

Killer of Mates Gets Life Term

Tulsa, Okla. —(U.P.)—Grandma Nannie Doss, who poisoned four of her five husbands, today was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder.

The plump defendant, who pleaded guilty last week, chewed gum as usual and listened with a fixed smile as District Judge Elmer Adams read the verdict.

Adams said it will still be possible for another state to prosecute the 50-year-old self-made widow. She is charged with murdering four husbands in Kansas, North Carolina and Alabama.

She was charged here with the murder of Sam Doss, her fifth husband and a state highway department employee, who died last Oct. 10 after eating breakfast prunes she had seasoned with rat poison.

She confessed she killed four of her husbands by giving them arsenic. Authorities suspect she had a hand in the suspicious deaths of nine other relatives, including her mother.

Clover Resistant To Stem Disease Developed

Champaign, Ill. —(U.P.)—A new variety of medium red clover, resistant to northern anthracnose, a stem disease, has been released by several midwest agricultural experiment stations after 10 years of testing.

C. N. Hittle of the University of Illinois' agricultural school said a limited amount of seed will be available in 1956.

The new clover, named Dol-



SANTEE ON SPOT—According to a report in The San Francisco Chronicle, track star Wes Santee took "far more than legitimate expense money" in recent appearances in meets at Los Angeles, Modesto and Fresno. Santee (above) in Los Angeles, denied the charges, stating: "I have done nothing to affect my amateur standing. Every dime I've received has been according to the book." The Amateur Athletic Union will investigate the charges.

lard, has shown up exceptionally well in the northern two-thirds of Illinois, out-yielding other varieties when anthracnose is present.

Forks of Salmon Kids Tell Thanks in Note; Story Describes Trip

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has received a letter of thanks from the eight youngsters at Forks of Salmon, Calif., who were guests of the chamber for one magnificent day of adventure in Medford recently.

The letter was addressed to "Dear Chamber of Commerce," and concluded, "Thanks again for everything." It was signed by all eight of the children who made the trip.

Paper Tells of Trip

Enclosed with the letter was a copy of the "Papoose," the school paper at Forks of Salmon, which is a five-page, duplicated publication. One full page is devoted to a description of the trip and its thrills for the young people, none of whom had ever been to a "large city" before.

Here are excerpts from the story:

"Have you ever dreamed of something wonderful that you thought would never, never happen to you in this world and then out of a clear blue sky have it come true?"

It happened in Medford, Oregon, Thursday, May 20th. It happened to us because Katharine George wrote a letter to the Medford Chamber of Commerce asking them for information concerning points of interest. . . . We talked quite a bit about it at school but we thought maybe nobody cared too much about us little "hill-billies" until finally a letter arrived and Katharine brought it up to school and the teacher read it to us and we selected the things we would like most to see and do. That of course wasn't hard because we had never seen nor done too many things. Then more correspondence and finally the day THE letter arrived asking us to Medford as guests of the Chamber of Commerce!!

No More Lessons

"There were no more lessons that afternoon because we planned what to wear, what day to go, what time to leave, what to do if Rachel got car sick because she said 'I'll get car sick. Mrs. Brown, you just wait and see!' (She didn't.) Raymond and Hoop said, 'Do you think they will really let us ride in the police car or are they just stringing us kids?' Dreams, you see, that we thought could never happen."

"Finally the day arrived and we left the Forks of Salmon school house at 5 a.m. all dressed up and off to Medford. And a day of surprises and wonder—wonder that people could be so kind to us because, after all, they didn't know us kids or Katharine or Mrs. Brown at all. Peggy and Betty wanted to shop in a real store, so the manager of Mann's Dept. Store welcomed all the girls like queens, and gave them a discount on what they bought. Sam's Sporting Goods store gave the boys bait boxes for their fishing. Mrs. Pree gave Katharine and Mrs. Brown lovely earrings as remembrances of Medford (as if we needed to remember such a time). The newspaper of Medford gave the children many copies of the papers, and lead type with their names on them. The President of the C of C gave them gifts from the bank and lunch at the Jackson Hotel, from the C of C. It was delicious—what elegant apple pie. The radio station gave us soft drinks when it was so warm and stars' pictures.

Wonderful City

"In fact, we think Medford is a wonderful city where the people are just like those on the Salmon, kind, helpful and full of fun. Big cities aren't so scary after all. They are like the Forks, only more of it."

