

CHURCH CENTERS CONTROVERSY



Lebanon — Providence church, an historic landmark founded by Joab Powell the circuit rider, and a center of community worship for more than 100 years, has been deeded to the Conservative Baptist church of Albany. The deed was recorded at the courthouse in Albany Nov. 17.

Providence Church Deeded; Controversy Flares Again

Lebanon — Another chapter in the troubled affairs of century-old Providence church was recorded when a deed was filed at Linn county court house on Nov. 17, transferring Joab Powell's Baptist Mission church to the Conservative Baptist church of Albany.

This move, which was originally proposed on Feb. 18, 1952 by Benton Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Arnold of Scio, three of the remaining seven members, has been vigorously opposed by a large number of Providence residents who use the church as a community worship center, as well as many members of Linn's pioneer families.

The first move to give the old church away was thwarted when Mrs. Wayne Davenport and her sister, Mrs. Effie Peery of Lebanon, also members of the church, filed objections.

At this time, there was no governing church board as the original church organization had become inactive and was allowed to lapse in 1945. The building, however, has been kept in excellent repair by residents of Providence and has long been used as a center of worship by them.

According to the corporation record, on Feb. 24, 1952, Benton Arnold appeared at Salem and filed a re-instatement of the church corporation with himself as attorney-in-fact.

On March 20, 1953, another meeting was called by the Arnolds who had not abandoned their determination to transfer the property to the Albany church. At this time the proposed session received wide publicity through the press, and descendants of the pioneer clans from all sections of the county came to protest. The opposition was so overwhelming that no action was taken. Worshipers at the Providence church felt that the matter had been settled by public opinion.

The deed now on record is dated May 20, 1953, two months after the protest meeting.

The entire Providence property, now considered a state historical shrine, consists of the church founded by Joab Powell in 1853, and the adjoining cemetery where he and many members of Linn pioneer families are buried. The Providence Memorial association, founded in 1936, administers the affairs of the cemetery. Recently the group with a large state-wide membership, raised money for a deep well on the property to fit their long range plan for perpetual care of the

Kidnap-Slayers Both Die In Gas Chamber

By LARRY HALL

Jefferson City, Mo. (AP)—Lips reddened by a final kiss but silent on the missing ransom mystery, Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady died together in the gas chamber early Friday for the kidnap slaying of 6-year-old Bobby Greenlee.

The notorious pair refused a final official request for a statement which might have shed light on what happened to half the record \$600,000 collected from the multi-millionaire father of the child they stole and murdered last Sept. 28.

Fletcher Linn Rites Tuesday

Portland (AP)—Memorial services for Fletcher Linn, 87, industrialist and financier, will be held here Tuesday. He died Wednesday night.

A graduate of Oregon's first public high school, at Jacksonville, he was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1890 and then followed his father into the furniture business at Eugene.

He came to Portland in 1896 and two years later became president of the Oregon Furniture Manufacturing Co. here. Later he built a factory now part of the B. P. John Furniture Corp. here.

He began financing various industries in 1914, including the Beaver Portland Cement Co. at Gold Hill. He devoted recent years to an interest in the history of Jacksonville. His ashes will be placed in the family plot there.

Surviving are two sisters, Corrine Linn, 91, and Margaret Linn, 89.

Instead they spent their last minutes in a brief conversation and farewell embrace, shared a final cigarette, bid their Missouri prison guards good-bye and died side by side amid swirling clouds of deadly cyanide gas.

Mrs. Heady, 41, plump and dark-haired, mustered a parting jest at the leather straps that bound her to the death chair. The 34-year-old wastrel lover had words for none but her after both had prayed with two ministers who attended the midnight execution.

Hall gulped in the poison fumes as if eager to end a wasted life. His death was recorded at 12:12 a.m. (CST).

Mrs. Heady seemed reluctant. She appeared to hold her breath. Although she was unconscious after the first sniff, her lung labored for two minutes and 10 seconds after Hall's body had slumped motionless.

U.S. Marshal William B. Tatman after the execution, confirmed the two had given each other a final embrace and kiss.

"You wouldn't want to deprive them of that," the marshal said.

Hall was puffing on a cigarette as they approached the gas chamber. He passed it to Mrs. Heady who took a final puff.

