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Moser, White Held in Murder Case

Alleged Killers Of W. S. Moffitt Waive Hearing

Grand Jury Action Law's Next Move; Complaint Cites Robbery Motive

Accused of murder in the fatal beating of Willis S. Moffitt, 80-year-old, native-born resident of Roseburg, Elmer Jesse Moser, 37, and Francis Stanley White, 41, waived preliminary hearing when arraigned Tuesday in Justice of the Peace T. C. Hartfield's court and were committed to the county jail without bail to await action of the grand jury.

The complaint against the two men was signed by Roseburg's chief of police, Calvin Baird, and filed by District Attorney H. A. Canaday. It alleged robbery as the motive for the crime. The assault on Moffitt occurred in Roseburg last Friday night, and his death followed in Eugene Sunday afternoon.

Moser, in a signed confession, admitted his part in the affair and implicated White as his accomplice and instigator of the brutal attack and robbery, according to Chief Baird. White, however, still maintains his innocence and has denied any participation in the crime.

The arraignment in court Tuesday culminated a three and one-half day, intensive investigation by city officials and State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell, who assisted materially in the tracing of evidence and in the questioning of



MOFFITT MURDER SUSPECTS—Elmer Jesse Moser, 37, (second from left) and Francis Stanley White, 41, shown with Chief of Police Calvin Baird (on left) and State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell (on right) face charges of murder in connection with the Friday 13th beating and robbery of Willis S. Moffitt, 80, who died Sunday afternoon in a Eugene hospital. Arraigned in Justice Court Tuesday, the pair waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to the grand jury.

Delinquency Contribution Charged to Riddle Man

Leonard Burl Lindbloom, 39, of Riddle asked for a preliminary hearing when arraigned in the Justice Court Tuesday afternoon on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, reported Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield.

The hearing was set for 10 a. m. Saturday, and Lindbloom is being held in the county jail, with his bail set at \$1000, said Hartfield. The justice stated that Lindbloom had been arrested on a complaint filed by his wife, Florence A. Lindbloom.

Canyonville Planning Two Water Reservoirs

Preliminary plans for two 100,000-gallon concrete reservoirs, to be added to the municipal water system, were approved Tuesday night by the Canyonville City Council. Engineer James R. Daugherty, Roseburg, was instructed to complete designs. Construction of one unit is planned this year.

The Council also accepted a report on extension of the sewer system from the present pump to a larger temporary disposal line which will serve the Canyonville Bible Academy, where 150 students are expected this year.

Tax on Coin-in-Slot Radios Upheld by Court

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Circuit Judge George R. Duncan upheld today a 1947 law taxing coin-in-the-slot operated radios. The suit was brought by the Specialty Sales Company, which claimed the tax put a burden on interstate commerce.

Judge Duncan said the tax was not on the radio itself, but was a tax on the privilege of conducting a business.

Auto-Truck Crash Sends California Pair to Hospital

Two Oakland, Calif., persons are in Mercy Hospital with injuries sustained in a car-truck accident at Kennedy's Dutch Mill on Highway 99, about two miles south of Roseburg, Tuesday at 5:45 p. m.

James Metcalf Brady, 1437 McArthur Boulevard, Oakland, received a broken left arm, and his mother, Mrs. Jennie Elizabeth Brady, same address, suffered severe bruises to the head, back and legs, reported State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell today.

According to the state police report a truck owned by Don Witcher, Roseburg, driven by Leam Chester Dean, also of Roseburg, was driving south and attempting a left turn into Kennedy's place.

The second car, registered to and operated by Brady, attempted to pass at this moment, and struck the left front wheel of the truck, the officer reported. Brady's car is reported to have rolled over twice and to have been badly damaged.

Dean escaped injury, but the other two persons were taken to the hospital by the Roseburg Ambulance Co.

Child-Beating Father, Consort Sentenced

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(AP)—John Archuleta, 26, ex-boxer, faced an additional 18 months in jail today for child beating.

Sentenced last month to six months for beating his 21-year-old daughter, Linda, Archuleta was convicted yesterday of also beating 21-year-old Larry, Linda's twin.

Circuit Judge Toomey sentenced him to an additional year for the beating, and another six months on a charge of lewd cohabitation. Archuleta's common-law wife also was sentenced to six months on the latter charge.

Acting on a tip from neighbors, police found the badly bruised children in their home July 9.

Portland Suburbs Vote Down Sanitary Project

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Residents of six fringe communities west of Portland voted against a proposed \$1,050,000 sanitary system yesterday. The vote was 836 to 646.

The sewage system and disposal plant had been proposed after complaints of health hazards in the area. The communities are: Capitol Hill, Glencullen, Hillsdale, Sunset Ridge, West Portland and the business district of Multnomah.

