

The history of the oldest Protestant church west of the Rocky Mountains is told in a feature article appearing on page 12 of today's Mail Tribune. The article is about the Methodist church in Jacksonville where services are now being held weekly under the auspices of The Village Church.



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Four Automobiles Reported Stolen From Lots in City

Occupants Sought By Local Authorities

Jackson county law enforcement officers Saturday night had crowded two stolen cars off the road and were chasing the occupants on foot while other officers were searching for one other stolen car.

City police said a 1957 Chevrolet station wagon was stolen from Courtesy Chevrolet, 227 East Ninth st., earlier last night. However, this car did not have any gas in it. The thieves apparently parked it in front of the J. Allen Company, used car dealer at Court and Manzanita sts., then burglarized the company office, stealing car keys for 3 cars—a 1957 Chevrolet Nomad station wagon, a 1958 Impala Chevrolet and a 1957 Ford Fairlane 500.

City police said they spotted the parked car in front of the used car company with the keys in it. Further investigation revealed it had been stolen and the used car company had been burglarized and the three cars taken. Still missing Saturday night was the Impala.

Manrubia Held For Using Vehicle

Jose Manrubia-Martinez, 27, who had lived at 722 West Fourth st., Medford, is being held in the Jackson county jail on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, state police said last night.

When arrested by state police early Saturday morning, Manrubia claimed to be Jose Fernandez Francisco, an illegal entrant from Mexico. Until arrested, the man first said, he had been subsisting on such things as apples and dandelions and living in various barns and shacks in the Medford area.

Manrubia is charged with using equipment belonging to Southern Oregon Molding Company, Camp White, without permission, police said. Investigation by state police revealed that the man had been living in Medford, is in this country legally—according to a passport Manrubia produced, and is married, although his wife does not live with him.

Until he was observed, Manrubia said, he had been "practicing" driving the lumber yard equipment at night so he could obtain employment as a driver of such equipment. However, a check by state police revealed that Manrubia is employed by the Medford Plywood and Veneer company in the Camp White area.

Reason for the first account apparently was that Manrubia was afraid he would be accused of stealing the equipment, officers guessed.

Nicaragua Invasion Reported Imminent

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic—The Dominican military intelligence service said yesterday that former President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica was massing men and weapons for an invasion of Nicaragua.

An official communique said that 35 Cuban "barbudos" (bearded followers of Fidel Castro) landed on the Costa Rican coast near the Nicaraguan frontier March 19 from the Panamanian ship White Shadow. It said arms for 500 men also were put ashore.

1958 Traffic Tally In County Reported

Salem—A total of 23 deaths and 756 injuries resulted from traffic accidents in Jackson county last year, the traffic safety division of the state department of motor vehicles has announced.

There were 2,060 accidents in the county, with 38,923 motor vehicles registered and a population of 68,660.

Statewide there were 448 killed in traffic accidents. Those injured in the 59,259 accidents totaled 18,055.



EMBRACE—Mrs. Maxine A. Click, 46, of Ashland, (left) is embraced by an unidentified member of the trial audience in Circuit Court Judge Edward C. Kelly's courtroom. Looking on are Otto J. Frohnmayer, extreme left, and another member of the audience. A circuit court jury unanimously returned a verdict of innocent Friday night.

Mrs. Click Found Not Guilty; Jury's Verdict Is Unanimous

Mrs. Maxine A. Click, 46, of Ashland, was declared innocent of murder by unanimous verdict of a Jackson county circuit court jury Friday night following 2 1/4 hours of deliberation.

Tears flooded her eyes as the little woman stood up to receive the embraces and blessings of friends and spectators.

The verdict was returned at 6:20 p.m. The Jackson county sheriff's office reported Saturday they had received numerous calls from people offering groceries and other aid to the mother and her nine children.

