

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"THAT'S NOT TRUE! HE'S BEEN THERE ABOUT TEN MINUTES, NOT 'ALL DAY'!"

Ten Passengers Killed In Train-Auto Accident

XENIA, Ohio (AP)—A freight train plowed into a car carrying 10 passengers in a tragic railroad crossing accident near here Wednesday. All 10—including eight Girl Scouts—were killed.

The car was dragged 50 feet along the tracks. The body of the driver, Mrs. Lucille White, 44, was found 75 feet beyond the car.

The daughters of Mrs. White and the other adult in the car, Mrs. Jeannette Randall, 39, were among the eight Girl Scouts who perished.

The girls were returning home from a library here where they had been studying for merit badges. They lived in Beaver-creek Twp., a rural, commuter-type suburb between Xenia and Dayton.

The accident happened about 3 1/2 miles west of Xenia.

Kenneth Ward, father of one Girl Scout, is an auxiliary fireman. He was helping gather up the bodies, unaware his daughter was a victim, when he recognized what was left of the car. Then he found the body of his daughter, Linda, 12.

The other girls were Sharon White, Cindy Moorman, Connie Laprise, Patricia Lapinski, Ann

Imposing Capital Tower Erected To Honor Taft

WASHINGTON (AP)—The late Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, who wanted to be "Mr. President" but had to settle for "Mr. Republican," is now being honored as few men have.

An imposing new capital monument—a slim 100-foot pink marble bell tower—will be dedicated April 14 in his memory.

Taft's tower, with its 27-bell French carillon and a 10-foot bronze statue of the late senator, was built at a cost of about one million dollars donated by his friends and admirers.

Selections from his speeches are being cut into the marble.

By order of his Congress colleagues, the tower stands on Capitol grounds. In all the 131 acres that comprise Capitol Hill, there is but one other outdoor statue.

That is the seated figure of John Marshall, who served longer than any man as chief justice of the United States.

Not even Franklin D. Roosevelt, who served longer than any other president, has such a Capitol marker.

Marshall's statue was erected by fellow members of the bar and Congress in 1884—49 years after his death.

Taft's memorial was constructed within six years of his death from cancer, July 31, 1953 at the age of 63.

In all of the District of Columbia, where there are 94 outdoor statues, only five honor senators—and two of them became presidents, a National Capitol Parks spokesman reported.

President Eisenhower and former President Herbert Hoover are among those scheduled to participate in the tower's dedication next month.

The tall, slender, fluted shaft—13 feet wide, 32 feet long and 99.6 feet high—is faced with 8,000 cubic feet of Tennessee pink marble. It has a stainless steel roof.

and an intricate lightning arrester system.

Forming a hedge around it are old English boxwoods collected by nurserymen from some historic Delaware, Virginia and North Carolina plantations.

Besides the tower itself and the two-ton bronze statue of Taft, a major feature of the memorial is a carillon, hung in an 18-foot chamber with seven openings front and back.

The carefully tuned bells, costing about \$70,000, were imported from the famous Paillard foundry in the Alpine Valley village of Anancy, France.

The 27 bells, ranging from the six-ton "G" note to the 200-pound smallest size, will be ready to sound the hour, toll in memoriam or pour out a golden symphony of music. The carillon can be played electronically with pre-set bronze tapes like a player piano, or at the touch of a 30-inch piano keyboard.

The tower, surrounded by boxwood and a fountain-filled moat, is to be floodlighted at night.

But even before its official dedication, Taft's tower was being eyed critically. Some say it detracts a bit from the grandeur of the 287-foot Capitol itself. And there were congressmen who said it might set a bad precedent, and lead to cluttering of Capitol Hill, of friends of other distinguished senators seek similar monuments in the future.

The Taft Tower is just one of a three-part memorial project planned by the Taft Memorial Foundation, headed by Rep. B. Carroll Reece (R-Tenn.).

The others are a fund for educational scholarships and an institute for government to supply lecturers, publish books and conduct research in bipartisan fashion consistent with Taft's ideals. Neither of these projects is yet under way.

French Scholar Reports Discovery Of New Gospel; On Par With 'Sea Scrolls'

NEW YORK (AP)—A document known as the "Gospel of St. Thomas," discovered in Egypt, contains 114 sayings attributed to Jesus—many of them previously unknown—a French scholar reports.

Existence of the document was disclosed Wednesday night by Dr. Oscar Cullman, professor of early Christianity at the Sorbonne, Paris, in a lecture at Union Theological Seminary.

The document, Cullman said, is "comparable in importance to the Dead Sea scrolls and of even greater significance to students of the New Testament."

He said the document was one of 44 treatises found in 1946 by Egyptian peasants in an old tomb cut in limestone cliffs about 60 miles from Luxor. Written in the Coptic language, the treatises were divided among 13 leather-bound, papyrus books.

