

# Farmer Slays Wife After Argument Over Food, Hides Body In Panel Truck

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—The slaying of an elderly La Center, Wash., farm wife was found in a truck here today, and shortly afterward her husband was arrested in a downtown hotel room.

A bizarre chain of events—an argument over cooking, a house burning down, and a funeral—were linked with the arrest.

# Jap Oysters To Be Tried

SEATTLE, Jan. 19 (AP)—Plans to experiment with a new type of oyster in Washington State waters were disclosed today by the state department of fisheries, simultaneous with announcement that a department director is en route to Japan to supervise packing and shipping of 30,000 cases of oyster seed to the Pacific coast.

The new type oyster is the Kumamoto species from the Japanese province of the same name. Smaller than the Pacific oyster, it is still nearly twice the size of the state's native Olympia oyster and is reported to be of excellent flavor.

John Glud, director of the department oyster laboratory at Purdy, Pierce county, was to leave yesterday to supervise the shipment of the Pacific oyster seed, most of which will be from the Sendai bay area.

It was Glud's second such trip to the Orient. A similar shipment was brought back last year after arrangements with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's occupation government.

Distributed by the Pacific Coast Oyster Growers association, most of the seed will be planted in the Hood canal, Willapa and Grays Harbor areas and in Oregon, California and Alaska.

# Veneer Plant Sale Told

TACOMA, Jan. 19 (AP)—A \$4,500,000 transaction by which the controlling interest in the Washington Veneer company and its three Washington-Oregon plants passes from Weyerhaeuser Timber company to the Georgia Hardwood Lumber company of Augusta, Ga., was disclosed today.

J. P. Weyerhaeuser Jr., president of the Tacoma lumber firm, said the stock transfer affects two plants at Olympia and the Springfield Plywood corporation of Springfield, Ore., an operating subsidiary. Washington Veneer owned 60 per cent of the Springfield operation.

Acquisition of the three plants give the Georgia company a total northwest production of 250,000,000 board feet of plywood annually. It already owns the Bellingham Plywood corporation which it purchased in May, 1947. Eight other plants are operated by it in southern states.

No immediate announcement of operating plans was made by Owen R. Chestern, president of the purchasing firm. He said the transaction was on a cash basis, arranged by a long term bank loan.

Weyerhaeuser recently added modern plywood manufacturing facilities at Longview, Wash., and the sale was prompted, the announcement said, by a feeling that "future embarrassments might arise through ensuring competition."

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# High School Elks Eye Swimming Pool Plan

News and Comment By MARY LOU CASE



The results of the student body voting on the 31 constitutional revisions last Friday show that all but three of the changes met favor of the students. Those measures not receiving a two-thirds majority of votes were: 1. that only owners of student body cards should be allowed to vote in student body elections; 2. that no manager would be allowed to wear stripes on his "K" sweater, and 3. that no persons be allowed to wear a "K" sweater until he has earned a varsity letter.

This means, of course, that wrestling is now classified as a major sport; the tradition's and assembly committees will be selected in a different manner; and the idea that started all this amending, the method of electing class officers, is now provided for in the constitution.

For their individual El Rodeo portraits, the Pep Peppers were clicked by Bob Jones' camera today. The taking of club pictures, and balloting for senior Who's Who is next on the El Rodeo agenda.

The idea of broadcasting from the Teen-age club gatherings went over big Saturday night with those who got a chance to voice their opinions. According to Bill Procter, director, the broadcasts will become a regular feature of the Saturday after-games dances. The next real after-games dance will be after the Grants Pass game, February 7.

Graduation announcements were the topic under discussion at the meeting of the senior selection committee today. With graduation a little over four months away, ordering will have to begin soon in order to have them here plenty of time ahead. In the absence of Mrs. Bernadine Nogie, senior class adviser, Mr. Eva Burkhalter has been helping the seniors in their choosing.

Quite a little on the different side was the halftime entertainment for the Medford game Saturday night. The group of senior boys, armed with boxing gloves, gave quite a show with the mock basketball game.

The patents office in London has recorded approximately 150 different systems of traffic lights.