Ban on Comics Asked As Boy Torturing Result

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Floyd County officials asked a ban on comic books today and planned psychiatric tests for three small boys accused of torturing a fourth. Officials said comic books had inspired the torture.

A seven-year-old boy related the tale in circuit court yesterday. He displayed welts caused by ropes on his neck and wrists. Physicians said he narrowly escaped death by hanging.

Hollywood Bank to Open With Filmdom Flourish

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 18.—(AP)—A bank, opening a new branch office in Hollywood, is going after business with a Hollywood flourish.

Dotty Lamour, says manager C. C. Pearson, has agreed to make the initial deposit Sept. 17. She's going to pull a roll of bills from the top of her nylons, Lassie, the dog, is to show up and ceremoniously deposit or hide a bone, Edgar Bergen has agreed to show up with Charlie McCarthy's much discussed allowance(sic).

The bank offers many extracurricular conveniences, including a mirror-lined powder room for the ladies.

Court Clears Dog Of Turkey Killing Charge

SEATTLE, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Justice Guy B. Knott cleared a collie-shepherd dog named Boy yesterday of accusations that he was a turkey killer.

The dog's reputation was saved when Judge Knott found Boy's owner, Walter Peterson of Carlsbad, innocent of a charge that he failed to dispose of the dog within 48 hours after 232 turkeys owned by a neighbor were found killed.

Testimony disclosed the neighbor thought Boy killed the birds, but wasn't certain. Peterson testified Boy sometimes had been let all night in a pen full of chicks to guard them, and never harmed one.

Wyoming Demos Choose Senatorial Candidate

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Wyoming Democrats, in a primary election yesterday, chose Governor Lester C. Hunt to contest Senator E. V. Robertson, the Republican incumbent, for a six-year term in the U. S. Senate in November. Robertson was unopposed in the Republican primary for nomination to his second term.

Hunt piled up nearly a 10-to-one lead over his lone opponent, Carl Johnson, Cheyenne public accountant.

Henry Wallace's Name To Go on Ohio Ballot

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Ohioans will get the chance to vote for Henry A. Wallace for president, but neither under his name nor under the name of his Progressive party.

Secretary of State Hummel has certified that the Wallace backers had presented enough signatures to petitions to place the names of 24 Wallace electors on the ballots. These men are the ones who would vote for him in the electoral college.

Shot Fells Girl About To Start in Bike Race

La Ciotat, France, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Nineteen girls lined up today for a bicycle race.

A gun sounded. Eighteen girls sped away. The nineteenth, Marcelle Dagher, lay on the ground suffering a superficial wound from a gun fired by an estranged sweetheart.

The official starter shrugged his shoulders and put his unused pistol back in his pocket.

Stork's Visit Too Much For Dad; He Faints Thrice

BANGOR, Me., Aug. 18.—(AP)—A Bangor wife, about to become a mother, took everything calmly—but the father-to-be.

He fainted, Patrolman Clifford E. Sloan said, while police arranged for an ambulance yesterday.

Revived, the man was so distraught Sloan decided to take him to the hospital, too. On the way he fainted twice.

A baby daughter was born to the couple. All were reported doing nicely today.

Widow Says She Poisoned Husband At His Request

SONORA, Calif., Aug. 18.—(AP)—A 45-year-old woman calmly related today, District Attorney Ed Vilas said, she poisoned her husband at his request and carefully planted a flower garden over the shallow grave where she had buried his body in pieces.

Mrs. Ada Hansen, questioned at length by Vilas and others, was held without bail on a charge of suspicion of murder.

Vilas said she maintained unwaveringly that her husband, Otto Hansen, about 48, had been ill for several years and had forced her to administer him strychnine.

He was her third husband, the other two having died, she related.

Mrs. Hansen, who sometimes goes by a former husband's name of Peters, was quoted by the officers as saying she administered Hansen the poison in sleeping capsules one night in early April and that he apparently died within an hour.

Three nights later, she dissected the body with a boning knife and a hatchet, Vilas quoted her as saying.

Sheriff Don Vars said she originally met Hansen at Lancaster, Calif., and they lived for a time at Emmett, Idaho.

Complaints of an unpleasant odor led the auto camp management to the remains yesterday. The man was believed to have been dead about four months.

Roseburg Returning to Standard Time Sept. 26

(By the Associated Press)

Dates that Oregon cities plan the switch from daylight saving to standard time are nearly as snarled as the mixup earlier this year when clocks were set ahead an hour.

A survey indicated today that most cities will return to standard time Sept. 26, when Portland shifts.

