

Parachute Jump Publicity Stunt Nearly Tragic

Hood River—UPI—A parachute jump publicity stunt for the Oakdale Fourth of July celebration next month nearly ended in tragedy here Friday night.

Louis Avila, former paratrooper and veteran of two wars, missed his jump target and landed in Hood River canyon. Another jumper, Bill Hala, an Army paratrooper, also missed but landed safely in a pear tree.

Avila was pulled dazed, knocked and suffering from possible internal injuries, from the swift waters of Hood river by a deputy sheriff.

He was taken to Hood River Memorial hospital for treatment.

Carried by Wind

A wind carried his bright, red-striped chute from the target, a hay field, into the canyon. He struck the water and became entangled in his chute lines and harness. The current finally ripped the harness off and he was swept downstream.

Avila jumped during several battles of World War II and at the Inchon Invasion in the Korean war. He said he never before had trouble in jumping. It was his first parachute jump in 10 years.



SWEEPING INTO MIAMI, tornado causes extensive damage in residential areas, injuries to more than 100. Wreckage of drive-in restaurant is framed in window.

Attorney Questions Suicide Verdict in 'Superman's' Death

Hollywood—UPI—Famed defense attorney Jerry Giesler says he is not satisfied with the suicide ruling in the death of TV Superman George Reeves because the case has too many "phony angles."

Giesler, in a copyright interview with the Beverly Hills (Calif.) Citizen, said "if there are any other peculiar angles that develop I may call in my one-man FBI to go into the matter completely."

Giesler said, "You have to

look for a motive in this kind of a situation."

Death Ruled Suicide

The handsome actor was found shot to death in his home June 16. Police, and two autopsies by the coroner's office, determined that Reeves' death was suicide.

The latest autopsy, conducted last Tuesday when Chief of Police William H. Parker reopened the case, was made by County Coroner Theodore Ourphey who said he was convinced Reeves took his own life.

Parker disclosed Thursday that two bullet holes were discovered imbedded in the wall at the actor's home. He said one of the bullets was fired from the luger, which Reeves used to take his life, by the actor's fiancée, Lenore Lemmons, "several days" earlier. May Question Socialists

Parker said he expected an attempt would be made to question the New York socialist for more details about the incident.

Miss Lemmon, in New York, said she was examining Reeves' luger in his bedroom when it discharged.

Giesler said he was "very interested" when detectives failed to find fingerprints on the pistol. Parker said the luger was covered with oil and that was the reason no fingerprints were found.

The attorney said Parker's explanation "sounded very strange."

At that point Giesler said he would call in a special investigator if any more peculiar angles developed.

Giesler was hired by Reeves' mother, Mrs. Helen Lescher Bessolo, because she said she could not believe her son committed suicide. She and the attorney conferred for two hours Thursday morning and again Friday afternoon.

In Good Spirits
Mrs. Bessolo said her late son had appeared in good spirits when she heard from him before his death and that she did not think he was capable of taking his own life.

Reeves' mother, confined to a wheelchair, said she expected to go ahead with plans to contest her son's will. The will left his \$50,000 estate to a long-time friend, Mrs. Toni

DAs Due Greater Share in Juvenile Court Proceeding

Salem—UPI—Oregon's district attorneys will have a greater share in juvenile court proceedings as a result of the new juvenile code which goes into effect Jan. 1, 1960, district attorneys from 30 counties were told here Friday.

Under the new code, juveniles under 16 must be brought to juvenile court. Those between 16 and 18 must also be brought to juvenile court first before they may be remanded to adult courts—no matter how serious their crime.

Before, DAs could take a teen-ager charged with a heinous crime before the grand jury and seek indictment.

Provisions Welcomed

Circuit Judge Virgil Langtry, Multnomah county, welcomed provisions in the code that give juvenile courts authority to handle traffic cases and revoke driver's licenses. He said a large majority of teen-agers' difficulties stemmed from "their consuming desire to drive automobiles." He said losing a license would be a lot better lesson than being placed on probation.

Service Group Would Be Observer

Memphis, Tenn.—UPI—Sertoma International, meeting here, adopted a resolution Saturday calling on President Eisenhower to accredit service organizations' representatives as observers at summit conferences.

