

Mother Took Lives Of Children, Self

South Bend, Ind. — A distraught mother hacked her three children to death in a homicidal frenzy and then plunged a butcher knife into her own heart, authorities said today.

The bodies were discovered by her husband, George W. Conley, when he hurried home from work Wednesday after no one answered the telephone.

Conley frantically called police and then collapsed. He was placed under a doctor's care.

Dr. Edward Shelley, St. Joseph's County coroner, said Wednesday night after a post mortem that the "deaths were triple murder and suicide."

The attractive mother, Elizabeth, 33, had been under treatment for a nervous breakdown. Her body was found lying on the blood-soaked living room floor, a butcher knife through her chest. Nearby were the sliced bodies of a daughter, Rebecca, 6, and a son, Matthew, 4.

Conley found the body of his youngest son, John, 2, in the bedroom with a knife in his chest.

All-Arabian Horse Show Is Scheduled

Salem — Mr. and Mrs. William B. Robinson and daughter, Barbara, of Medford, will be among Jackson county representatives at the 11th annual All-Arabian horse show at the state fairgrounds in Salem June 22-23. The show is sponsored by Arabian Horse Breeders association of Oregon.

Purpose of the show is to give exhibitors and breeders a chance to show their mounts.

The two-day show is expected to draw more than 200 Arabian horses which will be featured in 31 events including all phases of show horse competition.

This year's show will be judged by Charlie B. Team of Fort Worth, Tex. Admission tickets can be obtained in advance by writing Arabian Horse Show, 390 State st., Salem.

Governor's Safety Conference Opens

Portland — Leadership and teamwork will be general themes of the governor's seventh industrial safety conference today and Friday at the Multnomah hotel.

Oregon's biggest safety event of the year is sponsored by the State Industrial Accident Commission in cooperation with labor, management and civil groups.

Arizona's per acre cotton yield is often higher than in any other state.



Petitions Ask Kerby Building Be Museum

Cave Junction — Petitions from local organizations, asking that the Josephine county court purchase a historic Kerby building as a memorial for use as a county museum were presented at the final county budget meeting Wednesday by William J. McLean, of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The building was the first Josephine county courthouse back in the late 1800's when the present town of Kerby was the thriving gold center of Kerbyville.

Thornton Asks Funds To Hire Attorneys

Salem — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton today asked the Legislature for \$100,000 to engage experienced attorneys to prosecute the Multnomah county vice trials.

Thornton said Senate President Boyd Overhulse and House Speaker Pat Dooley sent copies of his letter to Gov. Robert Holmes and other legislators.

Thornton said he would ask the Oregon State Bar for a list of outstanding attorneys who could serve. He said it was his intention "to choose not less than five top-flight lawyers so that there will be vigorous and forceful prosecution of persons who have been indicted."

"Recognizing the large number of cases to be tried and the skill and experience of the attorneys for the defendants, it is obvious that our regular staff must be augmented by the addition of at least five qualified and experienced attorneys," Thornton said.

Clackamas County Judgment Sustained

Salem — The State Supreme Court Wednesday sustained a \$1,000 judgment against Dr. Werner Pundt, Clackamas county veterinarian for the death of three dogs, but reversed a further judgment for \$5,000 punitive damages.

Kenneth O'Hara, who was awarded the judgment, said the dogs were picked up by police and turned over to Dr. Pundt, who worked under contract with the county.

The doctor said one of the dogs died of disease and the other two had to be killed because of their diseased condition.

The court denied the punitive damages on grounds there was no proof the doctor killed the dogs as a result of malice or ill will even though he might have made a mistake in killing them.

At the Grange

Lake Creek Grange

Lake Creek Grange members held their May meeting with a small attendance. We hope to have more members present at the June meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burrell are away on a trip to several southern states. They are expected back before the June meeting. They are both officers in the Grange.

June is the month that we are to have strawberries and cake. Next Grange meeting is June 14, at 8:30 p.m.

Ellyn Charley, Secretary

Upper Applegate Grange

The contract for construction of the new Upper Applegate Grange hall is virtually completed, according to William Nostrand, chairman of the building committee.

Volunteers are now needed to complete various details not included in the contract, he stated, and a work day was planned for Sunday, May 19. Volunteer painters are in special demand as the painting of the kitchen is being completed and work on the exterior of the building will be resumed as soon as weather conditions permit.

All who have contributed labor toward completion of the building are asked to inform the Worthy Master of the hours they have worked in order to finish this aspect of the report for the national community service contest which Upper Applegate Grange has entered.

