

## MISSOURI FLATS MAN KILLED BY NEIGHBOR'S GUN

Ralph Rowden, about 35, former inmate of the state hospital at Salem, and resident of the Missouri Flat district, died in a hospital here Sunday of gunshot wounds in the neck and shoulder inflicted by a 12-gauge shotgun, which District Attorney George W. Neilson reported was fired by Cecil H. Hill, a neighbor. Rowden was wounded while attempting to break down a screen door of the Hill home, after terrorizing his own family and the neighborhood last Friday night and Saturday morning, the district attorney said.

Rowden was taken into custody by Sgt. James H. Maulding and Deputy Sheriff Vern Smith, and brought here for medical attention. He was found in the Hill home taking a shower bath, while eight or ten neighbors

gathered at the fence in front of the Hill home. Mrs. Hill and two daughters fled from the home, and went for aid when Rowden appeared, the official report stated.

District Attorney Neilson said Hill was at liberty on his own recognizance, and that the Jackson county grand jury at its next session soon would consider the case.

The district attorney said statements made by Hill and other residents of the Missouri Flat district showed that Rowden created violent disturbances at the home of his father, Hugh E. Rowden, last Friday night. Hill reported that about 10 o'clock Saturday morning he saw Rowden, partially dressed crossing a field and dragging a saddle towards Hill's house. When Rowden reached the yard, he attempted to break down the screen door, Hill said. Hill fired the shotgun when Rowden ignored warnings, the former declared. Wounded, Rowden went to the Hill auto and laid down, while Hill joined neighbors gathered in the road. Later Rowden entered the Hill home, gathered up all the household knives and went to the bathroom.

Sgt. Maulding of the state police and Deputy Smith of the sheriff's office arrived shortly and took Rowden in custody.

Rowden was a powerfully built man and a fellow-worker with Hill at a Grants Pass plant, the district attorney said. The incident occurred about two miles from the Jackson-Josephine county line.

### SANTA ON WINGS

San Francisco, Dec. 26—(AP)—Despite heavy storms, "Santa Claus" visited the tiny, isolated Farallon Islands, 23 miles west of the Golden Gate. He went by plane. Coast guardsmen and their families, stationed in the rocky islands to operate radio and radar stations, had been cut off from mail and food supplies during the past week by heavy seas.

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## CALIFORNIA DUO PLACED IN JAIL FOR AUTO THEFT

Calvin L. Burtis and Bobby J. Nelson, arrested by sheriff's deputies for theft of an auto in Ashland early Monday morning, were each sentenced to 18 months in the state penitentiary in circuit court this morning.

Calvin L. Burtis and Bobby J. Nelson, 19-year-old escapees from the Preston Industrial School in California, are in the county jail here, held for theft of a 1941 Mercury sedan in Ashland early Monday morning. The car belongs to Leland Sir-cin, Marsling, Ida., who is visiting in Ashland.

According to reports from the sheriff's office, the boys were apprehended at the Hill checking station on the south Pacific highway and returned to jail here, charged with larceny of an auto.

Burtis and Nelson admitted long criminal records including burglaries, car thefts and other crimes and said they escaped nine times from training schools, sheriff's officers stated.

The pair admitted escaping Dec. 21 from the Preston school and said they stole a 1941 Buick in Hayward, Calif., and drove it to Eugene where they burglarized a cleaning establishment of suits and other miscellaneous clothing, returning to Ashland where they abandoned the Buick and stole the Mercury. Some of the clothing was recovered in the Buick and other articles stolen from the Eugene establishment were recovered in the Mercury.

Sheriff's officers said the pair first gave fictitious names but later "came clean" and confessed to their escapades.

### AUTHORESS, LECTURER TO SPEAK AT CHAPEL

Mary Lee Lathrop, authoress and lecturer of Mount Shasta, Calif., will present a lecture on "vibration, tone and color" in the Chapel of the Rocks and in Rose, Thursday at 8 p. m. The lecture has been given on the radio many times and at the U. of W. by request, and a rare treat is in store for those who hear her, according to D. E. Millard, officer of the chapel. No admittance charge will be made but a thank offering will be taken to cover traveling expense. Everyone is invited.

## OBITUARY

### DAVID M. WATT

David M. Watt, of Phoenix, passed away at a local hospital Dec. 22.

Mr. Watt was born in Kaysville, Utah, on March 27, 1873. As a boy, he left with his family to make his home in Butte, Mont., the trip being made by wagon train. The family consisted of 5 boys and 5 girls, the children of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Watt.

Mr. Watt was educated in Butte, and was in the meat business there for a number of years, before moving to Phoenix.

