Gold Beach Man Pinned Neath Auto Leaves Diary Telling of Suffering While Waiting Death's Slow Release

Gold Beach, Ore., Nov. 13—(U.P.)—The diary of a fatally injured motorist told in mute detail today how he lay pinned for nearly two weeks in his wrecked car only 100 feet from a highway and waited for death to release him.

Written on the back of a much-thumbed highway map, the diary related poignantly how Earl Stilson 78, Gold Beach prayed for rescue, then calmly resigned himself to death.

Wreckage Hidden

Police said Stilson's car plunged from a curve into a woodland depression and overturned at least twice when he lost control. The wreckage was hidden by giant trees and bushes.

Many automobiles passed on the busy Oregon-California coast highway but they apparently moved so fast that their occupants could not see the smashed vehicle, which Stilson was driving north from Eureka, Calif.

The first notation on the diary-map, found on the floor of the car, penciled Oct. 26. It read:

"Am suffering for food and drink. Why can I not be found? Not far off the road. I fell asleep. Not a bit of warning . . ."

Resuming his tragic chronicle the next day, Stilson wrote:

"All sunshine. Satan's mockery. But he (God) will not leave me here."

Could Hear Cars

On the evening of Sunday, Oct. 28, Stilson scrawled shakily: "Will write this tonight as may not be able to go through another. Can hear cars go by but seem to be hidden from them. Have used up my battery signalling with lights and horn. Cannot understand when my trip can be easily verified. I need water most of all. With it (rain) falling most of time, I can get little by any device. I can hardly move without agony."

He wrote the following Tuesday night:

"It beginning to rain again. Why?"

Finally, weakened by cold exposure, Stilson recorded his last day alive with a plea for life and resignation to death.

"Still alive," he wrote in the diary of death. "Ought to be dead. I am near today to go into His rest if it His will."

Search Abandoned

And, apparently a little later: "Water!"

Oregon and California state police abandoned the search last week only a mile and a half from the spot where the aged man's body lay four or five days before it was discovered last Saturday by a passerby near Crescent City, Calif.

The body of Stilson, a retired contractor, was to be taken to Jamestown, N. Y., his birthplace, for burial. He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Ball, New York City.

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GAELS, FLEET CITY WIN HOLIDAY TILTS

By United Press

The St. Mary's college Gaels opened up a third quarter passing attack to trounce Fresno State 32-6 yesterday at Fresno, Calif., and win their seventh consecutive football game of the season.

In San Francisco, the powerful Fleet City Bluejackets chalked up another win with a 41-6 triumph over the professional Los Angeles Broncos.

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REBELLION SPLITS MINNESOTA TEAM

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 13—(U.P.)—Minnesota's Golden Gophers, who became the nation's No. 1 collegiate football power under the stern tutelage of Coach Bernie Bierman, today were split with dissension and possible rebellion as a result of their 49 to 0 trouncing by Indiana Saturday.

Only four regulars, End Bob Carley, Tackle Larry Olsonoski, Center Warren Benson and Halfback Bob Kasper, reported for practice yesterday. A total of 33 players turned out, the smallest number this season and the fewest to report for practice since Bierman became head coach at Minnesota in 1932.

McMinnville Will Play For District 3 Honors Friday

The state football title picture cleared somewhat over the holiday with the announcement that undefeated McMinnville was chosen as District 3 northern representative over Columbia Prep.

Sometime today the southern subdivision will name its top team from among Cottage Grove, unbeaten and untied; Woodburn, also with an unscathed record; and Corvallis.

McMinnville will meet the outstanding southern team Friday night in the District 3 title playoff.

Injuries Riddle Beavers Prepping For Cougar Fray

Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 13—(U.P.) Oregon State gridders, optimistic after upsetting Washington 7-6 at Seattle last Saturday, today were confronted by a Scout's report that their next opponent, the Washington State Cougars, are stronger now than when Oregon lost to them, 30-0, last month.

