

RETIRED MAJORS STAGE GUN DUEL AFTER LONG ROW

Santa Barbarans "Shoot It Out" As Climax To Argument Over Home Guard.

Santa Barbara, Cal., April 3.—(P)—Two retired majors climaxed a prolonged feud over respective merits of the state and home guards in a deadly gun duel last night.

Maj. William H. Wenstrom, 45, was killed on the porch of his home. He was shot twice just over the heart.

Maj. Buell Hammett, about 42, shot in the hip, was given a chance to live after a blood transfusion.

Mrs. Evelyn Wenstrom, the slain officer's widow, was seriously wounded. A bullet tore through her jaw and her palate, emerged just below her eye.

Differed On Policy
The two officers, both socially prominent, had organized a home guard unit here. They disagreed on policy and Major

Wenstrom stepped out. Wenstrom repeatedly criticized the unit; advocated affiliation with the state guard. He wrote letters to the Santa Barbara News-Press.

Last night, after a particularly violent criticism had appeared under Wenstrom's name, Hammett telephoned to demand that he cease his attacks.

Police Chief Fred Hoelscher said Wenstrom replied:

"If you come over and tell that to my face I'll knock your beak off."

Hammett went, armed with two .45 caliber automatic pistols and with a hammer stuck in his belt. Hoelscher added. The chief and Deputy District Attorney James Chapman pieced together this meager version of the encounter:

Hammett walked up to Wenstrom's porch and talked with Wenstrom, who had a .38 automatic. Mrs. Wenstrom came out.

Guns Blaze

Suddenly guns blazed. Wenstrom slumped forward, dead, on the porch. Mrs. Wenstrom, hysterical, leaped against a porch pillar screaming, until she dropped, unconscious.

Hammett was lying in the driveway, 20 feet from the porch, when neighbors rushed up.

Hammett did not tell officers who fired first, or why his hammer was found on the porch.

Mrs. Wenstrom, only other

"Hopalong Cassidy" Rialto's Star



William Boyd, as Clarence E. Mulford's "Hopalong Cassidy," forestalls a bit of gunplay in "Secret of the Wasteland," which heads the double bill opening for today and Saturday at the Rialto theatre. Brad King, Andy

witness, was unable to talk because of her jaw injury.

She has two sons, David, 2 years old, and Donald Lincoln, 2 months.

Major Hammett has a wife, Harriett Cowles Hammett, and two sons, Danny 6 and Larry 9.

YREKA TEACHER WINS S. P. SUIT

San Francisco, April 3.—(P)—Gladys Viola Haight, Yreka, Calif., grammar school teacher, won her fight in the U. S. circuit court of appeals yesterday to collect a \$18,500 judgment against the Southern Pacific for injuries she suffered in 1935 grade crossing accident.

The court upheld the judgment. She was riding with some friends in an auto between Yreka and Klamath Falls, Ore., when the auto was struck by a train at a crossing during a snow storm.

TRUCK OVERLOADS CHARGED TO TWO

Amber F. Wanker and John J. Renzema, both of Ashland,

Range Buster



The Range Busters go into action and blast a phantom killer in "Saddle Mountain Round-Up," which plays tonight and Saturday only at the Roxy theatre. Ray Corrigan has the lead as one of the "Range Busters."

"Navy Blue and Gold," starring Lionel Barrymore, Tom Brown and Robert Young, plays as the companion feature.

and Elmer Lewis of Eagle Point, all charged with operating trucks with overloads on the Crater Lake highway were scheduled to appear in justice court here tomorrow morning.

Edward P. Ripley, charged with driving with void license plates was assessed \$1.50 and costs, and Frank W. Hardin, Cascade Gorge was fined \$1 and costs for improper clearance lights.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

TWO HURT WHEN TRUCK WRECKED ON MIDWAY ROAD

Dave Y. Gould, 223 West Jackson street, and Gail St. Arnold, 628 1/2 North Riverside avenue, were injured Wednesday evening when Gould's panel truck overturned one mile north of the Four Corners junction on Midway road.

St. Arnold, who was thrown clear, received severe cuts about the head and ligaments in Gould's right leg were torn loose. Both men were treated by a physician and St. Arnold is confined in his home.

Gould said today that damages to his truck amounted to more than \$400 and might run up to \$700. He remarked that his machine rolled over twice after hitting a deep hole in the road. The jolt broke a spring, he said, and locked a front wheel. Gould stated that he was traveling about 40 miles per hour.

Lack of marking of a road hazard was blamed by Gould for the accident. He said that neighbors put a lantern at the place yesterday.

The mishap occurred at approximately the same place three cantonment workers were injured last Saturday.

ACQUIT LIPPERT ON RAPE CHARGE

Roy Lippert, Pinehurst district resident charged with rape, was found not guilty in a verdict returned late yesterday by a circuit court jury of which Edward W. Kubli, Applegate, was foreman.

When the verdict was announced friend and kin of Lippert in court cheered and applauded, and the court rapped for order. Afterwards Lippert thanked the jury. Ten of the

jurors voted for acquittal, the record shows. Deliberations lasted about two hours.

The trial was started last Monday, and there was sharp variance in the testimony of state and defense witnesses, several of whom were school children. The defense offered testimony to show Lippert, who denied the charge, was 15 miles away from the scene at the time of the alleged crime.

The complaining witness, now 17 years old, has a baby.

Youth Council Plans Sunrise Service for 5:45 Easter Morning

The Medford Christian Youth Council is sponsoring an united Easter sunrise service this year, open to the public.

Young people from several of the local churches will take part and a large attendance is hoped for.

Everyone desiring to attend

should meet at the Presbyterian church at 5:45 o'clock Sunday morning. From there they will go in a body to a hill a short distance from town. The youth council adviser will deliver the Easter address.

The program will include: Hymn, prayer, Scripture reading, Roy Cameron; accordion solo, Phoebe Swem; poem, "Faith," by Edgar A. Guest, Clara Daniels; address, Rev. R. W. Coleman; poem, "Prayer," by Edgar A. Guest, Chloe Ellen-

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