

# Farm Tragedy of 1871 Caused By Knife and Nervous Horse

By Ben Maxwell

A Marion county coroner's jury in November, 1871, found a horse to be an accessory to stab wounds causing hemorrhages that resulted in the death of Asa Wrightman. The story printed in the Willamette Farmer for November 4, 1871, under the heading "Singular Death" is as follows:

## Three Marines Lose Ratings

Pearl Harbor, Feb. 21 (AP)—Three marine sergeants and three corporals were reduced to privates today because they circulated a petition which disapproved of marine corps discharge policy and demanded more information on leather-neck demobilization plans.

Announcing this as "the final action contemplated" in the week-old case, Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, Pacific fleet marine commander, said the demotions were not punishment for the six men.

"The individuals concerned have demonstrated their unfitness to be non-commissioned officers," he declared. "They failed to display the qualities of leadership, judgment, loyalty and fidelity which are requisites of non-commissioned officers in the United States marine corps."

The six marines were demoted on the recommendation of a board convened by Major Gen. J. T. Moore, commander of the air fleet of the Pacific marine force and in charge of the EWA air station in northwest Oahu, where the six men were stationed.

The board ruled that the marines participated in the protest "in violation of navy regulations," that they acted without the knowledge or consent of their commanding officer and that they made no previous effort to obtain the information they desired through official channels.

The finality of Gen. Geiger's statement indicated no action would be taken against any of the remainder of the 500 marines which the American veterans committee leaders at Oahu declared had signed the protest.

None of the men was from the Pacific northwest. **Mathisons Visiting**—Turner—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rankin motored to Portland to meet Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mathison who were married last week in Oklahoma. Rankin and Mathison were roommates for over two years while stationed at Muroc. Mrs. Mathison was Sgt. Betty Eastes assigned to quartermasters in Muroc A.A.F. Muroc, Calif.

# Vetch Growers To Form Pool

Dallas — Polk county vetch growers agreed at a meeting held in the circuit court room to form a pool for vetch growers for the purpose of dusting with DDT, employing airplanes, mainly for the control of hairy vetch weevil. Growers who have crops other than hairy vetch to dust may also join the pool, states W. C. Leth, Polk county agent, who called the meeting.

A committee consisting of those who are on the farm crops committee for the recent farm program conference were asked to serve as the committee in charge of the pool and to list acreages of farmers to be treated and contract with chemical companies for the DDT dust and with airplane companies to apply it. Members of this committee are as follows:

Chas. Evans, Independence; Chas. Bowman, Independence; Clarence Primus, Independence; Justin Rowland, Rickreall; Harold Elkins, Monmouth; Robert Farmer, Dallas; Virgil Heider, Sheridan; Forrest Pence, Rickreall; Leo Buysie, Rickreall.

The total cost of dust and the application of it will run between \$4 and \$4.35 per acre, based on preliminary figures given the committee by airplane and dust manufacturing concerns. The committee, however, may be able to reduce this cost slightly when a final contract can be arrived at based on the acreage that will be treated. In other words, if sufficient acreage is signed up a reduction in the cost of dust, as well as applying it by planes, can be reduced slightly.

The committee plans to offer every farmer in the county an opportunity to join the pool and will set a deadline date which will probably be March 1 for listing acreages to be signed up. Payment for the dusting will probably be required before the acreage involved will be treated, according to present plans.

Professor Don C. Mote, head of the entomology department, explained the life history and control of hairy vetch weevil and answered a number of questions on it.

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# Fox Valley Club Leaders Selected

Lyons—N. John Hansen, Linn county 4-H club leader, met with parents and club leaders at the Fox Valley schoolhouse and organized the following clubs and their leaders: Cooking one, Mrs. Glen Julian, leader; cooking two, Mrs. Paul Johnston; sewing, Mrs. Claire Humphries; livestock, Harley Scott; woodworking, Claire Humphries; canning, Mrs. Otto Weidman; camp cookery, Vern Lengascher, assisted by Mrs. Maude Davis, Mrs. Charles Power and Mrs. Lengascher.

# Vets Given Rules to Aid Correspondence

Veterans who find their correspondence with the veterans administration delayed were given four rules today by the Disabled American Veterans to speed their answers.

A. L. Brewster, local service officer for Salem chapter No. 6, said the veterans administration is faced with an unprecedented volume of correspondence and a shortage of trained personnel, accounting for the delay in answering the letters.

Here are four rules that will aid in getting early answers to letters:

1. Include your name, address, legibly written in every letter.
2. Give the "C" (claim number in letters relating to pensions, compensation, rehabilitation or training.
3. Include the "N," "V" or "K" (type of policy) numbers and serial number of the veteran in each letter regarding insurance.
4. Give the "XC" (X denotes deceased) number in case of deceased veterans.

# Wedding by Ocean Phone

Frankfurt, Germany, Feb. 21 (AP)—An attractive brunette Wac, Lois Wilson, 23, of Seattle, Wash., said "I do" by transatlantic telephone last night and became the bride of former GI Red M. Chapman, 24, who was listening at Wallace, Idaho.

With Chapman were his parents and Judge Featherstone who performed the ceremony. Also listening in a three-way telephone hookup, was the bride's mother, Mrs. B. B. Wilson, in Seattle.

Overseas Telephone Manager Charles F. Evans of Bound Brook, N.J., served as best man here and placed the ring on the bride's finger.

The bride was attended by two Wac friends who had struggled with her through the slush to the telephone office.

Miss Wilson left the United States last May and came to Marseilles where she met Chapman, an infantryman. Chapman was redeployed two months ago and discharged but Miss Wilson still lacked many points before eligibility for redeployment.

As the wife of a discharged serviceman in the United States she is eligible for immediate redeployment.

# Courts Will Again Hear Liquor Cases

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Circuit courts will again handle appeals from state liquor control commission violation rules, Administrator Ray Conway said today.

Hearing of appeals by the courts was provided in the state law, but four years ago the commission assumed the work, Conway said. He reported the volume of work has become too

great for the commission. The law provides for appeals to be filed within 10 days after a commission ruling.

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# Boy Scouts Conduct Meeting for Lions

Scouts of Troop 3, sponsored by the Hollywood Lions were guests of the club at their weekly noon luncheon. They were accompanied by their scoutmaster, Bob Batdorf, and his assistants.

The boys opened the meeting with their own ceremony, and completed the hour with their closing ceremony and song.

After a short address by Scoutmaster Batdorf about the origin of scouting in the United States an impressive investiture service was held by candle-light. Troop Committee Chairman Mac McKelvey, presented Scout Bob Carlson his tenderfoot award.

Cub pack 3, also sponsored by the Hollywood Lions will be guests of the club in the near future.

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