

# WRITER'S SUICIDE DONE IN HOPE OF AIDING HUMANITY

### Charlotte Perkins Gilman Ends Career With Chloro- form When Usefulness Is Over — Note Is Defense

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PASADENA, Calif., Aug. 20.—(UP)—Stately, white haired Charlotte Perkins Gilman, one of the world's foremost women writers, had given her life today to promote wiser views on suicide.

Incurably ill, she ended her life in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Katherine Beecher Stinson Chamberlain, a chloroform-soaked handkerchief over her face and a typewritten note beside her bed, explaining her action.

In brief, unemotional sentences, the 75-year-old feminist, rated by Carrie Chapman Catt as the foremost woman in America, explained that she ended her life because she "preferred chloroform to cancer."

The suicide was not revealed by police for 48 hours. Then it was made known in a formal statement from the family, who "desired no autopsy and no other information except the note, which Mrs. Gilman intended for humanity."

The note, written on plain stationery and signed by Mrs. Gilman was delivered to police by Mrs. Chamberlain, without comment. It was entitled "last duty" and contained a dramatic defense of her right to end her life "when usefulness is over."

"Human life consists in mutual service," the note said. "No grief, pain, misfortune or broken heart is excuse for cutting off one's life while any power of service remains. But when all usefulness is over, when one is assured of an unavoidable and imminent death, it is the simplest of human rights to choose a quick and easy death in place of a slow and horrible one."

"Public opinion is changing on this subject. The time is approaching when we shall consider it abhorrent to our civilization to allow a human being to lie in prolonged agony which we should mercifully end in any other creature."

"Believing this choice to be of social service in promoting wise views on this question, I have preferred chloroform to cancer."

Born of a distinguished line—her great grandfather was Lyman Beecher and she was related to Henry Ward Beecher, noted pastor, and Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stone, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"—Mrs. Gilman's life was devoted to social service.

William Dan Howell called her the "only optimistic reformer I ever met." The New York Herald Tribune selected her among the nation's four foremost women, and Mrs. Catt, militant feminist reformer, two years ago listed her first among the "12 most distinguished American women."

Mrs. Gilman asked, in her will, that "there be no funeral." "I wish to be cremated," she wrote, "and my ashes distributed at my daughter's convenience."

She had been afflicted with cancer for years. During late years of her life she made frequent visits from her home in Norwich, Conn., to her daughter's home here.

# Society and Clubs

### Guests at Salade Home Albert E. Orrs Have

Guests from San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. George Knight and son, Ronnie, of San Francisco are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Orr of Crown Road, Mr. Knight was formerly with the Standard Oil company here. During their visit they will be the inspiration for a number of informal dinners and parties.

### No hostess luncheon at the Hotel Medford was given on Monday afternoon honoring Mrs. Knight, to which 15 were invited.

Thirty guests are invited to the A. B. Cunningham home on South Oakdale this evening to a no hostess dinner, and Wednesday morning Mrs. A. J. Houck of Queen Ann avenue will entertain with a bridge breakfast. Twelve have been invited for this occasion.

### Expect to Leave This Week

Three members of the younger set who have been inspiration for many social gatherings during their stay in the valley will leave the latter part of the week after visiting at the L. A. Salade, Jr., home near Central Point. Miss Marjorie Westcott of Chicago, who appeared with Madam Hana Butler in a musical at the Salade home Sunday evening, is expected to return home to Chicago and will be accompanied by her cousin, Jimmy Peasley.

### Miss Banny Hunt, granddaughter of Mrs. L. A. Salade, Sr., will leave Friday for Tucson, Ariz., where she will enter school, having also been a guest at the Salade home.

### Russey-Walcutt Wedding Is Event of Past Week End

Word was received here today of the wedding Saturday afternoon in Grants Pass of Miss Mabel Marie Bussey of Wilderville, daughter of Cornelius Post of Grants Pass, to George Wesley Walcutt of Central Point, son of C. C. Walcutt of Wilderville. The ceremony was performed at the home of Justice of the Peace E. W. Madison of A street, Grants Pass.

### The couple was attended by Susan Bloss and C. Hare, both of Los Angeles. They are making their home in Grants Pass on East K street.

### Miss Barbara Sheldon Guest at J. S. C. Wells Home

Miss Barbara Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sheldon of Los Angeles, former residents, has been a guest in Medford at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. C. Wells of Keene Way.

### General Manager Bateman states that no inquiry for any portion of this year's crop had been received up to the time that the board decided to can the entire crop.

### Plans for a cooperative cannery to be built here in time for next year's Bartlett crop are still going ahead briskly, it was announced here this morning by Walter H. Leverette, with two men having been selected as tentative representatives of the plan to investigate the Portland canning situation. A choice as to which of these men will do the work will be made in the near future.

### Although all of the growers are busy this week in harvesting the first of the Bartlett crop, and are consequently not able to devote much time to the development of cannery plans, the popularity of the proposition is growing by leaps and bounds, Leverette stated. A conference will be held tomorrow or Thursday to investigate the possibility of a federal grant in financing a part of the cannery, it was stated.

## LAST CALL!

1000 Thrifty Women Wanted at the CINDERELLA Shoe Department 14 South Central Ave.

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### SEE OUR SHOE WINDOW

### George M. Roberts' On Motor Trip to Vancouver

Late summer vacationists continue to choose the north for brief sojourns away from the heat of the valley, and among those who leave this week are Mr. and Mrs. George M. Roberts, who motored north yesterday afternoon, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, and by their nephew, Don Early of Cincinnati, who has been their house guest during the summer.

### Don Early will take the train from Portland east to his home, and Miss Roberts will spend the ensuing week in the Rose City. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, who also plan a short visit at Seaside, will continue to Vancouver, B. C. for several days' longer stay.

