Doctor Seeks To Prove Strangulation As Cause of Death

Minneapolis — (U.P.)—A young baby doctor returned to the stand in the Dr. A. Arnold Axilrod murder trial today to defend his contention that pretty Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Moonen was killed by a strangler.

The baby specialist, 29-year-old Erling F. Brauti, was weathering heavy cross-examination fire when the sensational first degree murder trial recessed Thursday.

Chief defense counsel Sidney W. Goff indicated he would press Brauti on whether Mrs. Moonen could have died as a result of an attempted abortion, a heart attack, or an air bubble.

Three-Months Pregnant

The body of Mrs. Moonen, three months pregnant, was discovered in a driveway of the fashionable Lake of the Isles district last April 23. Brauti assisted at the post mortem.

He testified in place of the chief pathologist, who is hospitalized, and insisted that his observations led him to believe Mrs. Moonen, 21, died of manual strangulation.

The prosecution charges that Axilrod, 50, drugged and seduced Mrs. Moonen when she came to his dental office. He strangled her in his car when she threatened to "tell the world" that he was the father of her unborn baby, it is charged.

IS THAT SO! By Eugene Burns

Your outdoor quiz. A score of 55 is fair; 70 is good; 80 is excellent; 90 super-excellent. Answers follow questions.

I.—As far as I know, all mammals and birds make sounds. What do you call the sounds these animals make: 1. cocks, 2. cows, 3. crows, 4, donkeys, 5.

droves, 6. ducks, 7. elephants, 8. frogs, 9. geese (tame), 10. geese (wild), 11. hens, 12. lions, 13. owls, 14. pigs, 15. sheep. (Four points for each right answer—60 if all are right.)

II. What is the correct use of these words: 1. If you were shown a picture of a malamute, you would think right away of: an airplane, a dog team, an outrigger canoe, a caterpillar tractor, the Amazon jungle.

2. The words humus is used correctly in one of the following sentences: "My, but it was real humus this past summer"; "A few pounds of humus will do wonders for a garden"; "Three important bones in the leg are tibia, fibular, and humus."

3. You could be arrested if caught selling one of the following in the U.S. today: saddle soap, aigrettes, antimacassars, hot-house spinach, platinum golf tees.

4. If you had a pilchard, you would: drink out of it; eat it; play a game with it; dance in it; scratch it.

5. Kittens can't sleep comfortably in a cat's cradle because it is: constantly rocking; too high up on a mast; a child's game; monopolized by the mother cat.

(Eight points for each correct answer—40 if all are right.)

ANSWERS: I. 1 Crow, 2. Moo, low; 3. caw, croak, 4. bray, 5. coo, 6. quack, 7. trumpet, 8. croak, 9. gaggle, gabble, cackle, hiss; 10. honk, 11. cackle, cluck, chuck; 12. roar, 13. hoot, screech; 14. squeal, grunt; 15. bleat.

II. 1. Dog team; 2. "a few pounds . . . etc.; 3. aigrettes; 4. eat it (it's a sardine); 5 a child's game, played with string, remember?

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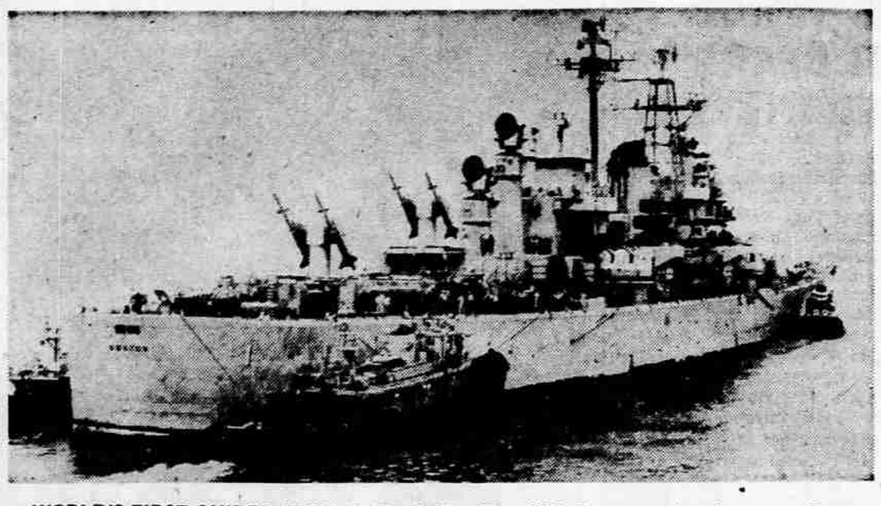
Portland Pedestrian 29th Traffic Fatality

Portland — (U.P.) — A 78-year-old woman died Saturday night in a Portland hospital in Oregon's only reported traffic death of the week end.

