

Agent Used Body As Shield To Protect Johnson's Life

WASHINGTON (UPI) — "I have been drawing my paycheck every two weeks since 1951 knowing this could come up. I hope it never happens again but if it does I'll be prepared for it."

That is the way the Secret Service agent who shielded President Johnson with his own body summed up his feelings about "the valiant manner" in which he "responded to the tragic circumstances" in Dallas, Tex., last Friday.

Agent Rufus W. Youngblood agreed to talk to reporters about his role in the Dallas tragedy only because President Johnson made public a letter he sent to Secret Service Chief James Rowley, commending the agent.

"Upon hearing the first shot, Mr. Youngblood instantly reached across the front seat of my car, pushed me to the floor and shielded my body with his own body, ready to sacrifice his life for mine," Johnson said.

But the lithe, six-foot agent said he felt "any agent in the service would have done the same thing." He said this as though he could not believe anyone might think otherwise.

Showed No Emotion

His Georgia accent showed no trace of emotion of any kind as he related his recollections of the hectic events which followed the first shot fired at the Kennedy motorcade in Dallas.

Perhaps it was the bravery which won him a Purple Heart in World War II which training in the Secret Service, but Youngblood reacted from reflex when he first sensed danger in the motorcade.

"I did not recognize the first shot as a shot," Youngblood said. "It could have been a firecracker, a bomb or a shot. I only recognized it as an abnormal sound."

In the Dallas motorcade,

there was only one security car between Johnson's and Kennedy's limousines.

When the shots were fired, Youngblood reached over the seat and grabbed the shoulder of the vice president, who was sitting behind him.

He shoved Johnson to the floor, yelling to Mrs. Johnson and Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., to "get down."

Although everyone responded to his first yell, Youngblood said he recalled repeating it several times.

"I believe that at the same time I was coming over the back of the seat," Youngblood said. "I leaned my body over Mr. Johnson and told the driver to step on it. By this time we were evacuating, so to speak."

Praise For Driver

Youngblood had special praise for the driver, Texas highway patrolman Herschel Jacks.

"He did a real good job," Youngblood said of Jacks. "I was talking to him all the time

I was leaning over Mr. Johnson. He wasn't talking, but he was responding."

Youngblood said he and everyone else in the car remained in the same position—below the window line of the car—until they reached Parkland Hospital, where Kennedy had been taken.

Youngblood said he felt he reacted to a combination of sight and sound.

"I heard three explosions but I think the quick, unusual movements in the President's car also made me react," Youngblood said. "I'm not sure I reacted on the first shot, between the first and the second or on the second."

"I had no idea where the shots had come from I didn't even know what they were at the time. But I saw the quick unusual movements up ahead and saw someone on the turtle (truck lid) of that car up there and I knew that an emergency existed."

Oswald Almost Saved; No Hope For Kennedy

McALLEN, Tex. (UPI) — A young surgeon who operated both on President Kennedy and his accused assassin said today "it just happened to be me."

Dr. Malcolm Perry, 34, was vacationing today in the Rio Grande Valley after failing in the nearly impossible task of saving the two lives.

Perry said there never was a chance to save the President, but the team of surgeons nearly overcame the odds and saved Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected presidential assassin.

Oswald's bleeding had been controlled, Perry said, and blood pressure restored to normal when his heart stopped beating.

"Everything was under control," he said, "we were very close to saving him."

Perry said he was called from his lunch to treat the President. He said his first impression was that Kennedy was a much larger man than he had expected. Perry performed surgery to aid Kennedy's breathing and massage his chest, hopeful of reviving the heartbeat.

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Dr. Jim Carrico, a first-year doctor at Dallas' Parkland Hospital, was praised by Perry for his work in the emergency room.

Perry said Carrico remembered from reading that Kennedy suffered an adrenal deficiency and should immediately receive steroids. Carrico, without hesitation, administered hydrocortisone.