Others shifting then: Eugene, Corvallis, Grants Pass, Salem, Medford, Roseburg, Bend, La Grande and Albany.

Klamath Falls will change, however, on Sept. 1 and Pendleton will switch on Sept. 6. Astoria's city council will act there, but Sept. 15 or later is expected to be the date.

Pilchard Run Vanishes From British Columbia

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 18.—(AP)—British Columbia ships are waiting for fish that will never come in—not this year anyway.

One or two companies are reported to have boats standing by in case Pilchards reach British Columbia waters from the south—but predictions are that none of the fish will get this far north, for the thought heavy fishing has depleted the run which grossed more than two and three-quarter million dollars in British Columbia in 1943.

School Staff Lacks Only One Member for Completion But Housing Problem Still Faced

Roseburg's School District 4 directors Monday night approved contracts for five more teachers. This completes the staff for the local schools, except for a Senior High School instructor to teach mechanical drawing and some other subject, reported Superintendent Paul Elliott.

However, Elliott stated, five young, ex-servicemen hired on the teaching staff for the coming year, have to date been unable to secure housing. They are all married and have one or two children. They must have housing, he said, by Sept. 1, or shortly after, or they may not be able to accept the positions here, he said.

The new teachers hired include Mrs. Ruth Bergerson, Roseburg, a teacher last year; Mrs. Beal Henton, Eugene, Geneva Hyde, Roseburg, and Mrs. Kathryn Lockwood, Miles City, Mont., all of whom will teach in elementary grades, to be assigned, and Francis Shaw, Portland, Ore., and Eureka, Calif., elected to a position in the Senior High.

A report was made to the board that the grading of the grounds at the new Riverside School has been completed by Contractors Rouse and Bell, and Review.

Soviet Charges In Teachers' Case Rejected

U. S. Authorities' Action Supported by Marshall; May Ask Consul Recall

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Secretary Marshall said today that evidence reported to the State Department does not sustain Russian charges against United States authorities in connection with the refugee school teacher cases in New York.

Marshall told a news conference a formal answer will be given within the next 24 hours to the Russian protests. He said the U. S. views with serious concern the charges made by representatives of the foreign power involved in the New York incidents.

He did not mention Russia specifically by name.

Voluntarily discussing the school teacher cases, Marshall said available evidence does not bear out the Soviet protests.

The secretary said this is true especially since one of the teachers, Mrs. Oksana Stepanovna Kosenkina, by her own actions refuted the charges.

Mrs. Kosenkina jumped from a third floor window of the Soviet consulate in New York last Thursday to escape from her hosts. She now is in a New York hospital under treatment for serious injuries. Marshall has said previously she and the other teachers involved, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Samarin, would be given asylum in this country.

The Russians have demanded that the U. S. hand the three over to the Soviets. Among other things the Russians have accused American authorities of conniving in "kidnapping" the teachers, whose own claims are that they prefer to live here rather than go back to Russia.

Marshall said a note answering the Soviets is in preparation, based on reports from authorities in New York City.

The note will be made public after it is delivered to the Soviets, Marshall said. Presumably it will

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Oregon, Washington Plan Liquor Trusteeship End

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Termination of the trusteeship formed by Washington and Oregon liquor commissions to buy three million gallons will be discussed here next week.

J. O. Freck, Oregon Commission chairman, said the two groups will take up the topic next Thursday.

The trusteeship was formed in 1943 to acquire the Waterfall-Frazier and Shawhan Company distilleries and liquor stocks. The deal involved \$16,433,774.59. It was made to assure the two states a supply of spirits during a shortage period.

Land Management Office Moves to P. O. Building

The Bureau of Land Management, timber section, formerly O. & C., has moved its office from the Pacific Building to Room 206 Post Office Building, announced J. E. Slattery, manager.

The office, located in the Pacific Building the last four or five years, is now occupying the space in the Post Office Building vacated by the district Land Office, which has been moved to Portland in a consolidation of the three Oregon branches.

Bang's Disease Testing Of Beef Cattle Ordered

An order of the Douglas County Court will be issued requiring the testing for Bang's disease of all beef stock, except that which cannot be easily brought in off the range, as well as dairy cattle.

The order is to be made following a hearing Monday in the Circuit Court Room, when no remonstrances were heard. About a dozen cattle owners and representatives of various dairy and stock cattle interests were present for the hearing, and all who spoke were in favor of the compulsory order.

The state law provides only for the compulsory testing of dairy cattle, unless evidence brought out in public hearing in the respective counties deems it advisable that the testing be extended to beef stock as well.

GOP Chairman Vows Great 'Housecleaning'

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Chairman Hugh Scott Jr., of the Republican National Committee says that "when we get a Republican administration in Washington you will see the greatest housecleaning since St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland."

