

Old Family Album Still Tells Story Of Courage

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—When the neighborhood movie is featuring one of those films about psychopathic people with psychopathic problems, I stay at home and thumb through my wife's old family album.

Each faded picture shows a long dead face that once drew breath and had problems. Frances tells me the real life story behind the faces and how they met those vanished problems. It is much more fun than a movie.

My favorite is my Grandmother-in-law Gray, who still looks out from the battered album with the dignity of a duchess, her black eyes snapping under hair of snow.

The thing Grandmother Gray had was the courage to carry her burden.

Once upon a time she was young and slender and fair, with dark eloquent eyes and black hair. Martha La Force

was about the prettiest thing over 15 in Charhage, Mo., and two young men in particular thought so.

Martha liked Vincent Gray. But she loved the other sutor —let's call him Robert. Both boys knew how they stood.

The Civil War broke out and both suitors went off to fight on the northern side.

Battle Letters
Both suitors wrote to her through the years of battle, but toward the end the letters from Robert ceased abruptly. Vincent Gray returned, limping from a bad spinal wound, and he renewed his suit.

Martha clung to the small gold band that Robert had given her — in those days they often gave engagement rings that look like the wedding rings of today. But when the war had been over several months and no word came from her "true lover," Vincent finally convinced her Robert was

dead or had no wish to return. So one day, all in white, she walked out a church door on Vincent Gray's arm, his wife. And before the sun set on her wedding day a large packet of letters came from her absent "true love." Robert was in a hospital, badly wounded. He wrote her lovingly and would come to her as soon as he could be moved.

But in those days people took seriously the words, "Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder." Martha Gray sat down and wrote the last letter she ever sent the man she loved. He never came home and she never saw him or had word from him again.

She never spoke his name, yet Robert was an unseen ghost between her and her husband, who always was troubled by the knowledge she had married him only through affectionate pity.

Martha bore him four daughters, and the sad man only said: "Your daughters I have to feed and clothe, and not a son to cheer my heart."

But it was Grandmother Gray who had to feed and clothe them. Vincent Gray died young from the after effect of his war wound.

Martha Gray never bustled

but she was full of a tremendous quiet energy. She was a wonderful cook. She opened a boarding house. Mornings she cooked and cleaned. In the afternoons and evenings she sewed clothes for her daughters. Three she sent through college.

Once a boarder, seeing her bent cheerfully over her sewing machine, put his hand lightly on her shoulder and said: "Your little hands should never have harder work than this to do."

And Grandmother Gray, without turning her head or missing a stitch, said very firmly: "Take your hand from my shoulder, sir, or leave this house forever."

Meant What They Said
Yes, people once talked that way — and they meant what they said. The abashed boarder removed his hand, but stayed for dinner. He was the only man who ever "insulted" Martha Gray in the years she ran her boarding house.

When her daughters married, her sons-in-law quarreled for the privilege of having Grandmother Gray stay with them. She lived to be old. She died of pneumonia. Only then did the family learn that some

months before her doctor had informed her she was incurably ill of cancer. She told no one and never let her pain be known.

She carried her valor and her problems with her to the grave. Among her effects they found the slim small gold ring she had never sent back to Robert—the one remembrance of her early love.

Quaint, proud, tiny Grandmother Gray! For a story about people like her—people with the character to meet real problems—I'll walk through slush and rain to the movies. The rest of the time I'll stick to the old album.

Draft Law May Be Out

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Members of the house armed services committee said today conversations with military leaders have convinced them there will be no request for extension of the draft law.

Instead, they said in private interviews, the army and navy soon will launch an "all out" drive on Capitol Hill for universal military training.

The members were questioned after attending a second secret meeting with army and navy heads yesterday. The first session was held last week.

The lawmakers predicted that President Truman soon will announce officially that no request will be made to extend the draft beyond its March 31 expiration date, although he may ask congress to retain the selective service machinery "just in case."

There have been no induction calls since last October.

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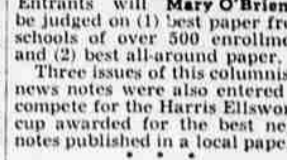
News Notes and Comment

By MARY O'BRIEN

Competing in the Oregon State High School Press association contest, two issues of the school newspaper printed before the Christmas holidays and one printed following that time were submitted several weeks ago by the editorial staff of the Krater. The Krater was entered in the contest with most high school papers in the state.

