

Utah Wilson's Prints on Bottle

Vancouver, Wash., June 16 (AP)—An FBI fingerprint expert testified today it was his "positive conclusion" that fingerprints on beer bottle were those of Utah Wilson, on trial here with his brother, Turman, for kidnapping and murder.

The bottle was found at the scene of the abduction of 18-year-old Jo Ann Dewey from a dark street on the night of March 19.

Edwin Diss, FBI expert, compared enlarged photographs of the prints lifted from the bottle with those of 20-year-old Utah Wilson. He said 12 points of identification were the same.

Under cross-examinations by Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman, Diss said he could not tell how old the prints on the bottle were. If they were made by moisture, he added, they wouldn't last long.

Earlier police had testified the bottle was found soon after the Dewey girl was kidnapped and fresh beer was spilled around it.

Mrs. Clyde Dewey, mother of the girl whose body was found in a mountain stream a week after the abduction, today identified for the jury a strap from purse and a barrette, found at the spot where Jo Ann was forced screaming into a car with two men.

She said both belonged to her daughter.

The woman wept on the stand as she told of her daughter's disappearance.

Joan Crawford, close friend of the slain girl, testified she had seen Jo Ann get aboard a bus in Portland, en route to Vancouver, at 10:25 p.m. the night of the abduction.

Judge Eugene Cushing admitted the beer bottle and the fingerprints into evidence despite vigorous protests of Attorney Goodman.

Governors for Oregon in Week

Oregon will have had no less than four governors during the week ending Saturday night.

When Governor Douglas McKay left Wednesday for the national governors' conference at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Senate President William E. Walsh of Coos Bay took over.

Walsh left the state Thursday night to review the Oregon National Guard in maneuvers at Fort Lewis Saturday. Frank Van Dyke of Medford, speaker of the house, is now governor until he heads out of the state at 10 a.m. Saturday to attend the national Shriners' convention at Los Angeles.

Then it will be Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry's turn.

Walsh expected to return to Oregon Saturday night or early Sunday and upon his arrival will again be governor.

Navy Installations Send Planes to Salem

Not only have their own activities kept the men at Salem's Naval Air Facility busy the past two days, but they have had a number of visiting planes from other naval installations.

Arriving from the Naval Air Station at Los Alamitos, Calif., Thursday evening were three SNJs and a Beaufighter. Those planes left for their home bases Friday.

Coming in from Seattle's Naval Air Station Friday morning were three Beaufighters and an SNJ piloted by volunteer reserves and seven Corsairs from the organized squadron in Seattle. Those planes returned to Seattle in the afternoon.

May Elected Head Of Oregon Publishers

North Bend, Ore., June 16 (AP)—The Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association today elected Walter W. R. May of the

Oregon City Enterprise-Courier as president. He has been vice president the past year. Elected to that post was J. W. "Bud" Forrester, Jr., publisher of the Coos Bay Harbor at North Bend. Frank Shiro, La Grande Observer, was elected treasurer.

This morning's session was devoted to talks, C. M. Reed, president of the California Ink Co., discussing the appearance of newspapers, and Mrs. Zola Vincent of San Francisco, talking on reader interest in news about food.

Today's luncheon speaker was Walter J. De Long, Weyerhaeuser Timber company information director, Tacoma.

Red Scientist Held for Perjury

Pasadena, Calif., June 16 (AP)—The FBI announced today the arrest of Dr. Sidney Weinbaum, 52, California Institute of Technology scientist formerly with its jet-propulsion laboratory.

Richard B. Hood, head of the Los Angeles FBI office, said Weinbaum is charged with perjury and fraud against the government.

In a complaint filed with U. S. Commissioner Howard V. Caltech, the government alleges that:

"On or about Sept. 23, 1949 at Los Angeles, Sidney Weinbaum under oath before the industrial employment review board willfully and fraudulently testified that he had never been a member of the communist party, when in fact he had held membership in the communist party professional unit No. 122, under the party name of Sydney Empson."

Hood also charged that about April 8, 1949, Weinbaum, "in his personnel security questionnaire which he signed in connection with his employment with the jet-propulsion laboratory at Caltech willfully omitted a statement that he had been a member of the communist party."

Weinbaum's employment with the jet propulsion laboratory was terminated last July, the FBI said. Since then he has been a research fellow in Caltech's chemistry department.

He first joined the jet lab in 1946. Caltech said, as a research scientist. A Russian emigrant in 1922, he graduated from Caltech in 1924, was naturalized in 1927 and received his doctor's degree, cum laude, in 1933.

Showers Bring Up June Rain to 2 Inches

Showers through Thursday brought the month's rainfall total to date to the two-inch mark, but no records are established as yet.

Rainfall to 10:30 a.m. Friday for June to date amounted to 2.10 inches. There are those who speak of it as a wet month—but in 1947, 3.60 inches of rain came down in June, and in 1943, 3.38 inches were measured for the month. For the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Friday, 12 of an inch was measured here.

Forecast is for partly cloudy weather tonight and Saturday with showers decreasing through the week-end.

2 Shriners Injured, Car Plunges Bank

Two men from Washington, en route to the national Shriners' convention at Los Angeles, were injured Thursday afternoon when the car in which they were riding plunged off a 35-foot embankment near the Hollywood Bowl race track.

Dr. F. W. Wichman of Tenino, the driver, and J. F. Cowrey, 66, of Rochester, both sustained cuts and bruises. They were treated by first aid men at the scene of accident, then taken to a doctor's office.

The two men said they intended to continue to Los Angeles by train.

State AFL Stays Non-Partisan

La Grande, June 16 (AP)—The State Federation of Labor stuck by its traditional non-partisan political position today.

