

'Happy' Couple Found Dead

PALO ALTO (UP)—Police today sought for the reason a prominent San Francisco insurance broker apparently murdered his wife and then killed himself over 49 weeks.

Neighbors said Alan P. Bridgeford, 34, and his wife, Betty, 30, appeared to be "the happiest married couple in the world."

Boeing Tells Record Flight

SEATTLE (AP)—Boeing's 707 jet transport flew to Omaha, Neb., from Seattle Wednesday in 2 hours 19 minutes, and hit a top speed of 599 miles an hour on the 330-mile leg from Ephrata, Wash., to Butte, Mont., the company announced.

Average speed for the 1,300-mile pre-breakfast flight was 595 miles an hour. The four-engine plane, first prototype jet airliner built in this country, carried a crew of three and 12 passengers.

Police Gather 200 Cyclists

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A bunch of the boys were whooping it up at a motorcycle club saloon and the police today were filled with dismay because the jail had lost all its room.

Folsom Prods Insurance

NEW YORK (AP)—Secretary of Welfare Folsom Wednesday prodded the insurance industry to use its "traditional enterprise" in extending coverage of private health insurance and pension plans.

More than 200 men, members of the San Francisco Motorcycle Club, were rounded up last night in a raid on the group's clubhouse.

Police said they confiscated nine reels of pornographic movies in the clubhouse, distinguished by a bar at one end and framed pictures of motorcycles on the walls.

It took 13 officers and 20 paddy wagons to get all of the guests carted off to jail and police said they thought "quite a few" scrambled out the clubhouse windows.

Set. Robert Woods, who led the raid, said he believed women entertainers also had performed at the lewd "smoker" but there weren't any around when the raid was staged.

Those arrested were booked as "visitors to a lewd and indecent show" and bail was set at \$50 each. That is, all except Jim Statom, road captain of the cycle group, who was booked as "keeper" of the house.

Statom, whose bail was set at \$500, protested he had nothing to do with the show.

"Why put the finger on me?" he asked. "Other guys arranged for the girls, brought the movies and handled the tickets."



GREYHOUND DRIVER HONORED recently was Pacific Greyhound Lines driver George A. Wright, left, of Shell Beach, California. Wright stands in front of the message he has followed for 20 years. Wright is shown being congratulated by the company's director of safety, Robert E. Gocke, for operating passenger carrying buses for 20 years without an accident.

Former Wife Faces Trial

CASPER, Wyo. (AP)—Mrs. Rose Alexander, stocky mother of two, must stand trial on a charge she murdered her husband's second wife and buried the body in the cellar of an East Casper home.

Mrs. Alexander was held without bond in the county jail where she has been a prisoner since Thursday.

The balding husband, James, 48, also was held Tuesday on \$10,000 bond as a material witness.

Justice of the Peace Alice K. Burridge held the two for District Court action after a long preliminary hearing at which state attorneys sought to trace the involved relationship of the pair and of Barbara Alexander, 27, whose skeleton was chipped from a concrete tomb in the basement of the Alexander home.

District Court is expected to meet late next spring.

Rose, 42, testified at an inquest last Thursday that Barbara, a blonde divorcee, died in an accident at the home July 18, 1953. She said she buried the body two days later, and that Alexander knew nothing about it.

Neurologist Links Alcohol With Severe Brain Damage

BERKELEY (UP)—Dr. S. A. Skillcorn, University of California neurology instructor, reported evidence today that severe alcoholism may be acceptable to incurable brain damage.

Dr. Skillcorn, whose report appeared in the journal, Neurology, said he conducted studies on six retired naval veterans who had clinical signs of severe damage to the portion of the brain beneath and behind the main part of the brain. The patients were confirmed alcoholics.

The portion which showed damage was the cerebellum while the main portion of the brain is known as the cerebrum. However, Dr. Skillcorn's observations indicate that the entire brain might be affected in some cases of extreme alcoholism.

The doctor emphasized that he had found no evidence to suggest moderate "social" drinkers might develop the condition and said it occurred only infrequently in association with prolonged overindulgence. The same damage may be suffered by severe sunstroke, heatstroke, and with sensitivity reactions to some drugs, he said.

Damage to the cerebellum results in loss of control of coordinated movement, a condition known as ataxia, which starts in the legs. Dr. Skillcorn confirmed clinical observation of the past 50 years that damage to the cerebellum sometimes is associated with alcoholism. He also performed air studies to confirm clinical signs.

In such studies, spinal fluid is removed from the patient and replaced by air. The air eventually rests in spaces within and surrounding the brain which can be photographed by X-ray. In addition to the cerebellar damage, the doctor found in all the six alcoholic patients a severe and generalized shrinkage, or atrophy, of the brain.

Psychological tests were given as well and, in all cases, the tests confirmed that the brain had incurred generalized physical damage.

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