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If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be without it?
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Gas Chamber Verdict Asked In Finch Case

'Ladies' Man Admits He's Liar

By JACK V. FOX
LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Prosecutor Fred N. Whichello says he is going to ask the gas chamber for both Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff.

Whichello told United Press International, after presentation of the bulk of the state's case, that he has not changed his intention of asking the death penalty in the killing of the surgeon's brunette wife.

The law in California is unusual on this score. If the jury reaches a verdict of first degree murder, arguments are opened all over again on the penalty and then they must reach another unanimous verdict on the penalty.

The woman who spent the evening with Mrs. Barbara Finch, 33, before she was shot to death July 18, is scheduled to testify at the murder trial today.

Returns To Jail

Convict John Cody, 29, who "hopes" he is a ladies' man and admits he is a liar, swore Thursday that he had not been asked to get counter-evidence for divorce against Mrs. Finch and to sleep with her if necessary.

Cody was returned to jail in Minnesota after testifying Finch and Carole hired him "not to follow Mrs. Finch, to kill her."

"You told Dr. Finch you didn't know any woman you couldn't sleep with within 24 hours," said "Cooper."

"That's a lie," said Cody. Another tough witness against the red-haired Carole, 23, now beginning to weep into a handkerchief, and the still very cheerful Dr. Finch, 42, was Donn Mire, a handwriting expert of 20 years experience.

Sees Possible Forgery

Mire testified his studies of the handwriting of Mrs. Finch and the doctor made him positive a check for \$3,000 signed by Mrs. Finch to the order of the doctor was not her signature. He said it was his opinion that Finch had forged it by copying or tracing.

Giant Cooper, Finch's suave and able attorney, got out a magnifying glass and peered with intensity at blow-up signatures of the pair as he asked Mire to explain how he reached such a conclusion.

Mire pointed to "tremors" in the handwriting and Cooper said he had trouble spotting such tremors.

Mire on two occasions accidentally referred to the signature as that of "Barbara Graham," and the crowded courtroom laughed at mention of the convicted California murderess about whom the

Youths Admit Firing At Cars

Three juveniles, age 9, 10 and 11, have admitted breaking window glass, windshields and headlights in six Pulaski cars with their air rifles.

Chief Earl Bouldin said this morning that the three boys admitted firing at the cars. He said no charges had been made, and that the case would be turned over to the probation officer.

The total amount of damage done has not been reported. Charles Weatherford, 81 Floyd Lane, reported \$24.75 in damages to his car. The others have not submitted estimates. They are: Allen Rickey, 7 F Macgill Village, left front door glass; J. L. Bandy, Floyd Lane, windshield; Jack Foster, Floyd Lane, two windows broken; Elmer Phillips, Floyd Lane, two side windows and one headlight; Barry Cox, 79 Floyd Lane, both headlights.

The shooting was done on Monday and Tuesday nights. The boys involved are from two families. Chief Bouldin and Sgt. G. B. Quisenberry investigated.

WEATHER, NOT SO GOOD

Fair and continued cold to night, low 20-25. Saturday continued cold, possible snow flurries. The 5-day weather outlook: Temperatures will average 5-10 degrees below normal. Cold during the weekend, rising trend Tuesday and Wednesday. Little if any precipitation except possibly snow flurries in the mountains through the weekend.



OUTSTANDING COUNTIANS—These three countians were selected the three outstanding persons in the area last night during Pulaski Jaycees' External Awards Night. Pictured left to right are Dr. Anthony Anneski, Distinguished Service Award; Kenneth Fulp, Outstanding Boss Award; and Bill Guthrie, Outstanding Farmer Award. (Staff photo)

Fulp, Anneski, Guthrie Win Top Jaycee Honors For 1959

Three Pulaski Countians received county-wide recognition for their outstanding work during 1959 last night during Pulaski Jaycees' External Awards Night.

Pulaski High School's principal Kenneth Fulp received the Jaycees' Outstanding Boss Award while Dr. Anthony Anneski was voted recipient of the Distinguished Service Award given to the men displaying activities "beyond the call of duty." The Jaycees' newest award, the Outstanding Farmer of Pulaski County, went to Bill Guthrie of Dublin.