The suggestion that the old sit adjoining the forest camp and picnic grounds at McKee bridge be sold at auction to provide funds for equipping the new hall was referred to the executive committee.

The Home Economics committee reported the purchase of silver and dishes for the kitchen; and a gift of silverware from the family of the late Sister Nellie Mayfield was acknowledged.

Reporting for the relief committee, the chairman, Sister Kathleen Scovell, stated Brother Dave Wittingham is convalescing at home following an appendectomy.

A brief resume of the present status of the flood control program for the Rogue basin was given by the agricultural committee, and the May meeting of the Applegate Valley Garden club was announced for May 15 at Ruch school.

Legislative Chairman Anna Scott described the progress of various bills through the state legislature and urged Grangers and all others who are registered, to vote at the school election May 20, at which issues pertaining to the financing of rural schools are to be decided.

Worthy Master Menno Bachmann was named delegate to attend sessions of State Grange in Bend next month.

Conversation around the refreshment tables where strawberry shortcake and coffee were served, took the place of the lecturer's hour. Composing the serving committee for the evening were George and Mildred Redhead and Wilfred and Grace Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams will serve at the next meeting on Friday evening, May 24, it was announced.

Grace N. Pearson, Publicity Chairman

ROXY ANN GRANGE

Roxy Ann Grange met in regular session with Master Al Sims presiding. A good attendance was noted and all officers were present except Don Meadows Jr., who has moved to Klamath Falls.

Willette Sims reported on HEC stating 22 members and two guests were present at the last meeting. A dessert will be served to the BPW on May 16, and a dinner is scheduled for May 25. Members were reminded to save their rummage and bring it to the Grange to be made ready for the sale to be held at the Fehi building on June 4. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Marvin Garrett with Mrs. Carl Quackenbush as co-hostess.

The building chairman reported that the cement had been poured for the floor in the new storeroom and work would commence as soon as members could get together.

Marie Pfinster asked members to bring pictures of their mothers for the display table at the next meeting May 17. She also reminded members to save their sales slips.

Ken Shaw, dance chairman, announced the next dance to be held would be May 18 at 8:30. He reported 12 squares at the last dance.

A pledge of \$50 was made to the Timber Catalano memorial fund for needed medical equipment.

Chaplain Mae Dalton reported that the Melvin Dwyers have a new baby, Caroline Wolfe had been on the sick list and that Don Meadows was home from the hospital and feeling better.

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A program for Mothers days was put on by Lecturer Frances Moffatt. Mrs. Andrews, our oldest mother, was honored and presented a plant from the Grange.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Lightning Bolt Kills Youngster

Jonesboro, Tenn. — A lightning bolt cracked across a baseball field during a high school game Wednesday, killing a 15-year-old player and injuring five others.

Michael Watson, 15, a member of the Lamar, Tenn., high school team, died soon after he was struck. Of the five injured, one was kept at Johnson City Memorial Hospital for treatment of burns on both legs. The others were treated and released, including umpire Warren Miller, 35.

Witnesses said a "horizontal bolt" of lightning swept across the field in the top of the seventh inning. It toppled the pitcher, four infielders and the umpire to the ground like "ten pins," a spectator said.

The game, between Lamar and Boone's Creek high schools was "being rushed along" because of threatening weather when the lightning struck.

Poland Sees Cool Reception for Speech

Warsaw — Western observers expressed surprise today at the harshness of Communist Party leader Wladyslaw Gomulka's speech to the party leadership Wednesday and predicted it would get, at best, a cool reception from the Polish people.

Gomulka called on Communists to toe the party line or face expulsion and called for a Khrushchev-style decentralization of Polish industry in an indication that Poland still intends to hew largely to the Soviet line.

Gomulka spoke at the opening session of the ninth plenum or meeting of the party's central committee. The plenum today took up economic matters and was expected to study Poland's current bid for financial aid from the West.

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Siamese Twins Die On Operating Table

Los Angeles — Siamese twins Terry and Larry Powell, born three months ago with their heads joined, died Wednesday while undergoing surgery which doctors had hoped would separate them and give them normal lives.

The boy twins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powell, Hawthorne Calif., died after neurosurgeons at Childrens hospital worked nearly five hours trying for a successful separation only to find that the twins had common brain tissue.

The operations was the second for the twins. They underwent surgery previously on May 2 when part of a bone link joining their heads was removed.

Alcohol Education Leader Appointed

Salem — Cecil J. Farnes, Salem, recognized as one of the state's leading experts on alcohol education, was appointed Wednesday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes to the State Liquor Commission's alcohol education committee.

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