

Oxford Student Dies in Corkscrew-Shaped Underground Trap

Heroic Rescue Efforts Fail To Pull Youth Free

Death Follows Unconscious Period

Castleton, England—UPI—Oxford student Neil Moss, 20, died today in a corkscrew-shaped death trap 1,000 feet below the surface despite the heart-breaking attempts of hundreds of rescuers to pull him from the cave where he was trapped Sunday afternoon.

The husky build that had led Moss more than two miles through the tortuous tunnels and crevices of Devil's Hole cave proved his undoing. He was trapped in a vertical position in an 18-inch-wide limestone shaft, his broad shoulders jammed so tightly rescuers could not pull him out. Efforts redoubled.

His death was officially announced 44 hours after he first became wedged inside the Peak Cavern in the Derbyshire Hills. He became unconscious Monday and rescue efforts were redoubled but Chief Inspector William Sheffield announced today at noon: "The boy is dead."

Police and leaders of the rescue teams tried to pull the body free from the crevice but a steady rain finally forced them to call a temporary halt.

The area around the cave entrance had been turned into a morass of mud and the caves were beginning to flood.

"If we tried to get the body out, some of these people would be two miles from the cave entrance and could be risking their lives," said a police inspector. "Everyone here has risked a lot to save a life."

Two doctors, who crawled through the slimy blackness to keep vigil near the dying youth, certified his death. One of them was RAF Flight Lt. John Carter who had piped oxygen into the limestone tomb in an effort to keep him alive.

But at last, the desperate attempts to keep Moss alive failed. The stale, foul air that had balked rescue attempts finally snuffed out his life.

Moss entered the cave Sunday as part of an eight-man exploring party. He wandered off alone and became stuck in the narrow passage he was exploring.

Park Director's Salary Possible

Medford city councilmen have unofficially endorsed including a park and recreation director's salary in the 1959-60 budget. City Manager Robert A. Duff reported today.

Meanwhile, Duff said, letters have been sent to the three top applicants for the post in order to arrange interviews.

Members of the city parks and recreation commission at a meeting March 11 had agreed to ask the council to guarantee "in general terms" funds for an expanded park program including the director's salary. This guarantee is considered a prerequisite to the interviews, since the applicants would want some assurance of job security and of available funds with which to develop a program.

Duff said the commitment for including the director's salary is "unofficial." He added that nothing was promised for the program otherwise. However, it is understood that Darrell Huson, city finance officer, has submitted in his present capacity as part-time park director certain "lump sum" budget requests for parks and recreation next year.

Gearhart—E. I. Pitkin, Eugene has been elected president of the Northwest Carpenters and Freezers Association.

Macmillan Sees Next Few Months as Testing Period

Washington—UPI—British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan said today that as long as the western allies stand firm on their principles "the Free World has everything to gain from being ready to negotiate" with Russia.

Confidence Expressed
He conceded in a statement on his departure for London that "the next few months will be a testing period for the whole Free World."

But he expressed confidence that the West "shall succeed" in the "tough task."

The Prime Minister noted that he had said upon his arrival here Thursday for his conferences with President

Eisenhower that the differences between the western allies and Russia over Germany, Berlin "and so forth, ought to be settled by negotiation and not by force."

Everything To Gain
"I have no doubt that so long as we stand firmly on our principles—as we shall do—the Free World has everything to gain from being ready to negotiate," Macmillan told reporters at National Airport.

Macmillan headed for home with Eisenhower's conditional agreement to meet with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and French President Charles de Gaulle in July or August to discuss Berlin and other problems.

CONSTRUCTION WORK THREATENED BY STRIKE

Pile Drivers Launch Walkout At Portland

General Shutdown Seen by Officials

Portland—UPI—A strike was launched today by members of the Pile Drivers union which officials feared might result in a general construction tieup in Oregon and southwest Washington.

The first picket was reported here on a construction job near the west end of the Ross Island bridge. Other workers refused to cross the line and work when the picket appeared.

The strike call was issued early today but no pickets had been reported until the one showed up at the project here.

Picket Call Planned

Leo Neal, secretary of the union—which is affiliated with the Carpenters Union, said after a lengthy conference in the governor's office and a meeting of union officials here at 4 a. m. that pickets would be called out. Neal said he was leaving early today for eastern Oregon.

A strike might result in a general construction shutdown in Oregon and southwest Washington as officials of Associated General Contractors, the employer group, said earlier a strike of carpenters against any employer would be considered a "strike against all."

The meeting in Salem was called by Hatfield in an effort to head off the strike. It was attended by employers, Carpenters union officials and the Pile Drivers. Travis Cross, Hatfield's press secretary, said another meeting was scheduled in the governor's office at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Two segments of the Carpenters union announced earlier they would recommend acceptance of an employer offer: These were the Oregon Council and the southwest Washington District Council. The Portland Council of Carpenters has not announced what its recommendation would be.

