



ANOTHER \$204 was added to the Hospital Survey Fund recently when a check was presented on behalf of the officer's wives and the officers at Kingsley Field. Shown here, left to right, are Greer Drew, chairman of the Hospital Survey Board; Col. Jack W. Williams, base commander; Mrs. Lillian LeMay, chairman for the Wives Club Hospital Fund Fashion Show, and 1st Lt. Frederick R. Potter, Kingsley Field club officer. The fund is still several hundred dollars short of its goal of \$8,750 but a contract has been entered into for the hospital survey with the Stanford Research Institute. —Photo by M. Sgt. Charles Bennett

Barbara Shot By Own Gun, Claims Dr. Finch Defense

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Was the pistol that killed Barbara Jean Finch snatched from her own hand? An expert witness for the prosecution admits it's possible. The autopsy surgeon who described how a pistol shot killed Mrs. Finch acknowledged Friday—under cross-examination—that a small wound on her right hand could have been caused when a pistol was wrenched from her grasp. Dr. R. Bernard Finch's attorney borrowed an unloaded revolver from a sheriff's deputy to show the court how he thought one of a score of wounds on her body could have been caused. Dr. Finch and his 23-year-old mistress, pretty Carole Tregoff, are charged with murder and conspiracy in the death of the 36-year-old socialite last July 18. The trial is in recess for the weekend. The handsome physician hasn't yet told his version of what happened the night his wife was killed. Does his attorney's contention about the pistol mean Dr. Finch will say he grabbed the pistol from his wife—and that her death was accidental? Defense Attorney Grant Cooper—ordered like other counsel not to tell the press of his plans—would say only: "We have a lot more questions for Dr. Ridge." It was Dr. Gerald K. Ridge who testified what his autopsy on Mrs. Finch showed. He said she suffered more than 20 wounds—ranging from the fatal pistol shot to two skull fractures and an assortment of lacerations, bruises and abrasions. The state contends Dr. Finch and Miss Tregoff came to the \$65,000-Finch home in suburban West Covina last summer to carry out a plot to slay Mrs. Finch so the doctor and Miss Tregoff wouldn't have to share an estimated \$750,000 in community property with her. Dr. Ridge said he believed Mrs. Finch suffered a skull fracture in the family garage—where blood was found on her car and the garage floor. He said she apparently was shot after she fled from the garage—possibly she ran down a flight of steps to a neighbor's lawn. He said that the bullet passed through her body and severed the pulmonary artery, causing death from a massive hemorrhage. As she fell, he said, she apparently struck her head on an iron pipe buried in the lawn as a tree support, suffering a second fracture. Cooper gave his first indication of what may be a key in his defense by quizzing Ridge about the abrasion on Mrs. Finch's hand, between her forefinger and thumb. He asked Ridge: "Assuming an individual held a

revolver in the right hand, gripped firmly, and another individual was trying to get it—and forcibly pulled the gun from the right hand—could this abrasion be reasonably caused?" After several questions, Ridge admitted: "Yes, that is true."

OBITUARY

RUTHERFORD
Charles Edward Rutherford, 23, died here January 7. He was a native of Joplin, Missouri, and resident of Lomita, California. Survivors include the widow, Gloria; daughter, Cherie, and son, Shawn of Lomita. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

HUMPHREY
ALTURAS—Funeral services for Mrs. Mollie E. Humphrey, 92, were held in Sacramento Wednesday, January 6. She was the mother of Francis R. Humphrey of Klamath Falls. Mrs. Humphrey is survived by a sister, Mrs. Effie Lathrop of Berkeley; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Burial was in the East Lawn Cemetery.

ROGERS
Anna M. Rogers, 74, a native of Jacksonville, Oregon, and a resident of this city since 1906 died here January 8. She is survived by three children James Rogers, Chiloquin; Mrs. Scott Warren, Algonia and Mrs. Harry Ravizza of Portland. Two sisters Elizabeth Golden, Medford, Emma Hopkins, Salem; also seven grandchildren. Funeral services will be in O'Hair's Memorial Chapel Monday, January 11, at 2 p.m. Interment will be made in the Linkville Cemetery. Friends may call at O'Hair's until 1 p.m. Monday. Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the First Presbyterian Church.

SHAH TO BELGIUM
BRUSSELS (UPI)—The Shah of Iran has accepted King Baudouin's invitation to pay a state visit to Belgium beginning May 11, it was announced Friday. The duration of the visit will be decided later, officials said.

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Crews Wait, But No Ghost

GUTTENBERG, Iowa (AP)—"Operation Ghost" was conducted at the William Meyers farm house near Guttenberg Friday night but failed to turn up any explanation for the strange goings-on that forced the family to move out. Two university professors and 10 students stayed in the house all night—armed with Geiger counters, oscilloscopes, an ionization chamber, and an electrometer. Prof. Jack Lorenz of Upper Iowa University, in charge of the group, said the investigation indicated everything was normal. About 15 newsmen also were in the house during the night. Some of them took turns lying on the bed from which a 265-pound Guttenberg man reported he had been thrown mysteriously Wednesday night. Nothing happened while the newsmen were on the bed. The Meyers family moved out last month because they said objects were being tossed around for no apparent reason.

