

## Missing Official Found Alive in Texas Still Believes He Leaped Off Frisco Span

### Left Suicide Note On Bay Bridge

HOUSTON, Tex., Mar. 3 (UP)—Chris J. Christensen, 46-year-old San Francisco City supervisor, who was believed to have killed himself a year ago by leaping off Golden Gate bridge, said today that a "lapse of memory" caused him to disappear.

He said the amnesia resulted from worry over "machine politics."

Mr. Christensen, bald and bearded, was convinced that he actually did jump from the high bridge, however, Jan. 14, 1948, when a suicide note signed by him was found with some clothing on the span.

He was found here yesterday. Officials identified him after he applied for a job at an employment agency. Agency representatives checked his San Francisco references and learned he was missing.

A San Francisco newspaper was arranging for Mr. Christensen's wife to fly here. She said she would be glad to return to him if he still wants me."

### Left Coat on Bridge

Mr. Christensen had been elected to his supervisory job on an independent ticket by a huge majority. He thought he would be free to act as he pleased.

"But I couldn't escape the machine politics," he said. "I just didn't know what to do. They began demanding things."

The last thing I remember is being on the bridge. Then I was in a railroad station and found a Los Angeles ticket in my pocket. I went there. Agency.

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clinging that of soda jerker. He was a cook, for a time, at the Toda La Vista dude ranch near Tucson.

Unable to remember that of John Anderson."

**It Was A Bad Life'**

"It was a bad life—one of poverty, washing dishes, and meeting strange people," he said. "But it's all over now and I want to build a new life here in Houston."

His memory began to return during the past three months, Mr. Christensen said, and he used his own name when he arrived here eight weeks ago and applied for a job at the Dixie Employment

Agency.

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That was the first intimation San Francisco authorities and his family had that Mr. Christensen was still alive. They contacted Harris County District Attorney A. C. Winborn here who found Mr. Christensen yesterday in a lonely room in a third-class rooming house.

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**Report Two Admit Beating Salesman**

PORLTAND, Mar. 3 (UP)—Police said two men today confessed the beating of Robert C. Radabaugh, 38, Ft. Wayne paint salesman, on a downtown Portland street Tuesday night.

Marvin Doty, 26, Monroe paint salesman, and Albert Hall, 26, manager of a bulk oil plant at Monroe, were to be arraigned later today on charges of assault and battery with intent to commit a felony.

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**7 ROOMERS DIE IN FIRE**

HALIFAX, Mar. 3 (UP)—Seven persons, including a mother and her three children, were burned to death today in a rooming-house fire.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

## Axis Sally Trial In Final Stages

### Jury May Get Crse Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (UP)—The treason trial of Mildred (Axis Sally) Gillars drew to a close today, and there was a possibility the case might go to the jury tomorrow.

Attorneys for the American-born defendant planned to call perhaps two more witnesses in a further attempt to bolster their contention that Miss Gillars was forced to make propaganda broadcasts for Germany during the war.

Chief defense counsel James J. Laughlin said he hoped to question Johannes Schmidt-Hansen, who once was Miss Gillars' superior on the Nazi radio. He is reported en route here from Germany.

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depression.

Other congressional develop-

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### Labor

Some Republican Senators

were reported considering a labor

bill amendment that would re-

quire the President to call for

congressional action whenever a

strike threatens the nation's

citizen.

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## Opposes Unlimited Sales Of Yellow Oleo Product

### Milk Producers' Official Says Demand Will Be 'Gigantic' If Coloring Rules Are Lifted

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (UP)—A milk producers' spokesman today predicted depression for the dairy industry if the Congress permits unrestricted sale of yellow oleomargarine.

Charles W. Holman, secretary of the National Co-Operative Milk Producers Federation, told the House Agriculture Committee that increase in consumption of margarine will be "gigantic" if coloring regulations are removed.

The committee is considering 39 bills to remove federal taxes on margarine. Though most members appear to favor abolition of the taxes, they are split evenly on whether sale of colored oleo should be banned.

Mr. Holman said he represents 56 member associations which in turn speak for 430,000 farm families in 47 states. The federation, he said, supports repeal of the taxes. But it insists, he added, that a ban be placed on sale of "oleo colored yellow in semblance or imitation of butter."

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Sen. Harry F. Cain (R. Wash.),

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President Truman to reconsider

his nomination of Mon C. Wall-

gren to be chairman of the Na-

tional Resources Board.

"I am unalterably opposed to

your nomine because I do not

think him qualified for the work

which lies ahead," Sen. Cain said

in a letter to the President.

Sen. Cain said appointment of

the former governor of Washin-

ton to the key defense job will

affect the security of every Amer-

ican citizen.

Services for Mrs. Mary Park

Orsborn, 3031 N. Guilford Ave.,

who died Tuesday in General

Hospital, will be held at 10:30

a. m. tomorrow in R. W. Stirling

Funeral Home. Burial will be in

Crown Hill.

Mrs. Orsborn, who was 61, had

no immediate survivors.

THURSDAY, MAR. 3, 1949

## Mrs. Bowden Dies In Greenwood

Mrs. Margaret Sheek Bowden, life-long resident of Glade community, Greenwood, died early today in Johnson County Hospital. She was 87.

Mrs. Bowden was an active member of Greenwood Methodist Church for more than 60 years. She was the widow of Isaac Watson Bowden, who died in 1940.

Survivors include four daughters: Mrs. Lola Tilman, Whiteland; Mrs. Flora Woodcock, Greenwood; Mrs. Marie F. F. Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Julia Bass, Baltimore, Md., and two brothers, Floyd and Frank Sheek, Greenwood.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. J. Kenneth Forbes at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in Greenwood Methodist Church. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

### Mrs. Ella Gant

Services for Mrs. Ella Gant, 424 Highland St., who died Tuesday in General Hospital after four days' illness, will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow in Calvary Tabernacle. Burial will be Sunday in Portland, Tenn.

Mrs. Gant, who was 76, is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beulah Denning, and a son, Evan Gant, both of Indianapolis, and three sisters, all of Tennessee.

### Man, 64, Accused Of Molesting Girl

John Ayres, 64, of 24 S. Mount St., was charged with vagrancy and assault and battery by police today after he was identified by three people as the man who molested a 10-year-old girl in a downtown theater last night.

The child, her mother and an usher made the identification of Ayres, police said. They said the child was molested while she sat next to her mother in the theater.

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