'Final' Offer

Employers announced their "final" offer last week saying they had given in on several points. The Portland Council had been seeking a hiring hall agreement to which employers would not agree.

The present contract covering the Carpenters and Pile Drivers expired Jan. 1. Negotiations had continued with the Pile Drivers after contracts made what they said was their final offer on the main contract.

Workers Trapped By Gas Explosion

Oklahoma City, Okla.—UPI—An ammonia tank blew up at the Wilson & Co. meat packing plant today, trapping several workers, and spreading choking, blinding gas through the crowded stockyards.

The bodies of two victims had been removed from the wreckage. The first was that of Santos Sota Miranda, 61, Oklahoma City. The body of a second man was found in an elevator shaft.

Capt. Bert Kuhnert of the Oklahoma City Fire department said 23 persons were unaccounted for.

Ten injured, at least two of them in critical condition, were taken to hospitals within an hour after the explosion ripped open the roof above the eighth floor of the sprawling building. The tank crashing through seven floors, witnesses said, coming to rest on the first.

Three Hurt as Plane Crashes Near Baker

Baker—UPI—State Police reported that three men were injured when their Piper Comanche plane stalled and crashed at the Unity airstrip 40 miles south of Baker at 9:10 a. m. today.

Pilot of the plane was Carl Dietz of the Inland Flying service, Hillsboro. He suffered a rib cut.

His passengers, Marlin Black and Thomas Freeman, employees of the Delco Lumber Products of Portland were taken to St. Elizabeth hospital with undetermined injuries.

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Monks Join Revolt in Tibet

New Delhi, India—UPI—Fighting has broken out again in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa and 13,000 Buddhist monks have joined the revolt against the Chinese Communists, informed sources reported today.

The sources said the fighting was on a smaller scale than last week in the mountain capital but that it had spread to other important centers of Tibet.

Reports from Kalimpong, the town in northeastern India which straddles the main trade route into Tibet, said the Tibetan rebels have improved their equipment by capturing Chinese arms and are using them against

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School Consolidation

Valuation in Back Of Students Noted

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles in which general and statistical information will be presented on the proposal to consolidate six Jackson county school districts into one. Today's article deals with assessed valuation and bonded indebtedness.)

There is a significant difference in the assessed valuation back of each child in the six districts which will vote on a proposal to consolidate April 6, school officials point out.

But, they add, the difference between the districts with the highest assessed valuation per child and the average of all districts, is less significant.

The assessed valuation of the combined six districts during the 1958-59 school year totals \$43,875,450.39, or a valuation of \$4,148.59 per census child for the 10,576 children.

By individual districts, the assessed valuation and the valuation per census child, in that order, for this school year are Medford, \$35,762,706.48 and \$4,432.11; Griffin Creek, \$1,276,899.37 and \$2,110.58; Lone Pine, \$1,563,489.11 and \$3,217.06; Howard, \$2,949,505.42 and \$4,530.73; Jacksonville, \$1,398,731.35 and \$2,511.19; and Ruch, \$924,118.66 and \$4,442.88.

Should all districts approve consolidation, the total census of the new district would be 10,576, based on the census taken during the 1958-59 school year. The total includes 8,069 children in the Medford district, 605 in Griffin Creek, 486 in Lone Pine, 651 in Howard, 557 in Jacksonville, and 208 in Ruch.

Medford school officials, who cooperated with the five other districts in compiling information and statistical information on the school districts, pointed out that the census includes all children living within the district who are from 4 to 19 years old, inclusive.

Assets, Liabilities

If the new district is formed, all assets and liabilities of all the former individual districts become the responsibility of the new district, school officials pointed out.

The total net debt of the combined districts is \$2,823,940.40, which is 6.4 per cent of the total assessed valuation, according to information compiled by district officials.

The net debt of the Medford district as of June 30, 1958, was \$2,396,687.53, or 6.7 per cent of the valuation, and Lone Pine's debt of \$109,259.91 was 7 per cent of its valuation.

In the Howard district, there was a net debt of \$54,180.55, or 1.8 per cent of the district's assessed valuation. Jacksonville had a net debt of \$123,266.63, 8.8 per cent of the valuation, and Ruch had a debt of \$55,016.05, 5.95 per cent of its valuation.

Bonding Capacity

The remaining bonding capacity of the districts is, Medford, \$4,954,535.47; Griffin Creek, \$70,535.75; Lone Pine, \$81,833.20; Howard, \$306,314.56; Jacksonville, \$164,251.37; and Ruch, \$57,931.79. The total remaining bonding capacity for the combined districts would be \$5,635,402.14.

School officials pointed out that figures are based on this school year, and do not include possible increases that may develop for the 1959-60 year. They added that authorities in public finance agree that school costs will continue to rise with inflation, increased cost of supplies, equipment, and salaries, and increased enrollments.

"Costs of operating schools will continue to increase whether districts consolidate or not," they noted.