### Guests at Koppes Home Leave After Week's Visit

Mrs. H. Hickerson and daughter, Mrs. Lucille Lee, and granddaughter, Lorraine, returned to their home in Bremerton, Wash., yesterday morning after visiting a week at the home of Mrs. Hickerson's sister, Mrs. E. C. Koppes, of South Oakdale avenue.

### During the visit the guests from the north made trips to Crater Lake and several other places of interest, and were enthusiastic over the scenery in and near the Rogue River valley.

### Miss Helen Kinsey Returns From North

Miss Helen Kinsey is among those who have spent the month away from the city, returning this morning on the Oregonian after visiting friends and relatives in Portland and Seattle. While in the Rose City she visited the Misses Elizabeth and Jean Swartz, formerly of this city, and in Seattle she was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kinsey.

### Mrs. Clara Young Will Be Garden Party Hostess

Under auspices of St. Ann's Altar society, a garden party will be held at the home of Mrs. Clara Young of 318 South Oakdale avenue Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Desert bridge will be the diversion of the afternoon. Mrs. W. H. Fisher is chairman of the committee that is to be in charge.

### Miss Cowles Ends Visit At Home Mr. and Mrs. Clark

Miss Barbara Cowles of Santa Barbara, Cal., has returned to her home after visiting for a part of the summer with Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Clark of Willow Creek orchard.

### Thimble Club to Meet For Business Thursday

Woodcraft Thimble club will meet with Mrs. Gail at 4 South Orange street Thursday afternoon, August 22, at 2 o'clock, an announcement today stated. This will be a business session.

### ART ASSOCIATION MEET AT CHAMBER TONIGHT

There will be a meeting tonight of the Southern Oregon Art association at the Chamber of Commerce building, to which all members who exhibited in the non-jury art exhibit held here last spring are invited. The meeting tonight will start promptly at 8 o'clock, and is described by those in charge as an important one.

### Back To School In Smart Apparel from Adrienne's

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# SEND FIRST PEARS TO PORTLAND FOR SHIP TO ENGLAND

The first export shipment of Rogue River valley pears for 1935, destined for the United Kingdom, has been dispatched to Portland for loading on the steamer "Corrientes" on the Donaldson line. The consignment consists of three cars from the Bear Creek orchards. The "Corrientes" is due in Portland tomorrow.

Eleven cars of Bartlett have been shipped to date, according to the Southern Pacific railroad freight department. Pears have been sent to canneries north and south, and three to eastern markets.

Picking and packing is under a full head of steam today in the orchards and packing plants, in an effort to get the Bartlett crop out of the way before the Howells and D'Anjou are ready for harvesting. These three varieties are "crowding" each other.

## U. OF O. LIBRARY WILL COME FIRST

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—The state board of higher education today set about a more thorough study of maintenance and operation costs before launching an extensive building program.

A library will be constructed at University of Oregon, but other projects will await further study. The board, concluding its regular meeting here yesterday, decided to ask the public works administration for \$116,000 additional funds to make the library construction a \$449,000 project.

Ross B. Hammond company of Portland was awarded the general contract for the structure on a basic bid of \$280,135 or a net bid of \$225,715 if the project is held to a \$539,000 maximum.

# ENRIGHT OBJECTS TO COURT FINDING IN FEHL PAYMENT

Objections to the findings of fact and conclusions of law, in the decree in the interpleader suit of Niedermyer, Inc. against Earl H. Fehl and wife, Electa A. Fehl, have been filed by Attorney T. J. Enright, on behalf of himself, and his client Jesse B. Thomas of Ashland.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly of Douglas county in his opinion, denied the claim of Attorney Enright for \$500 on the grounds it was a "contingent fee." It is held that the letters of Mrs. Fehl, introduced at the hearing, and the testimony, show Enright was not serving on a contingency basis.

Fehl's attorneys last week filed an assignment, awarding to them all money above the \$200 of Kelly and Kelly. The same legal move, if upheld, would deprive Jackson county of its second lien for \$3000 for cost of trying Fehl in Klamath county for vote-stealing.

Reassignment in the filing of the assignment is expressed by Attorney Enright, in the following language: "To summarize, the court has held in effect that the Fehls may evade payment of fees the attorney earned, and at the same time leave the date open for them to assign all the recovery to two attorneys, who came down here and represented Fehl in an attempt to defeat just claims of those who have spent months, days and weeks in their service, and like victuaries attempt to line their pockets with money earned by local attorneys years ago."

### "Queer" Applicant Back In Hospital

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—An attempt to obtain an operator's li-

# VALLEY PEACH CROP HARVESTING STARTS

The peach crop of the Rogue River valley, estimated by County Agent Robert G. Fowler as 85 per cent of normal, is now in course of harvesting. The early Crawford's are now being picked for market.

Valley grown tomatoes are now being offered to the trade. The canning tomatoes will start moving in about two weeks. The crop is better than last year, according to County Agent Fowler. "After a poor start, they are making a good finish," the county agent states.

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# BURELSON'S

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## DOWNSTAIRS STORE SALE

# TURKEY MEETING SET FOR AUG. 24

The first turkey tour and picnic of the season will be held next Saturday under supervision of County Agent Robert G. Fowler. The tour will visit the turkey farms of B. A. Clark and Joseph Worthington in the Eagle Point district in the morning, hold a picnic at noon, and listen to speeches by turkey experts in the afternoon.

The speakers will be H. E. Crosby, poultry specialist of the Oregon State College; J. C. Leedy of the Oregon Turkey Growers' association, and Ray Willardson, sales agent of the Northwest Turkey Growers' association. Willard is expected to review market prospects and prices.

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