

Cyanide Death Said Suicide

MILTON - FREEWATER, Ore. (AP)—After placing two notes in front of the house, Alvin C. Gentry phoned police. Come quickly, he said.

Then the 54-year-old ranch foreman went into the basement and slit the lid of a can. It contained cyanide gas, the kind used to kill rodents.

Police arrived a few minutes later and saw a scribbled sign on the porch that said: "Keep Out—Poison Gas." They sniffed, and then shouted.

Ralph Lee Gentry, 19, and his sisters, Nita, 16, and Delores Ann, 12, dashed out of the house. Police told them it was filling up with gas.

Officers were able to restrain the girls, but Ralph dashed back in to rescue his father. He collapsed and died at the bottom of the stairs, near his father's body. Policeman Glen Fiero tried to rescue Ralph but was driven back by the gas.

Later, Thursday, police read the notes on a stake on the front lawn.

One said to contact Gentry's wife, who was away at work.

It said: "Better get her before she gets in this house or she will get it too. Poison gas in this house. I am getting tired of working and fighting for a living."

The other was to Gentry's wife, and touched upon marital troubles. Then it added:

"We are all leaving you. You can do what you want."

Mayor Offers To Buy Hat

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—San Francisco Mayor George Christopher has offered to at least help purchase a new hat for Albany, Councilwoman Kathy Zahn.

Seems she was walking around town Monday wearing a clean white hat when a pigeon flew overhead. Or was it a sea gull?

Whichever it was, Mrs. Zahn stormed into the mayor's office and demanded the papers necessary to file a claim against the city.

The mayor told her Wednesday to throw away her papers, but again raised the pigeon-sea gull question.

"I'll buy her the new hat, if she's sure it was a pigeon. I want to suggest that perhaps the offender was a sea gull. In this case, I offer to split the cost of the chapeau with the Port Authority."

Cyril Maglin, chairman of the Port Authority, was unavailable for comment.

Prosecutor Offers Quip

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—William Gates, 27, arrested on a forgery charge, told officers he wrote some \$100 in bum checks so he would be sent to prison and thus obtain the background he needed for his novel.

When Gates came before Justice of the Peace Evangeline Starr, he pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of unlawful issuance of a check. He was sentenced to six months in the county jail.

Deputy Prosecutor Liem E. Tsai quipped to the court: "Instead of going to the penitentiary and writing a book, your honor, he'll go to the county jail and write short stories."

Pilot Killed As Plane Falls

HALFWAY, Ore. (AP)—A private plane plunged into a hillside near here Thursday, three miles short of its destination. Its pilot was killed.

The victim was N. C. Jones, 44, Halfway, owner of the Jones Logging and Construction Co. here.

The craft was en route here from the Oxbow Dam site on the Snake River, when it crashed in rainy, cloudy weather.

Jones was alone in the plane.

Red Paper Blasts Mayor: Calls Leader 'Quisling'

BERLIN (UPI)—East Germany's official newspaper attacked West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt today as a "Quisling." It was a veiled threat of personal vengeance should the outspoken free Berlin leader ever fall into Communist hands.

The Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland taunted Brandt with the claim that Pres-

Duties Told For New Aide

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Robert L. McCarthy, director of motor vehicles-designate, will act as coordinator of traffic safety in California.

Governor-elect Edmund G. Brown explained Tuesday that he was giving McCarthy more authority over traffic safety than was enjoyed by former motor vehicles directors.

McCarthy, Brown said, will have an "important part" in selecting the new director of the Highway Patrol. In theory, the patrol boss and the motor vehicles director are of equal rank.

However, Brown objected to the term "safety czar" to describe McCarthy's job. He preferred to call him an adviser and coordinator.

At the same time, McCarthy, a former state senator from San Francisco, reported on his recent tour of Connecticut where he studied that state's tough policy of traffic law enforcement.

McCarthy said Connecticut law calls for an automatic 30-day driver's license suspension for the first speeding conviction, a 60-day suspension for the second, and a permanent revocation for the third. However, neither Brown nor McCarthy suggested such rigid laws for California.

TV Station Sets Program

WASHINGTON (AP)—Whether school officials cooperate or not, Liberty Television Inc. could carry out an educational program, its president said here Thursday.

The comment came from D. A. McDonald, president of the firm seeking television Channel 9 at Eugene, Ore.

The firm, he said, has been unable to obtain assurances of cooperation from school officials.

But McDonald added: "We intend to effectuate the program with or without their cooperation."

McDonald made the comment as testimony continued in a hearing conducted by the Federal Communications Commission.

Also seeking the channel is KEED Inc., operator of a radio station at Springfield, Ore.

Custody Given To Grandmother

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The 14-year-old daughter of actress Lana Turner will remain indefinitely in the custody of her maternal grandmother.

