

# Murder Of Father, Suicide Of Mother Leaves Son Heir

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Made heir to a \$250,000 fortune by the slaying of his father and the suicide of his mother, 31-year-old Marquam (Mark) Wells of Alaska Thursday became the center of a possible custody dispute.

Mrs. Edna Westbrook, sister of auto dealer fatally shot in his wealthy Cecil Moore Wells, 51, Fairbanks, Alaska, apartment last Oct. 17, flew down from the territory to take his son, Mark, back to Alaska.

Here from Seattle is Reuben Tarte, whose wife, Clara, was asked by the boy's mother to raise him as her own.

The mother, Mrs. Diane Wells, 31, took her life in a Hollywood hotel Tuesday rather than face trial next month on charges of murdering her husband.

This left Negro jazz drummer Johnny Warren, 33, who claims he was her lover, to face trial on murder charges alone. She denied any intimacies with him. And she

said Wells was killed by two men who broke into their apartment.

However, in Fairbanks Dist. Ct., Ted Stevens said he will move to take the Warren trial off calendar. He said a postponement "in the light of Mrs. Wells' death" is now necessary to "determine whether or not Warren should actually stand trial."

Attorney Wallace Aiken, here from Seattle, said that wills of both Wells and his attractive blonde wife stated that Mrs. Westbrook should have custody of the bright-eyed boy if anything happened to the parents.

Tarte said he and his wife would agree to this. But attorney Oscar Wiseman, employed to represent Mrs. Yvonne Ward of San Francisco, Mrs. Wells' mother, declined to agree without consulting Mrs. Ward.

Meantime, the boy will remain with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mansfield, at whose home Mrs. Wells stayed until three weeks before her suicide.

The Mansfields said that only last Sunday Mrs. Wells had talked of her decision to return to Fairbanks to "confront Warren" to make him confess he lied in telling of romantic rendezvous with her.

"In discussions in Fairbanks," Mansfield told newsmen, "Diane insisted she saw Warren only on two occasions, and then only after he telephoned and said he had something on her husband."

"On both occasions the meetings were during Warren's noon hour and she didn't even take her coat off."

Chief Deputy Coroner V. L. Wallace said that an autopsy disclosed that Mrs. Wells "had aborted," suffering either a miscarriage or a self-induced abortion. It was not disclosed how recently the abortion had occurred.

The coroner's office said the definite cause of Mrs. Wells' death has not been established yet, but the autopsy indicated "typical barbiturate poisoning."

She is believed to have taken 30 sleeping pills.

# Gilchrist Hi Newsnotes

By DICK AENIS

The center hall at GHS seemed to be the center of attraction Friday when the honor roll was posted for the fourth sixth weeks.

The list, which has decreased since its last posting, reads as follows: grade seven, Donald Crowell, Lola Decker, Marjorie Evans, Karen Fogelquist, Sharon Huddleston, Dorby Kellum, Colleen McKenzie, Lana More, Sandra Moorehead, Eugene Murray, Wayne Taylor.

Grade eight, Stephen Bates, Mary Sue Craig, Roy Crowe, Ella Harris, Barbara Hosey, Wangli Hunt, Ronnie Larson, Kay Rollison, Donna Wilkinson.

Grade nine, Russell Cole, Bob Garner, Annabelle Jones, Jeanette Kellum, John Marvin, Judy Odum, Amaryllis Page, Charles Patterson, Beverly Sample, Peggy Toelme, William Truett, Kenneth Welborne, Dehane Sporer, JoAnn Hite.

Grade ten, Tommy Larson.

Grade eleven, Jane Brader, Lois Burger, Sharon Krueger, Keith Russell, Judy Wase, Grade twelve, Dick Aenis, Jerry Bliss, Wally Cory, Don Gooch, June James, Wesley Traw, Carolyn Weber, Pat Hickey, Larry Larson, Mike Willingham, Louise Jordan.

The county junior high school speech festival, held annually at Altamont, began Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. Contestants from Gilchrist were entered in every division of the program. Freshman contestants were: humorous, Amaryllis Page; poetry, Annabelle Jones; story telling, JoAnn Hite; special speech, Jeanette Kellum; radio speaking, Arthur Warren, John Marvin, Kenneth Welborn, Fred Bates; serious interpretation, Judy Odum. The chorus reading, "Ballad of the East and West," was given by the eighth and ninth grades.

Student speakers at the Gilchrist PTA meeting Tuesday evening were given long and well-deserved ovations. Judy Wase, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced Wesley Traw with his humorous reading "Women Have No Sense of Humor;" Sharon Krueger and her story, "The Littlest Angel;" Larry Larson with his oration, "Standing Room Only;" and Jane Brader, who spoke on "Parents' Retreatments" were served following the talks.

