



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION—City and county police officers who are attending the current series of police training classes in Medford learned about accident investigation evidence at the fifth session Wednesday. Part of the class was a field problem held in the alley behind the city hall. Slim Mabery, foreground, and John P. Bowlder, holding tape in the background, both Crater Lake National park rangers, measure the length of skid marks as part of traffic investigation to compute speed. The session, which was attended by 64 southern Oregon law enforcement officers, was taught by Capt. Clyde Fichtner, Medford police department. Monday's session, held at the county courthouse auditorium, was on police and fire operations with arson evidence. It was also attended by area fire department personnel for an attendance of 75. The sixth and last in the series of classes will be held Monday at the city hall council chambers. Lt. Louis Johnson of the Oregon state police, will instruct a class on uniform crime reporting with emphasis on the manner in which the crime is committed.

—(Kenn Knackstedt photo)

Mother, Held With Children as Hostage, Recites Experiences

Editor's note: For nearly 24 hours Mrs. Elma Baldwin, a 29-year-old South Charleston, W. Va., housewife, and her three children were held as hostages by an enraged, vengeance-bent ex-convict who was willing to gamble their lives in exchange for that of his worst enemy. The following dispatch is her account of the ordeal.

By MRS. ELMA BALDWIN
As Told to UPI

South Charleston, W. Va. —(UPI)—After we got in the car last night (Wednesday) I remembered there was a hammer under the front seat. I reached down and got it and hit him (ex-convict Richard A. Payne) twice—once on the back of the head and once on the forehead.

It didn't knock him out. I don't know why. He bled considerably and he complained all day how his head hurt him.

He just told me not to try anything like that again or he would hurt one of the children.

I stayed awake all night for fear that he might wreck the car. He drove awful nervously and recklessly.

Kids Never Scared

The kids slept a little, but not much. The way he drove, they were shaken up so much they couldn't sleep.

The kids were never scared.

He actually was very nice to us. He was very considerate and, before we left the house last night (Wednesday) he told me to take two pillows and two blankets.

He was very nervous all the time and kept the car heater turned up awfully high. I kept covering the children's faces with the blankets.

He never lost his temper. If he had been insane he surely would have jumped on me for the bad time I gave him. But he was extremely nice.

He talked a lot. Mostly about how it was in prison. Every time he talked about this man Post (Burton Junior Post) he would pull out his gun.

Puts Away Gun

I told him not to do that because he might hurt one of the children. I said "I've kept my word by not causing any trouble and you ought to keep yours." He agreed not to harm us if we didn't make trouble.

He agreed to let us go free tonight (Thursday) and planned to get other hostages. We were just about out of money and gas. He said he would leave the car with me. He said if the police tried

to get him he would use the little girl (Susan, aged 5) as a shield.

When the state police car started chasing us, he let go of the steering wheel and pulled her closer to him.

I managed to grab the wheel and put on the brakes and pulled the car over to the curb.

I was screaming to the police not to shoot. Then he (Payne) said "I'll give myself up. I don't want to hurt one of them." That's when he threw the gun out the window.

But until we were safe, it was like sitting on a volcano.

Brownsboro Man Found Innocent

Oliver Hodges, Brownsboro, Wednesday was found innocent of charges of assault and battery by a district court jury.

Mary Belle Fox, according to court records, filed the complaint after a quarrel over a television set and some other items during which Hodges grabbed her about the arms and hands and pushed and shoved her.

Appling's Man To Continue Job Pending Tests

Salem — (UPI) — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said today he had no immediate change in his plans regarding the provisional appointment of Jack Thompson as director of elections.

Appling said Thompson has filled the position since March 2, subject to qualifying by competitive examination.

"He will continue until the orderly process of civil service examination determines which candidate is best qualified," Appling said.

His statement came in the Wake of Civil Service Com-

mission refusal to lower standards for the elections job at the request of Appling.

Heart of Merit System
Appling had sought less rigid experience qualifications.

"Our assumption has always been that competitive examination is the very heart of Oregon's merit system," Appling said. "We have tried to follow exactly the letter of the law in the interest of regular and orderly civil service procedure."

Appling said his proposed changes were only designed

to allow more people to compete for the job.

"Apparently some of our political opponents do not want competition," Appling said in taking a swing at state Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) who had challenged Appling's request for broader job qualifications.

TO VISIT U.S.

The Hague, The Netherlands — (UPI) — Prince Bernhard will leave The Netherlands April 11 for a 12-day visit to the United States, officials said today.

Sporting Goods Store Opens Here

Formal opening of a new Medford firm, Century Sporting Goods, Inc., is being held today and tomorrow at Eighth st. and Riverside ave., former location of Older Tire service.

E. E. McGrew, a partner in McGrew Brothers logging and mill operation, is president and F. W. Fawcett is vice president of the firm. H. A. (Mac) McCullough, manager, has been active in the retail and automotive sales field locally and is inventor

JAPANESE CHIEF DIES

Tokyo — (UPI) — Hikosaburo Hata, 68, one-time lieutenant general and chief of staff of the Japanese Kwantung Army in China, died here of cancer today.

of the Wishbone brand fishing lure.

The store will handle Pacific, Wizard and EN-VY lines of boats and Scott outboard motors. A full complement of hunting, boating, fishing and camping equipment will be offered, as well as a comprehensive service to sportsmen.

Special entertainment for the two-day formal opening includes music by John Lusk and appearances by the Borden family of entertainers.

WOOD CARVER DIES

New York — (UPI) — Maurice Grieve, 70, internationally known wood carver, died Thursday at his home here.

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girls' department
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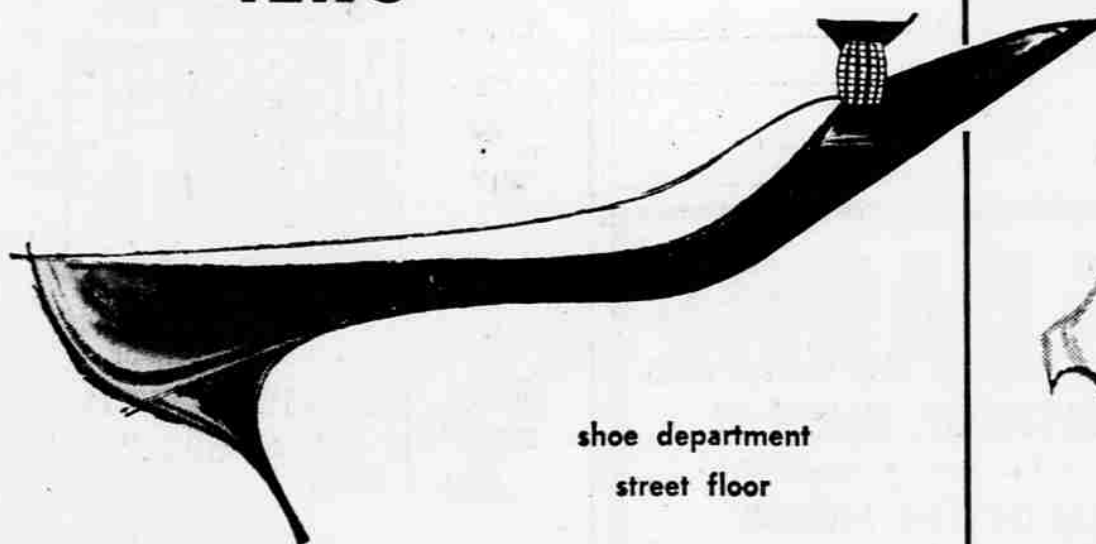
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