Hoodlums Found Slain in Chicago

Chicago —(UPI)— The slashed and beaten bodies of two hoodlums, apparently slain in gangland fashion weeks ago, were found Monday night stuffed in the trunk of a new car on a residential street.

The victims, James Rocco Miraglia and John William McCarthy, both 25 and of Chicago, were to begin serving federal prison terms for armed robbery today.

The killings brought to at least eight the number of gang-style assassinations in the Chicago area this year, and were the fifth and sixth within the past three weeks.

Police answering complaints about the parked car pried open the trunk to discover the bodies, which were lightly clothed and partially decomposed.

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Rogue Auction Sells 438 Cattle In Phoenix Yard

Phoenix—Cattle saleable at the Rogue Valley Auction yard Saturday in Phoenix totalled 438 head, according to Manager Bob Bever.

Once again cattle sold on an active market. White-face steer calves sold at $28.75 to $31.20. Heavy steer calves sold at $27.79 to $28.20 for those weighing 500 pounds and more. White-face heifer calves sold for $26.60 to $27.30 per hundredweight. White-face yearlings sold well at $25.80 to $27.20 for cattle in the 500 to 600 pound class.

Heavy steers in the 700 pound and over class sold at $22.75 to $24.10. Yearling heifers sold in the 500 to 600 pound class at $23.75 to $25.

Cows and calves sold at the strongest prices this spring with white-face cows and calves selling at $237.50 to $245 a pair.

Springer heifers sold at $217.50 to $227.50 per head. One set of Angus cows and calves sold at $245 per pair.

Veal was strong. One white-face heifer weighing 325 pounds sold at $28.75. Other veal sold from $25.75 to $28.

Slaughter cows were slow, selling $1 to $1.50 lower on most classes.

Standard fed cows sold at $19.80 to $20.70. Utility cows sold at $15.30 to $16.60. Canner and cutter cows sold at $13.10 to $15. A few shelly cows sold down to $10.

"Once again baby calves were strong, with whiteface baby calves selling at $55 to $70 per head. Holsteins sold at $25 to $41 per head. Crossbred calves sold at $18 to $27 per head.

"Only 18 calves were offered for sale. We could use more baby calves at this time," Bever reported.

Meat Inspection Not Hit by Trend

Salem – The economic squeeze in the meat packing industry – brought closer to Oregon people recently when the venerable Cascade Meat company at Salem closed its doors – should in no way affect the state meat inspection program.

This is the opinion of Dr. M. L. Houston, supervisor of meat inspection for the State Department of Agriculture.

The Cascade Meat company was one of the plants under the federal inspection program.

Most of the state-inspected plants are small, specialized operations, which do not appear to be affected by the nationwide tendency toward closure or consolidation into larger operations. It was Houston's observation that Oregon's smaller operations will remain in a sounder position economically than some other segments of the meat industry.

The only effect on state meat inspection, from closures such as that of Cascade, could be a larger labor pool of men familiar with slaughterhouse sanitation practices. Some of these men could qualify as trainees for meat inspection positions, Houston stated.

Food Marketing Charges Expected To Be Unchanged

Washington —(UPI)— The Agricultural department says that charges for marketing farm food products in the first three months of 1962 were about the same as in the last quarter of 1961.

Consumer prices for farm foods were up 1 per cent for the period and farmers' prices were up 3 per cent, the department said in a review of the marketing and transportation situation.

Most of the rise in the average level of retail and farm prices was caused by higher prices for fresh vegetables and frying chickens. Unfavorable weather reduced supplies of several fresh vegetables in the first quarter this year, causing prices to rise sharply.

Received 39 Cents

Farmers received 39 cents of the dollar consumers spent for farm foods in the first quarters of this year. This was 1 per cent more than in the previous quarter.

Prices in the quarter just ended, however, were lower than a year earlier. Retail prices of farm foods averaged 1 per cent lower than in January-March, 1961, and prices farmers received for these products were down 2 per cent. Marketing charges were about the same as in the first quarter last year. The farmer's share of the food dollar was the same as a year earlier.

Salt freezes dry, leaving no slick residue on snow-clear highways.

FROM THE GROUND UP

By BART BARTLETT

The weather pattern according to often repeated comments is unusual for this time of year for this area.