Mrs. Bertha Willey, Portland, was injured fatally when struck by a car driven by Edward M. Dombrowe, 31, Amboy, Wash. It was Portland's 29th traffic fatality of the year.



WORLD'S FIRST GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER—The USS Boston makes her way down the Delaware River heading for drydock in the Philadelphia Naval Base prior to her commissioning Nov. 1. She will be used primarily as a launching station for the Navy's new needle-nosed anti-aircraft missiles (Terrier) seen just above the tug.

Bank, Financial Writers Take Look at Tax Aspect of TV's '$64,000 Question'

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington — (U.P.)—Ballyhoo for television's $64,000 Question program is turning up in the strangest places, such as the monthly letter of New York's First National City Bank. There's a plug for it, too, on the editorial page of the current Saturday Evening Post.

Lyle C. Wilson

The Wall Street Journal has taken note of the program. Financial writers as a group are interested in it. The bankers are interested because they and many others believe The $64,000 Question is an effective argument against what they regard as a bad tax law.

The bank calculated that a contestant who was single and had an income of $4,000 annually would have to win $448,711.11 to acquire $64,000 of actual, take-home prize money.

Long, Last Step

Such single person attaining the $32,000 rung of the prize ladder would be assessed a tax of $15,400, reducing the actual prize money to $16,600. If the contestant took the last, long step and doubled the $32,000 into $64,000, the additional tax bite would be $23,292. The take-home prize would be increased by only $8,708. The foregoing figures are from the bank's letter, which added:

"Thus he is risking an assured $16,000 for a chance to win an additional $8,708."

The program has been estimated to reach up to 55,000,000 persons with a spectacular demonstration of the tax bite on relatively high income.

The bank argues that the same tax situation which discourages contestants from reaching from $32,000 toward $64,000 applies to businessmen with venture capital who refuse to risk it by reason of tax limitations on their possible return.

Magazine Editorializes

The Saturday Evening Post editorialized:

"What high taxation is doing to free enterprise is a subject which is about as interesting to the average man as a treatise on medieval metaphysics."

But the Post contended that the famous TV show would "cause millions of persons to give some thought to the effect of the tax laws on business."

"Perhaps," the Post suggested, "TV could make the thing even more dramatic by putting an industrial tycoon on the screen and letting him decide before millions of people whether it's worthwhile for him to go after another million dollar's worth of business or create 20,000 new jobs by building a new plant."

Slight Injuries Result From Three Accidents In Area

Three persons suffered minor injuries in two of three accidents reported to state police yesterday.

Dean Allen Akins, 24, of route 2, box 502, Medford, and Dale Leroy Smith, 19, of Butte Falls, were injured slightly when their vehicles collided on Highway 62 about 2:32 a.m. State police said the Smith vehicle ran into the rear of the Akins car during a heavy fog.

Max D. Zimmerman, 506 Allen st., Medford, suffered a sprained ankle when the car in which he was riding collided with one operated by Leonard Burdahl, 54, of 528 Pearl st., Medford, at the intersection of Highway 62 and 401 Orchard rd., about 2:35 p.m.

Police said the Burdahl vehicle stopped at a stop sign, then pulled out onto Highway 62 in the path of a vehicle operated by William Stanley Avist, 25, of 506 Allen st., Medford. Damage was slight.

Cars operated by William Lyle Sutherlin, 32, of 1041 South Third st., Jacksonville, and Mervin Wilmot Johnston, route 1, box 27, Jacksonville, collided at the Ruch intersection on Highway 238 about 3:02 p.m. yesterday. Police said there were no injuries.

