

# Heroic Girl Pulls Boy Friend From Shark; Rescue Try Futile

San Francisco—UPI—A "huge grey shape" swirled through the water near the Golden Gate Bridge Thursday and killed an 18-year-old college student swimming just 40 yards offshore.

Albert Cogler, a student at San Francisco State college, was pulled from the water barely alive by a daring girl who ignored his screams of warning.

But Cogler, one arm hanging only by a tendon and his back and chest slashed to ribbons, died three hours later despite emergency surgery.

Local authorities were sure the killer was a great white shark, very rare in the chilly bay area waters.

The girl, who swam ashore

and then returned to help Cogler, was Shirley O'Neill, also 18 and a student at the same college.

**Describes Attack**

Army M.Sgt. Leo Day, who witnessed the rescue said, "It was the greatest exhibition of courage I have ever seen, or am likely to see in my whole life."

Before being placed under sedatives Shirley sobbed out her story of the sudden attack.

She said she and Cogler were swimming at Bakers Beach, about two miles west of the Golden Gate Bridge "when a huge grey shape swirled out of the water."

"I heard Albert scream, 'Go back, go back, it's a shark!'"

Then blood gushed in the water.

As she headed for shore, Miss O'Neill said she saw the shark's tail whip across the surface of the water several times as it repeatedly struck the screaming youth.

**Brings Him Back**

The attractive student said she had just about reached shore when she heard Cogler cry, "Help me!"

She ran from the water to Joe Intersomine, a fireman fishing nearby. He tied a fishing line about her waist and surf.

In a hesitant voice she said that upon reaching Cogler, "one arm seemed to be hanging by a thread."

"I grabbed him around his back, but it was all bloody and I could see his insides," she said. "He kept screaming and yelling so I finally told him to lie on his back and relax."

"He did that, though the pain must have been awful, and if he hadn't I would have never been able to get him back," she said.

**Surgey Fails**

Meanwhile other spectators had called police. Patrolman Harry Paretchen, first on the scene, realized no ambulance could travel on the sandy beach.

"I saw a Coast Guard boat off the beach," he said. "I fired three shots, then waved my arms for them to send a helicopter or a truck."

A short time later, a Coast Guard weapons carrier rolled onto the beach. Cogler was placed on the bed of the truck and rushed to nearby Letterman Army hospital.

Doctors performed emergency surgery, but the shock and the loss of blood were too much for the youth, who died shortly after the operation.

# Rezoning 10-Acre Tract Denied by Medford Council

E. W. Brown's request for a change from single family to limited commercial zoning for a 10-acre tract on Crater Lake ave. was denied by the Medford city council following a public hearing last night.

Councilman Stan Stark, Ward IV, cast the lone vote favoring the change, while five other councilmen opposed it.

The council unanimously approved, following other public hearings, construction of a sanitary sewer for a section of Springbrook rd., the rezoning of two lots in a residential area from commercial to single and two family, annexation of an 18-acre tract on the east side and an alley vacation behind Pulver's motel on North Riverside ave.

**Request Denied**

Brown's request was denied previously by the city planning commission. A preliminary land use study prepared by Ned Langford, planning technician, indicates Brown's tract is best suited for multiple family uses such as apartments.

Cliff Ouellette, Brown's attorney, described the tract as lying west of Crater Lake ave. between Stevens st. and Saling ave., and thus east of the new Medford Shopping Center. He said it was a residential island, with commercial zoning to the west and east. He added that apartment units were considered unfeasible, and that economic necessity prompted the desire for commercial development.

Ouellette submitted signatures of adjacent neighboring property owners approving the zone change, as well as letters recommending the change from three Medford realtors.

**No Opposition**

No one in the audience spoke against the change. But Langford said that according to the land use study Brown's tract possesses "all the favorable characteristics for multiple family development."

He said further commercial development would lead to congestion on Crater Lake ave. and to a correspondingly higher accident rate.

Langford added that across Crater Lake ave. there are eight acres of vacant property zoned for commercial use. He said it was "difficult to see the need for further commercial zoning in this area."