Mr. Watt was united in marriage to Miss Rosell R. King in Butte, and to this union was born Harvey K. Watt of San Diego, Cal., and Mrs. G. W. Miksche of Portland. Besides his wife and children he leaves one sister, Mrs. Margaret Bartlett of Tridell, Utah, three brothers, Will F. Watt, Yaak, Mont., George W. Watt, Columbia Falls, Mont., Robert H. Watt, Mike Horse, Mont., and a granddaughter, Sandra A. Miksche, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Laura A. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Watt moved to Oregon 25 years ago and since that time he has been engaged in gold mining, and assisting in the management of various meat markets in Southern Oregon.

Christian Science services will be conducted from the Peril Funeral Home Thursday at 11 a. m. Concluding services will be private.

### ALLAN M. HENDERSON

Allan Monroe Henderson, a resident of Central Point for 47 years, and well known to a host of friends, passed away in a local hospital early Wednesday.

Mr. Henderson was born in Scotland County, Missouri, Jan. 27, 1865.

In 1942 he and Mrs. Henderson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

He had been a member of Central Point Lodge of Odd Fellows for the past 35 years. He was a farmer by occupation.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ida L. Henderson, of Central Point, one son, Carl W. Henderson of Medford; one daughter, Mrs. Vira Lewis of Central Point, also one sister, Mrs. Mandy Shoewalter of Selma, Colo., one grandchild, Mrs. Mona Stone of San Francisco, and one great-granddaughter, Donna Stone.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Peril Funeral Home Saturday at 2 p. m., the Rev. E. Gilbert Cays officiating.

Interment will take place in Central Point cemetery. Central Point Lodge of Odd Fellows will have charge at the graveside.

### WILLIAM H. GOODWIN

Remains of William Harold Goodwin, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Goodwin, who passed away Dec. 23, were transferred by the Peril funeral home to Grants Pass, for services and interment.

### RALPH E. ROWDEN

Services for Ralph E. Rowden of Murphy, who passed away Sunday, will be held in the Conger-Morris chapel at 2:30 p. m. Friday with the Rev. W. A. Dawes officiating. Interment will be in Jacksonville cemetery.

Surviving are his father, Hugh E. Rowden, two brothers, Bert and John Rowden, and two sisters, Winnie A. Rowden, all of Murphy, and Mrs. Irene D. Hanscom, Grants Pass.

### WILLIAM GARDNER

William Gardner, 91, passed away Tuesday at the home of his friend, T. W. Johnston, Spring street, where he had made his home for the past 14 years. He had lived in this community for the past 30 years. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris Funeral Parlors.

### ELIZABETH MULHOLLEN

Christian Science services will be read for Mrs. Elizabeth Mulhollen in the Conger-Morris chapel at 1 p. m. Saturday. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

She was born in Iowa on July 4, 1861, and had made her home in this community for 36 years. Surviving are two sons, James H. Mulhollen, Medford, and Edward L. Mulhollen, Los Angeles.

## POUND OF BUTTER UNDELIVERED AT POSTOFFICE HERE

If anyone in Medford expected a pound of butter for Christmas which failed to arrive, its at the Medford Postoffice minus an address. Frank DeSouza, postmaster, reported this morning that out of the thousands of packages which went through the office, but four are undeliverable because of the addresses being torn off, and one of these is a pound of butter.

Packages without addresses are opened to find if the contents reveal any clue as to the addresses or sender, and if not, they are forwarded to the dead package office, DeSouza said.

Christmas mail, heaviest for any year with the exception of the two Christmas seasons when Camp White was operating at its peak, continued to come into the office today, DeSouza said. Heaviest sale of stamps was Dec. 18, when sales amounted to \$1,916.82. Letter cancellations amounted to 85,000 pieces one day, he reported.

Fifteen extra employees worked to handle the heavy load of holiday mail, and package delivery was facilitated by borrowing of three trucks from Superintendent E. P. Leavitt of the National Park service. The postmaster said that due to the fact that people have been educated to wrap parcels correctly and mail early, the mail now comes in an even flow which the office is able to handle each day without any carryover.

### SANTA CLAUS VISITS CHILDREN AT NURSERY

Santa Claus paid a visit to the 40 boys and girls of the Medford Nursery school Friday afternoon of last week, distributing gifts, candy and pop corn to the children. Twenty mothers attended the party and were serenaded by the happy party closed with refreshments.

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But even greater numbers of service men must still be moved. Hundreds of thousands of Atlantic coast — even from the Pacific Coast. Their thoughts are on home, and it is up to all of us, the railroads particularly, to see that they get home.

*That's why 75 per cent of all sleeping car space is still assigned to movements of our fighting men!*

*—why so many passenger coaches are still working full time for Uncle Sam.*

Civilians are accepting the tight travel situation cheerfully. Most of you realize that this unexpected rush of uniformed men back to American shores demands passenger cars and still more passenger cars—troop trains and still more troop trains.

The situation, however, is temporary. Within a few months we will be able to announce that the rush is over and that passenger service has returned to normal. Well, hardly normal. For the plans now well under way include many innovations that will make train travel more pleasurable than ever before.

But getting the boys home is still our No. 1 job. Again, thanks for the help you are giving us.



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