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Obituaries

Thomas A. Bell

Service for Thomas A. Bell, 79, was today at Jerue Funeral Home in Cheney. Burial followed at Spokane Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Bell died Friday at Sacred Heart Medical Center.

Born Nov. 14, 1904, in Arkansas, he lived 27 years in the Tri-Cities area, where he taught junior high school and was an engineer in Franklin County construction. He moved to Cheney in 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Lena, at the home in Cheney; two sons, Donald Bell of Cheney and Dorman Bell of Round Rock, Texas; two daughters, Peggy Henson in the Tri-Cities area and JoAnn Leach of Lynnwood, Wash.; one brother; one sister; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Myrtle C. Manning

Myrtle C. Manning, 85, a lifetime Spokane resident, died Saturday at Southcrest Convalescent Center.

At her request, no service will be held. Cremation is planned with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery. Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Edward and Emilia (Damm) Carthew, she was born Nov. 29, 1898, and was graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in 1917.

Mrs. Manning was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church, the Woman's Club of Spokane, Spokane Policemen's Wives Auxiliary and the Spokane Presidents Council, and had served as a Republican precinct committee-woman.

Her husband, Spokane policeman James Joseph Manning, died in 1941.

Survivors include one daughter, Margaret Bryant of Priest Lake, Idaho; one sister, Edna Carthew of Spokane; one brother, Ernest Carthew of Spokane; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. A son and two daughters died earlier.

J. Alan Wilson

Rosary for J. Alan Wilson, 70, will be recited at 6:30 p.m. today at Hazen & Jaeger Valley Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paschal's Roman Catholic Church, E7404 Marietta, where he was a member.

Entombment will follow at the Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum.

Mr. Wilson died Friday at Sacred Heart Medical Center.

Born May 18, 1914, in Union, Ore., he came to Spokane as a youngster. He was graduated from the University of Oregon.

Mr. Wilson was an electrician with Power City Electric Co. and the Bonneville Power Administration here, retiring in 1976.

He was a 30-year member of Knights of Columbus and a member of Spokane Valley Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Grace M., at the Spokane Valley home; one son, William E. McNutt of Fremont, Calif.; one brother; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Selmer "Sam" Dybing

Graveside service for Selmer "Sam" Dybing, 81, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Spokane Memorial Gardens with Jerue Funeral Home in Cheney in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Dybing, who was born Nov. 16, 1902, in Fresno, S.D., died Saturday at Sacred Heart Medical Center after being ill a few days with a heart condition.

A longtime Cheney resident, he worked as an automobile mechanic for Brown & Holder Automobile Co. from 1937 until retiring in 1970.

Mr. Dybing and his wife, the former Mabel Knight of Cashmere, Wash., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Nov. 19.

Survivors include his wife, at the Cheney home; one son, Robert S. Dybing of Mountlake Terrace, Wash.; three sisters; one brother; and three grandsons.

Brian "Curley" Foster

Service for Brian "Curly" Foster, 54, a 50-year Spokane resident, will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Thorehill Valley Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Pines Cemetery.

Mr. Foster died Friday at his home of a heart attack. He had been suffering from a heart condition for the past 13 years.

He was born July 10, 1928, in Peach, Wash., a town now covered by the backwaters of Coulee Dam. He was graduated from Rogers High School and served with the Marine Corps during World War II.

Mr. Foster was employed by Armour Meat Packing Plant about 23 years and retired on disability after working about six years for Comet Trailer Corp.

He was a member of Spokane Valley Eagles Aerie, East Spokane Grange and CB radio clubs.

Survivors include his wife, Edith, at the Spokane Valley home; one son, Scot L. Foster of Spokane; two daughters, Shelly L. Lemery of Clayton, Wash., and Susan L. Bonnett of the Spokane Valley; his parents, Floyd and Clara Rood of Spokane; one sister, Laura Lee Potts of the Spokane Valley; and eight grandchildren.

Mass-murder suspect 'paid his respects'

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — A man charged with murdering eight people two years ago on their fishing boat attended the victims' memorial service and was in a picture on their mantel, said a friend who described the suspect as "a real pleasant guy."

John K. Peel

John Kenneth Peel, 24, was arrested Monday and held on $1 million bond in the killings aboard the 58-foot Investor, a salmon boat on a fishing trip to Alaska when it burned to the waterline in September 1982 with a couple, their two children and four others aboard.

Authorities had determined that Investor owner and skipper Mark Coulthurst, 28, of Bellingham and his wife, Irene, 28, had been shot in the head as the boat lay anchored in the fishing community of Craig, Alaska.

Wearing a ski mask and bullet-proof vest for security reasons, Peel was arraigned Monday. A hearing was scheduled for Oct. 9, when a decision on extradition is expected.

"Identity is the only issue of the case as far as I'm concerned, and I don't want my client's right to a fair trial tainted," said Michael Taris, Peel's attorney, in explaining why the defendant wore the mask.

"The arrest is a product of checking out all of the possible investigative leads, everything we've had," said Paul Edscorn, a spokesman for state troopers in Anchorage, Alaska. "Basically, it's the result of two years of investigation."

During that time, troopers received phone tips "from more than one person" that they took at Peel in their investigation, said Sgt. James Stogsdill, the Alaska state trooper in charge of the investigation.

While declining to elaborate on the evidence against Peel, Stogsdill said it comprises a "three-pronged case" including physical and circumstantial evidence and eyewitness accounts.

"We think the motive was something spontaneous," Stogsdill said. "We've ruled out robbery or drugs."

Ketchikan District Attorney Mary Anne Henry said Monday that four witnesses who identified Peel from photographs said they saw him rowing a skiff from the vessel as it burned.

She said a sixth witness told authorities that Peel bought two 2.5-gallon jugs of gasoline on the day of the fire. Investigators believe gasoline was used to burn the boat.

Edscorn said Peel was a crew member on the Investor in 1981, and was working in Craig when the Coulthursts and their crew were slain.

Peel "always seemed like a real pleasant guy," said Caroleann L'Hirondelle, a friend of the Coulthurst family.

She said Peel had paid his respects to the family and attended a memorial service for the victims. The Coulthurst family had a picture of the Investor crew, including Peel, on its mantle, she said.

"He came to the house to say, 'I'm really sorry,' " she said. "If he did do it (the killings), what kind of jerk is that? It makes me sick."

Investigators said the victims were killed the night of Sept. 5 while the Investor lay at anchor 40 miles northwest of Ketchikan.

Edscorn said the boat was moved early Sept. 6 and an attempt was made to scuttle it. Then, behind an inland not far from Craig, the Investor and its grisly cargo were set afire Sept. 7.

Besides the Coulthursts, Peel is charged with killing their children, Kimberly, 5, and John, 4; Michael Steward, 19, of Bellingham; Jerome Keowa, 19, and Dean Moon, 19, both of Blaine, Wash.; and Chris Heyman, 18, of San Rafael, Calif.

The bodies were burned beyond recognition. In a presumptive death hearing last month, a Ketchikan coroner's jury rule all eight aboard the fishing boat had been killed.

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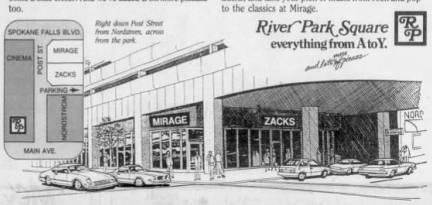

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