

RELIGIOUS CULT FACING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES

Oil Man Demands Return of
Money and Land; Death
of Girl Probed by
Authorities.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8.—(C)ford H. Dabney's desire for the return of \$44,000, an income oil lease and 164 acres of Ventura county land, alleged advanced to Mrs. Oila Blackburn and other of the cult of the Divine Order of the Royal Arm of the Great Seal, has plunged the affairs of the strange religious order into civil and criminal divisions of the California courts.

Five civil suits filed by Dabney, wealthy Los Angeles oil operator, against the cultists seeking return of valuable lands and money, the arrest of Mrs. Blackburn, cult leader, on an embezzlement charge, and of Mr. and Mrs. William Rhoads for investigation of a weird burial of their 16-year-old foster daughter, Willa, has led to discovery of the cult's body, with those of seven others, under a home in Venice, Cal., and investigation of numerous reports that other members of the cult are missing. Many of the reported missing persons have been found, alive and well.

Dabney in his complaints says he and other cult members advanced money to Mrs. Blackburn pending completion of her book, "The Sixth Seal," which was to reveal, by use of "the lost measurements," all remaining mineral wealth beneath the earth's surface.

Police last night placed a guard at the home of Dabney to prevent the carrying out of death threats reported received by him. Twelve threatening letters were received by the oil man yesterday he told police.

To Probe Death Cause
Meanwhile the body of Willa Rhoads is being held by the county chemist pending an examination to determine the cause of death. The girl's body was found in a state of preservation which baffled investigators when compared with the state of her death, New Year's eve, 1925. Her foster parents said the body had been kept on ice for nearly two years, and then embalmed in spices. Investigation disclosed that the body of the girl had been kept, first in the Rhoads home and then beneath its floor, in the belief that she would arise. Mrs. Rhoads said the girl died of diphtheria. An autopsy failed to reveal the cause of death, and a chemical analysis has been ordered to search for traces of suspected poisoning.

The chemical analysis was not expected to be completed before a week or ten days. Tests to determine the cause of death of the girl buried beside Miss Rhoads also were to be made. From a superficial examination police stated there was evidence that the girl had been poisoned.

Mrs. Rhoads, foster mother of the dead girl, when questioned again yesterday maintained that the girl had died of natural causes. No criminal charges have been filed against her, but she is being held as a material witness.

PLANS LAID FOR ATHLETICS AMONG COUNTY SCHOOLS

The school principals and athletic coaches in attendance at the Douglas County Teachers' Institute met yesterday for the purpose of perfecting some definite organization to handle the basketball B leagues in Douglas county for the school year.

The report of last year's work was read and approved. The financial statement shows a substantial balance on hand.

The following business was transacted: Mr. Kirtley of Drain

Will Be Sentenced Saturday



Mrs. Alexander Pantages, convicted of manslaughter, as she appeared in court in Los Angeles Monday in an invalid's chair, and won a stay of judgment until Saturday.

was selected as temporary chairman; Lee Myers of Sutherlin was re-elected as secretary-treasurer and commended for the manner in which the office had been handled in the past year; an executive committee was appointed to work on tournament arrangements. The manner of arranging for acceptable referees was left to M. B. Winslow and M. C. Hickenbottom in the north and O. Bagley and Mr. Wilde in the south.

Practically the same rules and regulations applying last year were re-adopted. Roseburg is a class A school and arranged schedules with other class A schools in the coast section. All other schools in Douglas county are classed as B schools. All schools wishing to arrange basketball schedules must pay a fee of \$5.00 to the secretary-treasurer on or before December 1, 1929. No school shall play a game in the schedule until the fee has been paid. Tournament tickets will be issued for the full value to all schools entering.

At the end of the season a tournament shall be held to decide the championship in the league. Schools indicating a desire to organize are: North section, Drain, Yoncalla, Oakland, Elkton; central, Sutherlin, Wilbur, Glendale, Lookingglass; south, Glendale, Riddle, Canas Valley and Myrtle Creek; coast, Smith River and Redport. A trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

As present health education tends to eliminate interschool basketball contests for girls, it was definitely decided that there should be no regular schedules of basketball contests for girls. Several schools will continue to have

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EUNICE PRINGLE FIRM IN STORY UNDER GRILLING

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Gordon's testimony. Girl Firm in Story
The only other witness yesterday was Miss Pringle herself. She was clad in the red ensemble she wore to the office of the theatre magnate on the afternoon of August 3 seeking to book her vaudeville act.

Throughout her direct testimony and under a withering cross examination by defense attorneys, the youthful dancer maintained a calm, determined attitude. After she was led from the court room by a police patron at the conclusion of her testimony she burst into hysterical sobs.