New Mark Eyed By Bathyscaph

GUAM (AP)—Scientists said today the U.S. Navy's bathyscaph Trieste—which dived to a record depth of 24,000 feet Friday—soon will try for 30,000, more than 5 1/2 miles under the sea. The cigar-shaped craft with its underslung, gondola-like ball, sank to the record depth in the Marianas Trench 50 miles southeast of this western Pacific island. It eclipsed the 18,600 feet reached by the Trieste in the same area Nov. 16, by Dr. Andreas B. Rechnitzer, head of the underwater research team, and Dr. Jacques Piccard.

Funerals

HOBBS
Funeral services for James Fredrick Hobbs will take place from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Chiloquin on Tuesday, January 12, when a Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul commencing at 9:30 a.m. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home Monday evening, January 11, at 8 p.m. The Rev. Patrick Lunham is in charge of the services. Concluding services and interment in Klamath Memorial Park.

ACKERMAN
YREKA—Funeral services were held for Irene Hattie Ackerman, 81, January 4, in Girdner's Funeral Chapel, with Father John Martin of St. Mark's Episcopal Church as officiant. Members of Stella Chapter 39, Order of the Eastern Star, also conducted services in the chapel and interment which was in the family plot of the Evergreen Cemetery. Miss Ackerman died on December 31. She had been a member of Stella Chapter for over 34 years. Surviving in addition to her sister, Ethel, is a brother, Frank Buffum Ackerman, also of Yreka.

McCURDY
YREKA—Funeral services were held here for Richard Eugene McCurdy, 20, in Girdner's Funeral Chapel on Thursday afternoon, January 7, with the Rev. Harold Coleman of the Yreka Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery with military rites. Mr. McCurdy died in a drowning accident Sunday, January 3, in San Diego, where he was stationed with the Navy. He is survived by the widow, Karole; two sons, Richard and Michael; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCurdy Sr.; a sister, Pat McCurdy and a brother, Floyd McCurdy, all of Yreka.

It took 32 scholars 14 years to complete the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible.



HANS NORLAND, right, is shown receiving a plaque commemorating 25 years continuous representation of the Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company from Philip E. Beauchamp; left, who came from the Portland regional headquarters of the Oregon department of the company for the presentation. Of his 25 years with the company, Norland has operated his own agency in Klamath Falls for the last 21 years. He is currently serving as president of the Klamath County Association of Insurance Agents.

Basin Relics

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used for a time in a side show where it was exhibited for 10 cents a look. It is impossible to determine the truth of this charge. "Side show or not, eventually the remains were taken to the museum of the surgeon general's office in Washington, reduced to a skeleton and for many years was displayed as a specimen of Indian anatomy. "Jack's body arrived at Yreka only about one jump behind news of his execution. An ambitious reporter had hired relays of horses between Fort Klamath and Jacksonville.

"AS SOON as the Indians were dead, he started riding for the nearest telegraph station. Wheaton (an Army officer) had prepared his reports in advance and the reporter took the official notices along with his newspaper story. "By half past seven on Friday night, this 1873 - model pony express rode into Jacksonville and sent the story to the Army and the waiting public in Yreka and over the entire country. The book was published last year. It was written by Keith A. Murray, formerly a ranger at Lava Beds National Monument, scene of the bloodiest portion of the Modoc War. Murray is an instructor at Western Washington College of Education at Bellingham. Even high and scholarly authority can't verify any story's authenticity. Here is the text of a letter sent to Kenneth McLeod Jr., of Klamath Falls, dated January 26, 1949, from F. N. Setzler, head cur-

ator, Department of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institute in the capital: "Your inquiry of January 9 concerning the final resting place of the bodies of four Indian leaders executed at Fort Klamath in 1873 has been referred to Dr. M. T. Newman of our division of physical anthropology. "DR. NEWMAN states that although there is no mention of the disposition of the bodies in the biographies published in 'The Handbook of American Indians' (page and volume references followed) it is probable that the skulls of these four Indians are now in the national museum. "An old catalogue of specimens in the Army Medical Museum lists seven Modoc crania. Four of these were received from Surgeon H. McDerry, U.S. Army, Fort Klamath, in 1873. "The names of the Indians are not mentioned in the records, so that their skulls can't be identified. But the circumstantial evidence points to their being the skulls of Captain Jack, Schonchin John, Black Jim and Boston Charlie. The letter also stated that the Army Medical Museum made no mention of skeletons from local Indians preserved there. It continued: "In all probability, the bodies were buried, possibly at the fort after the execution, and only the skulls sent to the museum. "THE DISPLAY, arranged by Benjamin Swartz, curator, also contains the last flag to fly over the old fort, donated by the local American Legion post; links allegedly from manacles which held the condemned chief, lent from the Harry H. Van Valkenburg collection of Ashland; other photos from the Ogilvie collection and some from the Lawrence C. Miriam collection of Salem. One photo also triggered another controversy. Most authorities identify the three captives pictured as Jack, Schonchin and Boston Charlie. But Jeff C. Riddle, in a book published in 1914, "Indian History of the Modoc War," says the ragged-looking trio is Curly-Haired Jack, William Faithful and Buckskin Doctor. Riddle was the son of Frank Riddle, husband of Winema, Indian heroine of the Modoc War. Jawaharlal Nehru has been prime minister of India for 12 years, ever since the Asian nation gained its independence in 1947.

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