

Jury Selected In Murder Trial

Hood River (AP)—Donald Dwayne Imlah, 18, went on trial here Wednesday, accused of the gunshot death of Bruce H. Houck, a Hood River area rancher.

A jury to hear the case was selected Tuesday.

Houck's body was found on the ranch July 11 along with the carcasses of a number of goats and chickens which also had been shot.

Imlah, who has pleaded innocent because of insanity, was arrested July 13 at his mother's home in Marysville, California.

Imlah, GI farm trainee, had been living at the Houck ranch.

Seed Commission Being Considered

Portland (AP)—Formation of a state seed commission will be considered by the Oregon Seed Growers League.

That was decided Tuesday at the league's convention here.

The proposed commission would levy a tax on all growers producing more than \$500 worth of seeds annually, the money to finance research, promotion and other industry programs.

The league will name a committee to hold meetings throughout the state to determine if local growers want such a commission formed.

Delegates elected three directors: Harold Worth, Astoria; Verny Scott, Sublimity; and Wally Thompson, Klamath Falls.

Felton Re-elected to Rural Fire Board

Woodburn — Frank Felton of the Mission Bottom area was re-elected to the board of directors of the Woodburn rural fire protection district at the annual election Monday, Dec. 7, at the American Legion building here, for a three year term to fill out the unexpired term of Gail Lansden who resigned because of illness.

Manton A. Carl of Hubbard, Rt. 1, was elected for the five year term, succeeding Lester Henn who was not a candidate. Twenty-nine votes were cast. Judges were Joseph McCormick, Dave Dryden and Sid Seime.

Brooks

Brooks—The annual Christmas program presented by the students of Brooks school will be given Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. in the gym.

Mrs. Dorris Ramp has been selected as the new leader for the Girl Scouts of the Brooks area, she will serve for the next year, replacing Mrs. Waldo Lowery, who has finished her term.

Presentation of the new 16 mm. projector and screen to the school was made at the regular monthly meeting of the P.T.A. Mrs. Howard Carter, president of the P.T.A. made the presentation to G. H. Archer, principal of the school.

Eldon Turnidge of Jefferson, showed a film on the Holy Land.

Mrs. Leupold's 4th grade class won the award for the most parents attending the P.T.A. meeting.

Mrs. Texie Hillyer, clerk for school district 31, reports an increase of 21 over last year's census. The number of school age students in this district is 232—114 boys and 118 girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutchison and Diane of Portland, Ore., were guests this past week at the William R. Pfau residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Holland, Susan and Janis, are back home now after a two week trip to southern California.

HELPED WIN



Carole Warren, Salem High school student, who helped her squad win sweepstake honors in the interscholastic speech tournament at Pacific University Saturday. Miss Warren took first in women's humorous speaking and second in oratory.

New Resuscitator Ready at Dallas

Dallas—Elmer Masiker displayed the pneophore resuscitator recently purchased by the auxiliary of the Carl B. Fenton Post of the American Legion, at the December meeting of the auxiliary.

Describing the machine to the group, Masiker explained its purpose and operation. Several members of the auxiliary have been instructed to operate the pneophore.

When placed in a home on an emergency call, a qualified operator will accompany the machine and explain to the members of the family how to tend it while in use.

It must be checked at intervals by a person who understands it. It is automatic and perfectly safe to use on persons of any age.

The pneophore is in the custody of Elmer Masiker at the city hall. The machine is used in cases of heart attacks, severe attacks of asthma, croup, smoke when inhaled, also drowning resuscitation. No fee is charged for its use.

Judge Latourette on National Committee

Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette of the Oregon Supreme court has been appointed by Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, chairman of the Conference of Chief Justices, on a committee to meet with the Judicial Conference of the United States called by Chief Justice John J. Parker of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Chief Justice Latourette left Tuesday night for Washington, D.C., where the meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, in the United States Supreme Court building, to consider the overlapping of jurisdiction of the federal and state courts in relation to habeas corpus.

THIEF STEALS 257 WREATHS

Worcester, Mass. (AP)—Mary Robblo told police last night that an energetic thief carried 257 Christmas wreaths down three flights from her back porch.

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E. J. Bell Gets Federal AG Post

Washington (AP)—The Agriculture Department Tuesday named Edward J. Bell of Pendleton, Ore., as director of its program of expanding foreign markets for United States grains and grain products.

Clayton E. Whipple, acting administrator of the department's Foreign Agricultural Service, said Bell's "special responsibility will be to direct the foreign marketing work on wheat, rice and feed grains."

Bell has been administrator of the Oregon Wheat Commission, a state agency assigned to find new markets for wheat and wheat products, since 1947.

MAN KILLED IN TRUCK PLUNGE

Portland (AP)—Richard H. Carver, 18, of Warren, Ore., was killed Tuesday when his pickup truck plunged over a 20-foot embankment northwest of Portland.

Puerto Rico's annual imports are valued at about 400 million dollars and exports at about 250 million dollars.

Middle Grove

Middle Grove — The Middle Grove 4-H Cooking II reorganization meeting was held at the Melvin Van Cleave home on Dec. 3.

Officers elected were president, Gaylene Van Cleave; vice president, Wilda Blankenship; secretary, Joyce Chamberlain; reporter, Carolyn Crum; yell leader, Donna Roberts. Other members are Karen Patterson and Jean Schaffer.

Mrs. Van Cleave, leader, discussed the comments of the judges on last spring's entries.

The next meeting will be Dec. 14 at the Melvin Van Cleave home. There will be a card and candy exchange. Karen Patterson and Gaylene Van Cleave will demonstrate how to make a sponge cake.

Refreshments were served by Gaylene Van Cleave. TV was enjoyed by all.

ANN SHERIDAN IMPROVES

Hollywood (AP)—Actress Ann Sheridan has been a patient at Cedars of Lebanon hospital since Monday, threatened with pneumonia, her physician disclosed today. Her condition is improving.

\$20,000 Bail for Convicted Red

Seattle (AP)—Bond of \$20,000 has been posted for Mrs. Barbara Hartie, 45-year-old waitress, bringing the release on bail of the last of five persons convicted in October of communist conspiracy.

Mrs. Hartie's bond was posted by her sister, Mrs. Tressa Cook of Evans Stevens county, and Mrs. Hartie was given permission by Federal Judge William Lindberg to live with Mrs. Cook for two months.

She is under sentence to serve five years in a federal penitentiary for violation of the Smith Act.

Western Building At Level of Year Ago

Portland (AP)—Western building activity in November ran at about the same level as in the previous November. The trade journal Westera Building reported there were 40,260 building permits issued in 292 western cities and coun-

ties last month, compared with 40,714 the previous November.

Estimated valuation was up to \$204,428,204 from the previous November's \$194,133,049.

Man Hit Twice By Hit-Runners

San Francisco (AP)—John Coulman was hit twice in quick succession last night by hit-run drivers—without suffering serious injury.

Crossing Mission street, he was struck by a northbound car which knocked him into the path of a southbound auto. Neither driver stopped.

The first car inflicted only minor cuts and bruises. The second ran over Coulman's right leg.

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Two Lebanon Men Rescued From River

Lebanon — Lee Surnam and Glenn Brandell narrowly escaped death Monday when their boat capsized in the South Santiam river.

The two men were laying a cable across the stream when their skiff overturned, pitching them into the cold water. After drifting a short distance down stream, they grasped a limb protruding from a snagged log.

Lyle and Leonard Simon, firemen, were able to rescue

the pair after they had been in the water for an hour.

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