

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

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Hollywood, June 26—(U.P.)—Television scooped the world last week with its first real live murder.



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It also was its last. The customers yelled louder than the victim did.

The corpse in the villainous deed was a five pound New England lobster. But his sudden demise in front of everybody could not have raised more hullabaloo if he'd been human.

Up to now TV has survived low-cut necklines, horror dramas and Milton Berle without official censorship. The lobster may bring it on.

And the embarrassed gentlemen behind it all are two young producers, Budd Crossman and Arnold Mills. They learned television out of a book they bought for \$1.25, they said, and there wasn't anything in there warning 'em about things like this.

"It started out so innocently," Crossman sighed. "We have this show, 'Helpfully Yours,' and every week we cook up a recipe in front of the camera."

"On the fateful day the dish happened to be lobster thermidor."

Shows Everything
The man in charge of the pots and pans is Chef Adolph Gasser, and he is a gent who shows the lady lookers everything he does in whipping up his specialties. And that means everything!

"So he plops this lobster in front of the camera," Mills said, "and the little thing looked so cute with its blinking out at the audience the cameraman moved in for a closeup."

"We saw it all coming—but it happened so fast we couldn't stop it. Chef Adolph gets this long knife and stabs the poor lobster right in the back."

"Then all heck broke loose. Cameraman Got Sick"

"The cameraman got sick. Our engineer turned white and dashed out of the control booth. And the audience got kind of green."

That was only the beginning. The minute the show was over the telephone calls began. Next day the outraged letters poured in. Studio bosses held a meeting. Sponsors screamed.

"It was just one of those things," Grossman says limply. "We couldn't help it. But now everybody's all hepped up about getting censors."

"Funny thing, we've had girls up here in the briefest of bathing suits and the tightest of sweaters. And nobody even let out a peep."

Anyhow, the boys are playing it safe. Custard is their favorite recipe from here on in.

Nobody's objected, so far, to Chef Adolph breaking an egg or two.

Sentence Suspended For Pistol Pointing

George I. Maxwell, Wagner Creek, pleaded guilty in justice court Saturday to a charge of pointing a pistol at another, and Judge W. P. Tucker gave him a 60-day suspended jail sentence on condition that the 60-year-old miner refrain from further violations of the law.

District Attorney George Neilson said Maxwell has been ordered off the Wagner Creek mining claim that was the cause of his altercation with H. C. High, Medford. Sheriff's officers said High was attempting to reach the claim to do his assessment work when Maxwell pointed a Luger pistol at him and fired it into a small stream directly in front of High and his party. Judge Tucker is holding the pistol.

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Oregon Association of Letter Carriers delegates elected Ronald E. Brown, Eugene, president, here yesterday at concluding business sessions of their annual convention. He replaces Harry Palmer, Tillamook, who was named delegate-at-large.

Delegates passed a resolution opposing any curtailment of postal service to the public. Another resolution advocated a 40-hour week for rural carriers.

Raps Service Cut
At the Saturday night banquet, Reuben B. Kremers, Seattle, assistant secretary of the National Association of Letter Carriers, rapped the recent na-

tionwide cut in service. He placed the blame squarely on Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson. Kremers maintained that there was a "gentlemen's agreement" for a deficiency appropriation to maintain postal service.

In a second resolution delegates favored overtime and compensatory time-off benefits received by city carriers for rural mailmen. Rural carriers' on-the-job time now is unlimited and varies according to circumstances.

The postmen wound up their two-day convention yesterday with a memorial service and roundtable. Nominations and other business was conducted Saturday afternoon. Several concerts were played Saturday by the Portland Letter Carriers' band.

Tillamook was chosen for the annual convention in August, 1951.

Other new officers are Ed L. Hitching, Corvallis, vice-president; Leo de la Montaine, Portland, secretary; Ivan Hadley, Albany, treasurer; Edward Amo, Salem, executive board members, and Lott R. Hodges, Salem, alternate delegate.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, June 26—Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Parker of Umatilla, arrived here June 23 to visit Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. Minnie Byerly and other relatives and to attend the wedding of Miss Joanna Cogswell.

Lavern Walker returned June 18 to his home at Eugene where he is attending summer school. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Walker accompanied him there and returned home Monday.

Miss Eula Wintermote conducted a meeting June 14 for instruction in freezing of vegetables and fruits and chicken at the high school lunch room.

Present were Mesdames Ferd Jones, Arthur Strauss, Paul Throne, Paul Holderness, John Frost, John Stieber, and W. J. Armstrong.

Mrs. Richard Gray left for her home in Portland Thursday after spending several days here with her mother, Mrs. Charles Kell.

The city budget election will be held Monday, June 26, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. DST, at the city hall council room. Following the election the council will hold a special meeting to canvass the votes and authorize the necessary tax levy.

Mrs. and Mrs. Logan Gardner of Richmond, Cal., and Mrs. Janet Edwards of Willows, Cal., were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Mary Chisholm. They also visited William Gardner, father of Logan.

Mrs. Frank Tygart and son visited friends in Gold Hill last week. Their home is in Brookings.

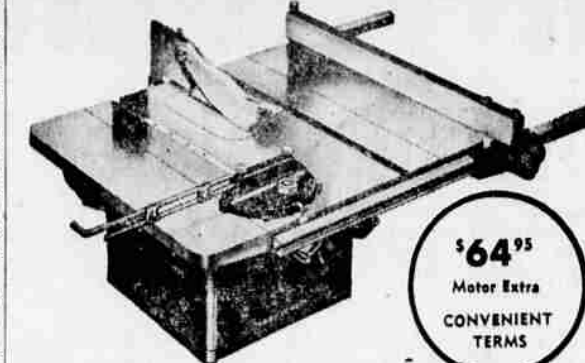
Gene Holderness returned to Portland June 18 after attending the wedding of his sister, Miss Leona Holderness to Vern Divers. He will return home from Portland about July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Divers, Miss Arlene Divers, Bob Wilson and Ralph Loomis returned to their homes in Goldendale and Pullman Sunday after the Divers-Holderness wedding. They came Friday evening and spent Saturday with Vern Divers at the Lazy Acres Motel.

Mrs. Earl Moore left June 22 with her sister to drive to North Dakota for a brief visit at their girlhood home. While her mother is gone, Miss Nadra Moore is

visiting Mr. and Mrs. Derwin Mapel and son Steven at Toketee Falls. Mrs. Mapel and Nadra are sisters. Earl Moore will spend the week-end with them at Toketee.

Rev. H. A. Dierdorff was appointed to fill the pulpit at the Community Methodist church at the conference of Methodist churches held in Portland last week.



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