"Fire Chief Gordon Barker and Police Sgt. Clyde Fichtner spent the whole day with us. We liked both of them very much and we think they were tired, too. We were tired but so happy that we just had to sing all the way back to the Forks. We got home at midnight. We are shy and we know it, but we will never forget that day in Medford and all the people who smiled at us and were so good to us. We thank everyone so very much and hope we will see all of you again."

New Red China Military Machine Has Youth Accent

(Editor's note: Red China, with more than 2,000,000 men in uniform, has announced it will start drafting soon. Why? The following dispatch is a study of the likely reasons behind it.)

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Hong Kong —(U.P.)—Red China has blueprinted a new military machine with the accent on youth and brains.

Later this year, the National People's Congress is expected to give rubber-stamp approval to compulsory military service in China. The project appears designed to:

1. Reduce the size of the standing army and therefore reduce defense expenditures, and at the same time, build a massive trained reserve.

2. Increase the navy and air force.

3. Suck into the military technicians and specialists, a category which has avoided service.

4. Weed out the battle-weary veterans of the long battle to conquer China and substitute energetic youths, able to master modern battle techniques.

The Communists freely admit their army costs too much to support despite the fact that troops in garrison grow their own food. Clothing and pay, minute though the latter probably is, nevertheless are a drain on the economy.

Further, the Chinese do not have the equipment now to give every soldier a rifle or a machine gun or enough ammunition to fire them. In Korea, attacks usually found the first waves unarmed or if they did have weapons, when they fell, the second wave scooped them up.

The Chinese lack, if not planes, then pilots to fly them. They lost heavily in Korea, for one thing, and educated replacements are hard to come by. Likewise, their fledgling navy needs technicians to man whatever warships they can pry loose from the Russians.

Just as Chiang Kai-shek's army gets older, so does that of the Communists. They need replacements for the veterans, some of whom date back 20 years. Some of the generals have been active even longer. And the Reds need to streamline their forces, making them aware of modern strategy and tactics.

The gradual process has already started. Last Nov. 1, the Reds began drafting 450,000 men into the services. The draft, a one-shot affair, was scheduled to be completed Feb. 28.

Indefinite Reserve Status
This contingent likely will form the nucleus of the "new" army, acting as cadres for future draftees. The cream of this crop probably will be tabbed for bigger things.

The proposed conscription ostensibly is being studied at city

and provincial level now and will be introduced for consideration when the People's Congress meets later this year. It calls for soldiers to serve three years, airmen four years, navy personnel five years.

In addition, once discharged, the draftee automatically goes into the active reserve for an indefinite period.

No hint was given as to the size of the draft. But it seems likely that in the first year it probably will not exceed 500,000 men. The scarcity of persons to train them is the biggest problem, since these presently being drafted need a year or two to be trained as well. For the time, the Russians may supervise the training program.

Judging from the proposed setup, as outlined in the Communist press, the army will be modeled after the Soviet military.

Busy Building Has Meditation Room

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—In the center of a busy office building there is a room for meditation and prayer.

It is a place where clerks, stenographers, janitors, office managers, salesmen and visitors to the building can find peace and quiet and escape the frantic pace of the business world.

"The Light," as the room is called, was the inspiration of Jane Patrick, a vivacious brunette of 28 who works in the building.

Miss Patrick is chief clerk of Draft Board 86 here. Often she had wished for a quiet and secluded spot where she could reassure the troubled people who came to see her.

Last December, when she learned a room was being set aside in the Capitol in Washington, D. C., for prayer and meditation, Miss Patrick asked herself, "Why not here?" She talked it over with businessmen in the M.G.M. Building, and, with the help of a Tuesday night Bible study class, raised \$405.51.

"The Light" is a room of soft lights, growing plants, bright draperies and cool gray walls. It is non-denominational.

Miss Patrick is not resting on her accomplishment.

If we could put a room like this in every office building in Memphis," she said. "I know they're crying for one in another building."

She plans to try to help them get one. But there will be no gifts from churches.

"Business should do the job," she said.

War Correspondent Memorial Scheduled

Washington —(U.P.)—A memorial to the 15 American and foreign war correspondents who lost their lives in Korea soon will be unveiled at the Defense department beside the one now honoring 44 who died covering U.S. forces in World War II.

The memorial to World War II correspondents is the large Pentagon pressroom where the Washington reporters who cover military affairs do their work.

