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'Old Reb' Dies

Houston, Tex. — (UPI) — Walter (Old Reb) Williams, the last of the four million men who fought the great war between the states, died Saturday. He was 117 years old.

Williams succumbed to his fourth attack of pneumonia within a year which he had amazingly fought almost to a standstill for 13 critical days. His death closed a chapter in American history. It was the signal for President Eisenhower to proclaim a day of national mourning.

The White House said notification of Williams' death had been sent to Eisenhower in Paris. A spokesman said that because of the time differential he did not expect the President to sign the proclamation before Sunday morning.

"He just quit breathing," Dr. Russell Wolfe, the physician who had cared for Williams for the last six years, said.

The tough old soldier passed away quietly in the back bedroom at the modest white frame home of his devoted daughter, Mrs. Willie Mae Bowles, who had cared for him day and night as he lay bedridden for five long years.

A Confederate flag under which Williams served as a cavalry forger with General J. B. Hood—hung draped on the wall across the room from Williams' bed. It was flanked by a United States flag and the Lone Star flag of Texas.

The street outside was quiet. Small clusters of relatives called at the little five-room house set in a cluster of sycamore and oak trees.

Mrs. Bowles, a widow 50, asked once more to see her father before his body was taken to a funeral home in downtown Houston.

Man Injured During Stop-Signal Crash

One person was injured in a rear-end collision Saturday morning at the intersection of the North Pacific highway and Pine st. at Central Point, Central Point police reported.

Injured was Roy Porter Blair, 22, Portland, who was treated by a Central Point physician for back, neck and head injuries, police said, and released. He was a passenger in a car driven by his brother, Forrest John Blair, 20, Portland.

The Blair car stopped for the red traffic signal at the intersection when it was struck in the rear by a car driven by Killian Mathias Dols, 51, Oakland, Calif.

No citations were issued and only minor damage was reported to both cars, police said.

Teeth Expensive; Parties Abandoned

Knoxville, Tenn. — (UPI) — Clyde E. McCloud swore off Christmas parties Friday.

"It costs me too much in teeth," he told police.

McCloud lost his false teeth when the car in which he was riding from a party struck a utility pole. He was charged with drunkenness. He said he lost another set of teeth in an accident last Christmas.

Gossage Will Direct County Dimes Campaign

Clarence Gossage, Jackson county insurance man, has been named county campaign director for the March of Dimes, it has been announced by Mrs. Harold Gilbert, head of the county chapter of the National Foundation.

Gossage is organizing all communities in the county in anticipation of the fund raising campaign, which runs from Jan. 22 to 31.

"The New March of Dimes gives us an even greater opportunity to help the handicapped than at any time in the past," Gossage said. "The addition of birth defects and rheumatoid arthritis to polio in the program enables us to broaden our scope of assistance. The National Foundation's program based on professional education, research and patient aid in these three crippling gives us a three-pronged attack on disease and it is only through the generosity of the people during the January campaign that we can hope to advance in our attack," the director said.

"Polio is not eradicated and will not be until every man, woman and child has received at least three shots of Salk anti-polio vaccine. While the National Foundation has taken on two new fields of disease, we will not neglect one single past, present or future polio patient," Gossage pointed out.



CLARENCE GOSSAGE To Direct Campaign

Hearing Against E.P. District Resumes Monday

More Testimony On Siphon Is Expected

The injunction hearing against Eagle Point Irrigation district will continue Monday in circuit court with more testimony expected on engineering aspects of the siphon.

Ted Flury, irrigation district manager, was on the witness stand all Friday afternoon and under questioning by Mrs. Ann (Howard) Todd, one of the four water users seeking the injunction against permitting 100 cubic feet per second of water or more through a siphon.

Engineering reports on the siphon were refused admission as evidence by the court following objections by George Roberts, California Oregon Power company attorney. Copco is involved in the hearing since a contract between the district and Copco calls for a flow of 100 cubic feet per second through the siphon. Roberts objected saying he had no opportunity to examine the persons who made the reports as to their qualifications.