The report of Scout Quent Greenough, back from the Washington-Oregon game last Saturday, and the possible absence because of injuries to Left End Dick Lorenz and Fullback Garth Rouse, combined to dampen the spirits of the Oregon Orangemen.

WEBFOOT STRENGTH PROMISED SATURDAY

Eugene, Ore., Nov. 13—(U.P.)—Coach Tex Oliver today said he expects the University of Oregon Webfeet to be at full strength for the Saturday game against University of California.

BOWLING

In Classic league games last night, Signal Oils took two out of three from the Americans (Little 571-Cooley 529); Valentine's clean-swept the Hawkinsons (Eads 612-Fingerlos 480); Maid-Rite took the odd game from Domestic Laundry (Sims 582-Frisbie 580); and Beck's Bakery trimmed the Hi-Way Club in three straight matches (Pruitt 591-Klatt 539).

Eads of Valentine's smashed out a 225 score for high game of the evening. Pruitt, Beck's Bakery, was close behind with 221.

GORDON LEAVING ARMY THURSDAY

Camp Beale, Calif., Nov. 13—(U.P.)—Cpl. Joe Gordon, New York Yankee second baseman, waited at Camp Beale army separation center today for his discharge, expected Thursday morning.

Gordon is being discharged from the ramy air corps on 53 points after 18 months of service. He was with the 58th bomber wing of the 20th air corps at Tinian, Iwo Jima and Guam.

Other major league stars expected at Camp Beale in the near future are Dario Lodigiani, Chicago White Sox infielder; Walt Judnich, St. Louis Browns' outfielder, and Joe Marty, Philadelphia Phillies' outfielder.

Prospect

Prospect, Nov. 13—Arthur F. Goode, who passed away suddenly, while enroute to Medford to see a doctor, had been a resident of Prospect for the past 20 years. The deceased was the son of a pioneer Methodist minister, and spent most of his boyhood in Medford. Mr. Goode served as a director on the Prospect board of education from 1936 to 1939. Besides the widow, survivors include three daughters, Genive Gray, Medford; Nina Hollenbek and Miss Thelda Goode, Prospect; two sons, Ralph Goode, Coulee Dam, Wash., and Harry Goode, Prospect, and also four grandchildren, Patricia Ann and Ralph Arthur Goode, JoAnne Hollenbeak, and Donald Gray. Funeral services were held at the Perl Funeral Home at Medford on Nov. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heston Grieve, Miss Dorothy Dolensbek, Lawrence Tribbett, and Bill Fowler motored to The Dalles Nov. 2, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Fish and family. The group went on to Portland, Nov. 3, and attended the football game.

Darwin Bevens, MMM2/c, of the U. S. N. R., is enjoying a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bevens, after spending the past two years in the South Pacific.

Elmer Clemens and Paul Dalton returned Nov. 9 from Grant county, where they had spent 10 days on an elk hunting trip. Clemens bagged a large 6-point elk.

Cpl. Melville J. Hornbuckle of the army air corps has returned to Camp Beale, Calif., after spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Frances Hornbuckle, and other relatives.

Ensign Robert Dickey, of the U. S. N., a former Prospect boy, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grieve and Mrs. Mary Grieve this week.

Mrs. Elmer Clemens and Mrs. Floyd K. Kelley returned to their homes here Nov. 10, after spending 8 days visiting relatives and friends at Vanvouver, Wash., Portland, and Junction City.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Jantzer of Medford stopped here to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jantzer, Nov. 8, en route home from an elk hunting trip in eastern Oregon. Jantzer brought home a 5-joint elk.

Miss Dorothy Fairchild, bookkeeper at the Ross and DeArmond Lumber Co., for nearly two years, resigned last week.

Mrs. Henry Schabohl of Puyallup, Wash., was a guest of Mrs. Louis T. South last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Thompson of Medford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ditsworth at the Green Meadows ranch over the week end.

David Vestal, second class petty officer in the navy, who is home from Brooklyn on leave, and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vestal, at Reese Creek, spent the week end with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jantzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gentry and Billie Wayne Gentry of Yakima, Wash., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore. Miss Call leen Moore accompanied them to Yakima, when they returned last week.

