

Junk Man Admits Boy Electrocuted On Wire Theft Trip

Omaha, Neb. — (U.P.) — An Omaha junk dealer has confessed that his 17-year-old helper was accidentally electrocuted while the two were attempting to steal wire from state power lines, police said today.

Otto Glaser, 52, said he watched in horror as young Donald Larry Marfisi touched a live wire despite his shouted warnings.

"Don't Donnie . . . for God's sake don't cut that wire," Glaser said he shouted. But it was too late. The youth fell to the ground, a burned and mangled corpse. His hand was severed from his arm at the wrist.

Became Panicky

Glaser said he realized the boy was dead but became panicky and loaded the body into his truck. He said he drove to what he thought was a hospital entrance and dumped it, tossing the severed hand after the body. The boy's body was discovered shortly before dawn near the Douglas County hospital for the aged and chronically ill. When officers inspected the strange wounds on the youth, including severe burns on the soles of his feet and on his shoulders, and saw his severed right hand lying nearby, they suspected Marfisi had been brutally tortured.

A medical examination showed, however, that the boy had been electrocuted.

Governor Accepting Fair Resignations

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes said today he was accepting the resignations of members of the present Oregon State Fair commission and indicated he would announce his new commission soon.

Holmes said he was taking the action now to insure adequate planning for the 1957 State Fair, scheduled to start in Salem Aug. 31.

Resignations accepted by the governor were from Dr. E. B. Stewart of Roseburg, Henry Ahrens of Turner, Hollis Goodrich Jr. of Portland and Mrs. Bernard O. Schucking of Salem. The fifth commissioner was Harold Barnett, whose term expired yesterday.

The resignations were offered after the governor's announcement that he was supporting legislation to return direction of



PAUL A. HATTON
Returning to Medford

Former Domiciliary Manager Returning

Paul A. Hatton, 59, manager of the Camp White VA Domiciliary for about five years is returning to Medford to reside after about four years as manager of the Veterans Administration hospital at Hot Springs, S.D.

Hatton retired March 31 in Hot Springs after about 40 years of government service. He plans to reside permanently in Medford.

The VA selected Hatton in 1948 to be the first manager of the Camp White domiciliary, which previously had been an 1,800-bed Army hospital.

He was assigned to rehabilitate, equip, staff and open the hospital for domiciliary purposes. On Dec. 18, 1948, the first veterans were admitted. He first reported to the hospital Oct. 4.

Hatton remained in charge of the Camp White installation until June 30, 1953, when he was promoted and transferred as manager to the VA hospital at Hot Springs.

Holmes Designates Official Foot Guard

Salem — (U.P.) — Fifty per cent of Gov. Robert D. Holmes traces his beginnings back to the fighting MacQuarrie clan of Scotland, and the other half went along willingly, Tuesday as he designated the Eugene highlanders bag pipe band as his official foot guard.

The 28-member band, made up of 14 pipers, seven drummers and seven bonnie dancers, will serve as official escorts for the governor at certain functions about the state.

Gov. Holmes made the designation after a delegation of three from the highlander band called at the capitol Monday to serenade the governor and Legislature with bagpipes.

The footguard won't conflict with the duties of the 234th Army band, National Guard musical organization, which is the governor's official band. Mounted guards will continue to be the governor's official escort.

The State Fair to the State Department of Agriculture. The present separate commission was created by the 1951 Legislature.

U. S. Housing for Mexican Laborers Said Substandard

Nogales Mex. — (U.P.) — The U. S. Department of Labor Wednesday substantiated to a considerable degree charges by U. S. and Mexican labor groups that Mexicans were being forced to live in substandard housing facilities in American farm labor camps.

Facts and figures supplied by a government survey of some 3,237 migrant labor camps and housing units were read before the second session of the fourth conference of the joint United States-Mexico Trade Union committee by Frank L. Noakes, chairman of the U. S. section of the committee.