It seems that weather must be one of the most unusual of nature's pranks every season. Almost never does one hear the remark that weather is normal. As expected, however, the present weather is very favorable for such insects as earwigs, aphids and cutworms. Where earwigs are a problem a light dusting of 50 per cent DDT or Chlordane should do a good job of eradication of the pest. Malathion, Parathion or Diazinon sprays will control aphids. Either Chlordane, DDT or Sevin will control the common garden cutworm.

This weather also favors certain plant diseases such as mildew and fireblight. Pears and apples are beyond the stage of development where mildew is most destructive, but peaches can still be damaged by this disease. The same is true for many rose varieties. Frequent applications of dusting sulphur is perhaps the most economical control for mildew on stone fruits and ornamental plants. Where some apple varieties may need foliage protection, Karathane is perhaps the preferred material for mildew control.

Frequently cattle are offered for sale at local markets that are well covered by crusty barnyard manure. In this condition they present a poor, unthrifty, sight to the buyers and often are sold at a discount as compared to similar animals that are clean. The owner of dirty animals would do well to spend a few minutes with a water hose and curry comb and clean up any livestock that is to be offered for sale.

Lawns may have moss growing in them. The best control for this condition is a rather liberal application of agricultural lime. It would be well to consult your favorite seed dealer for material and advice as to its use for the control of moss in lawn grasses.

Old shingle roofs may have a liberal growth of moss. The moss can hasten the decay of wood shingles. Where its removal is desired, it is best to scrape away as much of the mossy growth as possible. When this is done an application of copper sulfate solution will prevent mossy regrowth for two or three years.

Some woody plants may be showing a tendency to bleed or ooze gum or resin at cut surfaces. In the case of peach trees that have this condition, there is usually no cause for alarm. The gumming will stop after a few days of warm growing weather. One would have to see the bleeding of other plants to give an accurate cause for the bleeding.

The season is at hand when nets must be kept away from the seed heads of foxtail plants to prevent them from becoming a victim of foxtail seeds in their ears, nose and feet. The ensuing trips to the small animal hospital can be expensive.

Do not make an application of weedkiller to the weeds in a lawn just prior to an application of irrigation water by sprinklers. The results may not be satisfactory if irrigation water is applied within two days after a weed spray was made.

Some ranchers are still trying to substitute water for nitrogen fertilizer on pastures. If one half their expense and effort in water applications were diverted into nitrogen fertilizer, the results would be more favorable in terms of forage for livestock.

Like the effects of springtime or of a bright sunrise, it should give us all a boost of morale to see that so many fine people are offering to look after our every need as our elected public officials. They will send us the bill, however.

ON USS HELENA

G. D. Morris, seaman, son of Mrs. F. C. Blankenship, 808 Sunrise ave., Medford, and Kenneth A. Davis, a gunner's mate third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Davis, 749 Posse lane, Medford, are serving on board the heavy cruiser, USS Helena, a unit of the First fleet which visited the Seattle World's Fair April 26 through 30.

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ON TOUR OF DUTY

Gunnery Sgt. Stanley D. McNeel, son of O. R. McNeel, Medford, is on board the amphibious assault ship, USS Valley Forge, with the Third battalion, First regiment of the First Marine division, bound for a 12-month tour of duty in the Far East.

417 Cattle Sold At Midway Sale In Friday Event

Eighty-two consignors sold 417 cattle, 32 hogs and 10 sheep at the Midway Auction yard during its regular Friday, May 11 sale on Table Rock rd.

Owner-Manager Bill Bray reported the market very active on stockers and feeders and about steady on slaughter classes.

Steer calves sold from $28 to $31.70. A pen of 18 calves from the St. Mary's ranch at Ashland sold for $31.70. A pen of 415 pound calves brought $29.50 and several pens of calves weighing 350 to 400 pounds sold from $28 to $30.25.

Heifer calves sold for $25 to $28.25. A penlot of 390 pound heifers scored $26.60. Others sold from $25 to $27 in penlots and scattered singles went from $26 to $28.25 Common and medium heifer calves moved at $18 to $24 depending on size and quality.

Yearling steers sold well. A pen of 500 pound steers brought $27.70. A pen weighing 645 pounds sold for $25 and a pen of 700 pound steers brought $24. Good single steers sold from $23 to $26.

Common and medium yearling steers were going between $20 and $23.50, with a few very poor quality cattle hitting $17 to $19. Good yearling heifers were scarce and were selling between $23 and $25.10. There were quite a number of common quality heifers selling from $17 to $22, Bray reported.

