

Portlander Stabbed In Theater Fracas

Portland, Ore., March 23.—(U.P.) Ray T. Ridout, 44, of Portland was in fair condition today, but he wondered whether he was wise to ask other men not to crowd ahead of him in line.

During intermission time at the Liberty theater in downtown Portland last night, Ridout waited his turn to enter the rest room. An unidentified man tried to crowd into the line but Ridout stopped him and told him to wait his turn.

When Ridout returned to the ante room, the stranger said, "I want to see you," pulled out a three-inch knife and slashed Ridout twice in the chest before escaping.

Police said 10 or 12 witnesses saw the stabbing but were too surprised to stop the assault of the stranger.

Lightning Kills Man In Vancouver, Wash.

Vancouver, Wash., March 23.—(U.P.)—The sheriff's office said today a bolt of lightning killed George Oldham, 70, Ridgefield, Wash., during yesterday's hail and lightning storm.

Adolph Anderson, 57, also of Ridgefield, said he and Oldham were pruning filbert trees at the Kenneth Hall estate, one mile northeast of Ridgefield, when the storm struck. They took shelter under a fir tree which was hit by the lightning.

Anderson was unconscious for more than an hour.

Canadian Mercy Killer Freed By Male Jurists

Cobourg, Ont., Mar. 23.—(U.P.)—Mercy-killer Ralph P. Kilbon, 56, went free today, acquitted of the "mercy slaying" of his mentally deranged wife who was suffering the agony of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

An all-male jury freed the former mining engineer yesterday, disregarding a prosecution demand not to let sympathy be the deciding factor in the case.

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