Fulp, who came to Pulaski in 1959 to assume the duties of PHS principal, said "this will mean more to me than anything I have received."

Active In Community

The Outstanding Boss has been active in community affairs since coming to Pulaski. He was recently installed as a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church. He teaches the Young Adult Class in that church. Fulp is a member of the YMCA Board of Directors and a member of the Pulaski Rotary Club. He is treasurer-elect of the University of Virginia Alumni Association and recently elected vice president of District M Principals Assn. The principal is a member of a panel composed of local people whose purpose is to discuss great books. He is presently working on his Doctorate in Public School Administration. Fulp was recently selected to a group which will study in Europe for two months on a Fulbright Scholarship. He will be the only member of this group selected from Virginia.

He is married and has three children, Cynthia, 12; Ken, 10 and David, five. The Fulp family has just completed a new home in Grove Drive. Daniel J. Rooker, Southwest Times publisher and last year's Outstanding Boss, made the presentation to Fulp.

Untiring Service

Dr. Anneski, a Jaycee member, won the Distinguished Service Award for "his untiring service to the community in trying to make it a better place in which to live."

In March, Anneski was chairman of the Trades and Industry Committee for the American Cancer

Can Only Push Him Just So Far

MEMPHIS (UPI)—T. J. White is a man who can be pushed only so far.

When a lightning-struck tree fell and broke a fence surrounding the pasture where his cows were grazing, White moved the animals to another pasture he had idled under the federal soil bank plan.

County authorities assessed the Saltillo, Tenn., farmer \$90 and ordered him to reseed the pasture, because soil bank land is not supposed to be used in any way. White paid up and reseeded.

Then state soil bank officials levied a \$1,366 civil penalty. White rebelled. He paid under protest, then asked federal court to order his money returned.

White argued that it was an emergency and he used the pasture in question because it was the only other one with water available.

Society in the county. He sent letters, wrote articles and showed films on behalf of the local Cancer chapter. That year was the first time Pulaski exceeded its quota.

He was elected quartermaster and adjutant of the local VFW post in 1959. During the busy weeks before Christmas, Anneski spent much time collecting, repairing and painting toys to be distributed to the underprivileged children at Christmas time by the local Salvation Army.

Dr. Anneski was chairman and judge of the Voice of Democracy Contest sponsored by the local VFW and radio station WPUV. He is chairman of the Pulaski County Bloodmobile and spends many hours of his time preparing for each visit of the unit. He is an active member of the Pulaski Lions Club and donates his services to the Sight Conservation Program. He donates his professional services to the local Welfare Department.

The DSA Award was presented by last year's winner, Dave Webb.

Farm Progress

Thirty-four-year-old Bill Guthrie was presented the Outstanding Farmer Award for his outstanding progress in using modern day feeding, grazing, health practices and his use of new methods in farm development.

A livestock farmer of Dublin he is one of three TVA Pilot demonstrators in Pulaski County. Bill and his brother, Richard, op-

Dublin Firemen Answer Four Calls

DUBLIN (Special) — Carelessness accounted for four fires in the Dublin area yesterday — an all high record for fires reported in one single day.

All of the fires came in the p. m. hours and within an eight hour period.

Small children playing with matches gave local firemen their first call of the day at 2:35 p. m. The call came from the residence of Mrs. Mac E. Morris in Fair Acres. Fire Chief R. S. Cecil said the fire was out on arrival of the firemen, but a 100 foot square plot of land burned.

Ten minutes later, while firemen were still in Fair Acres, a radio call sent them three and one-half miles west of Dublin on Rt. 11 to the Charles Chapel property. Chapel was thawing his bathroom water pipe with a blowtorch and he caught the wall on fire behind the pipe. Eleven firemen used a booster line and 10 gallons of water to control the flames. Damage was estimated at \$10.

Overheated Stove

An overheated oil stove in an apartment over Welcome Inn, located one and one-half miles east of Dublin on alternate U. S. 11, sent 11 firemen on their third call of the day. No damage was reported at the 10 p. m. call to the residence of Mrs. Elsie Hylton.