A Sertoma spokesman said that the resolution introduced what he called a new concept of the role of service organizations in world affairs. George Saunders of Denver, Colo., past international president, said "if we are to strike a blow at an aggressor force, we, who want to serve mankind, must offer our diplomatic corps this citizen participation."

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Mannix, wife of a film executive.

A hearing on the will is scheduled for July 10 in Santa Monica Superior Court.

PROSPECT Staldar Visits Area

By FRANCES RING
Prospect—Of interest to the community is the visit of Vibert Staldar who left here 51 years ago at the age of five. The Staldar family lived on the Lauralhurst rd. at the old Manning place before the mother died and the father took his five sons and moved to McMinnville.

Many of the old timers here remember them and Mrs. Pierson tells of seeing them when she was a young girl as they picnicked on the timbers of the new bridge going in over Mill creek. Often on Sunday they made the all day trip by horse and buggy from the Lauralhurst to Prospect.

Staldar has wanted to return for many years and has tried to reach friends of the family by letter before but did not succeed. He arrived here last week and with the help of Mrs. Pierson was able to locate his childhood home and to visit the grave of his mother.

Mrs. Ernest Stewart from Ontario, Canada, is visiting Mrs. Alice Conger and other relatives in this area. She flew from Canada last week and expects to spend most of the summer here.

Junior Mitchem was guest of honor at a birthday party at his home on Tuesday, June 23. Games were played and refreshments were served to 30 young guests and some of their mothers. Hostesses for the party were his mother, Mrs. Geneva Mitchem, and two sisters, Dora and Hannah.

Jurl Hicks is ill at home.

June Scriven and daughter,

Veterans Rush To Use Aid Benefits

Salem—UPI—Oregon's World War II veterans are in a last-minute rush to use their state educational aid benefits before the June 30 deadline next Tuesday, according to Franklin G. Reynolds, educational officer for the State Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The department administers the program. Reynolds said the department is being flooded with applications for the benefits, with 300 submitted already in June and 1,314 filed in the first six months of this year.

He added that so long as World War II veterans are enrolled in approved schools by the June 30 deadline, they may qualify for the benefits, even though their applications have not been submitted by that date.

"We will give them a reasonable time after their enrollment in school to submit their benefit applications to the department," Reynolds said. "The important thing is that they must be enrolled in and attending classes by next Tuesday."

LARCENOUS 'LOAN'
Los Angeles—UPI—Former taxi driver Edward Hickman, 21, explained to police he just "borrowed" his old cab for a while so he could raise \$5.85 to pay an electric bill. He was charged with grand larceny.

work after being ill at home for some time.

Recent visitors in Portland were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bastiani.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Rogers and family went on a short vacation in Portland visiting friends and relatives. They attended the Rose Parade and the International Trade Fair.

George Wayman spent two days home last week with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Uther Rogers and daughters, Alma and Dorothy, are leaving on a two-week visit with friends and relatives at Lisbon, N.D., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pittam

visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Uther Rogers, last week end.

Prospect Christ Ambassadors enjoyed an all day outing in Crescent City and Brookings Saturday, June 20. They left here with The Rev.

Boyd Powers and their Sunday School teacher, Russell Burge, about 6 p.m. and spent the day on the beach. They returned home about 8 p.m. Those attending were Donna and Diana Ellis, Linda and Bobby Scott, Patty Ring and Darrell Parten, Linda Ellis, Billy Betts.

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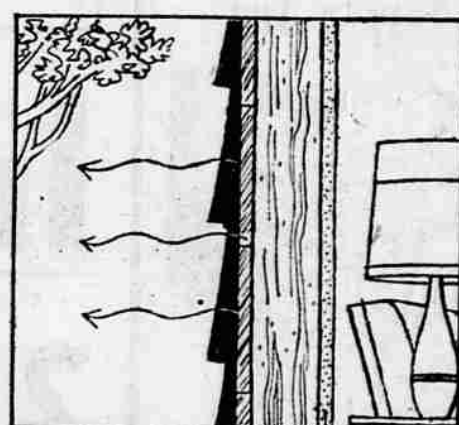
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