

Kansas Town Treasurer Stays On Job 60 Years

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IOLA, Kan. (NEA) — Back in 1929 when Thomas A. Bowlus was presented with a diamond-studded pin for his 30 years of service as Iola city treasurer, there was some feeling that he might retire and take things easy.

The feeling was a little premature. Bowlus has just become eligible for a second diamond pin—"for my other lapel" as he puts it.

The active 85-year-old has held the job for 60 years and has been unanimously reelected for another two-year term.

But if you're thinking that 60 years is a long time to be on the public payroll, consider this: during six decades Bowlus' total income as treasurer of this southwestern Kansas town has been \$2,413.

Bowlus does have time for activities other than bridgework and taxes. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Elks, the Allen Country Club and the Kansas City Club.

The salary has never been much of an attraction to long service in the job. When Bowlus took over the treasurer's books in 1899, he was paid \$40 a year. The salary remained at that figure until 1950 when the "high cost of living" affected it and it was boosted to \$50 annually. In 1951, all Iola city employees were given a six per cent salary boost and Bowlus found his yearly pay upped to \$53 a year.

In 1955, possibly thinking that Bowlus had "learned the ropes," the Iola city council boosted the treasurer's salary to \$100 a year.

Bowlus has served on the Kan-

sas State Banking Board and is a director in the Kansas Bankers Surety Co. He modestly admits that he donated the land on which the Allen County hospital was built a few years ago.

Born in Iola early in 1874, Bowlus has lived his entire life in this community. He went to work for a local bank almost before he was old enough to vote, and has been president of the Allen County Kansas State Bank since August 8, 1908. He has served as city treasurer under 20 different mayors and some three dozen mayoral councilmen.

Several times during his three score years in politics, opponents have campaigned against "the banker." On election night he always came out on top although in recent years he hasn't done any vigorous campaigning.

Bowlus apparently has been too busy handling other people's money to get around to matrimony. Although interested in world affairs he has not traveled much although he did slip in a trip to Europe about 20 years ago.

Since the city of Iola owns its own utilities the amount of money that has passed through Bowlus' books during his six decades as city treasurer is so large that even the banker — accustomed as he is to talk in big figures — cannot estimate it.

But at an age when many persons are sitting back in a rocking chair taking it easy, City Treasurer Thomas H. Bowlus of Iola, Kan., is going to try for his third 30-year diamond-studded pin. Politicians in southeast Kansas think that if anyone can do it, he can.

MORTY MEEKLE



Battle-Seared Fortress Tourist Attraction Today

By TONY ESCODA

CORREGIDOR ISLAND, Philippines — Sunday visitors splash in the surf, sun themselves on the beach or fish from the shell-sharped docks on this island-shaped island guarding Manila Bay.

Elsewhere on Corregidor all is quiet. The jungle has grown back over tunnels and gun emplacements in the hills. Often the only sign of life is an occasional snake slithering through the tall grass.

A newly built tourist lodge sits on a rise a half mile from the spot where Japanese troops swept

ashore in May, 1942, to stamp out the last spark of Allied resistance in Southeast Asia.

Before that, Corregidor and Bataan Peninsula, across the bay to the north, were the only allied outposts left in the wake of the Japanese juggernaut.

The ragtag army of 12,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor had already beaten back one major onslaught and were fighting on despite the rain of bombs and shells that splattered the island daily.

For a time the Free Philippine government ruled from gloomy Ma-

linta tunnel and its network of laterals dug out of Corregidor's bedrock, and from here a lonely "Voice of Freedom" broadcast each day.

But by April, Bataan—with Corregidor, the key to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's defense on the Philippines—had fallen. Ammunition for Corregidor's big guns had run out. So had food and medicine.

The hospital wards inside Malinta were crammed with sick and wounded, many of whom were to die later during the Death March to concentration camps on Luzon.

The Philippine government, with Gen. MacArthur and his staff, escaped to Australia.

The big Japanese push finally came, and this time there was little to stop it.

It ended on May 6 when Gen. Jonathan Wainwright surrendered. The "Voice of Freedom" went off the air and the big Rock fell silent.

The silence today is more hushed, punctuated by the laughter of tourists who come over on the Sunday excursion boats. They are shown around by the only soldiers left on Corregidor—a handful of Philippine marines on routine security duty.

The island is technically a memorial ground, but only a few tablets and markers have been erected. Few are needed.

The site of the Japanese landing is clearly marked by trees and shrubbery, torn by shrapnel, which haven't bloomed since.

The 23 batteries still have their 12-inch coastal guns and mortars, with rusted barrels in the same position as when they were last fired.

A third of Malinta tunnel's 825-foot length has caved in, but there's room enough for sight-seers and a sign that reads, "Headquarters, United States Forces in the Philippines."



TOURISTS inspect 12-inch American mortars rusted in their last firing position — toward Bataan.

Handbills Ask Yank's Death

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Pamphlets handwritten in Chinese appeared here Friday demanding death for Allan Lawrence Pope, 31, of Miami, Fla., who goes on trial Monday on a charge of piloting a rebel bomber in Indonesia's 1958 uprising.

