

Murder of Wealthy Powell Butte Rancher In August Still Unsolved

By GORDON RICE
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PRINEVILLE (UPI) — Two boys playing along an irrigation ditch north of picturesque Smith Rocks Aug. 11 made a discovery that has touched off one of Central Oregon's most bewildering murder cases.

The boys came across a man's body, caught on a wire fence that dipped into the canal.

Identification came rapidly: Phillip Reinhardt, aged 72, wealthy Powell Butte rancher, missing from his home since the night of Aug. 5.

But 10 weeks later, county and state law enforcement officers say they are no closer to finding out who killed him than they were that day.

"We just hit a dead end," says Crook County Sheriff J. T. King. "We don't know where to go."

Sgt. Lowell Hertz, who commands the State Police office at Bend, is a little more hopeful.

"We've been slowed up a lot in our investigation," he admits, "but we're still working on our own ideas, you might say."

Police in three counties were looking for Reinhardt before the body was found.

Vanished On Monday

He disappeared on a Monday night, and on Wednesday his wife of three years, Hilda, 62, went to the police.

Her story was simple.

She and her husband had quarreled, Reinhardt, a angry, prepared to drive away in one of the family's cars, she said. She blocked his exit with another vehicle and Reinhardt vanished on foot across a field.

That was the last time anyone admitted seeing him alive.

Mrs. Reinhardt, in distress, called a neighbor and her minister, Rev. D. L. Penhollow, a respected churchman and Deschutes County judge. Rev. Penhollow calmed the woman, saying her husband undoubtedly would forget his anger and come home. He suggested Reinhardt probably would be even more unhappy if he returned to find police searching for him.

But Reinhardt wasn't coming home.

His skull had been fractured three times and his body had seven broken ribs. Dr. R. C. Henry, head pathologist at Oregon's State Crime Laboratory, thought the death weapon might be a hand axe.

Furthermore, Dr. Henry told Sheriff King, the body apparently had been out of the water some time before it was thrown into the canal. Reinhardt was fully clothed — except for his trousers and hat.

The toes of his shoes were completely worn through, apparently from scuffing on rocks as he floated down the canal.

The body was found 8 1/2 miles from his 40-acre cattle ranch southwest of the Powell Butte Post Office and store.

Investigators descended on the family ranch.

"Everything has been searched," says King. "We didn't find any weapon, no blood, nothing. There's nothing to indicate where he was killed."

Lawmen turned their attention to anyone who might have wanted the rancher dead.

"Not a soul," King says. "We can't find an enemy. He's loaned money to quite a number of different people, but he wasn't the kind that pressed anybody."

"If he didn't like you, he ignored you."

His widow told police he had \$60 dollars in cash and a \$100 check in his billfold when he disappeared. The check has never been cashed.

"We interviewed everyone in that area. No one had seen any transients," King recalls.

Accident Discounted

Could it have been accidental? "We don't see how," Sgt. Hertz says.

"We have considered that he might have been struck by a car and someone panicked and threw him in the canal," says King, "but he must be laid somewhere for several hours first and it's a little hard to see anybody doing that."

How was Reinhardt killed? By whom? And where? The canal runs through three counties between the ranch and the spot where his body was found.

Mrs. Reinhardt last week offered a \$5,000 reward for anyone who can provide that information — if it leads to the conviction of the persons responsible.

So far there have been no takers.

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo

School News

Medford High School

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Tickets are now on sale for "Inherit the Wind" by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, Thespian Troupe's first production of the school year. Reserved seats are \$1.50, general admission \$1, and student general admission tickets are 50 cents. Members of the cast and members of the troupe are selling tickets. A ticket booth has also been set up in Room 61, MHS drama room, which is open during and after eighth period.

Season tickets are still on sale for \$3 and will be on sale up to opening night of the first performance. The season ticket gives the bearer a reserved seat at one performance of each Thespian production.

Members of the Natural History club took a 35-mile bicycle trip through Sam's valley recently. The 12-member group took the trip in order to observe the area to, from, and within the valley. They were led by Eugene Brown, Natural History Club adviser.