Angus cows and calves went out at $226 to $232.50 per head and Hereford cows and calves sold from $212.50 to $220 per pair. One pen of old cows with little calves sold for $200.

"There are quite a number of feeder cows coming in now and sell from $15 to $16," Bray said.

Commercial cows sold from $17 to $19.40. Utility cows went out at $16.50, cutters at $12.50 to $14.40 and canners sold for $9 to $12.

Hog receipts were limited to feeders. Small weaners sold for $8.50 to $10.50, big weaners from $11 to $14 and light feeders from $15 to $17 per head. Heavy feeders sold from $16 to $18.25.

"Our sheep were slaughter ewes which brought $3.10 per hundredweight," Bray commented.

"We have an interesting consignment of registered polled Hereford cattle coming in this week, so watch the livestock column in this paper or listen to KDOV at 6:45 a.m. every morning for more details," Bray advised.

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Farmers Net Less Money as Average In State Reveals

Corvallis – Caught between rising costs and lower prices, Oregon farms realized an average net income of $2,418 last year, 1 per cent less than the year before, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, Oregon State university extension agricultural economist.

Oregon farmers, along with those in most western states, received less money for their produce last year while costs went up, Mrs. Horrell said. Only Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming in the West had net incomes per farm over 1960.

Cash receipts from farm marketings in Oregon totaled nearly $393 million for 1961, 5 per cent less than in 1960, she noted. Basing her survey on U.S. Department of Agriculture reports and other information, the economist said that just over half the total receipts came from crop sales, while livestock and livestock products made up the rest.

Government payments in 1961 added another $10.4 million to the cash intake, about $1.6 million more than in 1960.

Higher Costs

Although dollar figures aren't yet available, preliminary USDA reports show that higher costs more than offset a lower feed bill and a decrease in depreciation and net rent.

Total cash receipts from farm marketings in the 11 western states ranged from an 8 per cent drop in Montana to a 7 per cent increase in New Mexico last year. While California and Colorado remained the same, the average drop for the region was one per cent, she reported.

On the basis of total cash receipts during 1961, California ranked first and Iowa second in the nation. Oregon was ranked 31st in cash receipts among the states and 33rd in realized net income per farm, Mrs. Horrell said.

Nationally, both farm operators' income and farm workers' wages climbed in 1961, raising income from farming to the highest level since 1928. The trend appears to be continuing into 1962 as tentative estimates place January receipts slightly above the same month a year ago, she observed.

To protect block salt from rain, put it in a covered salt feeding box, one California rancher advises.

Wrong Requests Foul Up Refund Of Beef Funds

Salem–A thin little dime can sometimes cause as much gnashing of teeth as rain on the Fourth of July. If you don't believe it, you don't know about those beef promotion dimes.

An Oregon law requires collection of a dime for beef promotion on all cattle that are brand inspected. Owners who say nix to beef promotion are entitled to get their dime back, upon request (to the Oregon Beef Council, Portland) made within 90 days of inspection date.

Sometimes there's a hitch and a few claimants don't get their dime back in the normal 45-day processing and paying period. So some of these few spend a packet of dimes wanting to know WHY. They write to the beef council, to the state department of agriculture which collects the dime originally for remission to the Council–and to other agencies.

They're irked. And it takes much explaining to show that 99 per cent of the time the trouble lies with the person who wants the dime back.

Explains Complications

Gene Kunkle of SDA's brand inspection office explains some of the complications for benefit of beef and dairy cow owners who want a refund.

First off, every dime the beef council handles is subject to audit. This means no refund until the department can verify to the council from its brand inspection records that the dime was paid. Sometimes, for example, an auction yard pays the fee but the animal is listed at brand inspection time in another name because ownership title has not changed hands. The owner wants his dime back–but his name isn't on the records.

Kunkle gives these tips to help those who seek refunds: 1. Give correct name and address to brand inspector; make sure he spells your name correctly. 2. Give correct date of brand inspection when you apply for refund. 3. Ask for the refund in the same name (and address) given the brand inspector.

Presently, refund requests run about one of each four dimes collected.

COMPLETES TESTING

Pfc. Richard S. Lingren, of the Marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Lingren, 2386 Table Rock rd., Medford, has completed a week of testing and screening at the Naval Air technical training center, Memphis, Tenn. The tests are to determine eligibility for technical training in preparation for duty with the aviation branch of the Marine corps.

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