If the new district is approved, it would include an estimated 361.2 square miles. The estimated areas in square miles now served by the individual districts are, Jacksonville, 28.3; Griffin Creek, 12.2; Ruch, 28.2; Lone Pine, 12.2; Howard, 4.5; and Medford, 22.2.

Full time employees in the proposed consolidation would total 480, including 339 certificated personnel, 55 custodial and maintenance personnel, 17 bus drivers, and 60 cafeteria staff members. There would be 37 part-time employees, according to school officials.

Collie Shot, Killed In Medford Sunday

A "valuable" collie dog was shot and killed Sunday, Medford police were told yesterday by Mrs. Thomas McFadden, 225 Black Oak dr., the dog's owner.

Police said Dan Mix, 2542 Walden pl., told them he shot the dog twice with a 12-gauge shotgun. He said the dog had killed one of his sheep three weeks ago, by chasing it into a fence. The investigating patrolman said the dog apparently had been shot while about 15 feet off Mix's property.

Investigation of the case is continuing, Police Chief Charles P. Champlin said today. He added that police plan to take further action in the matter.

Salem—UPI—A memorial has been introduced in the Oregon House asking that Champgoose state park here be made a national monument.

Subpoenaed Editorial Writers, Tax Committee Conduct Friendly Session

Salem—UPI—Four subpoenaed Oregonian editorial writers met with the House Tax Committee in a friendly "forgive and forget" session for 45 minutes here Monday afternoon.

Committee Chairman Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) subpoenaed the four last Thursday night after Malcolm Bauer, associate editor of the editorial page, declined to appear as a witness.

Subjected To Scorn
Barton said that his act "may have been impetuous and ill-advised. If any feelings have been hurt, I am sorry."

He said that he himself had been subjected to editorial scorn, but that hurt feelings or political reputations were not

important compared with the duty of the Tax Committee in formulating a sound tax program for the next two years in Oregon.

Herbert Lundy, editor of the editorial page, regretted the decision to use the subpoena as possibly damaging to the good relations between the press and the Legislature, but said "we are willing to forget the subpoenas if you are."

No Major Changes
Lundy said his newspaper did not have a "tax program" as such but had definite views on certain tax matters springing from research and editorial board conferences.

He said his paper believed that taxes probably would

Painting As A Hobby



Testimony Starts In Jury Trial of Mrs. Maxine Click

Insanity and self-defense will be the main defense, it was indicated today as testimony opened in circuit court here in the trial of Mrs. Maxine A. Click, 46, of Ashland, who is charged with first degree murder.

The trend of questioning of jurors yesterday and witnesses today and the opening statement of Otto J. Frohnmayer, counsel for the defense, indicated the defense's case.

"Her brain was damaged from beatings administered by her husband and she didn't know what she was doing," Frohnmayer said in his opening statement. This was determined, he said, by examination of Mrs. Click by Dr. James C. Luce, Medford

neuro-surgeon, the attorney said.

"Dr. Luce said, to put it in plain layman's language—that she had reached the end of her rope," Frohnmayer said.

Makes Two Statements

Mrs. Click made two statements on the shooting, Frohnmayer told the jury of seven men and five women. One was that her husband was rolling and turning in bed prior to waking up when Mrs. Click shot him. The second statement was that he was sitting up in bed and said, "You better say your prayers" and then she shot him.

"The first statement was the accurate one," Frohnmayer said. "She stood there for a moment—doesn't know what happened—as her husband was waking up. She had just built a fire in the wood stove not far from the bed in the dining-bedroom," the attorney said.

A report made by an examining physician following an industrial accident in which Click was injured recommended Click be given mental therapy, Frohnmayer stated. He was Mrs. Click's second husband.

Visit Click Home

The night before the shooting, Clint Baughman, in charge of the Butler charity fund in Ashland, visited the Click home and issued a written order on the fund to buy groceries for the family. Click then accused his wife of having affairs with other men, the attorney said. A serious argument followed during which Mrs. Click was beaten and kicked, Frohnmayer said. A daughter saw the father strike her mother, he added.

Mrs. Click wanted to leave but her husband threatened to kill her if she did, Frohnmayer said. This was one of several such threats made during their married life, he added.

First Witness

B. L. Collingsworth, state policeman, was the first witness and was followed by Sgt. Roy Hanson and Chief Herbert Hayes, both of the Ashland police department. All three had investigated the shooting.

Considerable time was spent on identifying diagrams of the room where the shooting occurred and such evidence as a wash cloth and piece of cloth found on the Click's head as he lay in bed, a piece of the sheet, and a pillowcase. All of these were bloodstained.

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder's examination of witnesses followed the line of argument indicated in his opening statement. He said then he would prove Mrs. Click deliberately shot her husband and then waited for him to die before calling the police on the date of the shooting, Jan. 6, in the home at 720 Indiana st., Ashland.

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