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Body Discovered By Sheriff Officers

A body, identified as Larence William Brosnan, 49, of Willow Grove, Washington, was discovered by Columbia County Sheriff officers Sunday afternoon.

Brosnan, who was last seen Wednesday evening, was found face down in a slough between State Bar Island and Crims Island. Witnesses stated that his boat had been seen in the vicinity Thursday and Friday.

Officers are presently investigating the matter.

Married Vets Get Loan Break

The Veterans Administration has initiated new measures making it easier for married veterans to qualify for guaranteed home loans, according to Henry G. Helmstetter, acting director of VA's regional office in Portland.

JOY THEATER

Fri., Sat. Aug. 31
Sept. 1

BLOOD FROM THE MUMMY'S TOMB

McEntire Rites Read Thursday

Harold E. McEntire, venerable Vernonia High School math teacher for forty years before retirement, died Thursday August 23 at a Portland convalescent home following an illness of the past eighteen months. His death was attributed to bone cancer.

Funeral services were held at the Evangelical Church in Vernonia Monday, August 27, at 1:30 p.m. Concluding rites and interment were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery with arrangements in care of the Fulten Mortuary.

Mr. McEntire was a native Oregonian and was born at Prairie City, Oregon on September 19, 1906. His grandparents had come across the plains to Oregon and first settled at Forest Grove and then later moved to Prairie City. He received all of his early education at Prairie City and then attended and graduated from Pacific University in 1929.

In 1929 he started teaching at the Vernonia High school and continued in that capacity until his retirement in 1969. He had until his retirement been a member of the Vernonia Lions Club and of the IOOF Lodge No. 246 at Vernonia and a member of the Methodist Church. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved camping and fishing.

He was married to Anna Watson at Oregon City in 1938, who survives at the family home at 442 A Street in Vernonia. Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Art (Patricia) Lamping and three grandchildren, Scott, Wendy and Mark Lamping, all of Vernonia and a sister, Mrs. Elmer (Marjorie) Williams of West Slope.

The Rev. Jack Carlson, pastor of the Evangelical Church of Vernonia, conducted the services with Mrs. William Kretschmer, soloist and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, organist. Serving as pall bearers were Darrold Proehl, Jim Johns, Bob Glawson, Ben Brickel, Bill Horn, and Warren Aldrich.

Police Charge Local Resident

Held in Washington County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail is Ralph E. King, 28 of Vernonia. King is charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

According to reports, King endeavored to hire a man to kill a Hillsboro resident who had testified against him in front of a Grand Jury. The man King tried to hire, was an undercover man for the police department, information revealed.



LOCAL STATION man for the phone company, Greg Port, checks circuits to see that they are operating properly. Port is the General Telephone repairman for all phones in the Vernonia-Timber area.

County Takes Second At Fair

The Columbia County Exhibits won second place at the state fair Natal Grange put in the display as they won first place in the county fair last year.

The theme this year at the state fair is "East meets West." The Columbia County exhibit used the foreign exchange students as their link between east and west.

The background was a collage of east-west pictures with a map of the east on one side and the west on the other. In front was blue crushed velvet representing the ocean with sand and moss for the continents. In the ocean was three blocks, the foreground block was a dark skinned doll with Talk Together on the front, the second was a light skinned doll with Walk Together. The background doll represented Betsy Ross with an American flag. A log divided the background and the water on it was We Shall Have Peace.

On the left side were dolls from the East with red streamers from the doll to the map in the background and on the right the dolls from the West with white streamers.

On the left side of the collage was a sign which had Columbia County on it, on the right was the sign with the story of the exchange students.

Those who went down to Salem on Thursday to set up the display were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderreg, Lawton Waddell, Ruth Steers, Ronda and Tammy Smith and Nancy Reynolds.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Janice and Teresa Dyer of Bend spent last week at the home of their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sword. The girls also visited Mrs. Faye Davis during their stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoisey and sons have moved into their new home on the corner of East and A Streets. The house was recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Curtus who have moved to Beaverton.

ST. MARY'S Thrift Shop open first and third Friday of every month.

Laura Carmichael and daughters Ruth Steers and Grace Berg attended the Victorian Arts Festival at Astoria Sunday, August 26. They enjoyed a program of dancing, singing on the museum lawn. Mrs. Carmichael's niece Martha Flemming played the piano accompaniment for several groups. Lora Albrecht demonstrated toile painting. Mrs. Albrecht is a former Vernonia resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Barela and sons drove to Grass Valley, California last week. They visited friends and relatives and attended a family reunion where they saw part of the family they hadn't seen in thirteen years. They had car trouble on the way down and had to leave it for repairs. Mr. Barela will return later this week to pick it up.

Mrs. Cassie Livingston recently celebrated her 92nd birthday. She is the wife of former minister of the Christian Church and resided in Vernonia for 10 years, prior to moving to Hood River. She now lives at 1060 Holly Sugar Building, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80902.

Mrs. Roxanna Brady of Turner and Bette Rodgers of Napa, California spent Monday at the home of Mrs. Blanche Millis. Other callers were: Mrs. Maude Wells, Mrs. Ace Lolley, Mrs. Cora Lange, Mrs. Bill Sword and Mrs. Grace Peachy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bokoskie and family camped at Ilwaco, Washington the past nine days. Most of their time was spent deep-sea fishing - with good success.

