

Will Starts Legal Battle To Keep Money From Going to Soviet Bank

New York—(U.P.)—On June 28, 1948, a 76-year-old machinist named Henry Von Der Heid dropped dead on a New York street. In his will he said he had no living relatives and wanted his estate of \$70,000 to go to the State Bank of the Soviet Union.

The will started a legal battle which has been going on for more than six years and has become a private "cold war" between the Soviet Union and a professional tracer of lost persons, Theodore Roth.

The State of New York con-

tested the will on the basis of a state law which forbids leaving all of one's money to charity. In 1953, Roth was given the job of finding relatives who, by law, had an interest in the estate.

Everyone Has Relatives

"If there's one thing I've learned in this business," Roth said, "it's that there is no such thing as a person having no living relatives. I figured the way to beat the Soviet Union was to turn up someone, even a 60th cousin if necessary."

Roth discovered that Von Der Heid had a sister named Barbara who had come to America and married a Carl Bamberg in 1899. Birth records in New Jersey revealed that Von Der Heid's sister had had three children, all girls.

The trail was 50 years old. Roth dug into marriage and death records, police records, census and voting lists, public school and college records. He interviewed dozens of people, made more than 100 long-distance phone calls and inserted many notices in local newspapers. One of the newspaper notices paid off.

Found Daughters

"I got a call from a girl who had known one of the nieces, Elsa," he said. "Elsa had married and moved to Penns Point, Pa. I found her there, and learned that Frieda was living at Canton, Ill., and Anna at Saranac Lake, N.Y."

The case is still tied up in surrogate court in New York, but Roth is confident the three heirs will get the lion's share of the \$70,000. Attorneys representing the Soviet Bank are still fighting, and at a recent juncture it appeared they might emerge with about \$12,000 of the estate.

"I don't think they'll even get that," Roth said. "In fact, I'll be willing to bet the Soviet Union never gets a dime."

European Storm

Leaves 37 Known Dead

London—(U.P.)—Thirty-seven persons were known dead today in storm-battered Europe and weathermen predicted more snow and cold.

Heavy snows, whipped into blizzards by 70 mile an hour winds, have battered the British Isles and much of the continent since the week end. Experts of the Air Ministry weather bureau in London said there was no indication of an early break in the weather.

4-H Club

The Griffin Creek school "Buttons and Bows" sewing club held a business meeting Saturday, Feb. 19, in the cafeteria with 11 girls present. Mrs. Walker's group, the second year girls were best represented with 5 of their 6 girls present. They are doing very well on their aprons and pot holders.

Most of the girls are showing excellent progress on their projects. In spite of heavy responsibilities of helping to build a home, Mrs. Meyers has worked faithfully with the third year girls. The first year girls have progressed rapidly with the help of Mrs. Otis Foreman. Judith Foreman is already on her last project.

Our acting leader, Mrs. Rose Eskew, gave us a talk on care of the hair, how to wear it most becomingly and to be individualists in hair style if it best suits of personalities.

She also touched briefly on making decisions. It is how we make decisions on little things with the help of our teachers, parents, churches, 4-H and other worthwhile influences, that will prepare us to meet the big decisions in life.

We adjourned until the next business meeting to be held in March 26. Smaller units will meet for sewing as scheduled. The refreshment committee served cookies and kool-aid.

COW ON QUEUE

Richmond, Ky. — (U.P.) — A ticket seller, Mrs. Elizabeth McKinney, was surprised to hear someone ask, "How much does a ticket for a cow cost?" She looked up and saw a cow second in line. But the cow decided she didn't want to see the movie and strolled away, causing a traffic jam on Main street moments later. Bossie had wandered away from the farm of J. B. Arnett.

Kapers Rehearsal Set; First Show Wednesday

"Tel-A-Version," the 1955 Kiwanis Kapers stage production of music, make-believe and merriment, gets its final touches tonight before presentation to Medford audience.

Dress rehearsal is scheduled tonight and on Wednesday the song, dance, gag and skit-filled show opens a four night run at the Medford senior high school auditorium. The production, in two acts and seven scenes, presents hilarious versions of popular television shows. It features all-local talent with professional direction.

Student Night

Wednesday will be student night at the Kapers and the curtain time for that one night will be 7:30 o'clock. There will be a special price for students. Adults in the first night audience will pay the regular general admission price and there will be no reserved seats.

Reserved seats for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday night presentations which start at 8:15 p.m., can be obtained at Barker's Men's store. Students attending the final three night showings will pay full adult admission.

First act of "Television" presents a parade of popular TV characters, a ballet, a space patrol scene, a western movie location scene, a "Dragnet" routine and a take-off on the "Hit Parade." Second act is a telecast review, "The Fred Herring Show."

