

Dr. Cook Dies By Suicide

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP)—A 48-year-old pediatrician, the president of the Los Alamos Medical Society, was found shot to death in his apartment yesterday.

Police Chief Ralph Kopansky said Dr. Malcolm M. Cook apparently chose suicide rather than face the morals charges for which he had been indicted.

Kopansky found the body, sprawled in the apartment. He said Cook had been shot once behind the right ear. A .45-caliber automatic was found near the body.

Dr. Cook, free on \$5,000 bond, had been indicted by a federal grand jury in Albuquerque Friday on morals charges involving two girls, one 9 and the other 10. He was charged with transporting them across state lines for immoral purposes.

Kopansky said Dr. Cook, a bachelor, had a dinner engagement last night with some friends. They became alarmed when Cook did not arrive and called police.

SOCK AT FIRST SIGHT

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—A sock at first sight has led to love for Hollywood film players Julie Adams and Ray Danton. Danton, 24, was required to sing Miss Adams, 25, in their first movie scene together. Yesterday they were married by the Rev. Paul M. Gammons at the El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

Notes on the News



"The Dixon-Yates matter isn't settled. They're just erecting a building to store all the official papers."

Julian and Gregorian Calendars Draw Interest

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The recent article on the Julian and Gregorian calendars brought inquiries from several. H. C. L. of Portland asks:

"If the Julian calendar was started in 45 B. C., then when was the calendar changed to start year 1 with the birth of Christ? Why then was not January 1 started with the birth date? Or why not on the equinox change?"

We who are accustomed to use so glibly various dates with the letters B. C. or A. D. attached to them, seem to assume that the system we employ was adopted at the time of the birth of Christ and has been in use continuously ever since.

In the history of the world numerous systems for dating events have been used. The old time Jewish calendar had their year 1 starting with what corresponds to our 3760 B. C., the supposed date of the creation of the world. Archbishop Usher at about A. D. 1600 decided this should be 4004 B. C. In Roman history we find dates given followed by the letters A. U. C. This stood for Anno Urbis Condita, the Latin for "In the year of the founding of the city." Thus 100 A. U. C. was the 100th year after the founding of Rome. Julius Caesar's revised calendar was put into effect in 708 A. U. C. This corresponds to our present 45 B. C., but Caesar knew nothing about B. C. The beginning of the Christian era would then be dated 753 A. U. C.

The Mohammedan calendar has for its year 1 the date we call A. D. 622. This marks the Hegira, or the flight of Mohammed from Mecca. Various other methods of starting dates were employed by ancient peoples.

When then was our present system of dates, now followed by all so-called Christian nations and some others, put into use? The best authorities tell us that this method was introduced by Dionysius the Little, an abbot of a Roman monastery almost 600 years after the time of Christ. Previously the Christians evidently used the methods of dating extant in the countries in which they lived.

Dionysius' system gradually was adopted by various countries, but not without great confusion. He used March 21, about the vernal equinox and nine months before Christmas, as the start of year 1. Others used March 25, the supposed date of the Annunciation. (It is said this method prevailed in England until A. D. 1752). In the 8th century after Christ, the Dionysian chronology was in use in Gaul; in England, before the close of that century. In Germany and some Italian cities about the 11th century, the year was starting on Christmas day.

Present day scholars believe the birth of Christ most likely occurred in 4 B. C. Those who care to study further on our present system of starting dates will find much in any good encyclopedia under the topic Chronology.

New Buildings For East Salem

EAST SALEM — Two new home building projects have been planned for East Salem this month. A sale of interest to many who have picked fibers on Lancaster Drive for the past 25 years is the sale by Mrs. C. B. George of her 23 acre orchard to a Salem contractor who plans to take out trees and open up streets for home building. This joins a 12 acre project which also was a filbert orchard to the north, and leaves only a small orchard on Lancaster Drive.

The second is the first house on Sunnyview just west of Hollywood Drive corner on a four acre tract and several houses are planned for this.

A new home under construction on Fisher Rd., is the J. D. Watson's.

Two new homes have been added to the row of new houses being built by Fordyce and Sample on Sunnyview Ave., just north of Brown Rd.

Making the business district at the corner of Silverton Rd. and Lancaster Drive more up to city form is the large "Neon sign recently put up by the "Leonsards Used Car Lot." This corner is under new management.

MEMBERS INITIATED NORTH MARION HIGH SCHOOL

Six new members were initiated into the National Honor Society Thursday by an initiation team from North Salem high school at the regular student body meeting Thursday afternoon.

Those initiated were Angela Krupicka, Naomi Westwood, Ralph Merrill, Donna Yergen, Keith Driver and Nancy Barndse.

Coming from North Salem high school were Jim Hardy, Danell Hamilton, Bob Archibald, Kenneth Notbloom, Kathy Busick, Elaine Morrow and Gaynelle Meteheny.

Judge Douglas Praises Work Done by Nehru

LOS ANGELES (UP) — Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. Supreme Court believes democracy's prospects are far brighter than most Americans think.

Speaking before several hundred listeners at the Westside Jewish Community Center last night, Douglas said the competition between democratic and Communist forces "is not going to the Communists, as so many people fear."

"The great work being done by Prime Minister Nehru in India is stemming the Communist tide, rolling back their forces," he said. "They are doing a brilliant job for democracy in Burma, too, and our prospects are extremely bright in Viet Nam."

SUBILITY WOMAN ILL

SUBILITY—Mrs. Louis Hendricks is a patient in Santiam Memorial hospital, having undergone surgery on Monday.

Central Howell Women Meet

CENTRAL HOWELL—Mrs. Silas Torvend opened her home to members of the Central Howell Farmers Union Auxiliary on Friday for an all day meeting with a host luncheon at noon. Mrs. Clarence Johnson was honored with the group singing the traditional birthday song and cutting a birthday cake.

Mrs. Leon Flux conducted the business meeting in the afternoon, with Mrs. Albert Mantie assisting as secretary. Reports were given on the recent dinner served by the group to the Soil Conservation Association.

Present for the day were Mrs. A. E. Kuenzi, one of the charter members, who is not a regular attendant, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Flux, and two children, Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips, Mrs. Earl DeSart, Mrs. Albert Mantie, Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mrs. George Plane, Mrs. Milo Wilcox, Mrs. Frank Beuller, Mrs. John Kock, Mrs. Henry Torvend, and Mrs. Frank Way. Mrs. Johnson was also honored with a handkerchief shower.

GENERAL RETURNS

TAIPEI (AP)—Brig. Gen. Harold W. Grant, commander of the U.S. task force in Formosa, returned yesterday after a week's visit to Japan, where he conferred with Gen. Earle E. Patridge, commander of the Far East Air Forces.

SENATOR VISITS CHIANG

TAIPEI (AP) — Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.) paid calls today on Vice-President Chen Cheng and Premier O. K. Yui. She will be a dinner guest of President and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek.

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