The survey was conducted between Jan. 1 and March 8 by the Farm Placement Service of the U. S. Bureau of Employment Security.

Correcting Deficiencies
Noakes said Don Larin, chief of the Farm Placement Service, reported "General employer cooperation in correcting deficiencies." The deficiencies reported by the government check-up however, reported such inadequacies as 30 camps without portable water supply, 50 with direct floor housing, 120 with no provision for hot water bathing or laundry, 1,705 without sufficient cook stoves, 516 with no provision for heating of sleeping quarters, 25 without tables or chairs, 5,345 beds without mattresses and 5,245 beds without sufficient blankets.

Pamphlet Prompts Probe
Noakes said the government survey was prompted by a recent labor sponsored publication entitled "Strangers in Our Fields," which pointed out the condition under which many of the so-called Braceros, or Mexican contract laborers were being required to live.

In Tuesday's opening session, the U. S. and Mexican labor leaders pledged to fight for higher minimum wages for agricultural workers, with particular emphasis on the pay of the Mexican field hands imported under the International Migratory Labor Agreement.

Hillsboro Driver Killed in Accident

Hillsboro, Ore. — (U.P.) — A car struck a tree about two and one-half miles east of here early today, killing Julius Baier, 44, Hillsboro.

State Policeman Bob Reilly said Baier's car failed to make a turn. The impact with the large oak tree threw the victim into a water-filled roadside ditch. The car rolled on top of him and Reilly said it was possible the victim drowned.

There were no witnesses and the accident was discovered by Reilly.

India has the fourth largest railroad system in the world with 34,119 route miles in general operation.



BOUNCING BOB—Celtics' Bob Cousy (14) leaps, turns and palms ball off to teammate Tom Heinsohn who scored a layup against the St. Louis Hawks in second game of the N. B. A. championship final playoff in Boston. Hawk Slater Martin (right) watches. Celtics won, 119-99.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Washington Senators Most Forlorn Looking of Majors

(This is the 14th in a series on the 1957 prospects of the major league clubs.)

By LEO H. PETERSEN
United Press Sports Editor
Orlando, Fla. — (U.P.) — The Washington Senators are the most forlorn looking major league club in Florida and the way they stack up now, not even an act of Congress could keep them out of the American league cellar.

No one is more conscious of the shortcomings of the club than its manager, Chuck Dressen. Last year the Senators finished seventh, 38 games behind the Yankees, but seven games in front of the Kansas City Athletics. Dressen won't say so, but he would be happy to finish seventh again.

He tabs his catching as the "strongest department we have." One of his receivers, Clint Courtney, is being sought by the White Sox. The other two are Ed Fitzgerald and Lou Berberet. Fitzgerald batted .304 last season. Courtney, an even win the No. 1 job, .261.

Wants Better Pitching
He is hoping for improvement in his pitching staff, which numbers Chuck Stobbs (15-15), Pedro Ramos (12-10), Camilo Pascual (8-16) and Ted Abernathy, who was sent down to Louisville last season after winning only one game while losing three with Washington.

"Pascual should be a lot better and I think Abernathy is really going to help," Dressen said. "And Ramos can beat the Red Sox."

Ramos beat them six times last season while losing to them only once.

Behind those four, he is banking on two rookies to come through. They are Dick Hyde, a 15-game winner with Chattanooga, and Garland Shifflett, who won 11 at Charlotte.

Then there are Bob Chekales, a Cleveland cast-off whose record was 4-4 with Washington last season; southpaw Bob Wiesler, the ex-Yankee who had a 3-12 record with the Senators in 1956; and Dean Stone, 5-7 last year. Dick Brodowski the ex-Red Sox hurler who won 11 at Louisville last year, also may stick.

Dressen has Pete Runnels on first base and he will start the season there with the weak-throwing Roy Sievers in left

Masters Golf Tournament Gets Underway Thursday

By WILLIAM TUCKER
United Press Sports Writer

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — An old southern custom — Bermuda greens — cropped up two months ahead of time today to confuse just about everybody on the eve of the 21st Masters golf tournament.