Cast Members

In one scene Ron Rice and Russ Jamison are mad scientists, Russ Brown and Chet Guchas are wrestlers, Clyde Wheaton is a comic and Ray Johnson is a master of ceremonies. Jim Ambler is the queen swan in the ballet. Dr. Abner Clark is Prince Siegfried and Stan Jones is Von Rothbart. Several Kiwanians are hunters and others are "beautiful" swans. Bob Rector as St. Medford and Hugh Bates as Junior are

featured in the space patrol scene. In the western number Tom Anderson is Tex Wyoming and Jack Walker is the abused stand-in. Mrs. Margaret Huson as Zircon Lil is a soloist. The scene is overrun with characters out of the old west and with movie studio personnel. In "Dragnet" Jones is Friday, Charles Champlin is Saturday and Anderson is Monday. Johnson, Jean Edson, Wheaton, Fred Morlan, Carol Clark, Margaret Dix and Dick Phair have roles in the "Hit or Miss Parade."

Dance Routines

Dance routines add to the color of the show. Bijou girls are Carol Wilson Judy Lucas, Sylvia Teeter, Darlene Kroening, Kathy Gully, Marilyn Harper, Sharon Howard and Marie Sefarly. Can Can girls are Vona Rutherford, Sharon Zumwalt, Barbara Edwards, Myrna Adams, Shirley Kenner and Barbara Johnson. Six Kiwanis ladies are "JaDa" girls and six Kiwanians are the Charleston boys.

Frank Benesh has the role of St. Gabriel in the show and Rector, as St. Medford, is the patron saint of this community.

Randy LaFerr and Don Hansen of Lassen Theatrical productions are directing the show.

Former Skid Row Character Continues To Make Good

Chicago — (U.P.) — William G. Wood, a distinguished law professor who became a skid row bum, had encouraging news today for the men who had faith in him.

He's stayed sober for a month and he thinks he can keep it up. Wood, a toothless, 65-year-old vagrant, shambled into Judge Hyman Feldman's municipal court exactly four weeks ago yesterday.

Feldman took a look at Wood's record and saw that he was once a professor of law at the Kent College of Law here. He asked Wood to defend one of his skid row pals.

Wood did so, successfully. Then Feldman offered to pay Wood \$5 a day for helping him with skid row cases, provided the former professor could stay sober.

Feldman and Chief Justice Raymond P. Drynalski of the municipal court held a sort of birthday party yesterday to commemorate the first month of Wood's new life.

They gave him a birthday cake and told him it looked to them as if he was making good. It was indeed a new Wood who received their congratulations. He had a set of false teeth, a new hearing aid, and was decked out in a new suit and homburg.

He didn't talk much about whether he thinks he can stay on the comeback trail, but he indicated he thinks he has "made it."

Last week end, he revealed, a cousin tried to talk him into going back to his skid row haunts.

"I kept going the other way,"

Student Newspaper Members Suspended

Chicago — (U.P.) — Five staff members of the Illinois Institute of Technology's student newspaper have been suspended from the publication on grounds that they published off-color humor.

A faculty disciplinary committee yesterday announced the suspension of the technology news' editor and four assistants.

Clarence E. Deakins, dean of students, said the staff had been told several times to stop printing a controversial humor column and to delete jokes objectionable to some readers.

Henry C. Curcio, 20, associate editor and senior class president, said the dispute was partly a staff misunderstanding.

School Program Said Aid To Bankers

Superior, Wis. — (U.P.) — The president of the American Federation of Teachers has called President Eisenhower's public school building program a "federal aid to bankers."

Carl J. Megel, Chicago, told the annual dinner meeting of the Superior Federation of Teachers last night that he favored the school construction bill sponsored by Sen. Lister Hill, (D-Ala.).

He said the administration proposal would serve the "peculiar administration point of view of the functions of the federal government and the interests of bankers and other bond buyers."

The bill sponsored by Hill, he said, "would provide a billion dollars in outright federal aid to the states for school construction over the next two years."

Thermometer Taken From Man After 33 Years

Waynesburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Lawrence Mylan was improving "by degrees" today after an operation at Greene County Memorial hospital.

Mylan, 66, complained of pains in the abdomen recently and underwent surgery Monday. Doctors removed a clinical thermometer which Mylan believes he swallowed 33 years ago while delirious from the effects of blood poisoning.

Actor Robert Cummings Father of Daughter

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actor Robert Cummings today was the father of a six-pound, 10-ounce daughter, but hadn't decided on a name for her.

His wife, Mary, gave birth to the child at nearby Santa Monica Hospital last night. Their other children are Robert, 9, Melinda, 7, and Patricia, 3.

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