Today marks the end of the first nine weeks at Medford High School. Report cards will be mailed to the students after their arrival at the high school from Medford processing. Students should receive the cards any time after Thursday, November 14.

The MHS Snomads are sponsoring a "Snow Queen" contest. A girl will be chosen from the MHS Snomads and the Rogue Snomads at all formal affairs that the clubs will participate in, including public appearances both on television and radio.

Ten semi-finalists have been selected. They are Chris Bartels, Mary Cheny, Crispy Finch, Joan Hearin, Carol Murphy, Trudy Poling, Jeanne Salade, Donna Budge, Nancy Elmgreen, and Sue Elmgreen. From the ten girls, five will be selected by the members of the Snomads as princesses. The final voting will be on the part of the Rogue Snomads who are sponsoring event.

A tea in honor of the faculty was held recently in the cafeteria during and after eighth period by Girls League. The teachers were served refreshments in a Halloween setting by the officers of the league.

MHS Marching band will participate Saturday in the Southern Oregon College Homecoming activities. They will march in the parade Saturday morning have lunch in Ashland, and present the pre-game and participate in the half-time activities at the football game that afternoon.

Tornado week, Medford High's homecoming event, will begin Nov. 4 with the sale of Tornado week ribbons. During the week each club will have the responsibility of decorating a downtown store window in order to bolster community spirit.

Thursday the traditional bonfire will take place, and Friday night at the game the homecoming king and queen will be crowned before the game with Medford's rival Grants Pass. Saturday night, the week's festivities will be culminated with the Tornado dance.

CP Junior High

By Connie Riley
Our junior high school welcomed many new students to school this year.

New seventh graders are Aubrey Alexander, Steve Andrews, Alvin Beacham, Thomas Binker, Paul Bruce, Karen Erner, Penny Farster, Margo Fennell, Bonnie Gairson, Kathy Froehrich, Raymond Henshaw, Susan Hendrikson, Linda Cline, Terry Lovells, Jackie McCart, Carol Prillman, Steve Ray, Chuck Richmond, Donna Sisson, Linda Snow, Mary Spangenberg, John Truly, Joyce Watson and Pat Stroth.

New eighth graders are Kent Anderson, Mark Baseler, Steve Christenson, Tamara Close, Barbara Ebert, Danny Gairson, Steve Jones, Bob Lipton, Yolanda Meza, William Sparling, Susan Stewart, Marvin Van Wey, Lana Woody, Pat Robinson, Jan Stroth, Paula Baustian and Tom Cordona.

Activities offered during eighth period are art, band, chorus, speech, and crafts. The art classes are making mosaics from magazine advertisements, posters and lettering projects.

The junior high band has a membership of 23 eighth graders and 47 seventh graders, a total of 70. They are working on "The Syncopated Clock," "Donker Schoen," "A Lot of Loving to Do," "The Enchanted Lake," and "Consider Yourself."

The chorus is practicing the scale and learning new songs as well as singing some old



The Medical Roundup

By Walter Alvarado
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ARRESTED—Arrested in Chicago Thursday by FBI agents and charged with transporting counterfeit bonds in interstate commerce was Erwin B. Arvey, 44. Arvey is the son of Illinois Democratic National Committeeman Jacob Arvey. Arvey is a former stockbroker and is free on \$25,000 bond in connection with a similar indictment returned against him in Los Angeles. (UPI)

Trinidad To Be Port for Soviets

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (UPI)—Russia plans to make Trinidad a regular port of call for the Soviet "fishing boats" which cruise the Caribbean on what U.S. authorities believe are spy missions, it was reported Thursday.

Authoritative sources said 15 or more Russian trawlers conducting what the Kremlin describes as "fisheries research" in the Caribbean Area will make regular stops here to stock up on supplies and water.

One Soviet fishing boat arrived here Friday, but was unable to purchase as much as its captain wanted because he didn't have enough West Indian currency.

