

'Old Reb' Rallies in Pneumonia Battle; Last Vet of Civil War Asks for Boots

Houston, Tex. —(UPI)— "Old Reb" Walter Williams, 116, the last living veteran of the Civil War, rallied yesterday in his fight against pneumonia and ordered his daughter to put his boots on.

"He has been wanting me to put his boots on for some time now," his daughter, Mrs. Willie May Bowles, said. She gently refused for fear the boots will scar his feet, the skin of which looks tissue-thin and fragile.

Williams, who was 116 last November, caught pneumonia two weeks ago. It looked as if he had beaten it, but he suffered a relapse Friday and he was put under an oxygen tent in his room in Mrs. Bowles' home.

Dr. Russell Wolfe, who is treating him, said after an examination that he had rallied. His chest had cleared up "a little" and his temperature was down from 101 degrees to 99.2.

Still, Dr. Wolfe said, his condition is "serious," but not critical, and he will have to stay under the oxygen tent.

Among Oldest Humans
Williams, in addition to being the last of four million men who fought in the Civil War, is certainly one of the oldest human beings on earth.

He is toothless, blind, almost deaf and has been confined to his bed in Mrs. Bowles' home for three years.

Mrs. Bowles feeds him a little soft scrambled egg for breakfast and strained baby food for his other meals. He mumbles rather than

Trials Set for July in Court

Trial of Ira Herschel Imhausen, Griffin Creek rd., on two charges was set for July 9 and July 16 in district court Thursday.

He pleaded innocent to both charges before District Court Judge E. Roy Bashaw. Imhausen is to appear July 9 on charges of failure to stop at scene of an accident and on July 16 for failure to forward a certificate of title to the department of motor vehicles for transfer.

The case of Howard Hoyt Marshall, 18, of Rogue River, was continued to June 30 for sentencing on charges of petty larceny.

Marshall pleaded guilty in district court to charges of taking a flashlight and hunting knife on June 16 from the Magnolia Lumber company, Ashland.

Carcass of Bear That Hurt Youth Found at Glacier

Glacier National Park, Mont.—(UPI)—The carcass of a 200-pound female grizzly bear that cuffed a college student—Glacier Park employee almost to death has been found on Mount Altyn.

The injured student was Joseph L. Williams, 20, of Hardy Cedars, N. J. He was reported in serious condition by attendants at the Cardston, Alta., Canada, hospital.

The bear was felled by a bullet in its spine and shoulder late Thursday after it attacked Williams.

Rushed to Hospital
The youth was rushed to the Canadian hospital, 40 miles from here, after he encountered the bear while he and Robert M. Winter, about 17, were on an after-dinner hike. Winter is from Grosse Pointe City, Mich. He is a porter at a motel.

The two had climbed about 1,000 feet up 7,900-foot Mt. Altyn which towers above the picturesque Swiftcurrent valley.

Winter said he turned on the trail to see Williams sitting on the footpath—the bear circling him. Winter attempted to distract the animal, by hrowing pieces of shale in its direction. But park rangers said later the action may have only irritated the rare species of bear, which inflicted lacerations on Williams' head, face and leg with its huge paws.

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Pat Blair, spokesman for the Cascade Employers association, said the firms and union officials have agreed on a contract. But still unsettled are two matters, lawsuits filed by the firms against the Teamsters and picketing by the Operating Engineers union.

Unless an agreement is reached with the building trades unions, the engineers—also picketing plants—could keep them closed to union labor, Blair said.

He said the new contract with the Teamsters called for a wage increase of 25 cents per hour retroactive to Jan. 1, 1959. Also included is a 15-cent-an-hour hike next year.

The Teamsters had asked for 25 cents an hour each year for three years and the companies had offered 15 cents

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