# Elks Eye Swimming Pool Plan

The tentative plan for a community plunge, formed by the city recreation department and presented to his lodge by John Schubert, representative of the Elks, is merely up for consideration, Schubert said, and the lodge is not committed to sponsorship.

Schubert did not recommend that the lodge take over sponsorship of a community swimming pool, although that suggestion has been made by members of a civic committee which met last week to discuss the proposed pool and recreation center.

The plan is to eventually have a complete recreation and youth center on city-owned property on Main street near the diversion canal bridge, but present plans call for the swimming pool as a starter. City Recreation Director Sam Smith has estimated that an open pool could be built for about \$75,000, and a covered pool would cost \$100,000 or over.

### Donations

It is tentatively planned that the money for the project would be raised by donations and gifts, with as much as the department can afford coming from the recreation department's annual appropriation. A committee of Elks composed of Schubert, Jack Brandon and Estlin Riger, met with the recreation group and a special civic committee to investigate the plan, and at that time a "community plunge commission" was activated with Schubert in charge.

The city council tonight may act upon a suggestion that the city open the way to use of the property on Main street for a pool if funds are raised for one.

# Northern Lights Display Seen

A brilliant display of northern lights was observed Saturday morning around 5 o'clock by Mrs. Earl Tilton, who lives in the Henley district. Mrs. Tilton said she was up at that time to help with the chores and observed a display more beautiful and impressive than she has ever seen in this section. She said it looked like "great searchlights in the sky" with the light changing in color. Lavenders and pinks predominated.

Classified Ads Bring Results



Missing The disappearance of 14-year-old Jacqueline Horner (above), pianist and film actress, from her Hollywood home, was attributed by Sgt. R. A. Houghton, chief of the Hollywood juvenile detail, to a "family squabble" with her mother, Mrs. Clara Horner, who told police the girl has been missing since she left for a lesson with a private tutor after an argument with her.



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# Worker Hears Sharp Blasts On Day Of Earthquake Here

A series of sharp reports which came in chattering staccato were heard by F. E. Pellett of Klamath Falls at 12 o'clock noon, December 24, the day many people believe an earthquake was felt in this area.

Pellett was working at the Frankford woodyard near Pelican City adjoining the highway. He was piling wood and just at 12 o'clock he heard the strange reports and it was shaking in the woodpile on which he was leaning at the moment.

The noise, he said, sounded like the explosion of a bunch of firecrackers. It was not a boom, like a dynamite blast, but the noise was sharp to his ears, much like a series of very rapid rifle shots.

Pellett said the noise seemed to be from the northeast, off to the east of the Baker gravel pit. He said it was a blast at the gravel pit, as there was no shooting on that day

and he had heard the dynamite blasts there many times. The Klamath man thinks it may have been a meteor that fell and shattered in the hills toward Shady Pine, causing both the odd noise and the tremors that were felt in various parts of the city on that day.

Pellett said that the shaking evidently caused cracks in the plaster of the Lawrence French house at 1412 Crescent. The French were away at the time, and on their return, found cracks in the walls and ceilings of their house.

Sluriff Lloyd Low also has reported that the "quake" evidently lengthened a crack in the plaster of his house.

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# Encouraging For Parents

By EARL WHITLOCK

If it so happens that, at your house, there is a junior member who is away back of beyond in his school work—and who, in spite of all the prodding you can give him, continues to be close to the notion of the class, don't get too frantic with despair. Top grades in the schoolroom are not an absolute essential to success in life or to the respect of your fellow men.



Shakespeare had to leave school and go to work at the age of thirteen. Thomas Edison got just three months of schooling during his entire lifetime. Edward Bok, who edited the Ladies Home Journal for a third of a century and rates as one of the truly great editors of all time—he struggled through six years of formal schooling. Brigham Young, the great Mormon leader, got a schooling in eleven and a half days that did him for all his life. Andrew Carnegie battled with the three Rs a mere four years. I imagine any number of other examples could be given of men who have become great without much aid from formal education.

So don't get too discouraged with Junior if he doesn't rate among the class leaders in scholastic excellence. He may be sitting behind the mahogany desk giving orders to the same kids who lead the class today.

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