

Retired Gambler Blasted To Death By Hidden Bomb

Dallas, Aug. 8—(P)—Herbert Noble, 42, a self-styled retired gambler who had lived through nearly a dozen attempts on his life, was blasted to death yesterday by a cleverly hidden land mine.

The silver-haired, much wounded Noble was killed when he stopped his car in front of the rural mail box at the farm home he had made a fortress. When he opened the mail box door, the mine exploded under his car.

Mailbox, Noble, Car—Gone
"The mailbox, Noble and his car are no more," said Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Noble's death was the third underworld killing in the last 48 hours. Monday night gangland warfare in Southern California rubbed out Tony Brancato, 36, and Tony Trombino, 31. They were shot. Their bodies were found slumped in a parked car on a quiet Hollywood street. Both were well-known figures in Hollywood and Kansas City.

Noble once blamed "hired killers" for the numerous attempts on his life.

An attempt to blow the gambler to bits in 1949 killed his wife. She had borrowed his car and when she stepped on the starter a bomb exploded.

Killer In Clump Of Trees

Texas Ranger Capt. Bob Crowder and Ranger Lewis Rigler said the killer had thrown the switch to set off the explosive from a clump of trees about 75 yards away.

A pair of wires ran from the trees down the side of the road, through a culvert and to the mailbox.

Rigler, who new Noble personally, identified the body, which was found near the demolished car. The face was bruised and battered, the arms and legs broken.

The explosive charge blew a hole about four feet deep and about five feet across in the dirt road.

Near Gate to Ranch

The blast was near the gate to Noble's 1,250 acre ranch in Denton County where he has lived in semi-seclusion since his wife's death. The area around the house was flood-lighted at night and a pack of large dogs was kept chained nearby.

Rigler said the killer might have been hit by the flying hood to Noble's car. The officers found the hood had landed not more than two feet from where the switch was thrown.

Escape Route Unknown

Denton County Constable Sam Gentry said officers had not been able to determine how the killer escaped. He said the last vehicle noticed on the road was a pickup truck earlier this morning.

Noble had been beaten, ambushed, or made a target for bombs at least 12 times before.

Garrison said highway patrolmen at the scene—near Lewisville, about 10 miles northwest of Dallas—reported some parts of Noble's body were found 100 feet from the explosion center.

He said Noble went to his mailbox about 11:35 a. m. (CST) after the postman had passed there about 10:10 a. m.

This year Noble had told a Texas House Crime Investigation Committee he understood there was a \$50,000 underworld price on his head. Earlier Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade had placed the figure at \$10,000.

Noble Relished Publicity

Wade had said, too, that he believed Noble engineered some of the attempts on his life for publicity. He said the stocky, mild-mannered gambler "seems to enjoy being written up in the papers."

The last recorded attempt to kill him was last March. Jellied nitroglycerine was found packed in two cylinders of the engine of his private plane.

Six days before, Noble walked away when a bomb exploded in another engine of his private plane. A steel fire wall between the engine and cockpit saved his life.

Noble also had been shot at in his bullet-proof car; wounded seriously as he stood on the front porch of his Dallas home; narrowly missed by rifle fire while recovering in a hospital and ambushed on lonely country roads.

Treasury Men Withdraw Cash From Accounts

Marshall, Aug. 8 — (P)—Treasury Department agents took more money today from the bank accounts of Marshall housewives who refused to pay social security taxes on their servants' wages.

Tuesday they took \$4.14 from the account of Mrs. Zach Abney, Sr., and \$4.06 from the account of Mrs. J. C. Quinn.

In two days they have taken \$44.23 from the bank accounts of ten women. The money is for the taxes and the penalties.

But several women who joined the defiant group last March have been overlooked so far.

"I can't understand it," said Mrs. Mary V. Hicks. "Why, I have a personal account in one of the banks, and there's enough money in it to pay the tax and penalty and leave six cents."

The women denied that any of them had withdrawn their accounts in anticipation of the Treasury Department's seizure warrants against their bank accounts.

It was reported yesterday that this had happened.

"There was enough money to cover every warrant issued," said Mrs. Carolyn Abney, spokesman for the housewives. "The accounts must just have been overlooked."

A bank spokesman said this could have happened in the confusion of the Treasury Agent's visit. The agents appeared at two Marshall banks with their warrants.

The housewives say that they will ask the Internal Revenue Department to give them their money back.

They claim it is unconstitutional to require them to act as tax collector by withholding social security taxes from wages of their domestic servants.

The Last Word

'Scooped' Editor Wants Sympathy

By PAT MORLEY
Battalion Women's Editor

THERE'S been mutiny . . . mutiny most foul! We've been "scooped." This is not just an ordinary scoop, you understand, dear reader. Get out your biggest hankie, and you'll soak it with tears of sympathy when you hear our sad story. Like most stories, it has a prelude which must be understood before the enormity of the situation can be realized.

Each morning when Mr. Roland Bing, head of Student Publications at A&M, places copies of the Bryan papers on our desk, he invariably remarks in a kind tone, "Now, Mrs. Editor, you may write your column."

Being of even temperament and sound mind (i. e. Don't want to lose our job) we smile at this little witticism. Only blushes reveal our leaden heart and chagrin when we have been "scooped" by our worthy editorial rivals, Mrs. Donald Burchard, (wife of A&M Journalism Department head) society editor of the Bryan Daily News, and Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, society editor and publisher of the Bryan Daily Eagle.

The newspaperman's motto, "Get it right, and get it FIRST" is ashes in our throat at these unfortunate times of crisis in our journalistic career. We stoically chalk up these disheartening revelations, and go in search of tomorrow's news.