Delbert Spain, a former employe of George L. Jantzer Lbr. Co. here, was promoted to sergeant in the army engineer corps recently and is serving as an instructor. Sgt. Spain is stationed at Sendai, Japan. His wife and little daughter, Delberta, are staying with Mrs. Spain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dickerson, at Selma.

Snow fell to the depth of six inches at Prospect Nov. 5, but melted the next day. It turned cold again Nov. 12, and there is two inches of snow on the ground.

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MEDFORD LEGION TO DECIDE UPON HOME BUILDING

The most important decision ever made by Medford American Legion post 15 will be settled Wednesday night when the Legionnaires vote on the proposition of a Legion building, according to an announcement today by Commander Richard Baize.

American Legion posts all over the state are making plans for new homes. Several like Central Point Meyers-Holland Post No. 129, have already started construction and many more plan to start work as soon as building materials are available.

Many In Favor

When Commander Baize took office he announced that his project for the year would be the completion of a home for Post No. 15. Many of the members have expressed a desire to have a meeting place ready for the state convention which will be held in Medford next summer.

Commander Baize urges all legionnaires and especially all new World War II members to be present at tomorrow night's meeting so that they may present ideas and suggestions for a building.

MERRILL TRIAL GETS UNDER WAY

The trial of Robert Ben Merrill charged with assault and robbery started today in circuit court before Judge Herbert K. Hanna. A special venire of six jurors was drawn. Thirteen jurors reported for duty, the others of the original list being excused for various reasons, or unable to attend.

Merrill is alleged to have assaulted Dave Hickman with a beer bottle and robbed him of a considerable sum of money last summer. Awaiting trial in the county jail, Merrill escaped with the aid of a saw and a rope last August and was captured three weeks later in Los Angeles and returned here. Last week he entered a plea of guilty to jailbreak.

The state is represented by District Attorney George Neilson and the defendant by Attorney George Codding. The trial is expected to take a couple of days.

TAXPAYERS RUSH TO SECURE BONUS

County taxpayers formed the first line of the taxpaying season at the court house this morning, with the opening of the tax collection department of the sheriff's office. Wednesday is the final day for payment of 1945-1946 taxes, with the three per cent bonus saving, and the usual last minute rush is expected.

The California Oregon Power company, Southern Pacific railroad, and Medford Corporation, among the largest taxpayers in the county are scheduled to turn in payments before the deadline.

The tax collection department reports a majority of the payments are for the full year.

BIRTHS

KERR, JR.—To Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Rt. 1, Box 469, Nov. 13, 1945, Central Point, a girl, eight pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

ANDERSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Thos., 728 E. Jackson, Nov. 11, 1945, a girl, seven pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

COLVIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Emil, 504 N. Grape, Nov. 8, 1945, a boy, nine and one-half pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

ORTIZ WINS

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 13—(U.P.)—Bantamweight Champion Manuel Ortiz of El Centro, Calif., won an easy non-title 10-round decision last night over Jose Andreas of Dallas before 2,000 fans.

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WALLACE FOR AID TO GREAT BRITAIN

New York, Nov. 13—(U.P.)—Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace today urged American financial aid to the United Kingdom as a step toward preventing "a costly trade war" throughout the world.

He told the 32nd National Foreign Trade convention here that England will need dollars to help in "putting its financial house in order" and to pay for its import deficits during the transition period.

"Without this help," Wallace said, "it will be impossible for the United Kingdom to participate with us and other nations in the cooperative reduction of barriers to trade. Without this help, they will be forced to strengthen the sterling bloc and the empire preferential system."

P.-T. A. Activities

Washington P.-T.A.

Mrs. Katheryn Beougher will present a Bible history and flannelgraph at the meeting of the Washington Parent-Teacher association Friday at 2:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Miss Gregory's pupils will entertain with a group of songs and mothers of children in Miss MacNeil's room will serve tea.

Girl Scouts will be present to care for pre-school children.

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