

# Pastor Avenges Death Of State Policeman At Hands of Robber

Sellersburg, Ind. — (U.P.) — A Methodist pastor avenged the murder of his state trooper friend Monday afternoon by blasting a bank bandit to death in a gun duel.

The Rev. Robert W. Gingery, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in New Albany, Ind., shot and killed William Hassett, 25, Louisville, Ky., at a police blockade near here.

Hassett moments before had shot and killed state police Sgt. Marvin Walts, 47, who had stopped the bandit for questioning in the \$1,655 robbery of the Sellersburg, Ind., State Bank.

Gingery, 37, whose steady calm broke down shortly after the shooting, was given sedation and placed under a doctor's care today.

**Carried Two Guns**

The minister, said Walts, a close friend and parishioner, had stopped a car carrying a man who answered the bank bandit's description. Walts radioed headquarters with the information.

A short time later, Gingery reported over the police radio: "Marvin has been shot and I have killed the bank robber."

Walts was killed with a bullet in the head when he approached Hassett's car to question the bandit.

Hassett jumped out, grabbed Walts' service revolver and advanced toward Gingery with guns in both hands.

Gingery picked up a sawed-off shotgun, kept loaded on the front seat of the officer's squad car, and pulled the trigger. Nothing happened. The clergyman, although unfamiliar with guns, realized the safety catch must be

## Auto Theft Subject At Police School

Robert Wampler of the Oregon state police will instruct a class in auto thefts at the Oregon regional police school in Medford Wednesday afternoon.

The classes, held in the council chambers in the city hall, have been attended by 55 law enforcement officials in the county and are held in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Oregon state police, League of Oregon Cities and the bureau of municipal research and service at the University of Oregon.

The last class in the series of six will be held the following Wednesday on the officer in court to be instructed by special agents of the FBI.

## School Book Bill Approved by Senate

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon Senate Monday passed with only eight dissenting votes a measure to provide free textbooks to private and parochial schools on the same basis as public schools.

Sen. Philip Lowry of Medford explained that the ratio of teachers to students has been one of the determining factors on whether or not a school came up to standards of the State Department of Education. Free textbooks have been supplied to public schools failing to meet this standard but have been denied to private or parochial schools failing to meet the standard.

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## Registration for Plants Course Set

Registration for a course in the native plants and geology of the Siskiyou area being sponsored by the tourist committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, March 21. The class will be held in room 217 at Medford High school.

Following registration, which will be from 7:30 to 8 p.m., speakers will be introduced and the first lecture will be given by C. W. Fairbanks, Crater Lake National park naturalist. He will speak on the geology of the Klamath area.

Subsequent talks will be given by Dr. D. L. Wells, Southern Oregon college; Marcel Le Piniec, widely known botanist and authority on rock plants and a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural society since 1932; Boyd Kline, Medford. They will lecture on native plants of the Siskiyou, on how to collect and transplant native material, how to photograph native plants and the building of gardens from native material.

## Suburban Services Bill Given Support From County Courts

Salem — (U.P.) — Support for a bill to give suburban residents power to set up county service districts to provide numerous services now performed by individual service districts was given by county courts here yesterday.

Included in the new service districts would be water supply, street lighting, fire protection, park and recreation service, sanitary service and street and sidewalk service.

Supporters of the bill said it was designed to deal with problems created by a welter of special districts with overlapping boundaries now found in suburban areas.

## Jet Bomber Fails To Crack Speed Record

Patuxent River, Md. — (U.P.) — A Navy skywarrior jet bomber tried but failed to crack the Los Angeles to New York speed record Monday.

An Air Force Thunderflash streaked across the continent March 9, 1955, to set the record at 3 hours 44 minutes 53 seconds.

Cmdr. Dale W. Cox Jr., pilot of the Skywarrior, radioed ahead from Columbus, Ohio, to New York that he was giving up the attempt to crack that record. He landed at the Naval Air Station here instead, 4 hours and 7 minutes after taking off.

The Navy said insufficient tail winds thwarted the attempt.

## House Bill Concerns Wage Claim Collection

Salem — (U.P.) — Only one bill was introduced in the Oregon House today.

It was House bill 714 which would permit a legitimate holder of a wage claim to assign the claim to the labor commissioner for collection.

Sponsor of the measure was Rep. Ed Benedict, Portland Democrat.

Raymond A. Lathrop, president of the Oregon association of Counties, and a county judge of Josephine county, told the House Local Government committee that the services would be paid for by residents of the new district. He said that the county's only expense would be paying for the election in case formation of the new district failed when residents of the district voted on it.

Under House bill 531, county courts themselves also could set up the districts to provide urban services in the counties.

F. L. Phipps, The Dalles, executive secretary of the Association of Oregon Counties, said county judges and commissioners agreed fully with the principle of the bill. He pointed out that the people would vote on new district formation and that if present special districts' individual services were doing good jobs, they would probably remain in existence.

Opposition to the bill came from Bill Bade, Oregon tax research, who said it left the taxing power of the new district "wide open" with no limit on bonded indebtedness.

**Amendments Asked**

Bade said he agreed with the bill in principle but felt it would have to be severely amended. He said 25 per cent of the district freeholders should be required to sign petitions to start a new district rather than the 10 per cent of the voters required by the bill now.

Former State Rep. E. H. Mann of Medford said the bill was "vital to the people of Oregon" in helping to solve fringe area problems.

Mann said the bill would enable suburban people to solve their sewer, water and fire problems without being annexed into a city.