The council's decision, considering the lack of public opposition to the change, in effect both affirmed the planners' action and endorsed the land use study as an instrument of planning policy.

The sanitary sewer approved for Springbrook rd. would run from a point 600 feet south of West Roberts rd. to a point 800 feet north of Buckshot Hill rd. The council also called for bids on this project. Estimated costs are \$2.50 per front foot and \$40 for connections.

**Lots Rezoned**

The two lots rezoned to single and two family residential are on Bryant st. The annexed tract, part of the Crestbrook orchard area, is southeast of the intersection of Country Club dr. and Murphy rd.

The vacated alley runs north from Manzanita st. and dead-ends behind Pulver's motel.

The council approved a quit claim deed removing certain building restrictions in the area of the amended plat of the Euclid Park addition, west of Valley View dr. between East Main st. and Hillcrest rd.

A call for bids on construction of curbs and gutters for the extension of Eighth st. between Bear creek and East Main st. was also approved.

The first university in Scotland, St. Andrews, was founded in 1411.

# Base Seeks Blank Shells for Salute

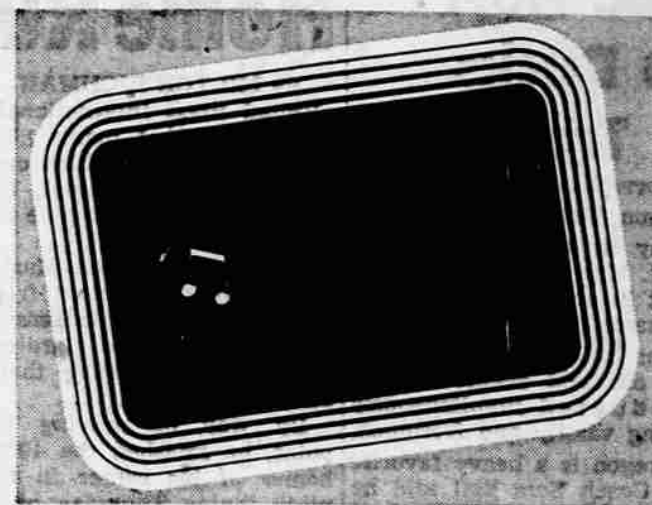
Dallas, Tex. — (UPI) — There's plenty to shoot with, but nothing to salute with.

That's the problem of Lt. Col. James H. Hickerson, USAF, officer in charge of the military reception planned for Belgium's King Baudouin at Dallas Love Field on Armed Forces Day May 16.

Hickerson has put out an urgent call for 21 blank cannon shells. He said military units have plenty of guns for a royal 21-gun salute — but nothing but lethal ammunition.

Before the rate change Aug. 1, the three-cent stamp was by far the postal department's best seller.

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# Group Discusses Consolidation of Talent-Pohenix

Talent — Consolidation of the Talent and Phoenix school districts will provide Talent with a larger high school which will be able to offer a broader course of study, according to discussion at a meeting of persons interested in such a consolidation at Talent this week.

Mrs. Ray Burnette of Talent said consolidating with Phoenix also will offer a farm course not offered in Medford or Ashland.

The Jackson County School District Reorganization committee has recommended that the Talent and Wagner creek area of the Phoenix district be joined with Ashland and Pinehurst into one administrative unit. It recommended that Phoenix consolidate with Medford.

**Held in Abeyance**

The recommendation, however, is being held in abeyance until after an election in both the Talent and Phoenix districts May 20 regarding consolidation of the two districts.

The reorganization committee called the election after school patrons in both districts requested the action.

Mrs. Burnette said a "Talent-Phoenix combination would be better able to support their schools than either Ashland or Central Point."

She pointed out that "Phoenix and Talent both have a low bonded indebtedness with no immediate building needs if they consolidate. The bonds of the Talent primary building will be retired next year leaving only the new high

school indebtedness against the district."