Visitors Wednesday and Thursday at the Harvy Sandons were Mrs. Sandon's cousins from Eugene, Mildred Holman and Arahnell Briakley. Callers during the week were Laura Siebert Vollinger and daughter Melody and her sister Ruby Eaton and daughters from Paradise, California. Also Lottie Swanson from Portland, Nita Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shaw from La Grande.

Mrs. Robert Borders, Sr., is in the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital where she underwent surgery Tuesday.

Mrs. Iva McGilchrist fell Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Emmons. She injured her ankles and legs.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grady drove to Cathlamet, Washington this weekend to get their son Ricky who had spent a week at the home of Mrs. Grady's sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Subrdier.

Mrs. Mabel Graves spent three days last week visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graves at Yamhill.

Mrs. Naomi Mack was taken to the Holiday Park Hospital in Portland. She became very ill and was taken by ambulance on August 18. On the following Thursday she underwent surgery, having one kidney and her spleen removed. There is no late news of her condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillin of Bonners Ferry, Idaho spent Tuesday through Friday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davis. While here he did some first-time deep-sea fishing and got two nice salmon.

Mrs. Verner Blount spent Tuesday through Saturday in Portland visiting her daughters and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Landsen and their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Jim Soloday of Massachusetts, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Villegas.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wooten and boys spent their 10-day vacation visiting Mrs. Wooten's parents Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Barfield at Oceanside, California. Among the many attractions they enjoyed was the world's largest zoo at San Diego. Mr. Wooten spent some time at the Service Men's Center where he worked for a couple of years while with the Marine Corps.

Mrs. Ora George of Stoney Point spent one and one half weeks in Portland recently visiting her brother Everett Rundle and many of her friends. Mrs. Violet Hungate was an overnight visitor at her home on Wednesday.

Washington spent the past ten days visiting old-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harriman. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bowers of Oakgrove have bought the Mike Grady place and moved there last weekend. The Mike Grady family moved to the Hertel house on State Street recently.

Modern Phone Convenience Now 'Accepted Way Of Life'

When Vernonia first installed a telephone line fifty years ago, the phone was the most modern in most areas, with a central operator handling all incoming and outgoing calls, even between neighbors.

Today, through the miracle of electronics, a phone call is no longer an event but an accepted way of life with calls made cross country as a matter of course. So spoiled is modern man by the convenience of picking up a receiver that trouble on the line causes irritation and comments about the service.

"The minute we have any idea there's something wrong - usually when a customer calls in - we try to get to the problem as soon as possible," said Greg Port, local station operator. "Of course," he continued, "we can't always get there within a prescribed time limit because of lack of personnel but we try to give the very best possible service at all times."

Greg, who handles the service calls for both the Vernonia and Timber area, is also responsible for the local station which houses a multitude of equipment including a battery system which enables the phone system to continue even when electric service is curtailed.

"If you remember," Greg said, "last winter when the electricity went out because of the bad ice conditions the phones continued to be in service. Even in a disaster, service is seldom restricted for more than 48 hours; generally less."

Each morning the long distance lines are checked first to make sure they are functioning properly; then local lines get a scrutiny. Those that show they aren't functioning properly are handled as soon as humanly possible.

The station operator also keeps an eye out for those who neglect to hang up their phone or who may leave it off the hook to keep from being disturbed by incoming calls.

"A light comes on," said John Brunson - equipment man from Forest Grove who has been checking over the local station and bringing it up to standard - "When someone forgets to put the phone receiver back on the hook. When that happens," he continued, "we wait a few minutes then switch the phone off. If the phone continues to

remain off the hook, then we turn on a "honker" which keeps up a continuous noise until the subscriber hangs the phone back on the hook."

Although Vernonia suffers from a lack of pay phones, improvements are coming in that area also, according to personnel. Then - barring vandalism, one of the company's number one problems, in all areas, placing a telephone call, even if not a subscriber, will be only a short walk to the convenience of talking anywhere in the country.

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AARP Enjoys OMSI Program

Seated on low wooden benches ringing a large room, with an open fire in the center of the dirt floor to provide heat and light, 41 members of Chapter 499, American Association of Retired Persons, enjoyed a program of Indian lore at Ariel, Washington, Saturday night, August 25.

The program sponsored by OMSI, was presented by Lelooska, the wood carver, and his family. Featuring the lore of the Northwest Indians, the performance included ceremonial dances in costume, a smattering of the ancient religions and superstitions interspersed with Indian humor easily understood and enjoyed by the audience, and displays of clothing made of furs and bark with the materials and tools available at the time.

The AARP group left St. Helens at 5 p.m., had dinner at the Kings Table in Longview and drove out to Merwin Dam before taking in the Lelooska performance.

Scouting News

Nine Sea Scouts, the Skipper and his wife, all met Tuesday evening at the scout cabin for a regular meeting and a small going-away party for two of their members, Tom Tronson and Bill (Mack) Rhoades, who are leaving Friday for the Navy.

A short meeting was held with discussion on the East Wind, going into base and learning to march in step.

The boys play football while refreshments were being prepared. They then enjoyed pizza donated by Marios, potato chips, dip, ice cream, cookies, and pop.

Those attending besides Tom and Mack were Rory Dunnaway, James and Dawn Goodman, Chris Cameron, Chong Tassin, Brad Gardner Phillip Barties, and Skipper and Mrs. Ben Goodman.

The Boy Scout troop 201 will hold a Court of Honor this evening August 30, at 7 p.m. at the Scout Cabin to present awards to the boys who have earned them over the summer. All boys and parents are invited. Any boy 11 years or over who is interested in scouts is encouraged to attend.

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