

LONG SOUGHT CRIMINAL CAUGHT



GRIEF STRICKEN—Mrs. Joan Milne, 38, tragically clutches the lifeless body of her 23-month-old daughter, Joyce, after the child fell into a 10-gallon crock of water and drowned in Pasadena, Calif. Mrs. Milne (right), who talked to the curly-haired youngster a few moments before the tragedy, tries to comfort the grief-stricken mother.

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Navy Orders Investigation Why Transport Did Not Aid 'Elder'

Frantic Distress Signals From Ship Reportedly Ignored

Small Boat Damaged By Explosion, Fire

Honolulu, T.H., Mar. 18.—(U.P.) The navy ordered an investigation today of why the military transport General Brewster failed to give aid to the burned-out U.S.S. Elder despite frantic distress signals from the stricken net tender.

Rear Adm. Charles H. McMorris, commander of Pacific rescue operations issued a "well done" to all concerned in the safe rescue of the 40 men from the Elder and rafts Friday and said the Hawaiian sea frontier will open an administrative inquiry into "all phases" of the Elder incident.

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Mrs. Edith Clevin Found Dead Family Car In Applegate

Mrs. Edith Caroline Clevin, 1014 West Ninth street, apparently took her own life with a pistol early yesterday afternoon, Coroner Carlos Morris reported last night.

He said the body was found in the family car just across the bridge near the community of Applegate about 6 p.m. The woman was thought despondent over ill health, Morris said he was told. She left a note. The bullet apparently pierced her heart, the coroner reported.

Mrs. Clevin left home about 10:30 a.m. yesterday and when she had not returned by early evening the family became worried, according to Morris. He said several residents of the vicinity had noted the car some hours before the death was discovered.

The woman is survived by her husband, S. M. Clevin, three sons and two daughters. Conger-Morris funeral home has charge of funeral arrangements.

Nationalists Land On Chinese Coast; Extent Not Known

Taipei, Formosa, Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Nationalist troops landed on the Chinese mainland at dawn today and captured the communist-held coastal city of Sungmen, 200 miles south of Shanghai, the navy announced.

The troops, covered by strong naval bombardment, also occupied a 20-mile stretch of the coast to the north as they returned to the mainland for the first time since driven off by the communists last December.

A naval communiqué, which announced that 2,500 communists were killed and said others fled to the hills, referred to the attack as a "raid" but government officials here said the raiders were still ashore, 12 hours later.

It was believed the attack might correspond to such large scale commando raids as the allied attack on Dieppe which preceded actual landings on the German-held coast of Europe. But it was too early to state whether the raids were a serious attempt to secure a beachhead for a major effort to fight back.

Three-Quarters Inch Of Rain, Grants Pass

Grants Pass, Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Nearly three-fourths of an inch of rain fell in the Grants Pass area in less than an hour around 4 p.m. Friday.

The deluge, described as of a cloudburst proportions, caused the outage of an oil switch on the main California-Oregon Power company line which feeds Crescent City, Cal., and the coastal city in darkness until about 8:05 p.m.

SPORTS BULLETINS

New York, Mar. 18.—City College of New York's drive in the final five minutes broke open a see-saw second half and beat Bradley 69 to 61 Saturday night for the National Invitation Basketball tournament championship.

New York, Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Bob Zanoluk's field goal with three seconds left to play in the overtime period gave St. John's a 69 to 67 victory over Duquesne Saturday night in the National Invitation Basketball tournament championship game.

Chicago, Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Don Gehrmann, Wisconsin's distance star, blazed past Fred Witt in the final 80 yards Saturday night to beat the FBI runner by 10 yards and win the Bankers mile in the Chicago Daily News relay.

Kansas City, Mo., March 18 Indiana State Teachers college of Terra Haute captured the 950 National Association of Intercollegiate basketball all crown Saturday night in a ding-dong fight with unsung East Central Oklahoma State of Ada 61 to 57.

Medford Church Basketball league teams divided their twin league teams Saturday nights with St. Mary's (Medford) topping Ashland Presbyterians 33 to 16 and Talent Friends church stopping Four-square (Medford) 36 to 14 at the local Y.

Berkeley, Cal., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Oregon State college's grapplers won the 1950 team championship in finals of the Pacific Coast intercollegiate wrestling championships here Saturday night against 10 other universities and state colleges.

