

"Walking Man" To Meet Horse

Lebanon — Announcement was made Tuesday by Paul Smith, nationally known "walking man" from Mill City, that his 75-mile contest with a horse has been officially set for July 24 at the Lebanon Meadows race track.

Identity of the horse which will compete with Smith has not yet been revealed by the Santiam Wranglers. Smith said he had conceded that the horse might use his own favored gait, but that he would employ his usual steady walking gait. He set 14 hours as his maximum for covering the distance but is confident he can complete the 75-mile stretch in considerable less time.

Smith believes that he has a good chance of winning inasmuch as the horse will need to stop for food and water, while he plans to eat and drink as he travels.

Tentative time for start of the race has been set for 6 a.m.

Live Steam Kills Five Seamen

Dunkerque, France, June 22 (AP)—Live steam killed five Belgian seamen, trapped in an engine room, when the cross-channel vessel *Princess Astrid* struck a mine last night and sank four miles off the French coast. Twenty of the 415 passengers were hurt in the disaster.

The blast ripped a hole in the underside of the ship and smashed pipe fittings in the engine room. The rush of escaping steam fatally scalded the five screaming crewmen whose bodies went down with the ship. Five other seamen were hurt by the steam.

Eighteen minutes after the *Astrid* sent out a distress signal the first rescue vessel pulled alongside. An hour and 10 minutes later all 415 passengers had been removed.

The first survivors began arriving in Dover, England, this morning. They had taken the night ferry across from Dunkerque.

Building Trades for Contractors' License

Protection of the public from poor work by incompetent contractors is the purpose of a contractors' license law which got the support of the Oregon Building Trades council at the state convention in Eugene last week-end, according to F. D. Van Sweringen, executive secretary of the Salem council.

Another recommendation of the convention was increase of minimum wages under the national law to 75 cents an hour.

Charles Crary, a former resident of Salem, now of Medford, was elected president of the state council, Joe Willis of Eugene was elected vice president, and Volney Martin of Portland was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Boy Aims at Bird; Hits Woman in Hip

Prineville, June 22 (AP)—A small boy took a shot at a black-bird the other day and got Mrs. Charles Smith in the hip.

That's what Sheriff Ralph Jordan said today after an investigation.

The bullet whizzed through a screen door and hit Mrs. Smith as she was ironing. The bullet was nearly spent, and caused only a flesh wound.

The sheriff said he and state police dug six other .22 caliber bullets from the woodwork of the Smith home. Then he found the youngster, who admitted shooting at birds. The youth was turned over to juvenile authorities, but no charges are expected to be filed.



George Manolis

George Manolis Dies in Gates

George Manolis, 58, until recently leasee of the restaurant at the capitol, died at noon Tuesday while operating a tractor near Gates where he was helping in the construction of a resort he intended to open this summer. With him was D. M. Walker, of Silverton. His body was taken in charge by the Ekman funeral home at Silverton where he was in the restaurant business for many years.

Manolis was widely known throughout the valley for his activities in politics, civic affairs and veterans' affairs. He was a past president of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce and also a past commander of Delbert Reeves post No. 7, American Legion, and a member of Marion county vulture 153 of the 40 and 8 society of the American Legion. He was a member of the Marion county republican central committee, Masonic and Eagles lodges and of the Greek Orthodox church.

Born in Greece Sept. 12, 1891, he came to this country when six years old, living with an uncle in Chicago for a number of years, coming west as a young man and working in Vancouver, Wash., and Salem before localizing in Silverton. He served for the duration of the first world war.

He entered the restaurant business in Silverton in 1925 and after making extensive improvements to his property there, took over the management of the capitol restaurant here in 1945, leaving this in May to start construction of his new resort in the Santiam canyon.

Manolis married Jacqueline Josephine Luper in Seattle, Feb. 18, 1920, who survives with one son, George Manolis, Jr., with the national guard at Ft. Lewis for the summer training program; a granddaughter, Michele, and two brothers, Tommy Manolis, formerly of Salem but now of Portland, and William Manolis, in Greece.

Woman Killed in Two Long Leaps

Chicago, June 22 (AP)—Mrs. Helen Koscielyn must have wanted to die very badly, police said today.