Cullman, a visiting professor at the seminary this year, said many of the sayings found in the treatises could be traced word for word in the four Gospels of the New Testament—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

One hitherto unknown saying quoted by Cullman was: "Jesus said: If those who lead you say to you: behold, the kingdom is in heaven, then the birds of heaven will precede you; if they say to you that it is in the sea, then the fish will precede you. But the kingdom is within you and it is outside of you."

Contents of the document, Cullman said, were disclosed by Dr. Henry Charles Puech, professor of early Christianity at the College of France in Paris, who will publish them sometime this year.

Discovery of the treatises has been known, Cullman continued, but the contents of the document dealing with Jesus have not been previously disclosed.

Unlike the canonic Gospels, he said, the "Gospel of Thomas" does not give any personalized information about Jesus.

Cullman said he noted four kinds of sayings in the document:

1. Those which are word for word the same as in the canonic Gospels.
2. Those which provide independent variants to the sayings in the canonic Gospels.
3. Those not found in the canonic Gospels in any form, but which were known from citations of the church fathers.
4. Those which were formerly completely unknown.

Cullman said the Jung Institute in Zurich purchased one manuscript, and the others are now in the Coptic Museum in Cairo.

"The Coptic manuscripts were written in the third or fourth century, but go back to Greek originals which are much older," Cullman said.

Boy In Gray Put To Rest

GATE CITY, Va. (AP)—They lay John Salling to rest today in the earth of the southwest Virginia hill country he loved and called home for 112 years.

Funeral services for the old Confederate, next-to-last Civil War veteran, will be held here and at the family cemetery near Salling's home at Slant, a dozen miles to the north.

Salling's death Monday of pneumonia left Walter Williams, 116, Houston, Tex., another of the boys in grey, the only surviving Civil War veteran.

Across a spray of red and white flowers near Salling's casket in the National Guard Armory here lay a ribbon with the words "My Comrade." The flowers were from Williams and his family.

Salling has lain in state since early Tuesday. Eight thousand persons filed by his bright copper casket Tuesday and Wednesday.

Salling, who dug salt-peter in southwest Virginia mines for the manufacture of gunpowder, was dressed in the crisp uniform of an honorary Confederate general.



THE HAIREST OF THEM ALL are these four men who stomped most of the opposition in a beard-contest at the J. W. Kerns Company building Tuesday night. They are, from left, Al Proytz, 87-year-old Dorris resident, whose beard was judged longest; Ray Plank of Klamath Falls, curliest; Spencer Clark of Klamath Falls, best trim, and Louis Lappert of Klamath Falls, oddest trim.



WAXED AND COMBED, this fine example of sartorial splendor won for Clinton Pierce of Klamath Falls the grand prize—a Norge clothes dryer—at beard competition sponsored by the J. W. Kerns Company, and judged at the company's building, 724 South Sixth Street Tuesday evening.

'Viva Beards' May Echo In The Basin

"Back to the Beard" may soon be the rallying cry of gentry around the Klamath Basin.

Not only has beard cultivation erased a noxious morning chore for thousands of local males, it has netted handsome prizes for some of them.

Clinton Pierce of Klamath Falls, for instance, won a big Norge electric clothes dryer during beard judging competition sponsored by and held at the building of the J. W. Kerns Company Tuesday night. Even a ticklish wife would speak kindly of beards for that.

Pierce displayed a full-dress crop of whiskers, ramrod proper and thick as a field of Iowa corn.

Runner-up were Al Proytz of Dorris, who is 87 years old; Ray Plank, 4548 Bisbee Street, Spencer Clark 2225 Hughes Street, and Louis Lappert of 1346 Gary Street, Klamath Falls.

Proytz's beard was judged longest. Plank's the curliest. Clark's trimmed neatest and Lappert's trimmed most unusually.

Proytz won a Sunbeam electric razor, and so did Plank. Lappert got a 24-inch barbecue and implement set and Clark won an electric travel iron.

Possibly the most exciting prize went to Tommy Reeves of Klamath Falls. OTT's sweetheart, Ann Martin, ran her fingers through his whiskers and judged them softest. Then she gave him a friendly nuzzle. He also won a bag of fertilizer.

Judges were Al Carpenter, George Clark and Lewis McDaniel. The competition drew about 80 contestants and 250 spectators. Entertainment was provided by the Krater Kords, a local barber-shop quartet.

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Oil Firefighter Combats Blaze

CRYSTAL CITY, Tex. (AP)—M. M. Kinley, world-famous oil well firefighter, has a special interest in an oil well fire near here. He owns part of the well.

The well in the Torch Field, named for Kinley's firefighting exploits, exploded Tuesday as drill pipe was being pulled from the hole. Driller Joe Whitaker was burned as flames shot 150 feet.

TICKET DEMAND GREAT
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (UPI)—The demand for seats at the April 2 Louis Armstrong concert was so heavy among jazz-starved Yugoslavs today that black marketers were getting \$10 for a \$3 ticket.

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