

Man Foodless For Seven Days

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 14 (AP)—Both feet frozen, D. B. Mercado, 49, said today he had lived for seven days without food after a troling boat turned over in St. James bay, drowning his partner.

Reported lost was Andy Haffner, 59.

Mercado, known to fishermen as "Filipino Mack," was brought to Juneau today by the coast guard after a searching party found him in a small cabin at Boat Harbor.

He said he and his partner were anchored in St. James bay when a storm came up and overturned their boat. As it sank, he said, Haffner forced open a door and swam to the surface.

Mercado smashed the pilot house door to escape. He heard cries for a moment, then silence.

Reaching shore barefooted, Mercado remained in the woods for a day and then made his way to the unoccupied cabin and awaited rescue. He could find no matches with which to start a fire. The boots he made of cotton ripped from a mattress in the cabin were not enough to keep his feet from freezing.



'Meek Little Man'—Walter Peden, 56 (hands behind back), described by his Snoqualmie, Wash., neighbors as a "meek little man," talks with state police outside the cabin where he barricaded himself. In a three-hour gun orgy Peden fatally wounded a state patrolman and shot and wounded three other persons. Peden, now held at the King county jail in Seattle, killed his cat, dog and most of his 30 chickens. (AP Wirephoto.)

30-Day Hearing Needed on CVA

Washington, Dec. 14 (AP)—Senator Cain (D., Wash.) said today he agrees with Chairman Chavez (D., N.M.) of the senate public works committee that a hearing in the Pacific northwest on the Columbia valley administration bill would require at least a month.

And, Cain said, the hearing should be held by the full public works committee or at least a majority of it, not by a subcommittee. Eight democrats and five republicans make up the committee, with Cain the ranking republican.

"I think in fairness to the country and the people of the Pacific northwest," Cain told a reporter, "that a majority, at least, of the committee should be present. At the minimum the hearing should be allotted a full month. Less than that would be unfair to the people of the Columbia river basin and not give the committee the information it needs to pass on the administration bill."

Happy Little Pup May Be Biggest Nuisance in Town

Portland, Dec. 14 (AP)—That happy little pup that brightens your life may be the biggest nuisance in town.

Portland's nuisance expert says so. And it isn't funny.

For 21 years John C. Munk has been with the city nuisance bureau. People tell him about nuisances.

16 Months Suspended Sentence for Crabtree

In a parade of offenders before Circuit Judge George R. Duncan Tuesday afternoon Troy Crabtree, former taxicab driver, was given a suspended 16 months' penitentiary sentence and three years probation from a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a 14-year-old girl, one of 14 men admitting involvement with the same girl.

He was to be held in jail until the parole board found employment for him and is stripped of his privilege of driving passengers for hire.

Marvel Elwill Blanton, Hubbard, entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of forgery lodged in a secret indictment returned June '99, 1948. Arrest was made last week.

Cecil Gold, Mill City, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of rape on a Mill City girl and was continued for pre-sentence investigation. He had previously denied his guilt.

Henry G. Walp, 420 Evergreen avenue, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses with use of a worthless check on Girod's grocery at Mill City, pleaded guilty and was continued for sentence.

Robert Fries, Salem route 3, who entered a plea of guilty to a forgery charge was placed on probation for three years.

Club Mothers Entertained

Salem Heights, Dec. 14—The Salem Heights Mother's club met Tuesday at the hall with 74 attending.

Letters were read from the grades thanking the club for the bean bags, and Mary Wilbur and Webster Smith thanked them in person for the third grade. The club voted to contribute \$10 for the Christmas treat for the school children. The club will be in charge of the February community club program. It was announced that there will be a teen-age dance at the hall January 6 with Lee and his Melody Ramblers as the orchestra.

Marion Miller, principal, told of the magazine subscription drive that will end Thursday. The proceeds will go to a projector for the school. He announced that the Christmas program will be Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the hall and that there will be a dress rehearsal on Monday, December 19 at 1 o'clock for any parents who wish to attend. It is felt that the hall will not accommodate the crowd on Tuesday evening. School will be out on December 22 and will resume January 3.

The parents attendance award was won by the first grade. Mrs. Roy McElroy, room mother, presented the trophy to Mrs. Inez Green, teacher for one of the first grades. Mrs. Fenimore's third grade, placed second. This is the third time it was won by this room. The room winning the most times will keep the trophy at the end of the year.

On the committee for sacking the treat for the school children Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Zwicker will be Mrs. Myron Butler, Mrs. Leonard Reiman, Mrs. Louis Kurth, Mrs. Fred Cords and Mrs. Orville Raymond. Decorating the hall for Christmas will be Mrs. Lyle Bayne, Mrs. Earl Givens, Mrs. Dale Bevers, and Mrs. L. R. Caswell.