Some opposition to the bill was voiced on grounds it would give too much power to the county courts who would administer the service districts.

# Israel Will Fully Defend Rights For Ships, Ben-Gurion Declares

Editor's note: Premier David Ben-Gurion of Israel has granted his first interview since the Israeli Army withdrew from Gaza and the Gulf of Aqaba. In it he says Israel will defend fully its rights to the Gulf of Aqaba and that Israel will never permit a belligerent Egypt to reoccupy Gaza. Eliav Simon is dean of correspondents in Israel and has covered events there since the nation began its struggle for independence under the British mandate.

By ELIAV SIMON  
United Press Correspondent

Jerusalem, Israel — (U.P.) — Premier David Ben-Gurion said today Israel would fully defend its rights to passage through the Gulf of Aqaba and that return of Egypt to the Gaza Strip means the search for a Mid-east peace is "being almost wilfully thrown away."

Ben-Gurion, in the first interview he has granted since the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Sharm El Sheikh on the Gulf of Aqaba, also renewed Israel's demand for freedom of passage through the Suez Canal and appealed for international pressure against Egypt's "illegal blockade."

In this connection he recalled that "President Eisenhower has stated that it should not be assumed that Israeli shipping will be interfered with in the Suez Canal."

**Spirited But Tired**

The 70-year-old Prime Minister who wrote out his replies in answer to questions by the United Press seemed to be in excellent spirits despite the tenuousness of the past weeks and a government crisis threat that has not entirely disappeared. He appeared tired.

Ben-Gurion repeated his previous offers to sit down with Arab leaders and negotiate a peaceful settlement of facts of non-aggression and suggested that this could be done by the United Nations. He was firm, though, and he stated, "we are here to stay."

Following are Ben-Gurion's statements on the most important issues facing Israel today:

On freedom of passage in the Gulf of Aqaba:

"We certainly expect that Israel, like other nations, will continue to exercise its rights of passage through this international waterway and we shall, if necessary, fully defend these rights."

On freedom of passage of the Suez Canal:

"President Eisenhower has stated that it should not be assumed that Israeli shipping will be interfered with in the Suez Canal. Egypt in blocking Israel's shipping in the canal has defied a part of the Security Council's resolution of October 1956, that of September 1951 as well as the Constantinople Convention of 1888.

"International opinion, we be-

lieve, recognizes that it was a cardinal error to show indulgence to this infringement. Israel for its part will naturally exercise her rights of free passage when the canal is reopened. It is to be hoped that necessary international pressure will be applied to Egypt, should she attempt to renew her illegal blockade."

On Egypt's takeover in the Gaza Strip:

"I feel that a great opportunity for establishment of a more peaceful situation in our region is being almost wilfully thrown away."

"We proposed a continuance of the Israel administration in the suitable relationship with the United Nations. This would have

been a course most likely to secure peace along Israel's border and within the strip itself.

**Withdraw on Assumption**

"The General Assembly took a different line and we withdrew on the assumption that the Egyptians would not be allowed to return Heavy responsibility for what may develop now rests on the United Nations and on those powers in whose word we placed our trust that belligerent Egypt would not be restored to the strip with all that meant for our border settlements. What is happening is that the United Nations is associating with a Fedayeen (Arab commando) regime in the control of the strip."

**Aftershock Jolts Aleutian Islands**

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — A strong aftershock of the March 9 earthquake in the Aleutian Islands which caused a damaging Pacific tidal wave was recorded on the University of California seismograph today.

Seismologist Don Tocher said the quake had a Richter magnitude of about 7.0 when first recorded at 4:58:23 a.m. (PST). The shock continued for about two hours, he said.

The March 9 quake had a Richter magnitude of about 8. Tocher said the March 9 temblor exerted from 50 to 60 times as much energy as today's aftershock.

"This quake is part of the same series of disturbances that started on the ninth," Tocher said. "I would doubt that it would cause a tidal wave, but it is not out of the question."

## 4-H Club News

**Desert Pegasus**

The "Desert Pegasus," newly organized Saddle club of Eagle Point held their first ride Saturday, March 23, leaving the West ranch at 11 a.m., riding around the loop.

Members riding were Jim and Maria Ackerman, Dale West, Betty Ann, Don and Michael Higday, Dawn, Juanita and Charlotte Zimmerlee, Benny Sutton, Mike Blanchet, Ricky Meyers, Gale Norris, Bob Burris and Bill Morgan.

Leaders riding were Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunn and Mrs. J. West. Visitors riding were Jack Rice, Willie West, Pedro and Kay Moore, and Billie Zimmerlee. Other members who were unable to attend are Laura Mae and Norma Noble, Joan Owen, Fredrick Martin, John Minter, Ronnie Greb and Dan Olson.

## Saucy Canners

The Saucy Canners of the Talent-Phoenix area held their meeting at their leader's home. Mrs. Carter, Judy Holdridge demonstrated the making of strawberry jam from frozen berries which she had helped prepare. The hostess served refreshments using orange marmalade that we made at our last meeting.

Annette Carter, Reporter

## No Snowfall Reported In Oregon Overnight

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon drew a blank overnight as far as snow was concerned, the State Highway Department reported, and motorists were advised that chains were unnecessary on any of the state's highways.

## School of Whales

Depoe Bay, Ore. — (U.P.) — A school of whales was sighted off Depoe Bay today. The whales cavorted off the bay here for about an hour and a half and then began moving northward. No estimate of the number was given but Capt. Stan Allan of Depoe Bay called it "quite a school."

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