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There were no injuries in the 6:23 p.m. collision.

Officers said Ammann was driving west on Sixth in his 1956 sedan in the left lane and his car struck the other auto as Ammann changed to the right lane. The second vehicle was stopped in the right lane for a traffic signal. It was driven by Barbara Jones, 47, 1510 Oregon Avenue.

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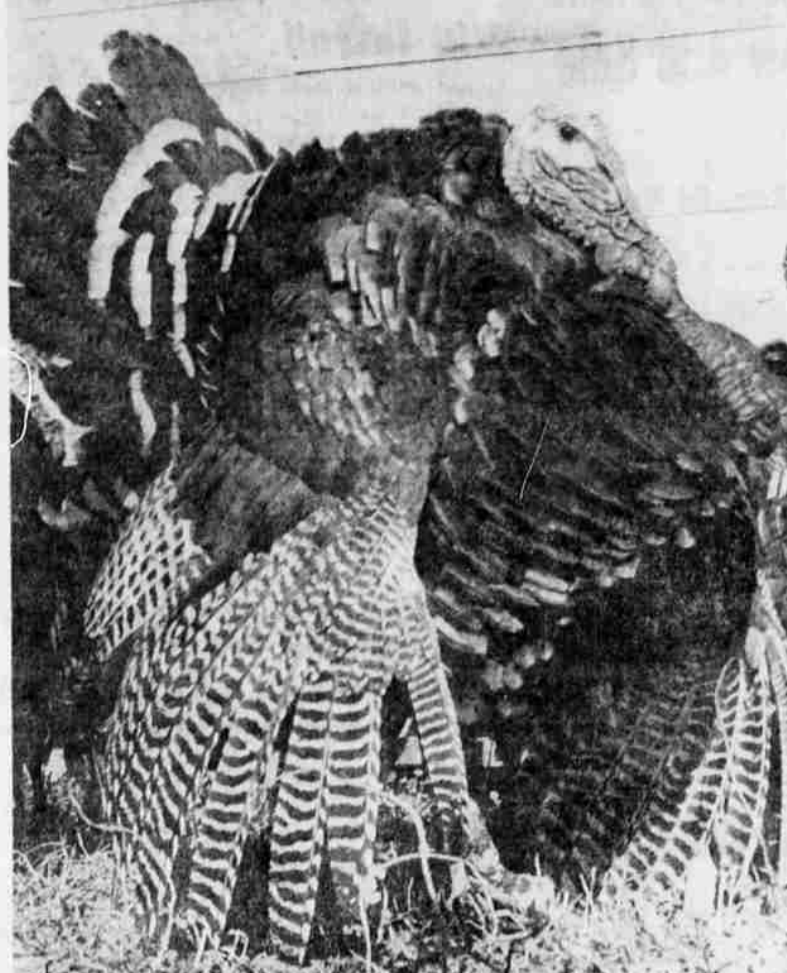
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H-U-M-P-H! — What do you mean, Happy Thanksgiving Day? This pompous bronze turkey tom, strutted and gobbled, his wattles fiery red, to show his authority as lord of the flock, before that fatal day when he became just another turkey destined for an oven. The turkey before domestication was an American game bird belonging to the pheasant family. Once great flocks inhabited almost all parts of the United States. Powder and ball brought them down for the first Thanksgiving feast. Domesticated turkeys come from the Mexican variety and producers in the United States, with eyes always on the changing needs of American homes, have improved strains and regulated growth to produce birds that appeal to every cook. May your Thanksgiving turkey be perfect for the carving is the wish of the Herald and News.

Brain-Picking Sessions To Seek Klamath County's 'No. 1 Project'

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce's new chamber development program, "Seven by 70," will take its first perceptible step forward beginning next Monday, when the chamber will sponsor the first in a two-week series of meetings with local businessmen to determine "what single project, if completed, would make Klamath County a better place to live and do business."