A resolution urged all affiliated "to jealously guard and defend that policy." That pointed up a word of caution to the Portland Central Labor Council, which has been more vociferous about political matters than the state AFL.

The Portland council was told the state AFL did not intend to choose sides in politics. A candidate will be endorsed only when he is demonstrably more friendly to labor than his opponent, the state federation board said.

The federation also toned down a resolution on loyalty checks. The original was called intemperate. As the measure emerged, it called for a person accused of disloyalty to have the right of defense, and to gain back pay if restored.

The delegates passed a welter of resolutions, including: Unemployment compensation coverage for all workers; abolition of the one-week waiting period on unemployment pay; amendment of the seasonality clause in the unemployment compensation law; immediate construction of Hell's Canyon dam.

Austin Flegel, democratic candidate for governor, listed his labor views, pledging a number of gains for labor if he is elected.

Little Hope for Trapped Miners

Cadomin, Alta., June 16 (CP)—Little hope was held today of finding five trapped miners alive in the Cadomin coal mine.

They have been imprisoned more than 38 hours, trapped when water from a surface drainage canal plunged through a cave-in in the mine. The water flooded the shaft and carried hundreds of tons of debris into a tunnel. The men were working 270 feet from the mine's entrance.

Rescue workers today worked shoulder-to-shoulder in the narrow tunnel shoveling back the muck that imprisoned the men.

Trapped are fireboss Roy Carr, 38; Mike Kapuscinski, 58; Pete Morris, 66; Rade Kasanovich, 62, and Steve Tomlenovich, 55.

Most miners said death may have come to the five by drowning, crushing or asphyxiation.

Small Plane Crashes Portland House

Portland, June 16 (AP)—A small plane crashed into a Southeast Portland residence early today, but no one was seriously hurt.

Glen Grantham, 46, the pilot, and Esther Osterbach, 30, a passenger, were treated for minor injuries.

Grantham told sheriff's deputies he took the plane up for a night-time pleasure trip.



Lebanon — Sweet peas of giant proportions, displayed by Mrs. Silda Bourn of Lebanon, received a blue ribbon at the Lebanon Garden club flower show held last Friday and Saturday in the City hall.

Mrs. Bourn's exhibit grew from vagrant seeds which sprouted last fall. The young plants managed to survive the hard winter and came into full bloom two weeks ago. A yardstick measures the longest stems at 22½ inches. Four to five blooms of unusual size top each stem. Mrs. Bourn says the volunteer plants received scant attention until their great size was noticed.

Fraser River Battering Dikes

Agassiz, B. C., June 16 (CP)—The five-mile dike protecting this community of 1,800 began to weaken today under battering of the flooding Fraser river.

Volunteers manned the wall and the Fraser crept a foot higher during the last 24 hours. More sandbags were being thrown on the dike.

There still had been no evacuations from this town 65 miles east of Vancouver which was the center of the 1948 flood fight.

An emergency meeting of residents was called for this afternoon to discuss possible evacuation and methods of battling the rising waters.

Some farm lands outside the dike area in the Fraser valley are water-covered, and in others some families have been evacuated. Furniture was stored in attics.

The swollen Lillooet river, 120 miles east of Vancouver, swirled over 10 farms in the Pemberton valley, taking toll of crops. Farms in the lower valley are being evacuated, some by boat. Some roads have been closed.

Flooding of the Bickenhead river, about 79 miles north of Squamish, flooded the Pacific Great Eastern railway right-of-way. Train service was halted.

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Brannan Plan Before Grange

Ontario, Ore., June 16 (AP)—The Brannan farm plan argument finally will go before the Oregon state grange convention today.

A scheduled vote on the matter was delayed yesterday to give Albert Goss, national grange master, time to get here to deliver a speech opposing the Brannan plan.

Supporters of the plan then lined up E. H. Spoor, chairman of the California state production and marketing committee, to speak for the measure today also.

Afterwards, the delegates were to vote on the issue.

Goss asserted on arrival here that the national grange has gone on record against the plan, and only one state grange has favored it—California.

Washington grangers voted against it yesterday. Goss said the national grange favored "flexible floors" with support prices on a sliding scale, accompanied by government buying.

The Brannan plan calls for high level supports, but without government buying of surpluses. Instead, farmers would get compensatory payments when prices are low.

The grange opened the way for its own automobile insurance policies by voting to affiliate with the Washington Grange Insurance company. That firm will issue the auto policies. The measure passed despite opposition from the master-elect of the grange, Elmer McClure, Milwaukee.

Cops Court Testimony Brings Laughter

The sober testimony of State Police Officer Floyd West as a prosecution witness in a drunken driving case brought roars of

laughter Friday from jurors, attorneys and spectators.

West, under questioning as to whether the actions of the defendant, Norman Curry, could have resulted from an accident or from alcohol, explained:

"The doctor was called when we got Mr. Curry to the sheriff's office," West explained; then, motioning as if he were fondling a head, the officer added:

"The doctor went over his head and said there wasn't anything there."

RFC Loan Denied By Gabrielson

Washington, June 16 (AP)—Criticism of an RFC \$18,500,000 loan to a company headed by republican national chairman Guy Gabrielson has brought the reply that Gabrielson has no financial interest in the firm.

It was a republican senator, Capehart of Indiana, who raised the matter. He said in his criticism that those who preach free enterprise should practice it.

Capehart spoke out yesterday in a session of a senate banking subcommittee which is investigating lending practices of the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

The RFC made a three-part loan totaling \$18,500,000 to Carthage Hydrocol, Inc., of New York city, of which Gabrielson is president and general counsel. The money was for a synthetic

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