

Donegan Wiggins, Collector Of Guns, Dies at Hospital

Don Wiggins, who came out of Boot Hill to astonish the west with his trick shooting and to become one of the world's foremost authorities on firearms, died in a Salem hospital Tuesday night. He was 62 years old.

Wiggins, employed for many years in the office of secretary of state here in the comparative quiet of the mailing room, was a good enough trick shot artist to be in demand at fairs and picnics. And performed several times at the state fair in Salem.

Once on a picnic, as he was going through his paces, one of the lads hurled a can of solid pack tomatoes high in the air as a target for Don. Now, Don preferred a can of tomato puree. When his bullet exploded the can, the puree would disintegrate into a blushing mist. But there was no puree so this day a can of solid pack went into the air. Don's first bullet exploded the can. The wind was just right. And the tomatoes showered and splattered, spotting the dresses of several of the ladies. They say the cleaning bill was terrific.

Donegan Reeder Wiggins, to give him the full name he acquired when he was born Feb. 10, 1888, near famed Boot Hill in Dodge City, Kan., was at one time gun editor of Adventure magazine and had written many articles on firearms for national publications.

In recent years he had assisted Oregon State police in servicing firearms. And he was called to testify in numerous trials as a ballistics expert.

Nationally known sportsmen came from all parts of the country to confer with Don and to inspect his gun collection, one of the largest in the country. He had more than 300 guns, dating from the 18th century to the present day. One prized piece was the 32-20 revolver with which convict Tom Murray shot his way out of Oregon state prison in 1925, killing one guard and wounding two others.

In World War I Wiggins served as an armorer with a machine gun battalion of the U. S. army. He was a member of Capital post 9, American Legion. He was a life member of the American Rifle association and Salem lodge No. 4 AF & AM. He also was a contributor to Boys' Town and a Scottish Rite Mason.

Wiggins, a man of many friends across the nation, was a bachelor and has no known survivors.

Funeral services will be held at the Virgil T. Golden company chapel Saturday, July 29, at 2 p. m. with entombment at Mt. Crest Abbey Mausoleum. Ritualistic services by Capital Post No. 9, American Legion and Salem lodge No. 4, AF & AM.

Old Soldiers Home In Oregon Studied

Portland, July 26 (AP)—The possibility of establishing a home for old soldiers in Oregon is being studied by an Oregon legislative interim committee.

The committee met here yesterday for the first time to take up the question. Senator Irving Rand, Portland, said 27 other states having such facilities would be queried about costs and arrangements.

Attending the conference were William F. Gaarenstroom, director of Oregon's department of veterans' affairs, and the other committee members. These included Senator Truman Chase, Eugene, and Reps. Vilas Shepard, Clatskanie; Gust Anderson, Portland, and Raymond C. Coulter, Grants Pass.

Woodburn Scouts End Camp Sojourn

Woodburn—A group of Woodburn Boy Scouts returning Sunday from Camp Pioneer included Billy Kersten, Dean Bishoprick, Jr., Pete Anderson, Leland McClain, Fidel Gaviola, Gordon McLaughlin, Dick Ahrens, Lewis Coleman, Norman Tyler, Homer Wadsworth, Jr., Truman Baird.

Boys who took the Explorer trail hike of 40 miles in the Cascades were Lewis Coleman, Leland McClain and Norman Tyler. They were accompanied by their advisor, William Baldwin. One of the two boys chosen as the best hikers and to give a report of the hike at the camp was Norman Tyler of Woodburn.

Furnishing cars for transportation to and from the camp were William Bilyeu, Mrs. C. W. Kersten, Dean Bishoprick, Homer Wadsworth, C. H. Ahrens and Mr. Hotchkiss of the Woodburn airport.

The Woodburn Scout activities are sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

BASEBALL TONITE
SALEM
—VS—
YAKIMA
8:15 P.M.
Waters Park
25th and Mission



Refreshments in the Gloom—Betty Holland, who established a refreshment stand in front of her home at 1232 Center street, found a heavy evening patronage for pink lemonade. Shown is Michael J. Faist who came in the sultry twilight for a glass of refreshment.