Tatman stepped into the gas chamber with the two. After guards had blindfolded them and strapped them to the chairs, the marshal asked: "Have you anything to tell me?"

Witnesses sensed in this question a last effort to find out if either knew what had happened to more than \$300,000 of the ransom money they collected in Kansas City on Oct. 4 and which was missing when they were captured in St. Louis on Oct. 6.

Both shook their heads in the negative and Mrs. Heady said aloud: "No."

As the death chair strap was being tightened about her chest, Mrs. Heady, with a little chuckle, told the guards: "It's tight — I'm not going anywhere."

Then she called out to Hall: "Are you doing all right, honey?"

"Yes, mama," Hall replied.

PENITENTIARY EXTENDS SEASONAL GREETINGS



This Nativity scene above the entrance to Oregon's state penitentiary extends seasonal greetings to the public, outside trustees and alumni of the institution. Materials for the scene were obtained by a prison official and inmates assisted in erecting it.

James, an Air Force sergeant, her eight-year-old son, Michael, and other members of her family.

Iron Lung Fails, Polio Victim Wins Death Race

Hamilton AFB, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Peggy Pinske, a polio invalid, happily made Christmas plans with her family today after a life and death race to a hospital when her iron lung failed.

The pert, 29-year-old mother barely won her race against time yesterday when two mechanical failures stopped the lung as she was being transferred to her new home here from Marin County General Hospital.

She was kept alive for the 12-minute return trip to the hospital by newsmen and attendants who fought furiously to keep her breathing by operating the bellows with their hands.

Trouble started for Mrs. Pinske after she and her lung were strapped in a huge van for the trip home.

The generator unit failed a mile from the hospital and the respirator was without electrical power. A hand lever for the pump was started immediately but broke after two strokes.

The van attendants and newsmen, covering the homecoming, jumped to her assistance, lifting and pushing the rubber bellows to force life-giving air into her body.

They almost failed. Mrs. Pinske began getting less and less air as the van careened around corners in its race with death.

TOUGH BULL DIES

Oklahoma City (AP)—Shot four times at slaughter house yesterday a bull broke loose and ran several yards into the street. Policeman H. J. Tebrinke said the tough animal dropped dead either from exhaustion or loss of blood.

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Union Pickets Gimbel's Store

Pittsburgh (AP)—A noisy mass picketing demonstration Thursday night at one of five big Pittsburgh department stores hit by a Yuletide strike brought the arrest of an AFL local union president and nine other persons on disorderly conduct charges.

Between 100 and 150 pickets circled chain-fashion about the entrances to Gimbel's. Crowds of Christmas shoppers gathered to watch as police moved in to keep order. The demonstration lasted two hours.

The demonstration was the first at Gimbel's since AFL Teamsters Local 249 touched off the strike Nov. 27.

Young Burglars Nabbed By Dense Fog, Bullets

Roseburg (AP)—A fusillade of police bullets ripped into a stolen car at a roadblock here early Friday and a 16-year-old Lowell youth was hit two times and may die.

It was a fog-shrouded highway turn, however, which stopped the car in its flight. A burglary at Dexter and a holdup at Lowell preceded the

mad dash past the roadblock. The driver of the stolen car was unhurt.

State Police Sgt. Holly Holcomb said this is what happened:

Thomas Busby, 19, of Hornbrook, Calif., entered a sporting goods store in Dexter, probably late Thursday and stole a '32 automatic and a .38 revolver, then went to Lowell and picked up Joseph Daniel Bushnell, 16.

The two then, Holcomb continued, held up the L Cafe at Lowell shortly after midnight, took the cashbox containing about \$400 and took an additional \$60 from the proprietor and stole his 1953 Oldsmobile.

Deputy Sheriff Dan Delaney spotted them north of here and radioed headquarters. A roadblock was set up at the north edge of the city, manned by city, state and county police.

The stolen car swerved sharply at the roadblock and jumped a traffic divider as police opened fire. It swept onto the North Umpqua highway and a half mile east of here, in dense fog, failed to make a turn and was demolished.

Police closed in swiftly and sent Bushnell to surgery with two serious bullet wounds — two of them in his back. Busby was held for Lane county authorities.



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