The tournament people were afraid the Bermuda would make the fine Italian rye grass, sown with a fine Italian hand, too slow.

The players were afraid they would run into unseen tufts of the stuff in the ordinary business of coming through the rye.

What has happened is this: Bermuda, the finest base grass that a southern golf course can buy, is heavily mixed in the turf of the Augusta National golf course as a firming element but it expected to keep its head low. Due to a balmy southern winter it has started sprouting and, for better or worse, the Masters this year has Bermuda.

Blue Ribbon Event
A field of at least 100 is assured for Thursday's first round. It is the blue ribbon event of golf, bringing together the champions of the last generation by special invitation of Bobby Jones. Jones founded the tournament on a course of his own design in 1934 after his retirement.

Since 1949, however, Jones has been unable to make his lone annual appearance in the

Masters due to a crippling back ailment.

But such characters as Gene Sarazen, Lawson Little, Densmore Shute, long since called Dinny, and Henry Picard, looking no days older than when he was the Candy Kid, are indestructible and always on hand for one last try. The Masters' big gesture is to invite all past major tournament champions.

The Masters also invites foreign stars, some of them slightly domesticated such as Al Balding, who walked to a 67 Tuesday. Balding is Canadian PGA champion from Islington, Ont.

Masters fans like the chances of Jimmy Demaret and Sam Snead, the only three-time winners of the event. Demaret shot an elegant 70 Tuesday, wise cracking from a golfcart en route. Snead birdied all four par holes with wonderful woods and dizzy putts, then flubbed the easy ones to end with a par.

PADRES WIN

Ontario, Calif. — (U.P.) — The San Diego Padres defeated the San Diego Marine Corps recruit depot here Tuesday by a 5-2 score, while Vancouver lost a close 10-9 decision to Portland at Glendale's Casey Stengel field.

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Oregon State 7-5 Victor

Monmouth — (U.P.) — Oregon State defeated Oregon College of Education, 7-5, here yesterday in a 13-inning baseball game. Winning pitcher Fred Paine set off the Beaver two-run rally in the top of the 13th with a sharp single to left field.

TRANSFER NEAR
Rochester, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Officials of the Rochester Royals have almost completed negotiations for the transfer of their National Basketball association franchise to Cincinnati, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle said today. The newspaper said an announcement of the team's switch to Cincinnati will be made at a press conference today by Les Harrison, owner and general manager of the Royals.

SALAS VS. CHESTNUT
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Lauro Salas, former lightweight champion now living in Los Angeles, and Ike Chestnut of New York have signed to meet in a 10-round featherweight bout at the Olympic Auditorium, April 18.

Cotton textiles comprise India's chief industry and it produces about 4.3 billion yards of cloth annually.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
By United Press
The surprising Boston Bruins and the not too surprising Montreal Canadiens were each only one victory away from the final series of the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup playoffs.

The Bruins, rated underdogs to the defending champion Detroit Red Wings at the start of their semi-final series, defeated the Wings, 2-0, Tuesday night to take a commanding 3-1 lead. The Canadiens opened up a similar lead over the Rangers by defeating them, 3-1.

The Bruins play the Wings in Detroit Thursday night, while Montreal again hosts the Rangers. Victory for Boston and Montreal that night would place the Bruins and Canadiens in the final series.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
By United Press
The Rochester Americans, who climbed out of the cellar into the American Hockey league playoffs today are within one game of the championship finals.

The newest AHL entry holds a 3-1 lead over Providence in their best-of-seven semi-final set and the Americans play at Providence tonight. If they beat the regular season champions, they will move into the final playoff round against the winner of the Hershey-Cleveland set.

In that series Tuesday night, Hershey trimmed Cleveland, 3-2, to even its playoff slate at two games each.

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