A 10:20 p. m. call was waiting for firemen when they returned to the station.

A defective flue burned a hole through the floor into the basement at the S. P. Humphrey residence in Lilly Terrace. Ten firemen used a booster line to extinguish the blaze. Damage was estimated at \$50.

Pulaski firemen have yet to receive a call in the past three days. The count for January remains at 10.

erate 900 acres of farmland. He is a graduate of VPI holding a BS degree in Agricultural Engineering.

From the year the brothers started the partnership, they have increased the number of cattle from 180 to 275.

In helping conserve soils, he has converted some of his row crop to permanent type vegetation which has almost completely eliminated the problem of erosion control on the farm.

He is an active member of the Dublin Feeder Cattle Assn. holding the post of vice president. A member of the Dublin Ruritan Club, Guthrie has held the offices of president and vice president. The Outstanding Farmer is also a member of the Pulaski County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors and a deacon in the Dublin Presbyterian Church.

Guthrie was presented by C. M. McBride.

Special guests attending the program were: (Continued On Page 6, Column 4)

Bitter Cold Sweeps Most Of Nation

Florida Fears For Citrus Crop

By United Press International
A new Canadian air front knifed into the north-central plains today, underlining the mid-winter cold wave that has gripped three-quarters of the nation.

The front sent temperatures plummeting to 10 degrees below zero at Minot and Dickinson, S.D., and was expected to hit the Midwest during the day.

Bitter cold paralyzed most of the nation east of the Rockies. Temperatures dipped to 15 degrees above zero as far south as Louisville, Ky., and St. Louis.

Minneapolis and Denver recorded six-degree readings and another 24 hours of sub-freezing weather was in store for northern Florida and the Gulf Coast.

New Orleans recorded a 29 and Tallahassee 31. The mercury hovered in the 30s down Florida's coast from Jacksonville to Palm Beach.

Citrus Crop In Dabber

Florida weather officials said the cold wave could bring serious damage to the state's citrus and winter vegetable crops and urged growers to protect all lowland fields and groves.

The death count reached 55 in the cold snap and the cross-country ice-and-snow storm which preceded it. Most of the victims died in traffic accidents on ice-slicked roads or were killed by exposure, cold weather fires or heart attacks.

Schools reopened for the first time since Tuesday in Portland and Salem, Ore., but snow drifts blocked secondary roads in suburban Portland, marooning several families.

California's flu epidemic continued unabated. Officials blamed the 11-day epidemic for six deaths, but a deputy coroner said the disease probably contributed to at least 25 more.

KILLED IN COPTER CRASH

ROOHOUSE, Ill. (UPI) — Clarence Sylvester, 43, of Goshen, Ind., bought a helicopter at Frederick, Okla., Thursday and took it up on its first flight by himself. The helicopter plunged into a field here later in the day and Sylvester was killed.

506 Trapped In Mine, Too Late For Rescue

Break-Down Of Air Supply Feared As Cause Of Death

By HENRI SCHOUP
COALBROOK, South Africa (UPI) — All 506 coal miners trapped for 20 hours by a collapsed shaft "may already be dead," an official of the Clydesdale mine said today.

"There's about 8,000 tons of rock, coal, and dust between the rescue parties and the trapped men," he said. "I can't see how anybody could survive that long."

The men were trapped 600 feet below ground late Thursday when a rockfall sealed them in.

An earlier statement all but gave up hope for the 500 Africans and six white men trapped in a shaft filling with deadly methane gas.

Gas Threats Rescuers

Rescue teams had to turn back because of the heavy concentration of gas, which was freed from old abandoned areas of the mine when the walls collapsed.

The rockfall caused a breakdown in the main ventilating fan machinery and for hours almost no fresh air reached the men. The system was repaired later but officials feared it was too late.

Sobbing wives, children and relatives of the miners waited at the pithead from before dawn for word of the men. Statements by mining officials sharpened the anguish.