Somebody plastered the pamphlets on St. Paul's Church, facing the residence of U.S. Ambassador Howard P. Jones. Parishioners, mostly Indonesian Christians, immediately tore them down.

"Death sentence for Pope, ban-

dit adventurer," the pamphlets said. "Prevent U.S. intervention." Communists and other leftists have been vociferous in demanding the trial of Pope, who was injured and captured when his B26 bomber was shot down in East Indonesian waters on an alleged bombing mission May 18, 1958.

Crab Feed Set

The third annual Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit crab feed will be held Wednesday, January 6, at 6 p.m. in the Pilots Lounge at the Airport Cafe.

Announcement of plans was made by Rex Morehouse, KASRU president. Members should make reservations early. Guests will be welcome.

A short business meeting will follow the dinner.

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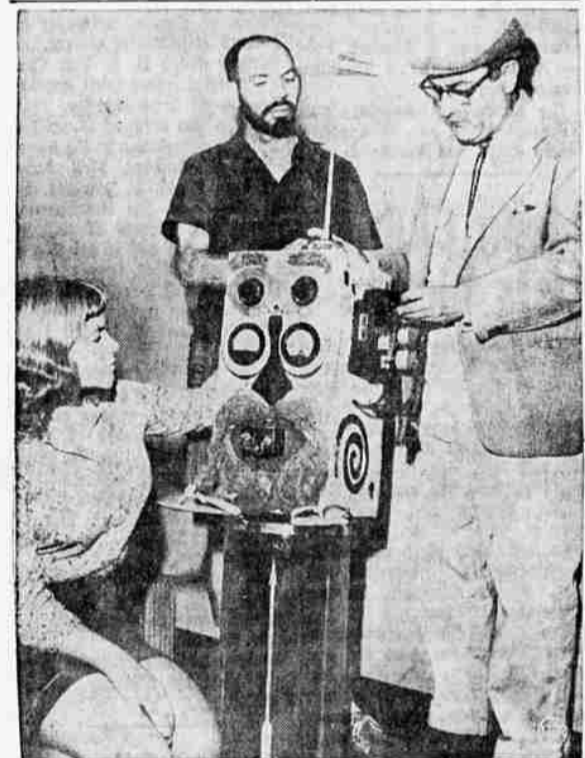
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BAD-GUY SPOTTER — Beatnik novelist-poet Lawrence Lipton, right, demonstrates his "Detector for Undesirable Habitués" to Susan Dorst and Bill Riola in Venice, Calif., West Coast center of beatdom. Beatnik Lipton cooked up the mad, mad machine to spot, as he says, "bad guys," from subversives to teen-age werewolves. The detector was displayed during a hearing to answer charges that undesirables were sipping espresso in a local coffee house.

Bob Crosbys To Reconcile

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) —The Bob Crosbys are together again, hopeful of saving their 21-year marriage.

"We had a very happy holiday," Crosby said Sunday night. He told newsmen that he and his wife, June, dined together Christmas Day and attended church Sunday.

The couple separated after an argument last month. Mrs. Crosby told police at the time that her husband came home in an angry mood and pushed her. She said Crosby was stabbed in the arm and chest when she grabbed a letter opener to defend herself.

Crosby's version was that his wife had fallen when he attempted to disarm her.

The couple has five children—aged 8 to 19.

LA Counts Birds

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A special census is being held in a 15-mile area of Los Angeles today.

It's for the birds. The Los Angeles Audubon Society, Inc., has 60 spotters counting beaks in an area centered on Pico and La Cienega boulevards. It's part of an annual birdcount taken each year by Audubon units.

Last year 148 species were counted in Los Angeles.

It was Ralph Waldo Emerson, the American essayist and poet, who said: "I hate quotations! Tell me what YOU know!"

Census Lists Farm Decline

WASHINGTON (UPD) — You can't keep 'em down on the farm. The Census Bureau reported Sunday that only one in eight Americans now lives on a farm compared with one in six a decade ago.

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Police Charge Official's Son

NEW YORK (AP) — The husky blond son of a German army captain serving in this country has been charged with trying to rape a Brooklyn policeman's wife.

The youth, Helmuth Malmardy, 19, was arrested in Brooklyn Sunday after a battle with police.

Detectives said the police officer's wife, Joan Sandel, 31, had just entered the foyer of their apartment while her husband Earl, 35, parked their car.

Mrs. Sandel said Malmardy followed her in, seized her, and tried to kiss her. She screamed, fought and shouted that her husband was a cop. The youth fled and Mrs. Sandel ran outside to her husband.

Together, the Sandels cruised the neighborhood in their car until they found Malmardy walking along. The teen-ager tried to break away. Mrs. Sandel phoned other police, who helped Sandel subdue the youth.

The boy's father, Capt. George Malmardy, who is attached to the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

tion in Washington, said his son had never been in trouble. Malmardy, paroled in his father's custody for a hearing Jan. 6, was charged with attempted rape and felonious assault on a policeman.

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