Soviets Plan Drastic Money Control Rules

Berlin, Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Soviet authorities were reported plotting "drastic measures" tonight to halt East Germany's worst money crisis since the war.

A near panic sent the East German mark plunging 50 per cent in 48 hours. In relation to the West mark (about 25 cents) it had dropped to a value of two and two-thirds cents.

East German government reassurances that the East mark would not be devalued failed to halt the near panic and long lines of people were queued up today to exchange the East marks for West money.

The Soviets are said to be considering severe punishment for East Germans possessing West marks and it is considered possible East Germany may ban residents from shopping in West Berlin.

Salemite Says Trees Falling Too Often

Salem, Ore., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—This is getting to be not only annoying but downright monotonous.

In November 1948, a tree crashed on the property of navy veteran Sid Simming. It demolished the Simming automobile parked alongside the garage.

Last January—on Friday the 13th, no less—another big tree crashed against the Simming house.

And Friday, St. Patrick's day, another large fir tree cracked down, this time snapping rafters and crushing through the roof. No one was in the house at the time, so there were no injuries.

But the roof—oh! Reduced load limits removed from road. Reduced load limits will be lifted at 8 a.m. Monday from the Sams Valley secondary highway from Gold Hill to the junction with Table Rock county, state police said last night.

A Salem report said restrictions would be removed Monday from Grayback creek to the caves on the Oregon Caves route.

Two Divisions Of Red Cross Attain Goals Last Week

Two divisions in the current Red Cross fund raising campaign have achieved their goals, it was announced Saturday by Mrs. Frank Fairweather, publicity chairman for the drive. They are the veteran members at the Camp White domiciliary center and Medford school teachers.

The positions of other divisions in the campaign are being shown graphically at Red Cross fund drive headquarters on West Main street by the use of plywood hoisted in a mock race, with the relative positions of the horses governed by the percentage of their quotas collected.

A "live" window display was shown yesterday at the Montgomery Ward store on South Central avenue, when members of the Junior Red Cross home service council and sixth grade pupils showed how they prepare hospital party favors.

A number of other window displays have been arranged in connection with the drive. In the California Oregon Power company window is a display of photographs, some of them local, showing the Red Cross in action.

In the window of the Lantis and Johnson store is a globe of the world showing the extent of Red Cross services.

Other windows. Mann's window depicts volunteer services; Barker's, first aid; Burelson's, gray ladies; Adrians, motor coats; Leon's, home service; J. C. Penney, nurses service; Hadley's a large red cross made by Junior Red Cross workers of satin ribbon, and Sewing Machine center, a production window with a completed layette hung on a clothes line.

Virtually all public clocks have been decorated with a message reading "It's Red Cross Time."

11 Die As Freighter And Schooner Collide

Halifax, N. S., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Eleven crewmen were presumed dead today in the pre-dawn collision of their fishing schooner and a freighter near the entrance to Halifax harbor.

The two-masted schooner Gertrude D'Acosta, laden with fish, sank immediately after being rammed amidships in the darkness by the 5,000-ton Canadian freighter Island Connector.

Six of the schooner's crewmen were rescued. The others were presumed dead. Four bodies were recovered.

The 60-ton schooner "sank in one minute" after the splintering crash, said Capt. Louis Gagnon of the freighter. The last vessel's skipper, Capt. Haslam Knickle of Lunenburg county, N. S., was killed.

Weatherman Foresees 'Wetter Than Usual'

Portland, Ore., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Wet? Paste this in your hat and see if it works out.

The weather bureau's special 30-day weather forecast, which is a new attempt at long-range forecasting, calls for wetter-than-usual weather in the Pacific Northwest states during the next month.

Six Medford Students Win Speech Contests

Medford high school will send six students to the state high school speech contest as the result of the southern Oregon district contest yesterday at Grants Pass.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy today with showers. Becoming partly cloudy Monday with scattered showers.

Temperature	45
Highest yesterday	45
Lowest yesterday	34
Precipitation	0.0
To 10:30 p.m. yesterday	.43

Salem High Takes State Basketball First Place Honor

Eugene, Ore., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Salem high basketballers led all the way except for two times when the game was tied as they won the state A high school basketball championship by defeating Grants Pass 34 to 28 at McArthur court Saturday night.