**'Loaded Law'**

Mrs. Burnette said "Because the reorganization law is a loaded law, it is virtually impossible for Talent to stay as they are. The reorganization board has been given the power by this law to hold election after election until any opposition to their wishes is worn out and their suggestions for reorganization are voted in."

"The idea, which Dr. (James) Conant has expounded, is a red hot issue and the reorganization board is not going to be happy until his recommendations are filled. The Talent school board has investigated the possibility of staying as the school district is now, and members contacted feel it is impossible."

"By consolidating with Phoenix, in a few years, five to seven, the school so formed will be able to graduate a class of 100, which is the ideal put forward by the Conant survey," she added.

Mrs. Sam James was elected chairman of a voluntary consolidation with Phoenix committee. Mrs. Bill Bagley was elected secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Burnette said anyone interested in more information "on voluntary consolidation as opposed to compulsory reorganization" may call Lynn Newbury, Gilbert Hill, Bill Gleim, Jack Spangler, Mr. or Mrs. Bill Bagley, Mr. or Mrs. Sam Jones, Mrs. Dean Dorman, Mrs. Neil Stockbrand, V. L. Goodrich or Mrs. Richard D. Kane in Talent.

# Traffic Accident Saves Life of Man

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Police said today a traffic accident may have saved the life of a 44-year-old man.

Samuel Feldman appeared to be intoxicated late Wednesday night when he was involved in a minor collision, so police gave him a sobriety test. He passed it and a doctor was called.

The doctor said tests showed Feldman was suffering from a diabetic attack which might have proved fatal if he had not received treatment in time.

Feldman said he had no idea he had diabetes.

**SULTAN DIES**

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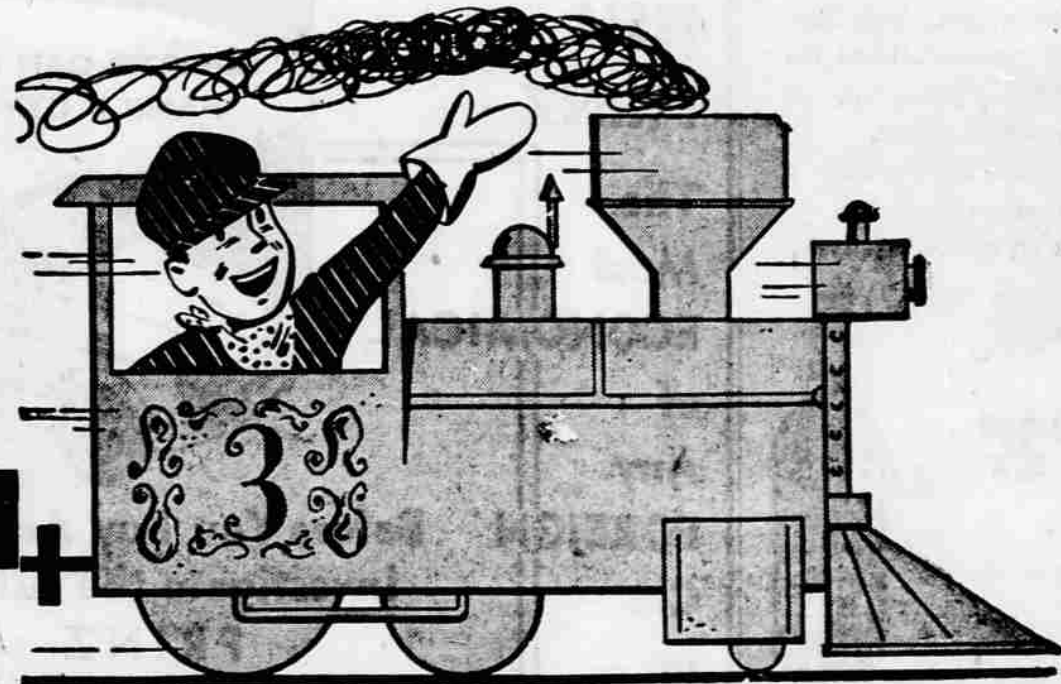
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