W. W. Sutton, general secretary of the Amalgamated Workers' Union, charged that Communists here are trying to promote disunity among sugar workers and union leaders. Sutton said he doesn't think the Red effort will prove successful.

O'Grady, vice president; Tonya Walley, secretary; Tonya Walley, treasurer. Last six weeks officers were Jim Pardee, president; Terry Taylor, vice president; Keith Henderson, secretary; and Tonya Walley, treasurer. Jim and Terry are president and vice president respectively of the student body. Tamara Perry is treasurer, and Dawn Martin Student Body representative.

Two new students in our class this year are Jeanie Adams and Danny McKee.

Mrs. Flossie Murray's special education class was visited by Mr. Brown and Mr. Marks recently.

Mrs. Ralston visited one day, too. She brought Tommy's baby sister with her.

Mrs. Murray's special education class got its room ready for a Halloween party. They made witches and jack-o-lanterns. Randy made a scar crow.

We have three new pupils in the second grade at Howard School. Brook Doty came from Jewett School in Central Point, Dennis Stengel is a transfer from Jefferson School, and Mary Willey came from Ashland.

Our room mothers brought us a special treat on Halloween. Mrs. Beardsley's room mothers are Mrs. Jack Wood and Mrs. Paul Rupp; Mrs. Margaret Mann's are Mrs. Art Friesen

The class has been studying the works of French painters including Renoir, Cezanne and Degas. Prints of the paintings have been displayed on the bulletin board.

The Howard School chorus now includes 44 boys and girls. Plans are being made for a sixth grade girls ensemble.

Retarded Children
I rejoice when I read of the efforts President Kennedy is making to help all those retarded children in our country who could be helped and taught to earn a living. As I write this, I think of a mentally retarded woman who keeps house for two of my dear friends — an able physician and his wife. For many years she has taken good care of them; they love her and she loves them.

I think also of a slow-witted man who for years in a factory stood watch all day over a machine that made bolts. As my friend, the chief engineer of the factory, used to say, the very fact that the man was an easy-going plodder made it possible for him to make bolts all day and every day, year in and year out. If he had been brilliant, in a few days he would have been bored stiff, and he would then have wanted to redesign the machine.

Today, a former student of mine, Dr. Stafford Warren, who is going to help President Kennedy with this project, writes that one of the first things that he and his group will do is to make a list of all the simple and routine jobs they can find, and then they will try to train mentally slow young people to take over such work.

In Protected Shops
As Dr. Warren said, in the average American community of 100,000 people, there are at least 3,000 who are mentally retarded. Some of them, and especially those who have an occasional seizure, may have to work in protected shops where they won't get fired if occasionally they black-out and fall.

I am told that today in many mental institutions, there are quite a few persons who could be out in the community and supporting themselves if only for a short time after their discharge they could be cared for and protected a bit, and fitted into a job. Some day we will probably have a protected shop built alongside of a special boarding house for persons who at times will need some en-

couragement and help — perhaps from a psychiatric nurse. Here on my desk is a letter from an unhappy woman who writes me from a state mental institution. She was committed years ago, when she had an acute episode in which she became mentally confused. Soon she got over this so well that ever since she has been a waitress in the hospital dining-room.

Naturally, she has craved permission to go back into the world and to a job there, but the authorities have refused to let her go because they say that for a while she would need some shelter, some help, and someone who would take responsibility for her. But, because her parents are dead, and she has no family to take her in, she stays in the mental hospital. This is bad for her and bad for the taxpayers.

It would pay her state to search out all persons like her and then to build a place in which they could live and earn a living. What is sad is that so often we human beings are inclined to cling to ancient methods of doing things even when a little examination of the problem would show how it could easily be solved to the satisfaction of every one.

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The Lighter Side...
BY DICK WEST
Fireplace Esthetic Not Utilitarian

WASHINGTON (UPI)—When it comes to good old American know-how, the home heating industry is right up there with the best of them.

