

Hunting Accident Fatal To 17-Year-Old Weed Boy

WEED, Calif., Feb. 13 (Special)—Mystery which surrounded the fatal shooting of Leonard Kent, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kent of Weed, was cleared up this week at a hearing held following the inquest into the death of the high school student last Wednesday.

Kent suffered a gunshot wound in the abdomen on Feb. 10 while out target shooting and rabbit hunting with his companions, Charles Kohlhepp and Allen Bussey, both of Weed, in the afternoon.

Late in the afternoon Bussey returned to the farm to get help in bringing down the bird. Both said that they had been shot with a 25-35 rifle but refused to make any comment.

The boy was admitted to the hospital where he had a fracture of the rib and appeared to be recovering and was discharged Wednesday. Coroner Turner conducted the inquest at which time it was established that Kent, standing 5 feet 7 inches tall, was shot from Kohlhepp's rifle at 22 and said, "I just have the recollection of bringing the gun up to take aim or anything. I don't have any recollection of pulling the trigger."

The boys told the same story and that Kent fell to the ground and they ran back to get help.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that "death occurred as a result of a gunshot wound to the abdomen caused by the discharge of a 25-35 rifle in the hands of Charles Kohlhepp."

Another boy was held.

Heads Committee



V. Hubert Johnson (above) of Edgar, Neb., president of the newly organized American Farmers Vigilante committee, telegraphed President Truman, saying: "Hope you can end strikes before we start the daddy of them all." (AP wirephoto).

New Explosive To Be Used To Remove Snags

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Burned out forest areas near Portland, Ore., will be used next April or May for tests to determine the effectiveness of the army's new high explosive to remove snags.

Lyle Watts, chief of the forest service, has notified Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) the army has agreed to aid in the tests and use M-3 demolition block, a new and powerful explosive, to remove snags which form a fire threat in the forests.

The tests will be made, Watts said, in either Mt. Hood or the Columbia national forests, near Portland.

The new explosive, somewhat like TNT but more powerful, is contained in small, 2 1/2 pound packages which measure 2 inches by 2 inches by 11 inches long. It will be placed on the snags and detonated with a blasting machine.

Ellsworth suggested the use of the explosive to remove snags and Watts asked the army engineers to assign experts to aid.

The explosive is manufactured by the ordnance department for use of the army engineers.

Homma Happy Over Sentence

MANILA, Feb. 13 (AP)—Lt. Masaharu Homma, Bataan march commander, was relieved on learning that he would be shot instead of hanged.

He relaxed and slept during the ride to prison where he was executed.

He had feared ignoble death in the gallows, like that dealt for Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, reported Maj. Larry Logan, Twin Falls, Ida., the military police officer who rode with Homma from Manila to the prison camp No. 1.

Homma evidently had not understood the sentence as it was read in court.

"He asked me, 'Major, what do you find me guilty of?'" Logan told interviewers today.

Logan gave him a sealed envelope containing the court findings that he had condoned needless atrocities. Homma read the findings from beginning to end.

When he got down to the actual shooting, Logan said, "Oh, that's good. They're not going to hang me. That (shooting) is an honorable death."

Thereupon he put away his spectacles, leaned back in the chair and went to sleep.

Japanese-American Moved Into C Of C

MILWAUKIE, Feb. 13 (AP)—Toshiomi, Milwaukee Japanese-American, has been admitted to the Milwaukee chamber of commerce by a unanimous vote of the chamber of commerce officials here said they thought it was the first since 1942 when an Oregon chamber of commerce since Pearl Harbor.

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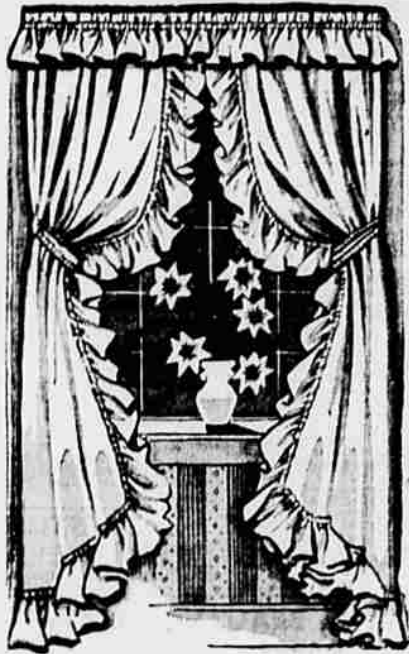
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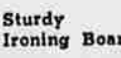
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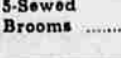


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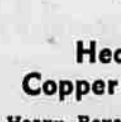
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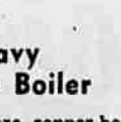


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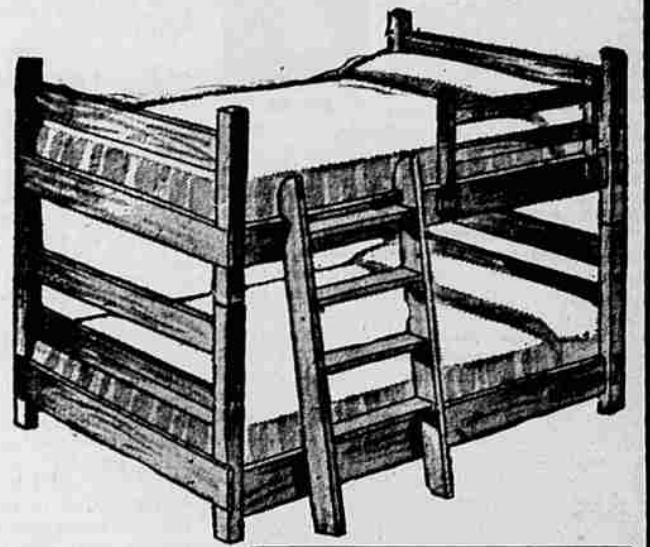
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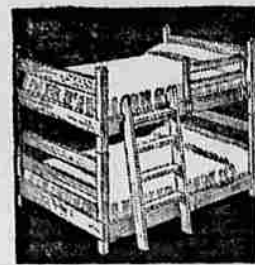
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