# Graft Charged To Japanese

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's big shipping scandal splashed back onto Tokyo's front pages Thursday with the arrest of Kensuke Matano, Japan's biggest tanker operator, for investigation in connection with ship subsidy corruption.

Prosecutors and police also began nationwide raids on shipping offices.

Matano is head of the Iino Kaisha, Japan's No. 3 shipping firm which shot up rapidly since the war to rival the older Niyk and Osk lines. Iino has the country's biggest tanker fleet.

Japan's justice officials said they want to question Matano on reputed links between the big shipping and shipbuilding firms and government officials.

Nearly 20 other shipping and government men have been arrested or indicted—one of them deputy secretary of the administration liberal party.

Members of Japan's House of Representatives, where the probe was touched off, have charged the shipping men threw lavish geisha parties and handed out millions of yen in bribes for subsidies and tax rebates.

# Tanker Receives New Midsection

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (AP) — In an unusual repair job, Todd Shipyard has cut a 523-foot tanker in two and is replacing its midships section with a larger one which will make the vessel 41 feet longer.

The tanker, the "Tippendegough," was ripped by an explosion last September which blasted a hole big enough to drive a locomotive through.

Yesterday the new midship section was floated from a drydock and joined to the original bow section. Later the stern will be welded on.

# Forgotten Cache Found By Wreckers

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A long-forgotten cache of bootleg whiskey was uncovered yesterday under the floor of a downtown landmark being razed for a parking lot.

Some of the whiskey carried labels bearing a 1918 date. A stack of money also was found but most of it was shredded badly, apparently by rats. Several \$5 and \$10 bills were still intact, however.

**BUDGET**

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The Yugoslav parliament recessed indefinitely Thursday after adopting unanimously a \$866,670,000 national budget for the current year. More than two-thirds of the outlay was earmarked for defense.

**ANNIVERSARY**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — High prelates of the Roman Catholic Church prepared for services Friday in the famed Sistine Chapel honoring the 18th anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius XII. For the second straight year, illness will keep the pontiff away from the ceremonies.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WINDOWS this week are featuring another of Klamath Fall's home industries, Sally McConron's Westwear Shop, 4535 Balsam Drive, which specializes in leather. The models represent two style extremes — the formal, white, finger-tip swingback coat of buckskin with matching Dutch cap and zipper purse contrasting with the black suede Western jacket trimmed with white fringe and Indian beading with matching pouch purse. Charles Lybarger arranged the display. George D. Barich is the chamber executive in charge of industry displays in the chamber window.

# Indian Timber Hearing Continues

PORTLAND (AP) — Bureau of Indian Affairs officials continued a hearing here Thursday on whether to raise stumpage prices on timber sold for Warm Springs Indians.

Glenn L. Emmons, Indian commissioner, and J. R. Armstrong, assistant solicitor for the Interior Department, opened the hearing Wednesday after Warm Springs

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Indians had complained they were not being paid enough for the timber.

In the opening session an Indian Bureau forester recommended an increase.

# HUKS

MANILA (AP) — The army said Thursday five Huk rebels were killed Wednesday in military operations in jungles southeast of Manila.

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# Designer Uses Deer Hides

Sally McConron, operator of the Westwear Shop, established her own business here about three and a half years ago. She had learned leather tailoring under the direction of Otto F. Ernst, Sheridan, Wyoming. Another well known designer formerly associated with him is Marge Riley, who has a shop in Hollywood.

Mrs. McConron does her own designing and tailoring. Most of the dresses, jackets and coats are made of deer hide. The white one pictured today required four hides in order to have proper flowing fullness in the swingback. The slip lining is of black and white fur cloth.

The form-fitting black suede jacket required three hides. She has had more than 150 deer hides brought in to her to be made up since November. Several elk hides have also been brought to her.

Both Mrs. McConron and her husband are avid sportsmen. They each usually add a deer hide to the stock on hand in addition to the hides they have to buy to supplement those brought in.

Some 10 years ago, Mrs. McConron, who was then living in Wyoming, was given the assignment of making an Indian style dress of antelope for Jessica Dragonette who was being made an honorary member of the Crow Indian tribe at the Sheridan Wyo-

Rodeo. At the same time, a Crow Indian girl beaded the moccasins for the outfit. She taught Mrs. McConron to bead leather and the same Crow Indian motif has been used on the black suede jacket. One of the most elaborate styles she has made.

At the present time, deer hides have to be sent to Portland or Napa to be tanned. Inquiries are being instigated by Mrs. McConron to see if a tannery can be established in this area.

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