That question will be presented to approximately 40 members of the chamber during each of the scheduled meetings. Manager George Callison told the chamber membership during its luncheon meeting at the Pelican Cafe Wednesday.

Notices advising the chamber members which day they should call at the chamber office to express their views would be mailed beginning this Friday, Callison said.

The project "Seven by 70" is a program set up by the chamber to make progressive strides in seven major areas of work before 1970. Callison said that the best ideas received from the "brain-picking" sessions would be incorporated into the seven-year program.

Jim Stillwell, president of the chamber, appraised that the special meetings were being held "to bring the activities of the chamber to the people as much as we possibly can."

In other business, Dr. George Nicholson, president of the Klamath County Medical Society, urged those members of the chamber in managerial positions to lend their support to the Klamath County Blood Donor program for 1963-64.

Dr. Nicholson observed that the county had reason to be

Youth Arrested On Gun Charge

A 16-year-old youth who was stopped by a city policeman on a routine matter Wednesday night was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon after a .22-caliber revolver was found under the front seat of his car.

Police said the youth's car was stopped at Ninth and Pine streets at 11:15 p.m. and a search of the car uncovered the weapon. The boy's case will be handled by juvenile authorities.

\$351 Lost To Thieves

State police are investigating the burglary of the Klamath Animal Hospital, 2736 South Sixth Street, in which \$351 in cash was taken from a file cabinet.

Officers said the burglary occurred Tuesday night and was discovered Wednesday morning.

The burglar gained entry by breaking out a window in the main treatment room, then reaching in and unlocking the window. Police said the thief apparently knew what he was after, as he went straight into the office and removed the money from the file cabinet without disturbing the rest of the hospital.

Nyback's Slate Holiday House

Nyback's Flowers at 2614 South Sixth and 430 Main Street will be host to the public at "Holiday House", Dec. 1 through Dec. 8. Hours will be 2 to 9 p.m. daily.

Thousands of poinsettias, decorative ideas, religious designs and hundreds of other items will be on display.

Everyone will be welcome.

California Family Injured In Early Truck-Car Crash

MIDLAND—A late-model sedan containing four members of a Pebble Beach, Calif., family rammed head-on into a large truck and trailer two miles south of here early today, trapping the father of the family in the wreckage for two hours.

Few details were available at an early holiday press time, but state police said the car was northbound on Highway 97 and possibly swerved on the icy highway into the southbound truck.

The car was shoved under the truck in the collision, trapping 33-year-old John K. Berger of Pebble Beach. His foot was caught between the door and frame of his car for two hours after the 3:45 a.m. collision until a Klamath Falls Fire Department rescue truck crew could jack the truck off the car at 7:45.

He was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance in serious condition but the exact extent of his injuries was not known this morning. Berger was apparently driving the car.

His wife, Elaine, 30, and children, Nancy, 24, and Benjamin, 19, were listed in "satisfactory" condition at Klamath Valley Hospital with multiple injuries.

The driver of the Exley freight truck, Clarence Frias,

45, Colton, Ore., was not admitted to Klamath Valley. He suffered an injured knee.

The wreckage of car and truck blocked Highway 97 until Berger could be removed.

Tribes Ordered To Elect New Executive Committee

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Klamath and Modoc Indian tribes and the Yahooskin band of Snake Indians Wednesday were ordered to elect a new executive committee to represent them in trust dealings.

The order by Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Herbert Schwab followed a suit by

U.S. National Bank of Portland, trustee of the Indian properties estimated to be worth \$30 million.

Schwab noted that the Indians' executive committee now has only five members instead of 10 called for in its constitution. He ordered nominations at a meeting Dec. 10 and elections early in January.

The bank's suit was described as a "friendly" one to determine if it could legally allocate money for an independent study of the assets and their management.

Schwab, noting that the reduced executive committee had asked that the study be made, said he would consider its legality if the full 10-member committee decides it wants to go ahead.

