

Gene Autry Ordered To Take Lengthy Rest

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Cowboy star Gene Autry was under doctors' orders today to take a lengthy rest to recover from "complete exhaustion."

Autry was stricken with laryngitis when he returned recently from an extensive 24-city personal appearance tour. Columbia Broadcasting System spokesmen said Autry will be absent for several weeks from his Sunday radio program.

Oregon Traffic Deaths Nearly One Per Day

Salem — (U.P.) — Traffic fatalities in Oregon during February averaged nearly one per day. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry revealed yesterday. A total of 27 persons lost their lives on the state's highways during the month, the same number that were killed in January this year.

MODERN RUSTLING

Brazil, Ind. — (U.P.) — Rustlers stole three Hereford cows from the Luther Steele farm. There were two innovations over rustling in the "old West"—these rustlers also took five bales of hay to feed the animals and carted it all off in a truck.

White South's Victory in Lucy Case Seen Possibly Only Integration Delay

Editor's note: The Atlantic bureau chief of United Press is making an extended tour throughout the South to give a closeup report on the big issues in the desegregation controversy. This is the first of a number of dispatches on that subject.

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Tuscaloosa, Ala. — (U.P.) — The White South has won the first big battle it chose to fight on the desegregation issue. There is no blinking the fact that Atherine Lucy is not in the University of Alabama.

And the temper of this community is such that you get the feeling she never will be—the U. S. Supreme Court and all its power to the contrary.

The White people here say simply that Miss Lucy will return at the risk of her life.

Negroes in Louisiana Colleges. Yet in nearby Louisiana with about the same Negro-White distribution, 235 Negro undergraduates have been admitted to three state colleges with little fanfare. They have equality in the classroom if not on the

campus. Why did that happen when Tuscaloosa exploded in a riot when Miss Lucy attempted to attend classes?

The answer seems to boil down to this: The South is not going to have racial integration thrust down its throat. There are signs everywhere that the prospect of eventual integration is being accepted. But it will come in the White South's way, and pretty much in the South's own time or there will be bloodshed.

Some Opinions. Here is the opinion of a filling station attendant near the university campus:

"Atherine Lucy would have been going to school at Alabama right now if she had come here right like other students. Oh, there would have been some argument, but she would be in school. But she showed up with a six-man escort, lots of hoopla, driving a Cadillac, and throwing out hundred dollar bills to buy three dollar books. It just made people boil."

That a White Supremacy man talking and there is great question whether Miss Lucy would now be in the university had she come here meekly. After all, there are no other Negroes in the school. But the fact remains that the manner of trying to get her admitted was of great importance.

There are voices here raised for moderation. One is that of publisher Buford Boone of the Tuscaloosa News.

"The South must recognize that we are living in a period of change," Boone says. "There is a solution to the problem, but it must be reached through the study and compromise. Unless intelligent, moderate thinkers of the South step forward to tackle the problem, we are in

for some serious days.

Better Part of Wisdom

"Moderate thinking Negroes should realize it is the better part of wisdom to seek education in a Negro institution if adequate facilities are available. But moderate White people should accept the responsibility either of providing every needed educational advantage for Negroes or accepting qualified students in White institutions."

The Lucy case has brought most unhappy repercussions. Not far from here lies the world famous Negro college, Tuskegee Institute. Surrounding Macon county is good, rolling farm country, much of it restored to fertility as a result of experiments conducted at Tuskegee in the county there are four Negroes to every White

but they have lived in tranquility for years.

Would Cancel Contribution

Now State Rep. W. L. Martin has introduced a bill in the Legislature to cancel Alabama's annual \$375,000 contribution to Tuskegee in the event a Negro entered an Alabama White college and stayed 10 days.

Editor Hal Fisher of the Tuskegee News denounced the proposal as an "utterly stupid attempt to penalize an institution largely responsible for giving this community a higher type of citizenship."

The segregationists are convinced they won a terrific victory in the Lucy case. But, underneath, one can sense that they may wonder if they are not fighting a delaying action only.

McKay Backs Neuberger On Beaver Marsh Bill

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today that Interior Secretary Douglas McKay has indicated support for his bill to cancel the Federal Power Commission license for the Beaver Marsh hydro-electric project in Oregon.

Neuberger said the Senate Public Works Committee plans to hold a hearing on the bill March 21. He said McKay indicated he will accept Neuberger's invitation to testify for the bill.

Grange

Upper Applegate Grange

A previous plan to build the Upper Applegate Grange hall on the property at McKee bridge was rescinded by a majority vote of the membership present at the last Grange meeting.

Other available locations were discussed and the master, George Redhead, pointed out that anyone having a suitable location in mind, find out necessary details and present it at the next meeting, March 9 to be voted upon.

The resolutions committee submitted a resolution stating that it had been resolved to change the Grange site to a more centrally located one. A vote will be taken to decide whether or not a move will be made and to determine a location, when the Grange convenes for a regular business session at the Ruch school, March 9.

At present, two locations are definitely available. One at the head of Taylor lane, bordering on Highway 38, the other a part of the Cantrall property, also bordering on the highway. The latter being a plot of ground previously offered by Harlan Cantrall as a gift.

The secretary called attention to unpaid dues, which must be in by March 31. Thereafter, any member whose dues are unpaid, will be considered delinquent and dropped from the membership roll.

The lecturer announced that a film will be shown for the program next meeting. Refreshments were served by the James Winningsham and Fred West's.

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Instructions Found Needed To Follow Air Raid Sirens

Santa Rosa, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Federal Civil Defense Administration said today that a recent survey shows the wail of CD attack warning sirens may go unheeded unless followed immediately by voice instructions to the public.

The survey, conducted by the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan, showed that most people in Oakland, Calif., paid little attention to actual alert signals sounded last May 5 as a result of a warning of probable attack called by the Air Force.

Planes Unidentified. The alert, the Air Force said at the time, resulted from a temporarily unidentified flight of American bombers flying in from the Pacific.

Although the interviews showed that 75 per cent of those in Oakland at the time heard the siren warning, nine out of 20 persons questioned did nothing when the sirens sounded, and seven out of 20 only casually checked disbelief of the signal.

Only two out of 20 tried to get additional information by turning on a radio or calling some office, and a similar proportion tried to protect themselves by taking some sort of cover.

Attack Thought Unlikely. Seeking the why of public disbelief of the sirens, the researchers noted that nearly half of those people questioned believed an enemy attack on the United States was unlikely at the time, and about 20 to 30 per cent thought the sirens signalled just a practice test.

More than 75 per cent of those questioned indicated that, in the event of another alert, they would pay no attention to the sirens unless given additional information.

Depoe Bay Residents Awaiting Dead Whale

Depoe Bay — (U.P.) — Residents of Depoe Bay have their fingers crossed and have had them crossed for three days. A 30-foot grey whale is 300 yards off shore of the main business district of the town. The reason for the crossed fingers: The mammal is not picking its final resting place but leaving that up to the wind and tide.

The whale is dead. The grey whales migrate from the coast of Mexico to the Aleutians each year, starting in February. Oldtimers said the whale will no doubt end up in the North cove of outer Depoe Bay.

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