Judge Won't Inspect
Following her attempt to introduce the engineering reports, Mrs. Todd suggested that Circuit Judge James Main inspect the siphon. Judge Main explained that a view of the premises could not be considered as evidence.

"The court is bound only to view evidence produced in court either by testimony or by exhibits properly received," the judge pointed out.

Flury testified that the siphon would take 100 cubic feet per second of water. Testifying as to the siphon construction, the irrigation district manager said the original siphon was built in the early 1920's. Following further questioning, Flury said it is difficult to build a wood siphon without leaks resulting.

Flury Not Engineer
Further questioning revealed Flury is not an engineer. He said his knowledge of siphons is based on experience as irrigation district manager. He said he had not managed an irrigation district before his present job. He said he had been raised on a farm and also had observed wooden siphons in this area.

During her questioning of Flury, Judge Main advised Mrs. Todd she could not ask the witness leading questions and must ask her questions one at a time. While the irrigation district manager was drawing a diagram of the siphon construction on an easel, Roberts made some suggestions to Flury which he said should help speed up proceedings. Mrs. Todd asked who was questioning the witness, herself or the Copco attorney.

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Sports Bulletins

Medford high, with Jerry Anderson pouring through 28 points, subdued South Eugene's basketball team 79 to 57 here last night to sweep a two-game week-end series with the Axemen.

The Black Tornado had quarter leads of 19 to 15, 35 to 25 and 50 to 35. Sandy Nosler scored 18 for South Eugene. Medford junior varsity defeated Prospect varsity 72 to 27 in the preliminary.

Central Point — Crater high school's Comets romped to an easy 57 to 37 victory over Eagle Point in a basketball game played here Saturday night. Chuck Turner netted 11 points for the winners while Dick Wilson paced the losers with 14.

Crater enjoyed a 15-9 bulge at the first quarter, extended it to 32-13 at the halfway mark, and was on top 50 to 21 at the end of the third quarter.

Ashland — The Ashland high school Grizzlies made it two in a row over Douglas of Winston with a 62 to 42 basketball victory here Saturday night. Harley Dickinson of Ashland was the game's high scorer with 20 points while Fred Dickover led the Douglas quint with 16.

Ashland led at the first quarter 10 to 7, made it 24-23 at halftime, and went ahead 42 to 27 at the end of the third stanza.

Big Yule Party Held For 4-Legged Guests

New York — (UPI) — More than 700 guests turned up Saturday at the annual Christmas party of the Humane Society of New York.

They were all four-legged. Most of them were cats and dogs, which had been invited. A few rabbits turned up, too.

Each year, the Humane Society has a party for the animals of children who live in poorer sections of the city.

The guests were escorted by more than 1,000 children and their parents. For the dogs there were collars, leashes and coats. For the cats, there was catnip. For the children, there was candy.

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Allies Agree on Peace Program



SUMMIT CONFERENCE—A western summit conference around a table in Klysee Palace, Paris, Saturday shows, left to right, German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and President Charles de Gaulle of France. —(UPI Telephoto)

Reds to Receive Peace Program at Summit Meeting

Paris — (UPI) — President Eisenhower agreed with the other Western Big Four leaders Saturday on a "maximum program" of peace to present to Russia at a summit conference next April and then staged a "very frank" showdown meeting with Charles de Gaulle on their private differences.

As the Western summit meeting opened in the Presidential Elysee Palace, Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev injected himself into it by releasing in Moscow a 2-month-old letter demanding a German peace treaty and an end to West German rearmament. Geneva Possible Site

Both sides thus began to set the stage for an East-West summit meeting which Eisenhower, de Gaulle, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan agreed Saturday should be held late next April. April 25 was mentioned as a likely date and a letter was to be drafted Sunday to Khrushchev suggesting the time. Geneva was to be the site, although de Gaulle would prefer Paris.