Mrs. Roy McElroy, third grade Bluebird leader, announced that there would be a Christmas party for the mothers at the school luncheon on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. John Ramage was the hostess chairman for the refreshments with Mrs. Ted Rose, Mrs. Fred Burger, Mrs. Myron Butler and Mrs. L. R. Caswell assisting.

The fourth grade students presented the school program. The play was "Christmas in Many Lands." The play saluted the Christmas spirit.

TAYLOR-MADE TICKETS' Cop on the Corner Figures: Treat Public Like People

Washington, Dec. 14 (AP)—The way the cop on the corner looks at it, you've got to treat the public like people.

The cop in this case is Pvt. Ray Taylor of the Washington traffic division. He guards life and limb at one of the busiest intersections in the world, Fourteenth and Pennsylvania, three blocks from where President Truman lives.

Taylor, who is tough enough to lick his weight in pedestrians, is one of the most popular officers in town.

Unless it's necessary, he doesn't have a blackjack, a revolver or a tough word for anybody—and his boss, Capt. Lorain Johnson, will back me up on that.

The private, father of two and a man who claims he takes most of his orders from his wife instead of his captain, is only 31. He has a reputation for being able to smooth things out with his hand-waving and his whistle. He's proved it time and again.

Not long ago, a local driver, who should have known better, made a left turn at the officer's corner. Taylor first gave the man a "hand signal."

That didn't work, so he tooted his whistle. That worked.

"I had to give the man a ticket," the private said.

Later the offender, who apparently realized the cop on the corner had been pretty nice about it, came around and apologized in person.

Officer 863, as the private sometimes is known around the neighborhood, doesn't pull his punches when a punch is what is called for. He'd give his brother a ticket if the brother deserved one. In fact, some pretty big names in Washington have received "Taylor-made" tickets.

Mostly, though, he works on his theory that "people should be seen and not hurt," something he made up himself.

"A guy behind the wheel of a car made of steel has a lot better chance of living than a guy who is walking across the street. I give the walker a break," he said.

But even in protection of the walker, the most polite copper in Washington keeps his manners.

He'll get out his whistle on you if you walk against the light, but he'll "sir" you to the point where you'll be humble and most likely wind up by thanking him for sirring you.

Not long ago a woman pedestrian took a chance against the lights at Taylor's corner. He hand-waved and that didn't do any good. He used the whistle.

The lady stopped and gave our friend a slice of her tongue. She added to the insult with: "You young whipper-snapper. You changed the light on me."

The copper "yes m'amed" her. She thanked him with "you dear boy, you," and went on her way.

Taylor easily handles the country drivers who come in here from Ulrich, Mo., Farmer City, Ill., and other places where traffic isn't much of a problem.

The officer kills 'em all with kindness.

Sisterhood Officers Elected at Amity

Amity—The Sisterhood of the Church of Christ elected new officers for 1950 at its regular meeting at the church.

Mrs. R. M. Glahn will be the new president, Mrs. Hattie White, vice president, and Mrs. Ed Lee, secretary-treasurer. Plans were made for a Christmas party for the girls of the church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. White gifts will be brought for McKinley Indian mission at Toppenish, Wash. The devotional hour and a social time followed the business meeting and refreshments were served. The church and Bible school have planned the Christmas party for Christmas night.

Unhappy Ending to Christmas Story

Philadelphia, Dec. 14 (AP)—Christmas stories don't always have a happy ending—like this one police told yesterday:

A small boy was "lost" in a big department store. He was taken to a nearby police station.

Under questioning, the youngster said he was six years old and member of a poor family that include 14 brothers and sisters.

Then the query: "What's Santa Claus going to bring you, sonny?"

"Nothing," was the reply. "My mother told me Santa Claus is dead."

Amity Forum Names Directors for Year

Amity—The Amity Commercial club elected seven directors at the regular meeting this week. The men are: Earl Johnson, Robert Callendar, Tom Martin, Dr. Charles H. Law, Freeman Frazier, Harry Wilcox, Frank Chambers.

From this group club officers will be chosen. The club voted to furnish candy for the Christmas programs December 20 for the high school and December 22 for the grade school program.

Birthday Club Guest

Gervais—Mrs. William Uppendahl was hostess to the Parkersville Birthday club on her anniversary. There were 13 members who participated in games and contests with Mrs. Arthur Patterson and Mrs. Etta Blainey being the prize winners. Mrs. James Davidson was honored with a gift shower. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

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