

Love-Struck Maid Shoots at Movie Actor Montgomery

Van Nuys, Calif. — Actor George Montgomery won a struggle for his life Tuesday when he returned home and was confronted by a love-struck former maid with a gun. Montgomery had to dodge one bullet that passed inches from his ear, detectives said.

Ruth Wenzel, 37, who Montgomery said was employed by him and his former wife, singer Dinah Shore, about five years ago, was bent on murder-suicide, according to Sgt. J. D. Barton.

"I am extremely sorry for her and evidently she should be under medical care," Montgomery, 47, said. He added that Miss Wenzel had been dismissed after working for him about eight months because of her "erratic behavior."

Police said Miss Wenzel had been in the home for two days awaiting Montgomery's return from a six-week trip. The actor said he saw her when he first entered his home in this San Fernando Valley community and ran after her into a bedroom.

Gun Fired
There Miss Wenzel pulled a 38-caliber revolver from under a pillow, police said. Montgomery and the woman struggled for several moments and the gun fired once before he was able to subdue her.

Detectives said they found a note which Miss Wenzel had apparently written which said she didn't want Montgomery "fooling around with celebrity girls and ruining his reputation."

The former maid, who came to this country from Dusseldorf, Germany, about seven years ago, also indicated in the note that she had intended to kill Montgomery and then herself.

Miss Wenzel was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Montgomery was divorced by Miss Shore, who since has remarried, in May, 1962. They had two children, Melissa, 15, and John, 9.



DESPERATE STRUGGLE — Actor George Montgomery won a desperate struggle for a gun — and his life — late Tuesday with a former German maid who tried to kill him because he spurned her romantic advances. One shot was fired, but Montgomery escaped harm. (UPI)

Couple File Suit Against Corporation

Portland — (UPI) — A Toledo, Ore., couple filed a \$90,000 suit against the Georgia-Pacific Corp. in Circuit Court here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Davis charged in the suit that operation of the firm's pulp and paper mill at Toledo has resulted in damage to their home.

JEALOUS OF NAME

San Francisco — (UPI) — California Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk reported Wednesday that the name of the Cow Palace, site of the 1964 Republican National convention will be registered by the state with the U.S. Patent Office — because several eastern livestock pavilions have been using the name to describe their barns.

Silver Fir Growth In California Checked by Officials

A hike into the Rogue River National forest just south of the Oregon stateline to check a report of Pacific silver fir growing in the area was made recently by Dr. Philip G. Haddock, associate professor of silviculture at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Dr. Haddock was accompanied by Eugene L. Parker, 2326 Sunnyview lane, Medford, who had reported the

occurrence of the silver fir in the Copper Butte area at the head of the west forks of Dutch creek.

In an article by Dr. Haddock in 1961 published in "Forest Science," he told of the occurrence of Pacific silver fir in the Marble mountains in Siskiyou county. Prior to this time it had been thought that Pacific silver fir did not grow that far south.

Determine Occurrence

The professor commented "it would be of interest to determine the nearest occurrence of Pacific silver fir to the north, since range maps

show the southernmost station to be some where well north of the Oregon border."

Parker contacted Dr. Haddock following the article's appearance. Parker's discovery of the silver fir was prompted in 1960 by Oliver V. Matthews, Salem, dendrologist, when he asked Parker to look for similar alpine fir on the head of Joe creek in the Siskiyou mountains near Blue Ledge mine.

After two trips into the area, once accompanied by Lloyd Tyson Jr., surveyor for the city of Medford, Parker sent photographs and her-

barium specimens to Dr. John H. Thomas, associate curator of Dudley herbarium at Stanford university, who confirmed the identification.

Location Established

On the trip Aug. 17 with Dr. Haddock, positive location and botanical data on the trees were established. At the same time other trees were observed by binoculars at the head of Joe creek which are believed to be silver fir.

Further investigation may discover alpine fir in the region, it was noted. The only known occurrence of alpine

fir in the Siskiyou mountains is near the summit of Mt. Ashland.

Dr. Haddock believes that close investigation of the north slopes in the Siskiyou mountains above 6,000 feet that are not to steep may reveal more sprinklings of silver fir or alpine fir south to the Trinity mountains.

Parker, who became interested in silviculture a number of years ago, had an article on the geographic overlap of noble fir and red fir published in the "Forest Science" magazine in June this year.

Guardsmen Complete Summer Encampment

Fort Lewis, Wash. — (UPI) — Washington and Oregon national guardsmen conclude their two-week summer encampment Friday here and at the Yakima Firing Center.

The guardsmen, about 6,500 of them, leave for home the same day in military convoys to beat the rush of expected Labor Day traffic.

COMB IS EMBLEM
Cologne, Germany — (UPI) — Innkeeper Willy Breuer announced today the formation of the "National Brotherhood of the Bald" to help West German men who lose their hair "to overcome their inferiority complexes." Breuer, who is bald, said the brotherhood's emblem is a comb.

91 Vets in County Receive Home Loans

The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs granted farm and home loans to 3,498 veterans last fiscal year amounting to \$36,188,550, according to H. C. Saalfeld, director.

In Jackson county last year, loans were granted to 91 veterans amounting to \$864,700, compared to 137 loans in 1961-62 for \$1,490,750. In Josephine county last year, 48 veterans received the loans totaling \$481,600, compared to 62 loans and \$547,800 the previous year.

Since the program started in 1945, loans in Jackson county have gone to 1,440 veterans totaling \$12,581,700 and in Josephine county to 647 veterans for \$4,912,600.

The volume for the state last year was \$12 million below 1961-62, the record year, when 4,622 veterans borrowed \$48 million, Saalfeld said.

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