Worst In History

The disaster was termed the worst in the history of South African mining. It almost was worse — 207 miners trapped by the original rockfall managed to reach the surface.

They volunteered immediately to go back in after the 506.

Collapse of the walls and ceilings of the mine deep underground was so massive that for miles around the surface of the earth was torn.

The men were trapped in a gallery about two miles long, and there was no immediate indication of how far inside the gallery the rockfall extended.

Rescue teams which were trying new attempts to reach the men said they would use their pickaxes and bare hands if necessary to fight through to the men. They dared not use explosives.

Wife In Tears

"I asked him if he had done anything to the plane," Mrs. Spears said. "He assured me he had done nothing."

Mrs. Spears said her husband told her that Taylor was on the

Wakes To Find Wife, Son Dead

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UPI) — Robert Gibson Hickox awoke Thursday to find his wife and infant son dead on either side of him.

Hickox said he had gone to sleep late Wednesday night with the child in his arms and his wife, Jessie Mae, on his other side.

County Medical Examiner Carl Wells said he was baffled by the deaths. He said an autopsy on the woman failed to show any reason why she died.

He said the contents of the stomachs of both would be sent to a laboratory for examination. Wells said he found no traces of any commonly-known poison in the woman.

Hickox said when he awoke at 7:30 a. m. the child "felt cold and stiff when I tried to move his arm. Then I knew he was dead."

"I nudged my wife and she felt stiff, then I found out she was dead."

Pulaski Hearing On Integration Now Confirmed

Virginia's Pupil Placement Board will hear reasons why 18 Christiansburg Institute students and their parents are seeking integration in all-white Pulaski High School on February 4. The public hearing will be held in Pulaski County Circuit Courtroom at 10 a. m.

A. Blair Scott, general counsel for the placement board, yesterday confirmed a story in Wednesday's Southwest Times stating the appeal hearing will be held on February 4. Scott said the three-member board will be hearing the first appeal of any of its decisions. He said the hearing will be "judicial and objective and open to the public." He said the hearing will continue February 5 and 6 if necessary.

Present Reasons

The 18 Pulaski Negroes and their parents are expected to give their reasons for seeking transfer to Pulaski High. In addition, appeals of two Grayson County Negroes seeking admission to Independence High School will be heard.

School Boards and division superintendents of Grayson and Pulaski counties have been invited to attend. The hearing is open to the public.

Members of the state placement board are Andrew Farley of Danville; Beverly Randolph of Charles City; and Hugh V. White of Nansmond County.

Grounding Planes No Safety Help

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) has proposed that the government consider grounding all commercial airliners for a thorough safety check "for a few days." The following dispatch discusses the practicality and need for such drastic action.

By ROBERT J. SERLING
United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Industry and government aviation officials agree that grounding the nation's 2,000-plane commercial air fleet would do little or nothing to improve safety.

They offer these reasons: —All airliners already undergo daily inspections and necessary overhauls at regular intervals under strict Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) maintenance rules.

—Mechanical difficulties constitute only a small proportion of fatal crash causes; inspecting all aircraft would not solve other problems as pilot error, weather, visibility and runway approach conditions.

—Even though a thorough inspection would not guarantee that a vital part would not fail on the very next flight; there is no way to predict some kinds of engine failure.

Complete Inspection

The airlines already are operating under the most rigid maintenance rules in history — both their own strict procedures and new ones recommended by the FAA. The government agency has just completed a 30-day inspection program not only of maintenance but all pilot training and flight operations of every schedule airline.