Mrs. Click is now staying with Mrs. Mildred Noy, 126 Bush st., Ashland, who has been taking care of six of the Click children since the shooting on Jan. 6. An older boy is married and living in Missouri and two teen-age boys are staying with grandparents in Missouri.

Mrs. Click will probably stay with Mrs. Noy until the Jackson county welfare commission reviews her case and decides what aid can be given her, a friend of the family said. Ashland people have donated money to give Mrs. Click needed dental work. Others have donated furniture and are looking for a house for the now fatherless family.

In his closing argument Friday afternoon, District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder termed the trial "tragic, hard

and sad," but asked the jury of five women and seven men to "come to grips with the facts."

He declared that the defense "tells us that he (Houston Click) was killed because he deserved to be killed and if he was not that kind of man, then his killer was insane."

Referring to the testimony of Dr. James Luce, neurosurgeon, who said Mrs. Click had a mental disease, psychomotor epilepsy, Reeder recalled that the physician saw her over two months after she had killed her husband.

Reeder stated that brain damage is not uncommon, adding that Luce's was "the nicest, neatest theory to explain a killing that I have ever heard."

If she did not know what she was doing and was in an epileptic seizure, he asked, "how could she have picked (to shoot) a husband who abused her?"

Reeder showed a picture of the stove, lights from the fire of which allegedly set off the seizure, and declared that there was little chance it would have the frequency of light Dr. Luce had testified was necessary to trigger an attack.

After reading from a statement of Mrs. Click's describing the actual shooting, he repeated that Dr. Luce had a "nicely built theory to ex-

plain the killing."

He repeated what Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell said earlier, that references to Click's character were not relevant to Mrs. Click's guilt.

"In Lawful Manner" Her problems "could have been dealt with in a lawful manner," Reeder declared. He discounted testimony about Mrs. Click's having been beaten by her husband, since only one witness saw such indications.

"How likely is it that a woman who had been beaten three or four times a week for 20 years never told anyone about it?" he asked.

Closing the hour-long argument, he said to the jury, "You have got to decide in that room whether in Jackson county a man who does not measure up . . . a man like Houston Click . . . deserves to be put to death in his sleep."

The seven possible verdicts in the case were explained by Judge Edward Kelly in his lengthy instructions to the jury. They were: guilty of first degree murder or guilty of first degree murder with recommendation of life imprisonment, both requiring a unanimous verdict; guilty of second degree murder, 10 members or more; guilty of manslaughter or involuntary manslaughter, 10 or more; not guilty, not less than 10; and not guilty by reason of insanity, not less than 10.

New Clues Lead Search for Hunt To Eugene Area

Truck Believed Stolen Is Found Abandoned

Eugene—UP—A pickup truck believed stolen by an armed fugitive Friday at nearby Junction City was found abandoned yesterday afternoon in front of an apartment building in downtown Eugene, touching off a search in the city last night.

The search for Richard A. Hunt, 26, began Tuesday when the gunman shot and wounded the police chief of the community of Brownsville near here and briefly abducted the police chief of Harrisburg who stopped Hunt for questioning about the car he was driving. Hunt is an ex-Montana state prison inmate wanted in several states by local authorities and the FBI.

Loaded Rifle Found State police said a loaded M-1 rifle was found on the seat of the truck. Officers said Hunt had been armed with an M-1 but was also believed to have at least one revolver and ammunition with him.

Earlier yesterday the search for the man centered in the western Oregon counties of Benton and Linn where searchers were aided by three bloodhounds and two helicopters. Two earlier leads proved futile.

Bloodhounds were taken to the Van Buren street bridge over the Willamette river at the east end of Corvallis in Benton county after a member of a posse, Dick Eisenbrandt, reported seeing a man answering Hunt's description in the area. The hounds worked the bridge area and the east section of Corvallis with no success.

Early yesterday afternoon the dogs were taken to a ranch near Peoria near a ranch where Hunt had been employed, and authorities said the bloodhounds picked up what appeared to be a "fresh scent" along the river. The dogs led searchers about two and a half miles along the river and then to a county road north of Harrisburg, near Eugene, where the scent ended.