Under a searching cross examination by defense attorneys, in which an effort was made to elicit intimate details of Miss Pringle's life since last March up to August 9, the witness admitted that she had attended several parties with Nick Dunay, author of her vaudeville act, and that on one occasion she met each defense question in relation to her association with Dunay, however, by declaring she always was in the presence of other persons. The state brought out in direct examination that Dunay at the time was engaged to a girl named Ida May, who was present on nearly every social occasion when he and Miss Pringle were guests.

Clothes Moot Point

Shortly after her appearance on the witness stand Monday, defense attorney, Geisler, began an attack on the court room attire of Miss Pringle. During her appearance at the trial she had been wearing a severely plain dark blue dress with a little white collar; black hose and rather low heeled black shoes. She has worn no powder, rouge or lipstick.

"When you went to Pantages' office, didn't you wear a different sort of dress, entirely? Didn't you use dark powder, to accentuate your Latin appearance? Didn't you use lipstick?" were among the questions hurled at the girl by Geisler.

The prosecution objected each time, but at the close of the morning session Attorney Geisler instructed the witness to change clothes during the noon recess—to appear in court in the afternoon wearing the same ensemble she wore the day she alleges Pantages attacked her.

When she reappeared for the afternoon session, Miss Pringle was wearing the torn red, crepe dress, sheer stockings, high heeled red shoes, red velvet jacket and red earrings.

Geisler Meets Match

Geisler then began plying her with questions as to details of the alleged assault she charges against the theatre man. He asked for details as to what hand Pantages used in tugging at her clothing; what she was doing with her own hands; what effort she made to get away.

"I really don't know. I can't remember," she pleaded again and again. "I was so excited—everything was so confused—I just really can't remember little things like that."

Geisler made her step from the stand and parade up and down before the jury box, holding out her hands so the jurors might see her fingernails.

"Your nails are about the length and condition you usually wear them, are they not?" questioned Geisler.

"Yes sir."

"Now, when as you say you were struggling with Pantages both of your arms were free, were they not?"

"I don't remember if they were or not. I was struggling so."

"You don't recall using either

Not Acting Now—It's Real!



Al St. John, well-known movie comedian, is booked as a "new fish" in the county jail in Los Angeles because he neglected to remember that he owed friend wife a trifling sum as back alimony. He is shown here peering between the bars on the first leg of his sentence, which will last until he makes up his mind to support his eleven-year-old adopted daughter.

SMOOTH SAILING FOR PEACE PLANS, PRESIDENT SAYS

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naval categories shall be reached by the end of 1936.

(3) The desirability to reconsider the battleship replacement programs of the Washington treaty of 1922 with a view to diminishing the amount of replacement construction therein implied.

(4) Total abolition of submarines subject to conference with other naval powers.

"Whenever by any cause I doubt the wisdom of prohibition," says Jones, "I stop to think what would be the result if we had a saloon on every corner and 50 automobiles lined up between them waiting for their drivers to get a few drinks."

DIVORCE IS GRANTED

A decree of divorce was granted in the circuit court yesterday to Ethel De Maurex from Oswald De Maurex. The decree was granted on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and commission of a felony. The husband is now in the Oregon penitentiary for forgery. They were married at Roseburg, January 26, 1924. The plaintiff was represented by Attorney Ray B. Compton.

DIVORCED PAIR REWED

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 8.—Warden A. Warner and Lucille Wade Warner, both of Portland, were re-married here late yesterday by Judge C. P. Barnard after they had been divorced but a short time. The license was granted here. Warner giving his occupation as salesman.

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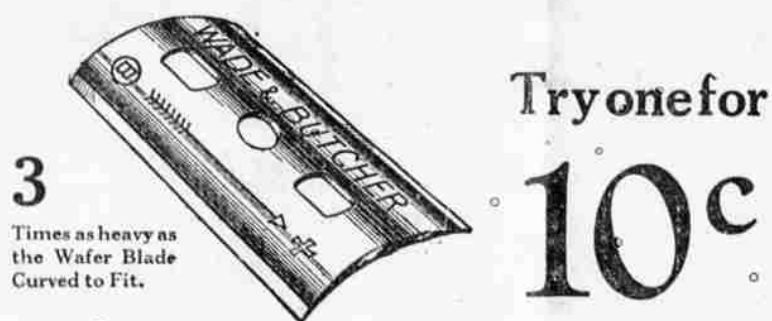
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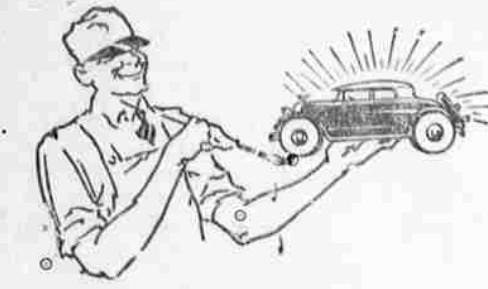
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