Last week, however, the last straw fell, the final blow descended, and we knew utter, black despair. (We were really gripped.) We opened a crisp, new edition of a Wednesday Bryan paper to behold with humiliation and frustration the scoop of the year . . . ROLAND BING'S WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mildly hysterical, we reached for the phone. After listening to the musical voice of the future bride, Josephine "Jo" Watts, on the telephone, we knew that a girl with such a lovely voice and charming manner could not be responsible for such gross mistreatment of a poor, hard-working college newspaper staff.

Of course, we do not wish to imply that any member of our own department would deal us such a "low blow". (So, we won't imply such a thing.)

Quite seriously, our congratulations to Roland Bing and his attractive bride-to-be. We heard (accidentally, you understand) that the wedding will take place August 26, so we're stocking up on rice.

The biggest smile we saw last week was on the happy countenance of Aggie T. L. Jennings when he came by our desk at Goodwin Hall to report the birth of his son. Tyre's wife presented him with an heir the night of Wednesday, Aug. 1, at St. Joseph's. Business Administration major Jennings and his wife are thrilled, but four-year-old Linda Ann is the most excited member of the family, at home at 405 Jersey St.

John Donniss Galloway, Ag. Eng. graduate last June, made Beth Edwina Garlach, ex-student of Hockaday Junior College and University of Houston, his bride in an all-white ceremony in Livingston, Aug. 2.

Lt. Joe V. Pike, Jr., June graduate in M. E., and former NTSC student Miss Carolyn O'Glee will marry in Dallas in September. Joe is now stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

The Maine St. Methodist Church at Cleburne will be the scene of the wedding of Beverly Cumbie, TCU-ex, and William L. Evans, Aggie E. E. '49 graduate. The Evans will live in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bryant, B-10-D College View, received some VIP guests yesterday. Mrs. Bryant, the former Dot Jackson, of Richmond, Va., her husband and daughters Andrea and Angela, were visited by the Jacksons, who had come all the way from Richmond to get their first look at their six-month-old granddaughter, Angela.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cecil Vowel of Bryan, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cecile Fern, to Ralph R. Krause, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Krause, also of Bryan. Ralph is a senior Business major at A&M.

Florace Kling, A-9-D College View, is the mother of a new son. The 8½ pound boy arrived at 8:15 Monday evening at St. Joseph Hospital, and was reported by Grandmother Kling to be the "spit and image" of her son Bill. Bill, the new father, could not be here, but left Sunday for Ft. Polk, La., to instruct other reservists in a two-week refresher course in firing small arms. The new baby, with black hair and dark eyes, will soon be home with his mother to meet Stuart, blond and curly-haired one-year-old brother, who looks like his mother.

Don't forget the square dance at out there and get stomped to the Grove Saturday night. Erskine Hightower is the caller, and he chants "do-si-do" and "Alameda to the left" to the tune of only the best square-dance records available.

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No Relief From Heat

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When reservoirs are back to a safe level, said Waco city officials, lawn sprinkling will go back on the "seven and odd" basis which has prevailed for some time. Under this arrangement, residents whose house numbers end in even numbers use water on one day, those with odd numbers on the next.

Low Pressure
Wichita Falls, in North Texas, had no actual shortage of water, but distribution had become a problem. Low pressure in mains kept the fire department on edge, though there hadn't been any fires.

East Texas City To Get 'Plain' Water

Winnboro, Tex., Aug. 8—(P)—Within a few weeks housewives will find just plain water when they turn on their faucets. Not red water.

For a year, the reddish tinge of the water here has angered housewives. Now a new well is being sunk in the northeast part of Winnboro.

Mayor Malvin Cain sized up a sample from a test well sunk at the site and declared:

"The analysis of the sample shows only one tenth of one part (of red) in a million parts. I don't believe anyone will 'see red' when a faucet is turned on."

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A. Wentreck, J. M. Mathis Reveal Plans

Anita Ruth Wentreck, petite, blue-eyed brunette who works in the Department of the Dean of Men, will marry James Milton Mathis, a junior in the School of Veterinary Medicine. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wentreck of Wheelock and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mathis of Gilmer. The wedding will be solemnized in the Harmony Baptist Church of Norman, August 25, 7 p. m.

Anita was graduated from Norman High School, and later attended McKenzie-Baldwin Business College there. The bridegroom is a graduate of Elysian Fields High School at Elysian Fields, Texas. James volunteered in the Navy during World War II, and spent two years of active duty, mostly in Cuba.

The couple have announced their wedding attendants. Mrs. Billie Louise Latham of Houston will be Anita's Matron of Honor, and James' brother, Landon, will be Best Man. Billie Louise worked two years in the A&M Agronomy Department, before her marriage in June.

After their wedding, Anita and James will make a short trip and will return to College Station to live in D-6-Z College View. The groom will continue working on his degree, and Anita plans to return to work at the Housing Office.

Dysentery Leads Morbidity Reports

Dysentery and septic sore throat were the major contributors of sickness in the Bryan-College Station area last week, according to the Morbidity Report released weekly by the Brazos County Health Unit.

Eleven cases of dysentery were reported in Bryan, with three reported in College Station. Bryan with a total of eight had twice as many cases of septic sore throat as College Station.

The city of College Station reported two cases of measles and two cases of mumps. Bryan had one case of measles and three persons with the mumps.

Other illnesses reported were diarrhea: Bryan, two; College Station, two; Malaria: Bryan, one case; Pneumonia: Bryan, two, and whooping cough: College Station, one case.

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