Luella Phillips Tells About Her Experiences in Korea

By R. L. SCOTT

"I wouldn't take a million dollars for the experience, but a million couldn't get me to go back."

That's the sentiment of Miss Luella Phillips, once of Seoul, Korea, now of Salem. Miss Phillips, currently employed by the state, spent a full year in the south Korean zone now overrun by communist North Korean forces.

In 1946 Miss Phillips applied for overseas work while employed by a factory distribution outlet in New York. She first arrived in Tokyo where her talents were classified and was sent on to Seoul in December, 1946 where some previous hotel management experience was utilized.

In charge of organizing and operating billets for other civilian women employees of the army of occupation, Miss Phillips was in constant contact with Korean nationals in her employ. In three of the billets she operated, the Korean force required to run the operation approximately equalled the number of women living there, on the average 40 to 50.

Miss Phillips describes the condition of the average Korean as "unbelievably poor." Occupation troops and American occupation government personnel were discouraged from eating Korean food because of the pitiful shortages and the possibilities of sponsoring a large scale black market.

A not-too surprising but hitherto little-known fact put forth by Miss Phillips concerns the existence of an underground organization which operated in the North Korean sector. A young man employed as an interpreter at one of the billets Miss Phillips organized in Seoul wrote out in crude English the story of his escape from North Korea.

Mission-educated Kim Jong Han, apparently hungry for some experience in a democracy he had only heard of, joined a large band of other discontents and headed for the 38th parallel. The broken passages and inverted phrasing of his account tell of riots, the "oppression of youth activities," and the "destroying of national culture" apparently prevalent in the north.

Young Kim received help near the border after being shot at and chased by communist guards, and was smuggled across a river by members of a loosely organized underground.

Miss Phillips states that South Korean government officials merely winked at the passage of hundreds of refugees who merged unidentifiably into the southern population.

Of pre-invasion communist activity, Miss Phillips reports that border incidents were common and that communist sympathizers below the 38th parallel often caused considerable excitement. Occasionally army headquarters would notify all Americans to stay within their quarters to avoid being entangled in possible riots incited by the Reds.

Her tour of duty expired in December of 1947 and Miss Phillips returned to the U. S. Stopping by to visit a brother in Salem, she decided to stay and has been here since. As she says, Salem is nice, and Korea is a nice place to be from.



Luella Phillips

District Court to Move on Thursday

One of the first steps to consolidate Marion county court activities in the old high school building on Marion street will be taken Thursday when district court moves to a suite of offices there.

Along with the court move, the county constable's office, which has been located in offices with the district court on North Liberty street, will move to a separate location in the high school building.

The Marion county court has planned to use space in the school structure during the period of time when a new courthouse is built.

Selection of Poor by the New York county (Manhattan) republican committee was announced yesterday by the county chairman, Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran.

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Holmer Skeptical On Folk's Desire

A. Freeman Holmer, assistant professor of political science at Willamette university is a bit skeptical if the people really want an efficient government. He said as much during a discussion of "Hoover Reports, Big and Little" before the membership of the Salem Rotary club Wednesday noon.

Holmer, a veteran of the last world war, wonders whether treatment of veterans in connection with preference for job situations should interfere with efficiency. He said that efficiency when profits were involved was not wanted in some business circles.

As for the state interim commission, one of the "little Hoover groups," Prof. Holmer expressed the belief that no agency can do more than the people want. However, he added, most legislators are anxious to do the will of the folk back home.

Good government, said the speaker does not bear a party label. He stated that reorganization, whether on a federal or state level can be "nibbled to death as well as bludgeoned to death."

Hitchhiker Hunted After Attack Attempt

A young hitchhiker who attempted to assault a Salem woman in the vicinity of Stayton and tossed her from the automobile she had been driving was sought by law enforcement officers Wednesday.

The woman borrowed a Rick-really man's car to drive to Detroit, she told officers. In the vicinity of Stayton she befriended a young hitchhiker, but the youth jerked the keys from the ignition switch, attempted to assault her and then tossed her from the car.