Photographs of the 44 World War II reporters are mounted on a 6 by 12 foot map of the world on a wall of the press room. Pictures as far as possible are placed on the map over the geographic area where the reporters died.

At the top of the map is a commemorative plaque surmounted by the Defense department seal and carrying the legend "War Correspondents 1941-1945," and the traditional "30" which signifies the end of a story.

Little Woman Chases Would-Be Holdup Man

Minneapolis —(U.P.)—A stickup man approached Mrs. Mary McGlynn, about 50, at her grocery store here.

"There's going to be no robbery here," she shouted at him. "I'll hit you over the head with a bottle first."

She proceeded to shoo him out and chase him down the street screaming, "That man tried to hold me up. Follow him."

Two neighbors nailed the would-be bandit, a six-footer weighing 280 pounds. Mrs. McGlynn stands five feet, two inches.

Bacteria May Join Dental Decay Fight

Chicago —(U.P.)—Bacteria may one day be used to fight bacteria in the battle against dental decay, it was reported here at the annual meeting of the International Association for Dental Research.

Dr. Charles A. Scrivener of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco, described his successful attempt to grow and keep alive in the mouth certain types of bacteria which fight the acid-producing germ, lactobacillus.

His work eventually may open the way to control of dental decay, one of mankind's most common afflictions, through adaptation of germs which now exist in human saliva.

Butler Would Greet Southern Demo Rebels

Chicago —(U.P.)—Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler said last night he has "no intention" of keeping Southern "rebels" out of the party's 1956 convention.

Butler thus lined up behind Adlai E. Stevenson, the party's 1952 candidate, who said recently that the Democrats should take back "those who have strayed and return in good faith."

Butler also had the implied support of Stephen A. Mitchell, the former party chairman who caused a controversy recently by saying three of the "rebels" should not be admitted as delegates to the convention.

Butler made his statement at a news conference in Mitchell's office after conferring with him all day. The two men apparently reached agreement on how to handle the Southern problem.

Adlai Raps Handling Of Vaccine Program

New York —(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson attacked the Eisenhower administration today for its handling of the polio vaccination program and for what he termed its failure to provide adequate funds for medical research.

In a speech prepared for delivery at ceremonies marking the dedication of the New York University-Bellvue Medical center's new medical science building here, Stevenson also outlined three "important points" for developing a national health program aided by federal funds.

"I don't think it required any special clairvoyance to estimate the demand for the vaccine, the supply and the hazards of production and distribution, or to foresee with the happiness and lives of our children involved, that here was a situation above

all others that called for a foresight and meticulous planning and preparation," he said.

Fight Suggested To Settle College Name

Lansing, Mich. —(U.P.)—State Rep. Richard F. Smith injected a humorous note into the squabble over the proposed name change of Michigan State College to Michigan State University.

During legislative debate of a bill to change the name of the school, Smith suggested that John Hannah, president of Michigan State, and Dr. Harlan Hatcher, president of the University of Michigan, "fight it out in the ring"—winner take all.

University of Michigan balked at the name change on the grounds it would create confusion.

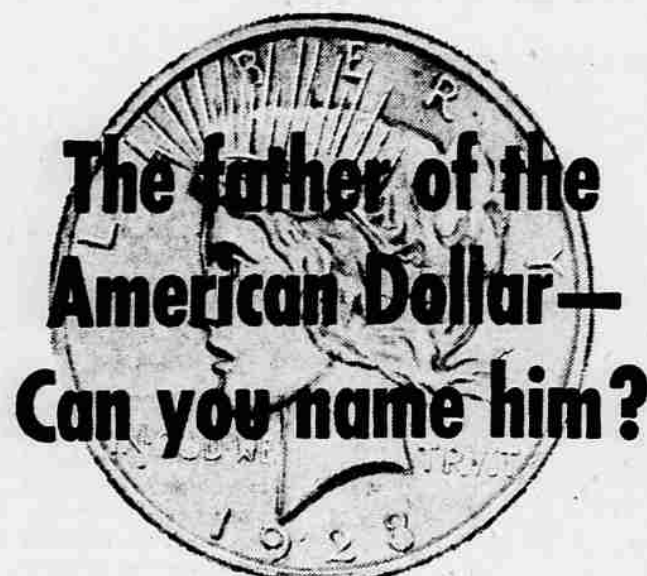
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