

Oregon Supreme Court Decisions

Salem—The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a log trucker injured while going to work could not collect benefits even though he was driving his own truck as part of his working equipment.

The decision upheld the State Industrial Accident Commission. It reversed Linn County Judge Wendell Tompkins.

The log trucker, Thomas Philpott, had argued that he was exempt from the established rule that benefits cannot be collected for injuries incurred while going to or from work.

He said he was rendering the company he worked for a benefit by taking his own truck home at night and servicing it.

The Supreme Court, in an opinion by Justice Hall Lusk, disagreed. It said it failed to find any facts to justify exempting Philpott from the general rule.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

"NOBODY CAN PREDICT," notes Ernest Havemann, "where the next top gag-writer for television will come from." A writer who can furnish a steady supply of laugh lines for comedians like Bob Hope and Jack Benny is worth his weight in gold—and even harder to find.

The best of the gag-writers pop up in the most unexpected places. Abe Burrows, co-author of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," was slaving as an accountant in Wall Street when somebody told him that all the hilarious remarks he was handing out for free could be sold at a high price to material-hungry TV personalities. Burrows' co-author on "How to Succeed," Jack Weinstock, still practices medicine. In fact, he once stopped writing long enough to take out his collaborator's appendix.

Goodman Ace, who has written such wonderful comedy lines for Perry Como and the like began his career as drama critic for a Kansas City newspaper. And there's another top TV comedy writer who less than four years ago was pressing pants in an upstate tailor shop! His present earnings: something like \$100,000 a year!

A student of semantics at Kansas State has summed up the career of a college football coach in eight words: Desired; Wired; Hired; Inspired; Admired; Tired; Mired; Fired.

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Winners of Poppy Poster Contest Are Announced

Winners of the annual poppy poster contest sponsored by the auxiliary to American Legion, Medford Post 15 in Medford High school and the McLoughlin and Hedrick Junior High schools have been announced.

Winners in Class Three in the high school are first, Nik Yahya, American Field Service student, living at 2447 Hillcrest rd.; second, Diane Medcalf, 319 Berkeley way; and third, Bill McDaniel, 1871 Marsh lane. Honorable mention went to Marilyn E. Smith, 2144 Griffin Creek rd., and Jim Wise, 1800 Stratford way.

The junior high school winners, in Class Two are, first, Cathy Bradford, 1023 Mt. Pitt ave., McLoughlin; second, Sherry Bean, 40 Quince st., McLoughlin; and third, Kathleen Graham, 940 Mt. Pitt ave., McLoughlin.

Receive Honorable Mention

Receiving honorable mention are Kate Winne, 612 Pierce rd., and Mary Loris, 830 Minnesota ave., both of Hedrick.

Contest judges were Ben Trowbridge Jr., Herb Gray and Mrs. Ed McGinty.

The two first place winning posters will be sent to Portland to be entered in the state contest.

The public may see the posters in the windows of Weeks and Orr Furniture store, 114 West Main st., where the exhibit opened today.

Mrs. Cole Holmes and Mrs. H. L. Alford are chairman for the contest and the annual poppy day sale in May.

The contest is held to point up the sale of poppies which are made by veterans in hospitals and workrooms each year. Contributions go to the auxiliary's rehabilitation and child welfare program.

Lakeview Death Charge Reduced

Lakeview—A murder charge against Robert Lee O'Conner in connection with the death March 6 of Mrs. Theresa Arner was dropped Wednesday and the defendant pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Dist. Atty. Chick Chaloupke said a report from the state crime laboratory indicated the woman had jumped or fallen from O'Conner's pickup truck while it was moving. Her body was found on a county road four miles west of here.

O'Conner, who was arrested later near Bend, entered a guilty plea to a charge of failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in the death of a person. Sentencing was scheduled for Friday.

The crime laboratory report said smears found on the front of the pickup when it was impounded were not blood, and that damage to the front end had been sustained before the woman's death.