The score was tied once at 2 to 2 and again at 3 to 3 but the Cavemen from southern Oregon never were in front.

Salem led 17 to 6 at the first quarter, 25 to 16 at the half and 28 to 24 at the third. The Cavemen rallied in the third quarter as they have in most every tournament game played this year but this time they could not take the lead.

The winners kept the tall Cavemen under control throughout the thriller played before the largest A tourney crowd ever to crowd the University of Oregon gymnasium—8,078.

Grants Pass won the right to the state championship tourney by winning the district 4 title against southern Oregon quintets and then defeating Bend, Mac Hi and Roosevelt of Portland in the state tournament. Salem edged Seapooose, Jefferson and Corvallis in the state tournament.

All-Stars Chosen

Daryl Girod was high point man for Salem with eight points while Pat Ford and Vern Craft each got the same number to pace Grants Pass.

The all-star team announced at the tourney's close includes Doug Rogers (Salem), Bill West (La Grande), Bob Altenhofen (Central Catholic), Girod and Ron Fundingsland (Jefferson).

Lumber Company Mill Destroyed By Flames

Dallas, Ore., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—State police said today that fire destroyed the Central Lumber company sawmill at Rickreall.

Owner Carl Omile said the flames, which broke out early this morning, caused an estimated \$45,000 damage. Dallas firemen who answered an alarm spread by state officers were unable to save the mill. The Omile home nearby, however, was salvaged.

Authorities said the fire may have been caused by defective wiring or possibly from sparks that smoldered overnight after welding operations yesterday.

Government's Payroll Totals Show Decline

Washington, Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—The civil service commission reported today that 25,165 persons were dropped from the government payroll during January, bringing total federal employment to 1,950,365.

The bulk of the decrease was registered in the post office navy and army department. The treasury, however, gained an additional 1,790 employees to help out with the annual income tax return rush.

Woman Chooses Plane For Suicide Location

Amarillo, Tex., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—A Kansas City, Mo., woman—en route home from Phoenix, Ariz., died aboard a Trans World Airlines plane today, apparently by suicide.

Mrs. Bonita Wilkinson, Amarillo justice of peace, said that was her tentative verdict in the death of Mrs. Clifford Snow, about 30.

Mrs. Wilkinson said an overdose of sedatives apparently was the actual cause of death.

LOCAL CAR DAMAGED

A car registered to Mary W. Guy, West 10th street, Medford, was damaged considerably Saturday when it struck a bridge over Jackson creek north of Central Point, state police reported. They said the bridge was undamaged and that the driver of the car was not at the scene when they arrived.

Youths Smoke Man Out Of Cave Held Since Last Fall

Convicted Murderer Wanted By Officials

St. Paul, Minn., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—One of the nation's 10 most wanted criminals was catured today after a group of boys literally smoked him out of a cave in which he had been hiding since last November.

William Nesbit, 51, convicted murderer, surrendered without a struggle on a Mississippi river bluff where he had been identified by the boys from a newspaper clipping in a St. Paul newspaper.

Saw Stuffed Down

Fourteen-year-old James Lewis is first suspected Nesbit's identity, but he hit upon the idea of stuffing snow down a stovepipe leading from the escaped convict's cave hideaway to "smoke him out and get a better look at him."

Five boys—Garry Batterson, 13; Larry Cherry, 12; Richard Anderson, 13; Richard Jenks, 14, and Myron Roth, 13—helped do the smoking out. Police, summoned by the boys, had little trouble capturing the man convicted of the sensational "powderhouse" slaying murder near Sioux Falls, S. D., in 1936.

Looked Like Man

James Radeck, was responsible in part for identification of Nesbit from a "wanted" picture in the St. Paul Dispatch.

"James Lewis came up to my house with the picture last night," he said, "and asked me if I thought it was a picture of the fellow we'd seen on the river bank and in the cave. He had told us his name was Ray. "I told him it looked like Ray but that the face in the picture was a lot fatter."

Plaintiff Wins \$2,500 Judgment

A circuit court jury ended its deliberations yesterday after hearing two days of evidence in the case of R. A. Tanner against Dr. Charles Haines.

They awarded Tanner \$2,500 out of the \$10,000 he asked as damages for the death of his 16-year-old daughter who suffered fatal injuries when she was struck by Dr. Haines' car Sept. 26, 1948.

