and buildings from winds that hit 100 miles an hour, had normal autumn weather with a band of showers stretching from Missouri northeasterly to Michigan.

Five of the persons killed in yesterday's bad weather were air-men who met death when their B-17 bomber crashed into Great Salt Lake after encountering "terrible weather" over Salt Lake City.

At West Point, Calif., seven persons including five small children died when an over-heated woodstove set their house afire. The stove had been overloaded with fuel to ward off the autumn chill.

Typical of the deaths scattered throughout the Midwest was that of lineman William Farmer, 64, of Spirit Lake, Ia., who was electrocuted as he repaired a power line damaged by the storm.

ENGINEER DIES IN FALL

Portland, Oct. 11 (UP)—Otto Hinkle, 59, of The Dalles, engineer on a west-bound Union Pacific train was killed today when he fell from his cab while the train was on a siding near Pendleton, railroad officials here said.

They said Hinkle climbed down to throw the switch and apparently lost his grip on the hand rail either in descending or climbing back up to his cab.

Haacke Indicted By Deschutes Jury

The Deschutes county grand jury yesterday returned a true bill against Earl Haacke, 36-year-old Bend resident, charged with manslaughter.

Throughout most of the day the jury, composed of two women and five men, heard testimony on the Haacke hearing. A. J. Moore, district attorney, had 10 persons appear before the jurors on behalf of the state in its case against Haacke.

Haacke is accused of beating his wife to death.

Today the jurors began hearing the evidence against Joe Hornsby, 37-year-old Bend resident, who is accused of arson.

NO HOLIDAY HERE

State and county employees who in past years observed Columbus day as a holiday, will be on the job as usual tomorrow, according to reports from state and county offices.

Also to be open are the banks, postoffice, and schools.

Fate of Autumn Business Hinges on Strike Situation

By T. W. Kienlen
(United Press Financial Writer)
Washington, Oct. 11 (UP)—By all the indicators businessmen should prosper in the final three months of 1949 but whether they do depends on settlement of the steel and coal strikes.

The strikes in America's two basic industries will cause only temporary dislocation, it settled quickly. But if they drag on—in the steel mills, especially—the damage may be irreparable.

This is the opinion of many experts. Secretary of the treasury John W. Snyder thinks a speedy agreement in steel and coal could signal a new economic rally. Secretary of commerce Charles Sawyer finds the national economy to be basically sound. But he has warned that consumer spending already is being cut down in the wake of labor strife.

Before Philip Murray called out the CIO steelworkers to join the coal miners in idleness experts in the retail trade optimistically looked for the biggest Christmas on record in 1949. Today the probable spending vol-

ume is in doubt.

Savings still are huge and the national income high in spite of the strikes but widespread labor troubles make people cautious, the experts point out.

Secretary Snyder and others have called attention recently to the \$200,000,000 backlog of U.S. savings as a potential market for just about everything that American manufacturers produce. And because they have such savings, Americans have been eager and willing to buy out of income.

Proof of this is furnished by the federal reserve board report that installment credit—time payments—rose in August to a record high of \$3,613,000,000, a gain for the month of \$282,000,000. Furthermore, businessmen who early in the summer feared a price slump and cleared their shelves of high-priced stock, have for the past two months been buying inventory again. The result has been a rise in business loans in eight weeks of \$553,000,000 to \$13,384,000,000.