

# Ex-GI, Once Presumed Dead, To Farm Land Insurance Paid For

Uranis, La. — (UP) — Turncoat Aaron Wilson, recently returned from Communist China, plans to turn farmer on 100 acres bought with \$10,000 GI insurance paid to his family while he was believed dead.

Rep. George S. Long (D-La.) sent a telegram to the Veterans Administration Tuesday urging that the erroneous death payment be rescinded "if it is legally and physically possible to do so."

The *Uranis* Town Talk of Alexandria, La., reported in a copy-righted story Tuesday that the 32-year-old former soldier's

mother, Mrs. Henry Wilson, refused to comment about the farm.

**Pension Cut Off**  
"I don't think that's anybody's business," she was quoted.

VA records show \$10,000 was paid to the Wilsons on Feb. 21, 1951, about nine months after the Army reported their son was presumed "dead" in the Korean fighting.

None of the money has been repaid, but the VA has cut off a \$35 monthly pension the family had received.

Court records show the older Wilson on July 28, 1951, bought the farm lying about 35 miles north of Monroe, La., for \$9,000 cash from the Rev. Charles Moore, a Baptist minister.

**Had Refused Freedom**  
Two days later, on July 30, the family received a letter from Aaron saying he was a prisoner of war in Red China. After the trace in Korea young Wilson refused to accept freedom but recently changed his mind.

When Wilson finally reached his home last Dec. 7 he told a reporter he planned to begin farming but by then the publicity about the insurance payment had been forgotten.

But in 1952 published accounts of the VA's failure to collect a refund stirred a committee from the American Legion and the Red Cross to make an investigation.

This committee reported the Wilsons were in "no position" to return any part of the money.

## California Tops in Sugar Beet Production

San Francisco — (UP) — California again topped the 22 beet sugar producing states in 1956 with beet sugar yield of nearly one billion pounds.

The Western Beet Sugar Producers reported today that the state's 31 sugar beet counties produced 3,461,000 tons of beets with a sugar yield valued at approximately \$50 million.

Yields averaged 29.6 tons of beets an acre with a sugar content of 15.45 per cent. The year's harvest put California nearly 60 per cent ahead of second place Colorado.

## Freighters Collide in Upper New York Bay

New York — (UP) — Two freighters collided in upper New York Bay Tuesday night in an accident that foundered one and damaged the other. No injury to crew members was reported.

The collision tore a 30-foot hole portside in the African Star, knocking out the electrical system and leaving the ship helpless. She was grounded off the Statue of Liberty following the collision.

The Alcoa Pilgrim had her bow stove in but was able to continue to her dock at West New York, N. J.

# Dulles Expected To Remain on Job For Second Term

Washington — (UP) — John Foster Dulles, appearing hale and hearty despite his recent cancer operation, is planning to stay on as secretary of state for a long time.

There had been speculation that Dulles might resign soon, but he is busy checking his future activities in the No. 1 cabinet post. He tentatively plans to fly to the Far East next March to attend a meeting at Canberra, Australia, of the Southeast Asian Treaty Organization.

Dulles hasn't talked about resigning, despite his Nov. 3 operation for intestinal cancer. The best guess is that Dulles won't think about quitting until he reaches his 70th birthday on Feb. 25, 1958.

Some people believe chances are about 50-50 that Dulles will stay on for all of President Eisenhower's second term, depending, of course, on the President's wishes and his health.

Newsmen who saw Dulles Tuesday for the first time in a month marveled at his appearance of excellent health. At his first Washington news conference since Oct. 16, Dulles answered questions for more than 45 minutes.

He was relaxed and confident. His color was good and he seemed to enjoy the proceedings. He looked a little thinner, but his weight has dropped only four pounds to 186 pounds.

Dulles' wife and his office staff have been trying to get him to slow down since his operation. They have had some success, but, according to his staff, he still works "longer than a normal day."

## Higher Freight Rates Irk Lumber Shippers

Portland — (UP) — Lumber shippers took a dim view today of the Interstate Commerce commission's authorization of freight rate boosts.

Spokesmen for the lumber and plywood industries said the ruling will mean shippers will have to pay up to \$15 million more annually for transportation. The increased costs will in turn be passed on to retailers.