He told the Southern California Republican mobilization last night that this will include "driving Communists and Fellow Travelers out of the federal agencies."

Reunion Saves Wife Hitch-Hike Across U. S.

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, Me., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Army Corporal Tony Furio and his 25-year-old wife Marjorie, who started to hitch-hike to the West Coast to see him, were reunited today at the railroad station here.

Tony arrived by train after crossing the continent in a freight plane to talk his wife out of her plan to span the continent with their 22-month-old son, Tony, Jr.



DENIAL FUTILE—Alger Hiss, above, former State Department official, denied being a one-time member of the Red underground, but the Congressional probes at New York yesterday finally linked him with the organization after forcing admission of his association with his ex-Communist accuser.

Chambers told the committee on Aug. 3 that he joined the Communist party in 1924, quit in 1937 and for several years between served in its underground, mainly in Washington.

He listed Hiss as one of the members of this underground "apparatus." Hiss said its original purpose was to infiltrate the government but "espionage was certainly one of its eventual objectives."

Chambers said that when he turned against the Reds, he went to Hiss' home to urge him to

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Chiang Kai-Shek To Resume China Dictatorship

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18.—(AP)—China, its constitutional democracy still shiny with newness, is on the verge of returning to a dictatorship.

The Young China Party newspaper said today in a joint dispatch from Nanking and Kiating, the summer capital, that President Chiang Kai-Shek will resume absolute power. He will rule China by decree under special authority granted him for use in event of national emergency, the dispatch said.

And in Nanking, China's executive Yuan announced an absolute ban on student demonstrations—denying even the right of petition; and on strikes or other labor actions that would hinder production. The order also permits search of private homes without warrants if there is evidence of "subversive activity."

The Young China (minority) Party newspaper quoted Nanking sources as saying the civil war with Communists and the economic situation were too critical to be met "by China's present synthetic democracy." The constitutional democracy became effective only last May, although the constitution was approved last Christmas. The nation has been torn by civil war, inflation and conflict with the ruling Kuomintang party.

The paper said the scheduled September session of China's elected legislature will probably be postponed, democratic processes adjourned and one-man rule restored indefinitely.

Mrs. J. N. Garner, Wife Of Ex-Vice-President, Dies

UVALDE, Tex., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Mrs. John Nance Garner, Cactus Jack's "right hand," is dead.

The wife of the 32nd vice-president of the United States died yesterday in the stately built brick home, her husband "built for Etie" 28 years ago.

BERRY PRICE CUT

SALEM, ORE., Aug. 18.—(AP)—The Oregon Cane Fruit Control Board decided last night to drop the blackberry price from 11 to 8 cents a pound. The price last year was 10 cents.

The board said it took the action because the market is falling in Washington State, where some berries are selling for as low as six cents a pound.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenzweig

Considering the number of red-tainted employees in the Federal service during World War No. 2, it was a fortunate thing for Uncle Sam and his allies that they were fighting the axis instead of Russia.

Community Hospital Plans Will Be Furthered Tonight At Representative County Meet

Twenty-five representatives from all parts of Douglas County will attend a dinner-meeting as guests of H. O. Pargeter, general chairman, Douglas Community Hospital building fund campaign, this evening at 6:30 in the Civil Room of the Umpqua Hotel.

"At this meeting," Pargeter said, "communities that fall within the Roseburg hospital area will be brought up to date on campaign plans to raise \$300,000 for building a new hospital to serve the Douglas County area."

Those who attend will form the nucleus of the County Division, which, because of the wide area it covers, must be highly organized for maximum results.

A county chairman will head this division and be responsible for the organization which will solicit all individuals and firms located outside Roseburg proper, but falling within its hospital service area."

Encouraged by Responses

The General Chairman continued, saying: "I have been most encouraged by the response of our county neighbors to my dinner invitation. They have been watching with great interest the development of the campaign organization. Some have told me they are anxious to participate

actively in the forthcoming project to care for the health needs of Douglas County citizens.

"The expressed willingness of communities within the service area to give time, energy and resources to the campaign is another indication of the universal acceptance of the Douglas Community Hospital building fund program."

Communities and their surrounding areas which will fall into the service area of the Douglas Community Hospital, Pargeter said, include: Big Camas, Camas Valley, Canyonville, Coos Bay Junction, Days Creek, Dillard, Drain, Elkton, Glendale, Glide, Green, Happy Valley, Kellogg, Lookingglass, Melrose, Myrtle Creek, Oakland, Olla, Riddle, Sutherlin, Tiller, Umpqua, Wilbur, Winchester, Winston and Yonocilla.

Dates for the campaign have been set from Sept. 15 to Oct. 6.