The airlines conduct what they

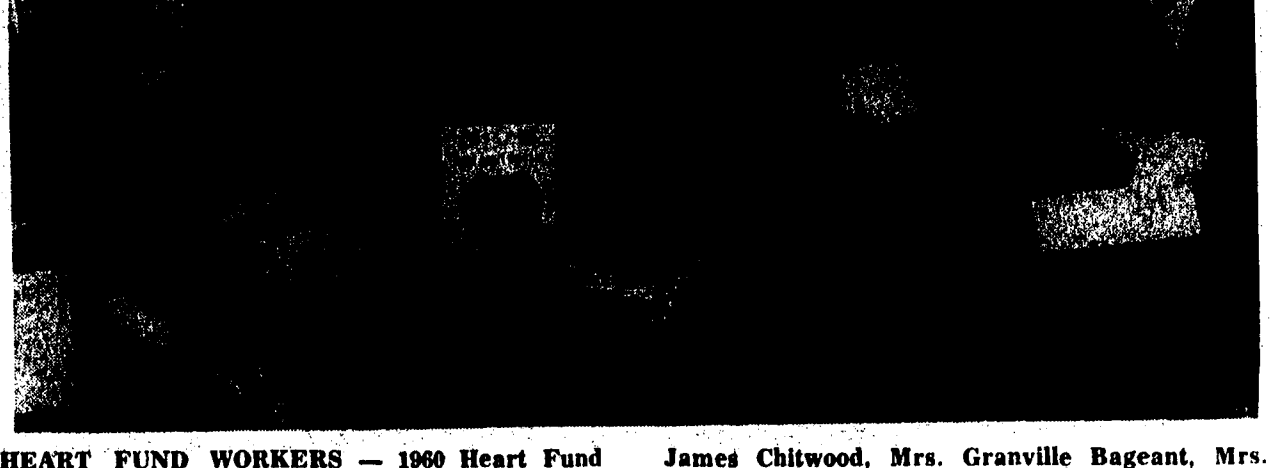
BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN
Indiana twins celebrated their birthday together. He's 75 and she's 11 never tell.

They say what you eat can give you ulcers. How about what eats you?

We wonder if Dad still is having fun with Junior's electric train set.

If you want to take up with a new circle of friends, go broke.



HEART FUND WORKERS — 1960 Heart Fund workers for this county kicked off the February campaign last night during an organizational meeting held at the Maple Shade Inn. Pictured first row, left to right, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. James Chitwood, Mrs. Granville Bageant, Mrs. Helen Fortner, Mrs. Alton I. Crowell and Harold Nelson. Back row, left to right, Roscoe T. Cox Jr., Heart Fund chairman, Fred Beamer and T. M. Combiths Jr. (Staff photo)

Fund Drive Plans Set

Heart Fund committeemen and chairmen outlined plans to carry out the 1960 campaign in Pulaski County during a kickoff meeting held last night at the Maple Shade Inn.

Roscoe T. Cox Jr., county Heart Fund chairman for 1960, appointed several committeemen and set up dates to carry out the February program.

Mrs. W. D. Macgill Jr. was appointed chairman of Heart Sunday which has been set for Feb. 28. On this day, Heart Fund workers will carry out a house-to-house campaign. Appointed to assist Mrs. Macgill were Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Alton I. Crowell, Mrs. Granville Bageant, Mrs. James Chitwood, Mrs. George Kelly and Harold Nelson of the Jefferson Mills Rescue Squad.

Alpha Tau and Xi Mu sororities

have also been selected to assist in the house to house campaign.

Heart Fund month will begin February 1, according to Cox.

T. M. Combiths Jr. was elected to head the Industrial Division drive for the month. Coin cards will be placed in all industries and business establishments during the month for contributions to the campaign.

Jack Harrill of Dublin Finishing Plant was elected to head up activities in Dublin.

The Pulaski County Lifesaving Crew and Pulaski High School majorettes will head up two tag days during the month. Exact time of the events has yet to be set, but an announcement will be made later concerning the event.

\$2,500 Goal
Pulaski County's Heart Fund goal for 1960 is \$2,500 as set up by chairman Cox. The goal is \$200 more than last year's county budget.

Following the organizational meeting held in the Hunt Room, Fred Beamer showed the group a film, "From Heart to Heart," dealing with explanation of what the Heart Fund is and how it functions throughout the nation.

Chairman Cox said today, "Heart disease is still our nation's No. 1 killer. Let's all help our hearts by opening our hearts to our fellow Pulaskians who will contribute their time in soliciting on Heart Sunday. Let's make the drive a success throughout February in order to combat heart disease so our scientists can continue to perform research in finding a cure for this dreaded disease."