K. S. Batchelder, traffic manager for the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said, "It makes our marketing that much more difficult to compete against other materials, particularly in the eastern markets where short-haul materials like brick and cement are competitive."

Batchelder said the five per cent boost in freight rates will mean an added \$6 million in transportation costs from the fir region of Oregon and Washington.

Pine and plywood shipments account for the remaining \$9 million estimated added freight charges.

## Advisory Board to Meet in Eagle Point

Eagle Point — The Eagle Point vocational agriculture advisory board will meet Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the vocational agriculture building, Chairman Darrel Stanley has announced.

Three new directors, Bill Jess, Gordon Stanley, and Ronald Axte, who were appointed by the school board to assist the present four directors, plan to attend.

Dr. E. M. Hanawalt's course on "animal disease control and sanitation on the farm" will be reviewed. The first meeting of the course will be Jan. 3, at the Eagle Point vocational agriculture building, at 7:45 p.m. There will be 10 meetings in the complete course.

## Jacksonville Class Visits Library

The junior class of Jacksonville High school recently visited the Medford public library, headquarters of the Jackson county library. The trip was to learn about the use and organization of a public library system.

Miss Helen Webster, librarian, spoke to the group on the value of forming good reading habits and explained the use of library reference materials.

The 26 members of the class carried out the library assignments given them by Mrs. Clara Wendt, teacher-librarian at the high school.

Ninth grade students of Jacksonville also spent a morning at the Medford public library recently.

# 'Satchmo' Armstrong Bares Dignified British Conductor Off London Stage

London — (UP) — Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong blew the Royal Philharmonic orchestra and its angry conductor off the stage Tuesday night at a Hungarian relief concert that turned into a "shambles."

A packed audience of high-brows and jazz fans — the mink and blue jean sets — created such an uproar that Conductor Norman Del Mar gave up on any attempt to complete the classical part of the program. He stalked off.

The uproar was so great Del Mar never returned to the podium and Satchmo was unable to deliver an encore. Even London's Lord Mayor, Sir Cullum Welch, was unable to make a speech of thanks.

The trouble started when Del Mar underestimated Satchmo's

great lung power. Del Mar, protege of Sir Thomas Beecham and most dignified British conductor, handled the Philharmonic through Brahms' "Tragic Overture" and Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite" when Satchmo strode upon the stage with his magic trumpet in hand.

Del Mar gave the beat and his 80 piece orchestra started playing "St. Louis Blues." From then on, Del Mar should have stayed at home.

Satchmo appeared wearing a midnight blue set of satin tails

and his mouth was wide open. After each number the crew-cut college crowd and the rock-rollers roared their approval and soon the mink-and-tails set joined in and the joint was jumping.

"I terminated the concert because it had ceased to be a concert and had become a shambles," Del Mar said.

Satchmo was sympathetic. "The things the professor should have done was to stop the cats' shoutin' and play 'God Save The Queen' or something."

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# Hall Opposed To Campaign Restriction

Washington — (UP) — GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall today told Congress he opposes additional restrictions on personal campaign contributions.

Hall cautioned a special House Campaign Expenditures Committee that complicated new restrictions aimed at a few big contributors would strike a blow at the army of small contributors political parties are trying to muster.

Democratic National Chairman M. Butler earlier this week urged that the present \$5,000 limit on personal contributions be increased to \$10,000. But he also urged enactment of measures to make sure the limit is effective.

Hall warned the committee that "in the desire to prevent a few from contributing too much, we should not attempt restrictions or complex filing regulations which will discourage new givers and dry up contributions from hundreds of small contributors."

# PUC Approves Issue Of Natural Gas Bonds

Salem — (UP) — The State Public Utilities Commission today approved issue by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation of \$1,600,000 in 4 1/2 per cent promissory notes.

The notes will be issued and secured by a second mortgage on the Chase Manhattan bank.

Proceeds will be used to construct and improve plant facilities and repay \$200,000 of short term note obligations.

The company serves Baker, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Eugene and Springfield.

**MRS. SANTA**  
Eviston, Ida. — (UP) — A department store here features Mrs. Santa Claus this year as well as the traditional Santa. As spokesman explained there had been cases in former years of children being "scared out of their wits" by Santa's gruff voice, whiskers and costume. Mrs. Santa is expected to offset this effect.

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