

Failure To Answer Census Questions Leads to Arrest

Seattle, Wash., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Mrs. Nyra K. Fernhill, 52, Seattle, today was charged with refusing to give census information and officials said they believed it was the first arrest ever made for direct refusal to answer questions.

But a U. S. deputy marshal had a tough time before he could apprehend Mrs. Fernhill, and almost got himself arrested in the process.

Census officials called Deputy Marshal J. M. Schwerdtfeld to make the arrest. He was forced to draw his gun to keep off a youth who attempted to block his way to the woman's apartment.

As he emerged from the house with his prisoner, three police cars stopped in front of the building and demanded to see the marshal's credentials.

He later learned police were called by another woman who told them a man "impersonating a United States marshal" had broken into the house with a gun.

Mrs. Fernhill was charged with "wilful refusal to answer census questions." District Census Director Stanley Atwood said he believed the arrest was the first ever made for direct refusal to answer the census questions. Conviction on the misdemeanor calls for a \$100 fine, 60 days in jail, or both.

Alaska Railroad Labor Pact Approved

Washington, Apr. 22—(U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman approved a new labor contract today covering non-operating employees of the Alaska railroad, a government-operated line in the territory.

The agreement covers hours and working conditions for train dispatchers, clerks, hostlers, hostlers' helpers and communications workers. It does not include a new wage schedule.

The agreement was negotiated between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers' association and the Federation of Government Employees and J. P. Johnson, general manager of the road.

Under provisions of the agreement, it could not take effect until Chapman approved it.

Former Local Resident Dies in Portland Home

Portland, Apr. 22—Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the Chapel of the Chimes here for William B. Cook, who died at his home at 4445 SE 26th street Friday.

Mr. Cook was born at Butte Falls, Ore., May 24, 1886, and resided in Jackson county until 1944, when he moved to Portland. He has many relatives living in southern Oregon.

Funsters Schedule Dance Festival in May

Central Point, Apr. 22—Plans are being formed by the Federated Funsters of Central Point for a festival to be held in May. The tentative program combines folk and square dancing. Joe Hausler of Sams Valley will give exhibition dances. Hausler has recently returned from Mills college, where he received an extensive course in folk dancing.

Tickets for the festival may be purchased from members of the club or at Faber's market in Central Point.

Another Astoria Home Being Licked On Coxcomb Hill

Astoria, Ore., Apr. 22—(U.P.)—Lawrence Jackson's stout home, survivor of a jolting 300-foot ride on the crest of the Coxcomb hill slide, was being licked in its fight today by a single knoll of earth.

The house rode the sliding hill almost miraculously to within 150 feet of possible rescue at the bottom, then bumped into the mound where it will be squeezed by its own weight and the force of the sliding hill behind it.

Engineers said it was caught in a nut-cracker of earth and rescue appeared impossible.

A short way up the hill is Jackson's wood garage, which has followed the house down like a faithful dog.

While the sliding portion of Coxcomb hill continued its pace, city officials announced they were concerned at the other end of Astoria where a portion of a hill above West Bond street is potentially dangerous. The hill has moved only six inches in the past winter but the city has begun boring operations with the state's special machine used in boring shafts under hills to relieve water pressure.

Six-inch drain tiles will be placed in the borer, which are expected to be only a temporary measure to ease the pressure.

Automobile Insurance Company Cuts Rates

Bloomington, Ill., Apr. 22—The State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance company, with home offices here, today announced that for the second time in eight months it is reducing automobile insurance rates in Oregon.

The reductions approved include cuts up to 6 per cent on bodily injury and property damage liability, from 10 to 15 per cent on comprehensive coverage and 10 to 25 per cent on the various collision coverages.

Filings for rate reductions are being made in 33 other states. The company estimates that the total annual premium savings, nationwide, to its policyholders will be in excess of \$8,000,000 for 1950.

Many Tourists in Oregon Foreseen During '50 Season

Don Lane, secretary-manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, reported today that according to indications Oregon will have a heavy tourist influx this year.

Lane returned to Medford this week from the Los Angeles vacation and trailer show at Gilmore stadium there, which he said was attended by about 270,000 people. He was helping man a booth sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Travel association which showed pictures and passed out literature about seven western states and one Canadian province.

The booth gave out more than 100,000 pieces of promotional travel literature, Lane reported, and he said that many of the requests for travel information were about Oregon.

Carl Jordan, of the state highway commission's travel information division, also was helping man the booth. He reported, Lane said, that the state agency is receiving about 7,000 requests per week for Oregon travel information, compared to about 6,000 last year.

Lane and Jordan visited the tourist bureau sponsored by the Los Angeles Times and Examiner, the Shell Oil company, and the Southern California Auto club, and said that all four are well ahead of last year in the number of queries concerning travel in Oregon.

Jail Terms Suspended For Ward Employees

Joseph Peter Zash and Jack Andrew Rinn, two former employees of the Medford Montgomery Ward store, Friday received three-year suspended jail sentences in county circuit court on grand larceny charges. They were arrested April 5 with two other employees of the store after they had been caught stealing merchandise there.

Ivey E. Mays, head of the tire department at Wards, is still being held in county jail pending a pre-sentence report from the state parole officer, James R. Daniels, the fourth employee charged with stealing from his employers, was given a 30-day suspended sentence on petty larceny charges earlier this month. All four have pleaded guilty and have promised to make restitution.

LEG BROKEN

L. W. Bates, 34, Ashland, sustained a broken leg Friday night when his car overturned about half a mile north of Central Point. Conger-Morris ambulance attendants, who took Bates to Community hospital, said he was returning to Ashland from Myrtle Creek and his car failed to negotiate a curve on highway 99.

By J. C. Penney Store

Announcement was made today of the transfer here of Joseph Tedford, Bend, by the J. C. Penney company. Tedford will be in charge of the domestic department of the store, replacing Doug Hust who left the first of the week for Boise. Hust will become assistant manager of the Penney store there.

Tedford moved here this week with his family to 207 North Peach street. The Tedfords are parents of two sons and a daughter, ages 18 months, three and six years of age. Hust's wife and two daughters accompanied him to Boise to make their home.



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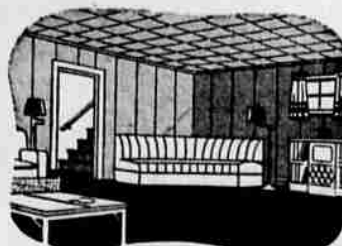
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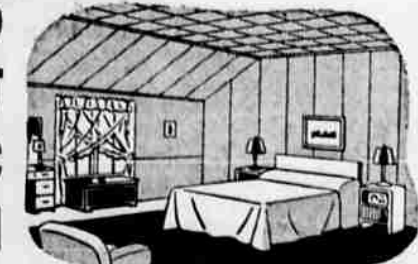
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