Beaverton Welcomes Visitors With Beef Feed

Beaverton, Ore. — (U.P.) — An estimated 8000 persons ate 2060 pounds of barbecued beef yesterday as Beaverton held "Operation Welcome." Visitors also inspected schools and new homes and were entertained with a band concert and variety show.

SHELL YOUR OWN NUTS!

Murfreesboro, Tenn. —(U.P.) — Sheriff George Sharpe warned farmers today to stop paving sections of rural roads with their walnuts to get them hulled by the wheels of passing cars. He said it is against the law.

Detroit industries uses more than 10 per cent of the nation's steel.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's discuss for a few minutes today the subject of cotton. No cotton is grown in Southern Oregon or far Northern California. So we have no direct interest in it—other than as taxpayers. But it offers an interesting example of what happens under a system of guaranteed high prices REGARDLESS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

THE department of agriculture has just announced its latest estimate of the 1955 cotton crop. It indicates production this year of 13,920,000 bales. When that is added to our present surplus of 11,121,000 bales it brings the present supply up to just over 25,000,000 bales.

Domestic and export markets are expected to take more than 13,000,000 bales. So we can count up on our fingers that when the 1955 cotton crop is harvested we will have on hand approximately two years supply.

HOW about acreage reduction to hold down the surplus?

That is an interesting subject in itself. Under this year's program, cotton acreage was reduced to the smallest level in more than 75 years. The permitted acreage this year was 14 per cent under the permitted acreage last year.

But —

The department of agriculture's estimate indicates — in spite of the 14 per cent reduction in acreage—that this year's harvested cotton crop will be two per cent ABOVE last year's harvested crop.

HOW come?

The answer lies in increased efficiency on the part of the cotton growers. This year's estimate indicates an average yield per acre of 405 pounds. Last year's cotton crop averaged 341 pounds per acre, and it broke all previous records. Cotton growers have been pouring on the fertilizer. They have been using better machinery. They have been using better insect control methods.

The result of all this has been an average increase in production per acre that more than offsets the 14 per cent reduction in cotton acreage. The NET result of it has been another huge addition to the cotton surplus.

WHERE is all this new cotton coming from?

Is it coming from the Old South?

The answer, by and large, is NO. A lot of it is coming from new cotton lands in western Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Most of this new cotton land is IRRIGATED. It is irrigated largely from wells. These wells are drawing on UNDERGROUND water storage, which has been accumulating for centuries.

This water to irrigate cotton is being pumped out faster than the underground reservoirs are being replenished.

THAT is to say:

If this goes on, the time will come when the underground reservoirs will be drained and when water is no longer available for them the land that has no other source of water than wells that tap the underground reservoirs will go back to desert.

All to produce a crop that is being grown for sale to the government at guaranteed high prices IN THE FACE OF A STEADILY ACCUMULATING SURPLUS.

THE big question:

When will it end?

And what will happen when it does end?

'Chimney Inspector' Turns Out To Be Thief

Portland— (U.P.) —A man posing as a "chimney inspector" who stole $95 from a dresser at the home of William R. Schofield was sought by police today.

Schofield said the man told him to go outside and watch the chimney while the phony inspector checked it from the inside.

Honey bee's great contribution to agriculture is the pollination of 50 or more important crops that are almost entirely dependent on bees for seed production.

Too much fat on hogs is lowering the price of all hogs at the present time, Iowa livestock producers report.

Incorporate Real Estate Firm Here

Salem —(U.P.)— Articles of incorporation have been filed here for Siskiyou Rental, Inc., Medford real estate firm. They were signed by Richard V. Finch, Randall M. Gifford and Allen D. Sterton.

The firm was formed for the purpose of purchasing a building in Ashland which has been leased to the Home Appliance company for a new store there. The two-story building is located at 101-115 East Main st., and also houses the Greyhound tavern.

The new business will be located for the present in the section which is now vacant. Remodeling work is under way in that section and the new store is to open in early November, officers stated.

Weldon Kline Named To Logging Congress

Weldon Kline, 18 South Groveland ave., has been named a member of the board of directors of the Pacific Logging congress. He was named at the 46th session of the congress in Victoria, B.C., recently.

Kline is employed by the W. H. Daugherty company at White City. Seven other Oregonians were named as directors of the 47th congress.

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