More Timber Receipts Anticipated This Year

Jackson county will receive an estimated \$421,784 for the fiscal year 1959-60 from the Rogue National Forest timber receipts, Supervisor Carroll Brown reported to the county court Friday. Receipts for the previous year were \$314,874, he said. This, he said, is due mainly to more timber sold, 177 million board feet during the current calendar year compared to 107 million board feet during the 1957 calendar year.

Bids on Rogue Valley Manor to be Called

A call for bids for construction of Rogue Valley Manor will be issued April 6, it was announced last week.

The decision to proceed was made at a meeting of the building committee of the non-profit organization erecting the \$5 1/2 million retirement home. The site, on top of Barneburg hill in southeast Medford, has already been leveled.

Plans and specifications, prepared by Seattle Architect John W. Maloney, AIA, are complete, and were inspected at the committee's meeting Thursday.

M. N. Hogan, president of the manor organization, pointed out that trustees decided long ago to have plans complete to the last detail before construction bids were called.

Hogan said: "It is rather difficult for those not closely associated with the planning of a \$5 1/2 million building project such as Rogue Valley Manor to understand why it takes so long to reach the beginning of construction. However a casual examination of just one blueprint, with all its details and specifications spelled out, and one gets some idea where the time goes. There are 91 such prints, sized 2 1/2 by 5 feet, and in addition a book of specifications as large as a New York City telephone directory."

"The trustees took the position at the very beginning of this project that they would not spend any member's

money for architectural plans unless or until one-half of the Manor apartments were sold. This point was reached last July, at which time Mr. Maloney was instructed to go ahead . . . It is obvious that this cautious approach delayed the date by about nine months when bids could be

called. Now, as far as is foreseeable, there appears to be no reason for further delay."

Walter Higgins, executive director for the manor, reported that more than 2,000 inquiries have been received in the last several weeks, and that they are now being received at the rate of more

than 300 each day, as the result of information in current issues of two church publications.

He said that life-occupancy rights in the big apartment-type manor will apparently all be sold long before construction is completed.



MANOR CONSTRUCTION TO START—Bids for construction of Rogue Valley Manor will be called April 6. Shown here inspecting the detailed plans for Architect John W. Maloney, Seattle, are, left to right, Walter Higgins, executive director of the manor; the Rt. Rev. James F. Carman, Portland, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, a member of the board of trustees; Maloney; M. N. Hogan, president of the manor organization; the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Marks Episcopal church, Medford, and George Flanagan, Medford lumber executive, other members of the trustees' building committee. —(Kenn Knackstedt photo.)

REDS REPORT VICTORY OVER TIBETAN REBELS



HELPING HAND — Children swarmed across the Hawthorne park greensward yesterday morning in the quest for some 10,000 candy Easter eggs. Adults, anxious to assist the toddlers or perhaps just unable to resist, joined in the search. The hunt was sponsored by the Medford Kiwanis club.

Other Dispatches Claim Tribesmen Still Fighting Back

Chinese Communists Establish Puppet Rule

New Delhi, India—UP—Communist China said yesterday it has "completely smashed" the freedom revolt in Tibet and has installed a puppet government under the pro-Communist Panchen Lama. But rebel tribesmen were reported still fighting on.

A communique and statements by the Peiping government indicated a blood purge was in the making in the remote Himalayan country seized by the Reds in 1950. The broadcast statements indirectly confirmed that the Dalai Lama, god-king of the nation, had escaped Communist wrath in the capital of Lhasa and was safe with rebel forces in the countryside.

The Reds claimed prisoners in the thousands in crushing this "Hungary in the Himalayas" and vowed that those who persist in fighting "will be punished strictly." They promised leniency to any deserters from the rebel cause. Martial law was imposed in all but the apparently loyal province of Houtsang (Tseng).