Tanner's attorneys, Ralph E. Moody of Salem and O. H. Bengtson, had attempted to prove that the Ashland physician was operating his automobile in a careless and negligent manner when he struck Nina Marcella Tanner as she was crossing highway 90 south of the Ashland city limits. Her parents operate the Bellview cafe there.

Dr. Haines, represented by Attorney William McAllister, had contended that he was driving at a reasonable speed and that the accident was due to the negligence of the girl.

6,000,000 Population In Northwest Foreseen In Eight Years By BPA

Portland, Ore., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Authorities of the Bonneville power administration predicted today that power for a northwestern population of almost six million will be needed by 1958.

A report released today said a substantial increase in industrial power demands is also anticipated.

President Truman's comprehensive river development plans call for 28 power projects, the report stated, and 21 of these are recommended for completion by 1958.

Belgians' Government Quits During Crisis

Brussels, Belgium, Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—The Belgian government resigned today in the midst of a bitter national crisis over whether King Leopold III should be called back to the throne.

Premier Gaston Eyskens turned in the resignation of his Catholic-Liberal coalition government to Regent Prince Charles, the king's younger brother.

Regent Accepts

The regent accepted the premier's resignation and was reported to have asked him to form a new cabinet.

Eyskens, it was learned, informed the regent he could not get sufficient liberal support to form another coalition government unless a compromise is worked out to "temporarily" shelve Leopold's return.

The premier was reported to have labeled formation of an all-Catholic government a "risky venture."

Emergency Session

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Another policeman said Bednasek had tried to get officers to shoot him as they investigated the girl's death.

The trial was in recess today but townspeople waited with keen anticipation for the Monday session when testimony will get under way full blast.

Defense Attorney Clair Hamilton said his handsome young client told him he "feels convinced" that the jury of four women and eight men will find him innocent.

Brink Robbery Link With Smuggling Eyed

New Orleans, Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—U. S. Customs agents tonight sought a possible connection between a traveler's effort to smuggle \$32,000 into Cuba from New Orleans with the \$1,000,000-plus Brink Co. robbery at Boston.

Latest estimates valued loot of the Brink holdup two months ago at \$1,217,000 cash, \$300,000 in diamonds and \$500,000 in non-negotiable checks.

Joseph A. Fortier, supervising customs agent, said several U. S. agencies including the FBI have entered the case.

Fortier said "there is a possible connection."

State IOOF, Rebekahs Convention At Astoria

Astoria, Ore., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Plans for the IOOF and Rebekah grand lodge assembly of Oregon convention here May 15-18 have been made in a meeting of Astoria and grand lodge officials. The convention is expected to bring 1500 delegates and visitors to Astoria.

Gresham Police Arrest Alleged \$1,500 Thief

Gresham, Ore., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Police today arrested James Garnet Ward, 47, wanted by immigration authorities for deportation to Canada.

Ward was accused of stealing \$1,500 in negotiable securities from the home of Alric Lindberg, 75, Gresham.

Portland Police Nab Alleged Drug Peddler

Portland, Ore., Mar. 18.—(U.P.)—Police today charged Milton J. Drebin, 42, a California ex-convict, with possession of narcotics after trailing him 14 hours and then making the arrest for flouting a red traffic signal light.

Detectives Ralph Gast and Frank Bartholomew began following the car yesterday on a tip that a narcotics "load" was arriving in Portland in a California-licensed sedan. Finally they called in a traffic officer to make the arrest when the car sped through a downtown signal.

In the car they found a half ounce of heroin in a hat box and a can of marijuana in a suitcase. They said the narcotics were valued at more than \$1000.

Drebin, who was held on \$3,000 bail, said he was returning to Fairbanks, Alaska, where he once had lived.

PRACTICE SCHEDULED

Central Point baseball team in the Southern Oregon league will begin practice sessions Sunday afternoon, April 2, it was announced Saturday by Manager Hoosier Hoffard.

Tucker Sno-Cat Reveals New Type Motor Vehicle

E. M. Tucker Sr., Sno-Cat inventor and president of Tucker Sno-Cat corporation of Medford, yesterday announced the development of a new type of motor transportation that he feels may drive the conventional vehicle off the highways within the next few years if it gets just consideration.

The company will begin production next summer.

Tucker said that he believes the new vehicle may become popular on farms, in orchards and in industrial yards.

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