The past few decades have produced truly marvelous improvements in home heating. Technological progress has opened up top of more technological progress.

Good, clean, cheap, warm heat is now within the reach of virtually every American homeowner. You can have your heat coming from the ceilings, the floors, the walls or the baseboards.

You can heat with gas or oil or electricity or coal or, as far as I know, corn shucks.

As a result of all this rapid advancement in the home heating field, more and more people are burning logs in fireplaces.

Only an idiot would try to heat his home with a fireplace if any other means were available. But central heating systems have made it possible to view the fireplace as esthetic rather than utilitarian.

What is more pleasant on a winter's evening than a cheery blaze behind the hearth, the aroma of hickory smoke billowing through the house, sparks burning holes in the carpet?

Trudging out into the snow to bring in more logs. Trudging out into the snow again to carry out the ashes. These are a few of my favorite things.

In case you have been depriving yourself of the joys of an open fire in your living room and are thinking of adding a fireplace to your home this winter, here are some tips that may prove useful:

—Make certain the fireplace is located close to the thermostat that controls your furnace. The heat from the fireplace will cause the thermostat to shut off the furnace, thus permitting the rest of the house to become ice cold. You may freeze all night, but what a saving on fuel bills!

—Learn to operate the damper. If you leave the damper open, the smoke will escape up the chimney rather than pour into the adjoining rooms. At the price of firewood these days, you can't afford to let smoke go to waste.

—Pay no attention to your wife. Women don't know a thing about starting fires. Go ahead and use a little gasoline. After all, they're your eyeballs.

—For maximum enjoyment, lie flat on the floor in front of the fireplace. The air is better down there.

—Make certain your fire insurance premium has been paid.

—Inspect the fireplace carefully at the onset of winter to make sure no bears are hibernating in the chimney.

—Have all members of the family become proficient in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

A storage battery does not actually store electricity.

Bulk of Products Will Be Produced By Automation

PORTLAND (UPI)—Virtually all manufactured products will be produced by automated machinery with in 20 years, a New York industrialist said here Wednesday.

The forecast came from E.F. Shelley, vice president of U.S. Industries, Inc., a developer and manufacturer of automated machinery. He spoke at a symposium on "Labor, Management and the Public Interest" at the University of Portland.

Shelley said automation will be an "overnight" affair in comparison to the Industrial Revolution.

His talk was one of three scheduled at the two-day symposium. The other speakers are Leonard P. Arries, vice president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and Albert J. Hayes, president of the International Association of Machinists.

Latter Figure
Hayes pointed out at a news conference that unemployment has risen from 2.9 per cent in 1953 to 5.7 per cent today "and we think the latter figure is conservative."

He said labor must not try to impede progress, but must work with business and government to find ways to take care of the undesirable by-products of automation.

Arles said discrimination is costing the nation's taxpayers \$30 million a year, most of it in the form of welfare payments and damage caused by delinquency and crime.

Another, less measurable, loss comes from keeping young workers in menial jobs when they have the mental ability to go to school and learn a more advanced job, he said.

4-H NEWS

Milk Pail Wrangler
The Milk Pail Wrangler 4-H Dairy Club met at the home of Roger and Leslie Welburn for the October session of the group, all members of which were present.

Ways to raise money for the purchase of flags for the club were discussed and members decided to have a cake sale at the Valley Lockers at Talent at 10 a.m. Nov. 23.

Members voted to add a sergeant-at-arms to the list of officers and Donnie Enloe was chosen for this position.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE GHOST writer for a Commencement speaker at a Southwestern college had dictated his remarks to a secretary who typed them in triplicate, then unfortunately, put all three copies in one binder. When the speaker bumbled to the bottom of Page One, he turned over to the carbon and read it off gravely while the audience listened in growing glee.

The lid blew off completely when he read Page One for a third time!

A poll by a big advertising agency established the fact that in the eyes of a representative segment of the American public the ten most persuasive words in the English language—in the order named—are You, Easy, Money, Save, Love, New, Discovery, Results, Proven, and Guarantee.

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