

JURY EXONERATES CLIFTON JONES OF BLAME IN DEATH

Chester Clifton Jones, 16-year-old Medford senior high school football player, was absolved of blame in the death of William A. Maxwell, 59, victim of an automobile-pedestrian accident, by a coroner's jury at an inquest at Conger's Friday night.

The jury, after hearing testimony from witnesses of the accident occurring at Fir and Main streets last Monday night, returned findings that Jones, driver of the car that struck Maxwell, was not responsible for the mishap. Testimony showed that Maxwell ran from in front of another car, which had stopped at the intersection, directly into the machine driven by Jones; that Maxwell was not in the pedestrian lane when he was struck, and that Jones was traveling in the correct traffic lane at a speed not in excess of 20 miles an hour.

Witnesses testifying were Jones, George C. Wimer, Carlton H. Martin, Milton Pitts, Clark L. Carlton, J. L. Morgan, R. R. Hammond, C. B. Hester, Dale Haley, C. L. Jones, father of the driver; Dr. L. W. Buono, City Police Officer Bill Peck and George Davis, driver of Perl's ambulance.

The inquest, lasting three and a half hours, was conducted by District Attorney George W. Neilson. Jurors were Tom Kurtz, Ira Schuler, Douglas Hansen, Emil Tams, Eber Weed and Walter Johnson.

Maxwell died in a local hospital Thursday morning of a fractured skull, after never regaining consciousness.

SHERIFF'S POSSE ENLISTS GINGER

Ginger Rogers, the movie actress, who has gone in for farming on a Rogue River estate acquired recently, has accepted an invitation to become an honorary captain of the Jackson County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, Capt. O. H. Bengtson announced yesterday he had been informed by Miss Jacque Parsons, Miss Rogers' private secretary.

In a telephone conversation, Leila Rogers, Ginger's mother, told Capt. Bengtson that she thought it would be possible for Miss Rogers to appear at a public ceremony in Medford September 20 to receive her commission in the posse, it was stated in a press release issued yesterday by the posse's captain.

A special meeting of the posse will be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the clubroom at the end of the regular weekly 6 o'clock drill to complete plans for Miss Rogers' public appearance here. Capt. Bengtson said the posse is registered under the national defense program and that after Miss Rogers has received her honorary captaincy, she will automatically be registered under the national defense set-up for Jackson county.

BRUCE HAMMOND IN MARINE CORP

Lieut. Bruce B. Hammond, who has been serving with the 17th infantry at the war maneuvers in Washington has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hammond of Fern Valley for the last several days.

He has resigned his reserve commission in the army and has received a permanent commission in the United States Marine Corps. He will report at the Marine Barracks in the Philadelphia navy yard on Sept. 13th for four months at the marine school before being assigned to foreign duty. He left by train Friday for Philadelphia.

Lieut. Hammond graduated from the Medford high school in 1936 and received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Oregon last June. There he was one of the three honor graduates in military science and one of the two who received permanent commissions in the U. S. M. C. This year the United States Marine Corps granted forty commissions among the nine thousand reserve officers who were graduated in 1941.

Magazine Solicitor John Russell Killpack, 39, of Los Angeles, head of a crew of magazine salesmen soliciting in Medford, was being held in the city jail last night following his arrest at Sixth and Fir streets. City police said Killpack, who had been drinking, drove his automobile in a reckless manner and almost caused a wreck at the intersection.

MRS. POLLEY, LONG A RESIDENT, DIES

Mrs. Alfaretta Polley, widow of Albert Henry Polley, died at 3:45 yesterday morning at her home at 710 Beckman avenue. She was 91 years old. She came to Oregon in 1910 and had lived in the family residence on Beckman avenue since then.

Mrs. Polley was born in Claremont county, Ohio, on September 15, 1850. She was married to Mr. Polley on December 21, 1871.

Survivors are two sons, John Polley, Medford, and Oris G. Polley, Butte, Mont., a daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Boland, Medford; a granddaughter, Mrs. Bernice Miller, Eugene, two great-grandchildren, Gary and Polly Jennings, Eugene, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret McDowell, Los Angeles.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Monday in the Conger chapel. The Rev. Louis C. Kirby, pastor of the First Methodist church, will officiate. Interment will be made in the mausoleum beside the body of her husband.

GOLD HILL OPENS SCHOOLS MONDAY

Gold Hill, Sept. 6.—(Spl.)—D. H. McGuire, school superintendent, reminded parents today of the opening of the Gold Hill high and grade school Monday, September 8.

The whole morning Monday will be devoted to the registration of students and pupils. There will be no session Monday afternoon. The school's three buses will start out at 8 a. m. to pick the school children up.

Regular classes will begin Tuesday morning, at 8:40 in the high school and 9 in the grade school.

WHITECHAT HELD ON CHECK CHARGE

Alvin J. Whitechat, 24, a service station and millworker here for the past three months, was arrested by city police in a local cafe Saturday morning on a warrant charging him with obtaining money by false pretenses. He was scheduled to appear in justice of the peace court Monday. Bail was set at \$1,000.

Whitechat was alleged to have cashed four worthless checks at local establishments, three of them being for \$10 each and one for \$14.24.

WARD LADY CLERK FOILS THEFT BY MALE SHOPLIFTER

Because Mrs. Jack Bierma, in charge of the ladies ready-to-wear department at the Montgomery Ward and company store, chose the opportune moment to descend the stairs from the second floor, and because she possessed the ability to think quickly and act accordingly, the establishment Saturday morning was saved the loss of three fur coats valued at \$367.

Mrs. Bierma, city police reported, caught an unidentified male shoplifter just as he was calmly walking out the front door with the three fur coats under his arm, got a firm grip on the coats and said, "I think I'd better relieve you of these." The man, police said, let go the furs, turned and raced out the door and was still at large last night.