CAROLINE GETS SADDLE

Washington—Visiting Moroccan King Moulay Hassan II presented a gold and blue saddle to Caroline Kennedy for her pony, Macaroni. The First Lady was given a native Moroccan dress by the North African chief of state.

Crash Injuries Claim Two Lives

By United Press International

Jesse William Todd, Nyssa, died Thursday from injuries suffered in an automobile accident March 12. He was the second Oregon resident to die from earlier injuries during the day.

Six-year-old Junie Dodd of Halsey died in a Salem hospital after being hurt Tuesday in a collision between a pickup truck and a truck and trailer south of Albany.

Todd was injured in a two-car collision at Owyhee Junction on State highway 201 eight miles south of Nyssa.

St. Louis, Mo.—"Jeepers" and "Peepers" have a pair of creepers. Jeepers and his mate, Peepers, hippopotami at the St. Louis Zoo, are parents of twins, thought to be the first multiple birth in captivity to a female hippo.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO YOU

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Termites Sent to England by OSU

Corvallis — Termites and carpenter ants from Oregon are being "exported" to England—but it's all in the interest of research and scientific cooperation.

Four shipments of the damaging "wood workers" have been sent to London by Robert D. Graham of the Oregon State University Forest Research laboratory. He is in charge of wood preservation studies.

The British scientists also are working on control of termites in buildings and timber. They requested the colonies of dampwood termites from Oregon for use in basic studies on termite behavior, sense organs and "communication."

Their studies earlier have concentrated on tropical termites that are problems in British territories of Africa, but now have been expanded to include work on termite control in buildings and timber.

The carpenter ants were sent to the Granada TV Network Limited in London, producer of films on scientific subjects.

Special clearance had to be arranged with both governments to make the overseas shipments possible, Graham said. The shipments are usually made by air express, although one colony of termites went parcel post with the termites sealed in the chunk of wood on which they were working.

INMATE POETRY WINNER

Pendleton, Ind.—A bard behind bars has won a \$50 prize in Writers Digest's national poetry contest. David Jones, 21, a staff writer for the Indiana Reformatory's weekly newspaper "The Reflector," won the prize from among 2,500 entries for his poem "The Writer." Jones drew a two to five year term for burglary in 1958 and was paroled in 1961 but his parole was revoked.

Morgan Has No Political Plans

Portland — Federal Power Commissioner Howard Morgan said Thursday "I've come back to God's country and have no solid political plans."

Morgan recently announced he would not accept reappointment to the FPC and sparked a congressional hearing by a letter he wrote President Kennedy. The letter was interpreted as an attack on other FPC members.

The former Oregon Democratic chairman said he felt the hearing was useful in that it called "attention of many thoughtful people to the problems involved; it prodded them to take a look."

Morgan has a cattle ranch near Sisters. He addressed the City Club here today.

Judicial District Measure Approved

Salem—A bill to create a two-judge 20th judicial district of Washington county was approved Thursday by the Senate Judiciary committee.

The measure would leave Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties in the 19th district, with two, instead of three, circuit judges.

The measure was sent to the Ways and Means committee.

The committee tabled a bill which would prohibit any person under 21 from drinking liquor, except in a private residence with a parent's consent. Minors presently are prohibited from "possessing" liquor.

Final Training Program Planned

The final training programs of the Jackson county unit of the American Cancer society will be held at the Red Cross building in Medford beginning Wednesday, April 3.

Sessions will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. and on Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. All block Crusaders in the Medford area are to attend the final training program.

Dr. Otto Emig, chairman of the Tomlin lectures for the Jackson county unit, will speak. He will show color slides of benign and malignant tumors.

Refreshments will be served.

MENTAL HEALTH REPORT

Washington—If you live with a spouse, chances are you are mentally healthier than the person who lives alone. The National Institute of Health reported today that separate persons sought more treatment in U.S. outpatient psychiatric clinics in 1961 than any other marital group. Then came divorced, single, widowed and married persons, in that order.

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