Cheryl Crane was made a ward of Juvenile Court after fatally stabbing playboy Johnny Stompanoni in her mother's bedroom last April. She is living in the home of Mrs. Mildred Turner, the actress' mother.

Superior Judge Allen T. Lynch, reviewing the custody phase of the case Thursday, said that Cheryl's father, restaurateur Steve Crane, Miss Turner and her mother were satisfied with the present arrangement.

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ident Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles would be unable or unwilling to protect him.

It reminded "what the Norwegian people did to Vidkun Quisling," the Nazi traitor in Norway who was shot by a firing squad after the liberation.

Brandt was an anti-Nazi who escaped to Norway, adopted Norwegian citizenship and fought in the anti-Nazi underground in Norway. He came back after the war to become the symbol of freedom to West Berliners who gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence in the recent municipal elections.

Neues Deutschland threw his temporary Norwegian nationality back at him in an editorial suggesting the Communists would like to capture him.

Neues Deutschland's blistering threats followed the new hard line set down by Russia Thursday night.

In an official communique the Soviet government had warned that any Western move to break through a new Berlin blockade would be considered an act of war by the Soviet Union and its allies.

Expert Given Promotion

SALEM (AP)—The State Highway Commission Thursday promoted its right of way engineer, Frederic L. Porter, to become its office engineer on Jan. 1.

Porter succeeds Samuel H. Probert, who has worked for the commission for 45 years, and who has been office engineer since 1921. Probert will retire next May.

The office engineer is one of the key men in the highway department. He is in charge of preparation of all highway plans, preparing specific contracts, and all fiscal matters.

Named to succeed Porter as right of way engineer was Walter T. Wright, now Porter's assistant. The right of way engineer is in charge of purchase of all land needed for highway projects.

Porter has worked for the commission since 1932. Wright went to work for the department in 1940.

Probert, Porter and Wright started out with the commission as chainmen.

Police Seeking Amusement Thief

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP)—Walton King, 47, told police his truck driver, LeRoy Cone, 32, Adger, Ala., left here with a ferris wheel and a merry-go-round last Nov. 20.

Cone was to deliver them to an amusement company in New York but he hasn't been heard from since, said King to Municipal Judge Malcolm E. Trombley. The judge issued a warrant charging Cone with larceny.

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Search For Missing Family Centered Near Mt. Hood

PORTLAND (AP)—The search continued on the slopes of Mount Hood today for Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin of Portland and their three young daughters.

They disappeared after leaving Sunday to cut a Christmas tree. The area was searched earlier Thursday night after a service station employee, Peter Henke, said he believed he had seen the family driving toward the region Sunday.

Police said it was the best lead to date.

Henke, who works in a station in Gresham, Ore., said, "I'm pretty positive it was that family."

He told police that parents and three children had stopped for gasoline, spoke about what a nice day it was for a trip and then drove eastward.

They were traveling to the Government Camp area, some 55 miles east of here, and to the 4,000-foot level on Mount Hood. Although police had covered most roads in the vicinity earlier, they launched a new search Thursday night.

Another area searched was Highway 35 between Hood River and Government Camp.

Martin, 54, works for a Portland electrical company. His wife is 48. The children are Barbara, 14, Virginia, 12, and Sue, 8.

Henke said the beauty and politeness of the girls made him particularly remember the family.

Donald, 20, a son of the Martins, attends Columbia University in New York City.

Gordon Auburn, Multnomah County sheriff's captain, said it is possible the family may have met with harm. "Anything's possible," he said.

The hunt began Monday when Martin did not report for work and the children were absent from school.

Dogs Attack Little Girl

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Three dogs with Jekyll-and-Hyde temperaments were in a pound today for a check on rabies after they savagely ripped a little girl.

Handlers at the pound said the neighborhood pets seemed gentle and friendly, the same as when they romped with children before the attack on 6-year-old Shirley Hubbard near her home.

Doctors said the girl was responding to treatment after being admitted to a hospital in critical condition.

Shirley was knocked down, bitten and scratched over her entire body. A piece of scalp three inches square was almost torn from her head.

She was so badly attacked her mother failed to recognize her when she came home covered with blood and nearly all her clothes ripped off.

January is a summer month in Chile, but it is also a month in which this southernmost part of South America is exposed to some of the world's stormiest weather.

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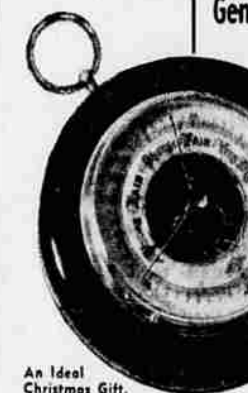
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