The incident took place late Tuesday night, and she was returned to Salem early Wednesday to file assault charges.

Her assailant was described as between 16 and 20 years old, five feet, eight inches tall and believed to weigh 135 pounds. He was wearing blue jeans.

Fun in the Sun Has First Day

Remember, folks, it's "Fun in the Sun" and not in the moon. So you better circulate the streets of Salem every day during the next week to tap on the shoulder anybody who looks like he or she might be good for one of those 188 prizes.

All you have to do is tap such a person on the shoulder and say "Fun in the Sun." You don't even have to smile when you say it, but really you ought to guffaw loudly—for, remember, it's fun, you know.

And why shouldn't it be? To get one of those 188 prizes put up by 35 downtown stores. And maybe you might get the big prize of \$50 in folding money.

Summer merchandise will be featured during the week, and they do say there'll be a lot of bargains on all corners and at all places between.

So get out, folks, and see what you can do. This is just the first day, and it runs a week.

New Bridge Near Umatilla Studied

Pendleton, July 26 (AP)—The state highway commission is going to give \$8000 for a survey to see what money can be made from a bridge across the Columbia river near Umatilla.

This was the only promise the commission could make, said Chairman Ben R. Chandler, Coos Bay, at a dinner here last night.

A \$3,000,000 toll bridge was proposed by County Judge James H. Sturges. Bonds, financed by the county, would pay for the span. They would be paid off by tolls. Wasco county uses this plan with The Dalles bridge.

E. B. Aldrich, former commissioner and editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, wanted a free bridge for everyone, built by either the state or federal government.

Red Cross Made Blood Agency

General George C. Marshall, national Red Cross president, has accepted a request by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson that the American Red Cross become the official agency for the procurement of blood for the armed forces when such blood and its derivatives are needed. It was announced at the local Red Cross office Wednesday noon following communications from national Red Cross headquarters.

In his letter of acceptance, General Marshall assured Secretary Johnson the Red Cross was prepared at once to increase the output of its national blood program to provide the armed services with the blood required.

"While we deplore the situation which requires this action, it is the sensible thing to do, particularly in view of world conditions," it was stated by General Marshall.

Local Red Cross officials point out that Salem folk have an opportunity this week to do their bit in building up needed blood supplies by donating when the Portland regional blood center mobile unit stops here Thursday night.

The unit will be in operation between 6 and 10 p. m. at the airport road off State street. The naval and marine reserves, as well as the National Guard members are being lined up to donate blood, but the general public also is urged to contribute at this time. The interested public may call the Red Cross office.

Red Cross Designated
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Mary E. Hodson Rites Friday

Funeral services will be held at the W. T. Rigdon chapel Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mary Ellen Hodson, native of Marion county and a long-time employee of the statehouse in Salem, who died here Tuesday. Interment is to be in the cemetery at Turner.

The daughter of Enos and Catherine Rose Hodson, pioneers in this area, Miss Hodson, a late resident of 496 North 13th street, had been employed at various intervals in the state treasurer's office, the secretary of state's office and the office of the clerk of the supreme court.

She was a member of Chadwick chapter No. 37, Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors included two nieces and three nephews in Washington and a grand-niece, Mrs. Beulah Tresham of Amity.

Rayon Yarn Prices Go Up September 1

New York, July 26 (AP)—Rayon yarn prices were advanced two to six percent by the Celanese Corporation of America today.

The increases apply to acetate and viscose filament yarns for September delivery. The company said its entire August output is sold.

Acetate and viscose rayon yarns are used both by the weaving and knitting trades for rayon apparel and for hosiery. The yarns are simply the huge spools of thread from which the cloth or stocking is made.



A Four Room Addition to the Washington grade school building is being rushed to completion for the opening of the 1950-51 term. The original building was completed only last October but because of the growth of the section around Lansing avenue and Silverton road an addition was found necessary. The contractor, T. J. Patzer, expects to have the addition completed on time. A two-room addition is also being made to the Swegle rural school.

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