Two Fires Result In Damage

Two fires less than a half-hour apart Wednesday night destroyed a large concrete heater on the Oregon Technical Institute campus construction site and severely damaged wooden flooring at Klamath Brick and Tile Company.

The first blaze was reported at 9:45 p.m. at the OTI construction site north of Klamath Falls. City firemen said the large portable gas and diesel heater was being used to dry concrete when it caught fire and was destroyed. Damage was confined to the heater, which belonged to Halvorsen Construction.

Twenty-eight minutes later, a fire broke out at Klamath Brick and Tile, 2420 Montellus. Firemen said there was "considerable" damage to flooring over the dry kilns. Overheating from the kilns was believed to be the cause of the blaze.

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FIRE REPORT

10 a.m. Wednesday to 10 a.m. Thursday

4:35 p.m. 741 Rose Street, pillow on furnace register caught fire, occupant Elto Petrotta.

Unsworth Gets Life

William Unsworth, convicted late Saturday night of second-degree murder, was sentenced Wednesday to life imprisonment by Circuit Court Judge Donald A. W. Piper.

Unsworth was convicted of the fatal shooting of Tony Moore in Beatty more than a year and a half ago.

He had been convicted of second-degree murder once before, but the verdict and life imprisonment sentence were set aside by the Supreme Court.

A second indictment for the shooting proved faulty and a third indictment was handed down by the Grand Jury.

Unsworth, 34, was convicted in this latest trial by a 10-2 verdict.

His attorney indicated an appeal may be filed with the State Supreme Court.

Burglar Fails To Gain Entry

The front door of Cofer's Exchange, 625 Klamath Avenue, was pried open early this morning by a burglar who apparently failed to gain entry to the shop.

Police said a passerby found the door had been opened, but the shop's owner could find nothing missing and police believe the burglar failed to get into the building. Police said the attempted burglary apparently occurred after 6 o'clock this morning. A pry bar apparently was used in the attempt.

No Markets

By United Press International
All securities and commodities exchanges and banks in the United States are closed today, Thanksgiving Day.

All foreign exchanges, however, are open for business.

The financial wires of United Press International are closed Thursday, but will operate as usual Friday.

Wall Street Chatter

NEW YORK (UPI) — Bache & Co. feels that caution is called for, at least for the next few days, before it can be accurately determined what the market's trend will be.

The advisory service says in the meanwhile, investors should continue to maintain quality as a guideline in making any new commitments.

Spear & Staff Inc. says its general market policy is to increase cash reserves and make a careful review of holdings with the aim of eliminating more speculative issues which have had a substantial slump in the last few months.

Red Bluff Livestock

Capital, Salinas 871, including around 23 calves. Represent classes, active. Combined with last Tuesday. Sloughed good fully steady. Red calves and yearlings, steady. Heavy strong stock cows about steady. Bulk of supply, feeder classes, around 20 cents. Few lots Good and Choice 30-20 lbs., yearlings, \$25.00-25. Few head 80-90 lbs., \$15.00-15.75.

Feeder Steers: Several lots Good in middle. Choice 200 - 250 lbs., calves \$28.00-27.00, few lots 470-540 lbs., mixed heavy calves and light yearlings \$23-24.00. Few lots Good and Choice 30-20 lbs., yearlings, \$25.00-25. Few head 80-90 lbs., \$15.00-15.75.

Feeder Heifers: Few lots Good in middle. Choice 270-410 lbs., calves \$21-20.25. Few lots Good and Choice 30-20 lbs., yearlings, \$18-20.

Stock Cows: Few lots, medium bred cows, \$13.00-14.00 per head. Few lots Good and Choice, \$15.00-16.00 per head. Few lots Good and Choice, \$17.00-18.00 per head. Few lots Good and Choice, \$19.00-20.00 per head.

Sheep: Salinas note, Market unsteady. Reported by Paul H. Lough, Fed. Res. State Market News Service.

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