Entrants will be judged on (1) best paper from schools of over 500 enrollment and (2) best all-around paper.

Three issues of this column's news notes were also entered to compete for the Harris Ellsworth cup awarded for the best news notes published in a local paper.



RASP students Bob Dodson, Rosemary Biggie and Bob Plass are undertaking the task of rounding up talent to be auditioned by Lee Grason of the KFJL staff. Talent selected will be featured on the regular Wednesday night broadcasts of the coast guard show at 7 p. m.

Have any informal snaps of yourself? El Rodeo editors are asking that students turn in these snaps before March 1.

Reorganized recently, the Crater Lake Ski club has scheduled a meeting for 8:00 tonight in the school building, room 215. Ski enthusiasts elected as officers recently were Durwood Foster, president; Glen Lorenz, vice president; and Lillian Redkey, secretary. Glen is a junior student at KU, and Miss Redkey is a physical education instructor.

FBI Aid Asked In LA Slayings

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19 (AP)—Aid of the FBI in solving Los Angeles' two brutal mutilation murders was sought today by Police Chief C. B. Horrall.

Horrall conferred with Mayor Fletcher Bowron. There was no indication whether the FBI would accept the assignment.

Police homicide detectives have been stymied at every turn for more than a month in the hunt for the sadistic slayer who butchered the body of Elizabeth Short, 22-year-old movie hopeful from Medford, Mass., and for more than a week in the death of Mrs. Jeanne French, 48, fier and film bit player, who was bludgeoned and trampled to death.

Truck Driver's Death Investigated

COLFAX, Wash., Feb. 19 (AP)—Possibility that Judd Lowe, Colfax transfer operator, may have been slain and his truck set afire was being investigated today by Sheriff L. M. Parnell.

Lowe's body was found near Pendleton, Ore., January 23 in his ditched and fire-damaged truck. The investigation was launched by relatives when a hole was found in the truck's gasoline tank.

A laboratory analysis of molten metal found in the tank revealed yesterday that it was composed of lead and tin with a trace of antimony, the sheriff said.

Ashland Student Arrested In Theft

ASHLAND, Feb. 19 (AP)—Chief of Police Charles Talent reported today a 22-year-old student of Southern Oregon College of Education was under arrest in the theft of \$1000 from the college office.

Talent identified the student as Thomas Clifford Mansfield Jr., Ashland, who he said had hidden the money in a dormitory.

The student was arrested Saturday when the money was missed, but did not confess until yesterday, Talent said.

Bill Asks Aid Of D Of A For Timber

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Aiming particularly at the Tussock moth, which has ravaged large tracts of timber in the Pacific northwest, Rep. Goff (R-Idaho), has introduced a bill to give the agriculture department authority to fight the pest.

The legislation, introduced recently in the senate by Senator Bushfield (R-S.D.), is general in its application, permitting the department to cooperate with other departments, states and private owners in the eradication of any forest pests, insects or diseases.

President Truman yesterday asked congress to appropriate \$775,000 for immediate use against the Tussock moth and other tree insect epidemics.

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Beating Takes Woman's Life

PORTLAND, Feb. 19 (AP)—Mrs. Hazel Malfo, 46, was fatally beaten early Tuesday and her estranged husband, Antonio Malfo, 56, was held without charge.

Mrs. Malfo, screaming, was found by a neighbor, Orville J. Peterson, sitting at the rear of his property with a deep wound over one ear. Malfo was arrested at his home where police said there were broken chairs, disarranged furniture and blood stains.

Detective N. F. Eck said Malfo told him his wife came home—the two continued to share the house although divorce proceedings were instituted last October—early today and an argument led to a room-to-room chair-throwing fight. Eck ordered Malfo to say why she died and he pursued her across a vacant lot to the Peterson property, then returned home.

Four-H News

A report on feeding beef calves was given by Kathleen Wilson at the "West Main Champion's" 4-H club meeting February 9 at the home of Earl Wilson, local leader.

On roll call each member answered by giving the weight of his calf. Those present were Jerry Smalley, Ilyis Smalley, Jimmy Parker, Stuart Henzel, Patti Smith and Kathleen Wilson.

The club members talked about washing their calves on warm days; discussed the Grand National Junior Livestock exposition at San Francisco, and decided to dye their rope halters.

The next meeting of the West Main Champions will be at Stuart Henzel's, March 2.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Earl Wilson.

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