

Suit to Determine Legal Wife of Indian Is Filed

Portland Trust bank, conservator of the \$575,000 timber estate of Harold F. Thornton, now

living in Medford, has filed a civil suit asking the Multnomah County circuit court to determine which of two women is his legal wife and entitled to a share in the income from the sale of his Curry county timber.

The bank brought suit against Thornton and his present wife, Ruby E. Huber, whom it said he married at Skagania March 16, 1956.

Ruby E. Huber last week filed suit against him for separate maintenance on charges of general acts of cruelty through her attorney, O. H. Bengtson, of Medford.

Bengtson said the second Mrs. Thornton is asking the court for possession of his house, automobile, furniture and \$800 a month living expenses, since she alleges she is unable to do physical labor. She is also asking the court \$2,500 in court and attorney fees, Bengtson said.

Declared Incompetent
The Portland Trust bank, however, contended the marriage was not legal on the ground Thornton had been declared incompetent by Eureka, Calif., authorities, that his present wife knew of the declaration, and that she married him while it was in effect.

It also contended in the suit that Thornton was married to Ida Whipple July 9, 1931, at Gold Beach, that they had five children, four of whom are living, and that they were not divorced. They were reported to have been separated for some time.

The bank asked the court for a decree as to whether Ruby E. Huber is the legal wife of Thornton and whether the bank is justified in giving her any of the funds held for Thornton.

Thornton, an Indian, received over a million dollar share of his mother's two million dollar estate at Gold Beach, Calif., when she died. The other half of the estate went to Thornton's brother.

He met his present wife in the Holland hotel about the first of the year, where she was a cook. In her complaint she states they were married March 16, in Stevenson, Wash. Bengtson will defend her against the claims of the Portland Trust bank in Portland June 11.

FRIGHTENED PEOPLE SCARE LION

Madrid, Spain — (U.P.)—A lioness which escaped from a busy American circus wandered into one of Madrid's busiest streets and terrorized hundreds of passersby Friday. The animal, apparently just as frightened as the people, finally perched on the roof of a parked car where its trainer recaptured it.

Shock Stops Heart For Wall Repairs

New York — (U.P.)—Surgeons have successfully stopped the heart of an 11-year-old girl with low voltage electric shock to repair a hole in one of the organ's inner walls.

The medical mile-stone was achieved by a surgical team from the state university's College of Medicine in a recent operation on Michele Lauer, of Brooklyn, at Kings County hospital, it was revealed Friday.

Human hearts have been stilled for surgery before but the delicate operation was the first achieved with the low voltage electric shock.

The college said that the operation was performed by a team including Dr. Clarence Dennis, professor of surgery, and Dr. Adrian Kantrowitz, assistant professor of surgery.

Man Bound Over to Circuit Court Here

James LaMonte Bradley, 29, of 6119 Crater Lake highway, Medford, was bound over to circuit court Saturday morning, when he appeared for arraignment in district court on a grand larceny charge.

Bradley was released on his own recognizance until his circuit hearing Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

He was arrested by sheriff's deputies in connection with the theft of lumber that day from the Ross Lumber company.

Three Believed Victims Of Columbia High Water

Kennewick, Wash. — (U.P.) Three unidentified persons were feared victims of the high waters of the Columbia river near here Saturday.

Authorities searched the river, off old highway 410, for a car and three persons believed swept into the river by the current. Rocky Dorsett, manager of a driving range near the highway, told police he saw the back end of car in the water. He said one man apparently escaped.

Salem School District Approves 56-57 Budget

Salem — (U.P.)—Salem school district voters Friday approved a 1956-57 budget by a 444 vote margin. Final official count was 2,282 to 1,838.

Some \$1,629,316 of the school budget was over the six per cent legal limitation with the total budget running to \$5,070,899. Of that amount, taxpayers will pay \$3,360,583.

The vote was expected to add about 7.1 mills to school district tax assessments.

Miss Ownes Reigns at Festival Activities

Phoenix — Miss Sandra Ownes was crowned queen of the Phoenix May festival Saturday morning and reigned over the parade through town and day-long activities at the Community club grounds.

Miss Ownes, whose picture appears in today's Mail Tribune social section, was crowned by last year's queen, Miss Sharon James. Selection was based on Festival ticket sales.

Festival activities got underway at 10:30 a.m., with the Cub and Boy Scouts leading the flag salute and the Phoenix High school band playing the Star Spangled Banner.

Queen Introduced
Following introduction and coronation of the queen, Curt Fisher, master of ceremonies, introduced Phoenix Mayor Dan Adams. He introduced visiting mayors and George Smith, the queen chairman, introduced Miss James.

Following the coronation, the parade left the community grounds at 11 a.m., under the leadership of a National Guard marching unit. A large crowd turned out for the parade, despite unfavorable weather conditions.

Jet Pilot Killed Overshooting Field

Nellis AFB, Nev. — (U.P.)—The pilot of an F86 jet was killed 60 miles north of here Friday night when he overshoot the runway of a private landing field and crashed.

Identification of the pilot, stationed here, was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Nellis officers said the pilot attempted to make a forced landing at Overton, Nev., when the plane developed engine trouble. The plane burned.

Three awards were presented

In each of the following parade sections: originality of theme, commercial floats, comic floats, children's entries, mounted division and marching units.

Entertainment at Noon
Entertainment during the noon hour was provided by the Ashland Kiltie band. Entertainment at 1 p.m. was provided by

the Colleen Hope Dance studio and princesses were presented gifts by Mrs. Mary Lubers and Mrs. Georgia Smith. Princesses included Miss Pat Adams, Miss Dorothy Bean, Miss Jane Daniels, and Miss Charlotte Keene.

Providing entertainment between 2 and 5 p.m. were the May Pole Dancers of Miss Pat's

studio, Cesar Muzzioli's accordion band and Miss Alexander's Hawaiian band.

Miss Kay Fisher sang at the 8 p.m. program. A square dance was held in the grade school gymnasium and a modern dance was held in the Community club building between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.

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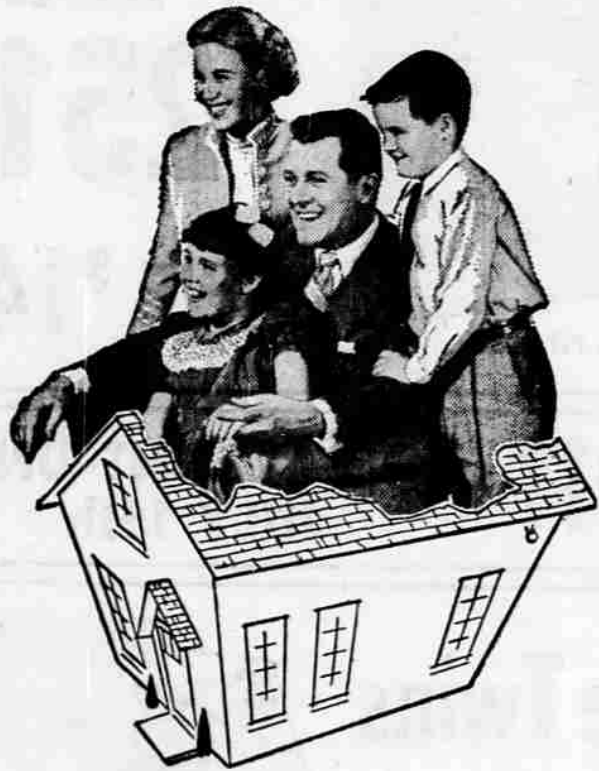
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