An "order of the state council" signed by Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai in Peiping toppled the old government headed by the 25-year-old Dalai Lama and replaced it with a new "preparatory committee" headed by the rival Panchen Lama, 22, who was chosen as spiritual leader by Chinese Buddhists over Tibetan protests in 1949 and asserted authority under Red Chinese control.

Dispatches from the independent border state of Sikkim and reports from traders reaching the Indian frontier said fighting still was going on in outlying areas. The rebels, led by tough Khamba tribesmen who have been in arms for three years, were said to hold as much as a quarter of the 475,000-square mile country.

Apparently, the rebels were well-armed. The Chinese boasted that their forces between March 19, and March 23 had taken 4,000 prisoners in Lhasa as well as "8,000 small arms of different kinds, 81 light and heavy machine guns, 27 81-millimeter caliber mortars, 6 mountain guns and 10 million bullets."

The communique broadcast by the new China news agency specified that the revolt was "completely smashed" in Lhasa, apparently with heavy casualties since it was there that the 4,000 Tibetans allegedly surrendered.

The Reds claimed control of numerous cities west of Lhasa. They specified that they held Gyantse, a trading center which the rebels were said to have seized after the heavy fighting in Lhasa last week.

The Communists charged that the "Chiang Kai-shek clique" air-dropped arms to the rebels and that the freedom fighters had set up a "commanding center" in the Indian border town of Kalimpong.

The rebels, in a handbill carried over the border to India, boasted that in their hit-and-run attacks on the Chinese last August and September they killed 2,250 soldiers including "two lady officers."

Thorpe Is Reported Doing 'Quite Well'

Medford Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe was reported doing "quite well" at Sacred Heart hospital last night, but one hospital attendant said he would remain there "for at least a week." His physician said a definite report on his ailment could be expected tomorrow. Thorpe was taken to the hospital by ambulance Friday morning, and has been under observation "since that time. He was placed in an oxygen tent at the hospital, attendants reported.

Commission May Reduce Payments To State's Needy

Portland—UP—The state welfare commission indicated yesterday it would cut payments for old age assistance, aid to dependent children, the blind and the disabled as well as general assistance in order to stay within available funds.

The decision came Friday at the regular meeting of the commission here.

The Joint Ways and Means committee of the State Legislature has approved an appropriation of \$1,200,000 for the remaining three months of the present biennium. The commission has asked for \$1,900,000.

The approved cuts would include at least a 5 per cent reduction beginning May 1 for old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to disabled and aid to the blind.

A series of cutbacks beginning April 1 was approved by the commission.

Senator Criticizes Opposition to Park

Portland—UP—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said yesterday he planned to go ahead with plans for a national park on the Oregon coast despite opposition in the Florence area.

Neuberger, home for the Easter recess, said: "It would be tragic if we allowed a few short-sighted commercial interests to block this opportunity to establish a park on our coast that would be a highly valuable tourist attraction and of great benefit to all the state."

The Oregon lawmaker added: "The opposition is from a highly vocal minority that wants to exploit the area for commercial purposes."

There never has been a national park established which did not meet with strenuous opposition from local interests, Neuberger added. He said he had asked Neal Butterfield, director of the national park service in Portland, to go to Florence to explain the advantages of the type of park planned.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy this morning becoming partly sunny this afternoon. Increasing and thickening cloudiness tonight. Rain beginning late tonight. Partial clearing with a few showers Monday afternoon. High today 58. Low tonight 49. High Monday 55.

Highest Saturday 57. Lowest Saturday 40. To 11 p.m. Saturday 46. PRECIP. .06

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:33 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:59 a.m. The Moon rises 12:31 a.m. tomorrow and rises low. El Nath is the second magnitude star now seen a few degrees to the right of the planet, Mars. Bluish white in color, this star is about 300 light years from the Earth.

The White Man's Burden



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