Police learned from Mrs. Bierma that the man entered the store and lingered near the fur coat department on the excuse that he was waiting for his mother. When the clerk's back was turned, police were told, the man selected two coats valued at \$119 each and one at \$129, and started to walk out the store.

Mrs. Bierma, by chance, happened to be descending the stairs just as the man walked toward the front door. Sizing up the situation correctly, she hurried after him and recovered the furs, after which she called for H. L. Brown, manager of the store. By that time the man had disappeared.

Mrs. Bierma described the man to police as being about 45 years old, five feet eight inches tall, 180 pounds, heavy-featured and wearing a dark gray suit.

AUTUMN SESSION OF LEGION OPENS

Medford Post No. 15 of the American Legion will open the fall season with a regular meeting to be held in the Legion rooms at the armory next Wednesday, Sept. 10. The meeting will be preceded by a covered dish supper to be served by the Auxiliary at 6:30 p. m. to which all Legion members and their wives are invited. Following the supper, each organization will hold a regular business session. Plans for Armistice day are to be discussed and a full attendance is desired. A special invitation is extended by Post Commander Ernest Winkle to all visiting Legionnaires.

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Business Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Turnquist of Grants Pass were business visitors in Medford yesterday.

On Buying Trip—Adrienne Steward and Pearl McCredie left last night for San Francisco to order new stocks of autumn merchandise for Adrienne's.

On Furlough—Lieut. Bert Thierolf, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Thierolf, 907 South Oakdale avenue, is expected home tomorrow evening from Fort Ord, Cal., on a two-day furlough.

Visiting Sister—Mrs. Joseph Braden of McCloud, Cal., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John P. Morrissey of 1003 North Central avenue for a few days. Mrs. Braden is the former Miss Grace Turnquist of this city.

Quits—R. B. Langston of Central Point resigned his position yesterday as U. S. forest service CCC foreman to enter the building business for himself. He had been employed as a CCC foreman for the past six years, his most recent assignment being at Union Creek.

Recovering—Robert R. Ebel of 620 South Oakdale avenue was reported yesterday as recovering satisfactorily from his recent illness. Mr. Ebel, a past commander of Medford American Legion post, is convalescing in the Veterans hospital in Portland.

Board To Meet—Board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will resume meetings next Friday after a summer recess. First meeting of the fall season will be an open luncheon forum. It will be held at noon in the Hotel Medford.

Minor Accidents—The following five minor accidents were reported to city police: Guy H. Snively, Round Mountain, Cal., and B. W. Brock, Medford, drove cars involved in a slight mishap a mile and a half south of the city on the Pacific highway yesterday morning; cars driven by Cloyd W. Jones, 724 North Oak street, and John Koytovich, Oswego, collided with minor damage at Central avenue and Third street yesterday morning; A. J. Neimoyer, 617 North Bartlett street, and Charles Carpenter, no address given, drove machines involved in a slight accident on the Pacific highway a mile south of Medford Friday afternoon; Roland Raber, Rogue River, and Leroy Mawhiney, Medford, drove cars involved in a slight collision at Central avenue and Fifth street Friday night; and C. R. Lindley, 816 North Riverside avenue, and Lillian L. Gammell, Route 1, operated cars involved in a minor mishap on South Central avenue near Ninth street Friday afternoon.

Fined—Charles R. Bayes, 40, charged with drunkenness, was fined \$10 in city police court yesterday morning.

Confers Here—Paul Engbretson, U. S. civil service commission at Seattle, conferred yesterday with Karl L. Janouch, supervisor of the Rogue River national forest.

Daughter Born—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Orr, 210 Crater Lake avenue, received word yesterday of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Cook of Placerville, Cal., Friday night. Mr. Cook was once superintendent of schools at Gold Hill and Mrs. Cook is a sister of Mrs. Orr.

Building Permits—Mrs. Earl E. Wallace of 344 South Grape street applied at the city building inspector's office yesterday for a permit to reshingle her residence at a stated cost of \$100. Niel O. Davidson of 1015 Reddy avenue applied for a permit to construct a private garage at a stated cost of \$50.

Driver Tests—Applicants for licenses or permits to operate motor vehicles will be examined here every day this week excepting Monday, it was announced yesterday by Gordon MacCracken, examiner. Applicants are asked to report to the examiner in council chambers on top floor of city hall between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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To Make Trip—Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor of 417 King street plan to leave by motorcar Tuesday on a month's trip that will take them as far east as Illinois. They will be guests of their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Roughton, in Urbana, Ill., and of their son, Howard Taylor, in Davenport, Iowa.

Drivers Fined—Clarence E. Corey, 47, Four Corners, was fined \$1.50 and \$4.50 costs in justice of the peace court Friday afternoon on a charge of operating a truck that had no stoplight. Charles W. DeArmond, 38, Butte Falls, was fined \$1 and costs for operating a car that had no horn. Both pleaded guilty.

Completed—The new home for the ranger in charge of the Union Creek district of the Rogue River national forest was completed yesterday. The five-room dwelling of rustic design and interior finish of knotty pine was built with CCC help. Richard H. Tubman, district ranger, will move into the new residence this week.

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REV. GARDNER TO HOLD CAMP MEET

The Rev. Herald G. Gardner, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, will conduct services at 8 tonight at the farm security administration migratory labor camp south of town, Hayes Beall, acting camp manager announced yesterday.

Sunday school will be held at the camp this morning at 10:30 under the supervision of Mrs. Thomas Nelson.

Walter A. Moran was elected chairman of the camp council at a meeting Friday night. He replaces Loyd Geers who left Thursday for California. Lester Wilson was elected to the council to take the place of Mr. Moran, who was already a council member.

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