The four Western leaders, meeting twice at formal sessions to start their week-end conference, started to draw up the outline of a "maximum program" linking disarmament to political settlements which will be presented to Khrushchev.

Between the two sessions, Eisenhower was closeted privately with de Gaulle for an hour to discuss de Gaulle's reluctance to agree to integration of French forces in NATO commands and French anger at America's failure to back France during United Nations debate on Algeria.

The White House described the talk as "very frank and friendly." The meeting had been heralded in advance as a showdown between Eisenhower, backed by the tremendous successes of his global peace tour, and de Gaulle who seeks a greater voice for France in allied affairs.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty confirmed what Eisenhower and de Gaulle had discussed in general but gave few particulars.

Algeria Discussed
He said they talked mostly about "the U.S. abstention in the United Nations vote on Algeria and the NATO question of integration."

The four-power talks Sunday will be transferred to Rambouillet Chateau, 27 miles outside Paris. Eisenhower will have a private breakfast with Macmillan and will receive Adenauer for dinner Sunday night at the U.S. embassy.

Monday, the talks will wind up and Eisenhower will continue on to Madrid and Morocco, en route home.

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Board Asks Both Steel Sides to Renew Hearings

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower's fact-finding board Saturday formally called both sides in the marathon steel dispute to renew public hearings here starting Dec. 28.

The announcement came on the heels of a summons to union and management officials to resume peace talks here next Monday afternoon with federal mediators.

There appeared to be no sign of an early settlement, despite the increase in government activity. Informed sources reported that the gulf between the two parties was wider than ever on the key work rules issue.

Increased Demand
Also, the steel workers have increased their wage demand in a new proposal announced Friday. The union renewed its demand for company-by-company and threatened to go to court to enforce it.

Dr. George W. Taylor, chairman of the Presidential board of inquiry, indicated the hearings are being reopened to gather material for a required Jan. 6 report to the White House.

But he and his two colleagues on the panel — John A. Perkins and Paul N. Lehoczyk — were expected to do their best to settle the dispute in formal hearings and informal mediation sessions.

Touhy's Murderers Still at Large

Chicago — (UPI) — Attention switched to the so-called "youngsters" in the alleged Chicago crime syndicate Saturday — everyone under 50 — in hopes of solving the gangland slaying of Roger Touhy.

The "youngsters," in turn, refused to do, or say, a thing without first consulting their attorneys.

Touhy's attorney, Robert B. Johnston, charged, however, that the syndicate had instigated Touhy's killing.

Touhy, 61, just out of prison after serving 25 years on what he insisted was a "framed" kidnap conviction, was shot-gunned to death Wednesday night in front of his sister's home.

A companion, Walter Miller, 62, an ex-police sergeant who was serving as Touhy's bodyguard, was critically wounded.

Throwback to Capone
The entire case appeared a throwback to the heyday of Al Capone. Touhy and Capone were arch rivals for the bootleg beer trade of the 20's.

'He's Burying Me!'



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At least one string of outdoor Christmas lights or the equivalent must be displayed by the contestant, Knackstedt said. All entries, after the top prizes are awarded, will be eligible for 11 additional prizes.

Several merchandise prizes have been donated by Medford merchants.

Nikita Urges Germany To Agree to Treaty

Moscow — (UPI) — Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, in a letter dramatically made public Saturday, urged West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to give up his rearmament program and agree to a German peace treaty.

Khrushchev complained that Adenauer gave the impression of considering a peace treaty "a petty and insignificant affair" and said that German rearmament belied assurances of "peaceful intentions."

The letter, more than two months old, was released just a few hours after Adenauer began Western summit deliberations in Paris with President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and

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Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:41 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:37 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 10:37 p.m.
PROMINENT STARS
At moonrise tonight Aldebaran will be high in the south and Sirius will be in the southeast. The bright stars between them form the constellation of Orion.