

Noted Lawyer Joseph Welch Dies Today

HYANNIS, Mass. (UPI)—Joseph N. Welch, 69, New England lawyer who gained fame in the Army-McCarthy hearings six years ago, died today at Cape Cod Hospital.

Welch, whose dry humor devastated courtroom opponents, suffered two heart attacks. He first was stricken Sept. 8 at his Cape Cod home.

His wife was with him when he died at 10:24 a.m. EDT.

Joseph Nye Welch was a "lawyer's lawyer" who was catapulted to fame on coast-to-coast television. The publicity led to an important role in a hit Hollywood movie and later the role of mystery story raconteur in a TV series.

Welch was born of English parents at Pringhar, Iowa, Oct. 22, 1890. He credits his mother, who had worked as a domestic in his uncle's home, with pushing him forward in his studies. He earned straight A's in high school because, "she wouldn't accept anything less."

"My mother worked miracles," the soft-spoken Welch would say of his youthful training.

He was Phi Beta Kappa at Grinnell College and No. 2 of the Harvard Law School class of 1919, but to graduate he had to raise tuition by selling maps and flagpoles, waiting on table and mixing cement.

Welch seldom admitted winning a case but recalled with photographic accuracy the details of those he lost.

The retiring life he led at home in suburban Walpole and on Cape Cod (preferring to loaf and fish, "in that order") was in contrast to the glare of publicity upon his appointment as Army counsel in 1954.

It was Welch's job to defend the Army against charges by Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., that the service was infiltrated by Communists.

Welch, an expert in cross-examination, worked without fee for the Army. Before the TV

cameras he retained the aplomb which had endeared him to Boston colleagues. Welch avoided arguments, made few "points of order" and bore gracefully rulings which were adverse to his case.

Hollywood beckoned with an important but secondary role as a jurist in the film version of the best seller, "Anatomy of a Murder." Welch took the job in which he portrayed a judge.

"I took it because it looked like that was the only way I'll get to be a judge," he said.

Approves Creating Watchdog Division

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—The Indiana State Tax and Financing Policy Commission has tentatively approved creation of a new "watchdog" division to spot errors and inequities in property tax assessment and collection.

The auditing division would be within the State Board of Accounts.

Dr. James B. Kessler, commission director, said the proposed agency would spot omitted property, keep a close check on business inventories and conduct investigations that would require new businesses to be placed on the tax lists immediately.

The bill creating the division, which must be passed by the Indiana Legislature, would give the State Board of Accounts power to withhold some state funds from local communities who refuse to correct assessments as ordered by the tax auditing division.

The agency also would have access to federal income returns for cross-checking business inventories.

Kessler said the proposed division is patterned after a similar agency in Ohio. He said Ohio adds about \$12 million a year to state tax revenue because of tax inequities corrected by the special division.

Neater Look

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The general assembly of 1881 determined that "Ark-an-saw" was the proper pronunciation of the state's name.

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The first U.S. census of 1810 showed Arkansas with a population of 1,062.

Samos Satellite To Be Tested Shortly

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Air Force promised today to follow up the successful Courier memory satellite with the launching in the "immediate future" of a Samos "spy in the sky" forerunner.

Maj. Gen. O. J. Rittland, Air Force ballistic missile chief, said

that barring unforeseen difficulties a Samos satellite would be fired soon from Point Arguello, Calif., beside Vandenberg Air Force Base.

When fully developed, a series of Samos satellites will circle the earth snapping photographs.

Rittland said in a recorded radio interview Wednesday night that other Air Force space plans in the near future included the launching of another moon satellite for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and an attempt,

sometime in December, to put a monkey into orbit and recover it. Meanwhile, the Courier I-B communications satellite, launched Tuesday, continued to circle the earth performing prodigious feats of receiving, storing and relaying messages from earth.

The satellite recorded from one earth station the text of the U. S. Constitution and then radioed it back to the ground. Courier took less than two seconds to transmit the 10,000-word document.

Burglary Suspect Killed At Capital

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Police shot and killed a burglary suspect in an alley near a jewelry store where a window was shattered in a break-in today.

The suspect was identified as Thomas Edward Burnett, 38, Indianapolis.

Warning shots were fired at a fleeing figure seen running from Bakemier Jewelry Store. The shots were fired by a merchant policeman, Eural Lunsford, 46, and by Sgt. John Kestler Jr., a city policeman. Then Kestler and Patrolman Robert Elliott fired at the man.

Burnett fell to the alley and was dead when the officers reached him.

Police said Burnett had been arrested 28 times and had served prison terms.

United Fund Dance Here Friday Night

A United Fund dance will be held Friday at the Legion Hall, with the proceeds going to the United Fund. Admission is \$1.50 per couple and \$1-per person and those attending will enjoy both round and square dancing. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. There will also be free refreshments.

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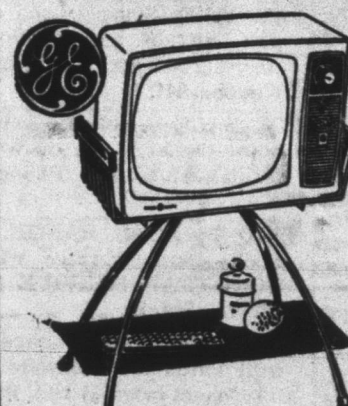


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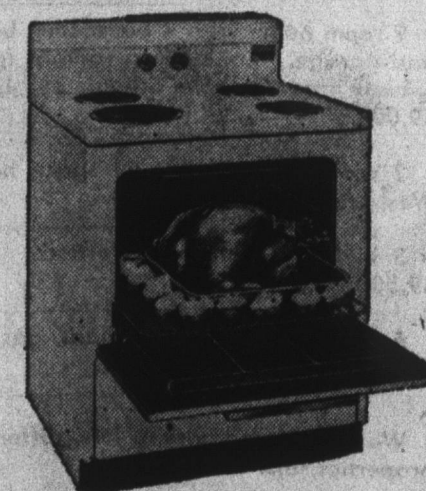
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