

Trunk Blast Kills Woman In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., July 29 (AP)—A small trunk that detectives report the family of James W. Bowden had been warned not to open was the center of investigation today of an explosion that blew Bowden's wife to bits while she was alone in her home.

Bowden was at an Oregon coast town where he keeps a fishing boat when the blast rocked the home.

City Detective Bard Purcell reported Bowden, charged with illegal possession of explosives and held without bail, has denied owning explosives or any knowledge of how his wife was killed Saturday night.

Purcell said the explosion is believed to have originated in a "foot locker" that Bowden's two daughters, Doris, 13, and Shirley, 17, told him was kept padlocked in the cellar.

Both girls reported their father repeatedly warned the family not to tamper with the trunk or try to open it, the detective said.

The cellar of the Bowden residence was wrecked by the explosion. Small pieces of fish and bones found scattered throughout the shattered parts of the home have been identified by the police criminal laboratory as human. Chief of Detectives Eugene Ferguson declared last night that particles of electric wire and metal dug from floor rafters indicated some device may have set off the explosive.

He said the odor of a common type of explosive was present in the cellar when police arrived to investigate.

The detective said the daughters reported their parents planned a divorce and that Mrs. Bowden had instituted proceedings the past week.

On The Beat



Charles Howard is one of the men in blue who drives a big black car around the streets of Klamath Falls, more simply, a policeman. Mornings find Charlie in the police car and quite often he pinch hits at the desk sergeant's job. He has been with the force about three and a half years. Previously he was a meat cutter, and can't quite understand how he came from that job to one on the police force. Charlie, his wife and two children live at 846 California. His boy, Harold, 14, and girl, Marlene, 9, unlike most youngsters, probably aren't dazzled by a police uniform. The Howard family came here from Nebraska some six years ago. The bane of Charlie's existence right now is that as an avid fisherman he's been out only twice this season.

ENROLLMENT UP
LA GRANDE, July 29 (AP)—Freshmen enrollment applications at Eastern College of Education total 207 compared to 42 a year ago, Registrar Lyle J. Johnson reported today.

A python, 30 feet long, has 600 ribs.

Auto Wrecks Take 3 Lives

By The Associated Press
Two Corvallis residents were killed and a Portlander fatally injured in Sunday automobile accidents.

Failure to negotiate a turn on the Pacific highway a mile north of Jefferson early yesterday overturned a car in which Albert Fluit, 28, and Bonni Charles Williamson, 20, were riding. Both were dead when state police reached the car.

Nell Basso, 42, Portland, died in a hospital within an hour after a two-car collision on southeast McLoughlin boulevard sent three others to the hospital with critical injuries.

The Portland fatality was the 28th for the year.

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WALLA WALLA, July 29 (AP)—Elder E. S. Humann was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the upper Columbia conference of Seventh Day Adventists yesterday.

Others named are: Elder R. L.

Benton, home missionary and sabbath school secretary; Elder G. W. Chambers, missionary volunteer secretary; H. S. Hanson, educational superintendent and temperance secretary; Elder C. E. Wimer, publishing department secretary; Elder C. L. Bond, manager of the Book and Bible house with Elder R. S. Dexter assisting.

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Donaugh Opens Bid For Office

PORTLAND, July 29 (AP)—Carl C. Donaugh, democratic nominee for governor of Oregon, opened his campaign in an address to Multnomah county democrats yesterday, charging the republican administration of Gov. Snell had failed to anticipate postwar needs.

Donaugh declared industrial payrolls in Multnomah county dropped from \$37,000,000 in April, 1945 to \$17,000,000 in April, 1946 without evidence of the state "leadership" in new industrial development.

"The leadership of Oregon proposes to sit idly by as our neighbor states develop, increase their commerce and industry, increase their population, increase their payrolls and tax base and make greater progress than we," the democratic nominee said.

IWA Plywood Workers Vote For Wage Boost

ROSEBURG, July 29 (AP)—Plywood workers of IWA district 9 voted in convention here Saturday to approve renegotiation of the union's contract for wage increases this fall.

The convention also blamed congress for refusal to continue price control in time to prevent rising prices.

Chester Ross, district council president, reported the union favored increasing the per capita tax on the union membership, asked an increase in sugar ration for northwesterners and condemned the mob action in Georgia causing the death of negroes.

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