When she jumped from the 25th floor of the corn products building, where she worked as a charwoman, Mrs. Koscielyn landed on a ledge at the 23rd floor.

A trail of blood showed how she dragged herself over a parapet to continue the drop to her death in a parking lot on the ground.

Industry Cuts Down Inventory

Washington, June 22 (AP)—The federal reserve board reported today that business and industry are retrenching all along the line, paralleling the general slump in prices, production and sales.

The June issue of the board's monthly bulletin said businessmen are cutting down on their inventories and trimming their spending on new plant and equipment.

The bulletin said that so far this retrenchment has been largely seasonal but that it is expected to continue in the second half of the year, when the trend normally is the other way.

A major factor in the outlook for the coming six months, the bulletin said, is that many post-war expansion and modernization programs have been completed or are approaching completion.

Valuation Up In Lincoln

A valuation gain of \$100,865 over last year is shown in a summary of the Lincoln county assessment roll for 1949-50 as submitted to the state tax commission by Wade Osburn, of Toledo, county assessor.

Utility appraisals, a function of the tax commission, are not included but substantial increases in utility valuations are expected as a result of large system expansions of the people's utility district, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and the Mountain States Power company.

Structural improvements increased \$325,890 but to partly offset this gain a loss of \$225,025 occurred in personal property valuations, chiefly in logging and sawmill machinery, boats and livestock.

Present assessed valuation of Lincoln county is \$16,705,030, not including utility charges; 50,872 acres are under reforestation, 20,800 acres are listed as tillable, 200,000 acres as privately-held timber lands and 4225 acres are platted, an increase of 2725 acres of new townships in less than ten years. Exceptions totaling \$93,545 are being received by veterans and widows.

Pres. Truman Vetoes Flood Relief Bill

Washington, June 22 (AP)—A bill that would have allowed the federal district court for Oregon to decide on claims of Oregonians for damages from a May 7, 1942, flood was vetoed yesterday by President Truman.

The claimants said the flood resulted from failure of spillway gates operated by the bureau of reclamation in the Vale irrigation district.

President Truman vetoed the bill because of "sweeping terms" that he said could deprive the United States of making substantive defenses against the claims.

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Babich at Prison Gate—Milton Babich, 19, just before he entered Wisconsin state prison at Waupun, Wis., to begin life sentence for murder of his wife's 16-year-old sister, Patricia Birmingham. Babich was convicted of first degree murder and was on his way to prison 45 minutes after sentence was pronounced. Others (left to right), Milwaukee county jailor Frank Callan and Sheriff Herman Kubiak. (AP Wirephoto)

Uranium Loss Denied by AEC

Oak Ridge, Tenn., June 21 (AP)—The atomic energy commission today flatly denied that any uranium for atomic bomb production has been "lost" at its Oak Ridge installation.

In a terse statement prepared by the commission at Washington and released here, the commission said "the technical facts on accounting for source and fissionable material at Oak Ridge have been reported to the joint congressional committee on atomic energy."

The AEC made it clear that its statement was "in response to press inquiries."

The AEC and the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp., the operating company at Oak Ridge, stated that no A-bomb uranium is lost at Oak Ridge, as has been reported in press dispatches," the statement said.

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Plucky Man May Survive

Vernal, Utah, June 22 (AP)—Hospital attendants said that a plucky 73-year-old Vernal man has a good chance to live despite three nights in the wilds with a broken back and a pain-biting crawl of more than a mile.

Charles Swain endured intense pain in his wilderness battle for life after his horse threw him and trampled him last Thursday at Little Brush, 17 miles northeast of Vernal. Swain huddled alone in a dug-out without water or food until Sunday night, waiting for help that never arrived.

Then he painfully manipulated his legs and arms so as to propel his body for about a mile and half along a rough trail to the nearby Gladys Evans ranch.

Hospital attendants at Salt Lake City said his condition is "fairly good," despite the broken back.

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Tillamook Votes Bonds Tillamook, June 22 (AP)—Tillamook is assured of a new high school to be constructed in the southeast part of town. Voters approved an \$800,000 bond issue Monday, 636 to 525, to finance construction. Work on the 16-acre site will begin this summer. Construction of the building will start next spring. Production of canned meat totaled 1,099 million pounds in 1947, most of it being pork products.

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