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Kiel 'Insane,' Witnesses At Trial Testify

Head Injury In Boyhood, Brooding Over War Dead Cited In His Defense

Joseph Louis Kiel sat visibly shaken throughout Thursday afternoon's murder trial proceedings as he heard four persons testify that the alleged murderer was insane and "did not know the distinction between right and wrong."

His sister, Mrs. Ann K. Stimpson, told the court her brother was, in her opinion, insane. She said this condition was more noticeable since Kiel returned from the service, but especially so in the last six months.

Possibility that the insanity claimed by Defense Attorney James McGinty may be of the organic type was raised by Mrs. Stimpson's testimony. "When he was eight years old," Mrs. Stimpson said, "Joe came home one day with the back of his head crushed in. Ever since then, he would never fight or argue with anyone."

She said that in recent months, Kiel acted in a similar fashion as had his father, who had been committed to the state insane asylum. She said that her brother's letters, written while he was overseas, were "incoherent." After his return with an honorable discharge, she said Kiel often brooded over the death of "buddies" killed overseas and often expressed fear of buzz bombs.

Insane, Others Testify Although the other witnesses all testified as to their belief that Kiel was insane, they did not agree on the degree of insanity. A hypothetical question posed by District Attorney Robert G. Davis proved to draw the greatest variety of answers.

He asked several of the witnesses, "If Kiel were in the act of strangling a person and suddenly saw a police officer coming toward him, would Kiel, in your opinion, have stopped the act?" In other words, would he know that what he was doing was wrong?

Kiel's sister swore he did not know the difference between right and wrong, under certain circumstances. James Graff, Kiel's employer with whom he had lived for several years, was less certain but finally said Kiel would probably keep on strangling. R. D. Sinclair, clinical psychologist at the Roseburg Veterans hospital said that after examining the accused, Kiel did show signs of mental defect. However, he qualified his answer to Davis' question by saying Kiel would not know right from wrong if a decision were to be made in a "complex, comprehensive" question.

Testimony of many of the defense witnesses was similar, in that they declared Kiel had complained of severe headaches in the past, seemed kind of funny and was prone to daydream (one witness described Kiel as "kind of dazy-like"), with several of the witnesses saying that Kiel had "really been going down hill" during the last six months.

Defense Loses Motion McGinty opened the afternoon's proceedings by moving that the first count of the indictment (charging deliberate and premeditated malice) be removed because there were no grounds to show premeditation. McGinty cited Oregon Code Laws Annotated to show that a confession is "not sufficient; other evidence must also be introduced."

Davis replied that the state is not relying solely on Kiel's confession of the act. He said testimony and evidence introduced by the state would corroborate the statements contained in the confession. Judge William G. East then declined the motion of the defense attorney.

Following introduction of several witnesses, all testimony to the good reputation of Kiel as a peaceful, law-abiding citizen, the defense rested its case, after less than two hours of testimony. Davis then requested additional time in which to allow a final state's witness to arrive. He said Dr. Gerhard Haugen, Portland psychologist, was to have appeared during the afternoon. Judge East ordered a recess until this morning after first warning the jury they should bring "a toothbrush and comb" in the event the case goes into their hands today.

LOCAL NEWS

From Riddle—Mrs. Ada Smith and son of Riddle were in Roseburg Wednesday. Reported ill—Miss Myra and Miss Mary Kamp of Myra are both reported ill at the hospital in Eugene.

Local Visitor—Mrs. Paul Morgan of Medford was a Roseburg visitor this week. She is a former Roseburg resident.

Visiting From Grants Pass—Mrs. Florence Powers of Grants Pass is in Roseburg visiting her mother, Mrs. Hattie McAfee.

Building New Home—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reece have started construction of their new home located near the Melrose store.

Insatiation Planned—Installation of officers of Evergreen grange will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Riverside grange.

Home From Portland—Mrs. Jane Coffman has returned to her home in Roseburg, following a trip to Portland to visit relatives and friends.

Visiting Here From Salem—Mrs. Allan Carson of Salem is in Roseburg visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Clarke, on South Kane street for a few days.

Bazaar Planned—Roseburg chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., will sponsor a bazaar Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Umpqua Valley Hardware store.

N. of W. to Meet—Neighbors of Woodcraft Lila circle No. 49 will meet Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 o'clock at the L.O.O.F. hall. A paper-bag supper will follow the meeting.

Potluck—Roseburg Camp Fire Council husbands and wives are invited to attend a 7 o'clock potluck supper and social Saturday evening at the Episcopal parish hall on East Cass street.

Home From Hospital—Fred A. Goff, who suffered a fractured hip a few weeks ago, has been discharged from the hospital in Eugene and is now convalescing at his home in Roseburg.

Daughter Is Born—A daughter, Linda Lee, weighing three pounds twelve ounces, was born at the Booher Maternity home near Drain Nov. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Ware of Yoncalla.

Mrs. Little Home—Mrs. Eugene Little has returned to her home on South Stephens street, following a trip to Tacoma to visit her son, Sgt. Wesley Little and wife, who recently moved into their new home.

Sale Saturday—Riversdale Grange Home Economics club will sponsor a food and fancy-work sale at the E. G. High Insurance office at the corner of Jackson and Cass streets Saturday, Dec. 3.

Food Sale—District No. 11, Oregon Nurses Association will sponsor a food sale at Marshall Wells store, 130 N. Jackson street, Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All members and nurses are asked to contribute to the sale.

Open Meeting Planned—South Deer Creek Grange is holding an open meeting Saturday, Dec. 3 at the grange hall. A motion picture will be shown. The meeting will be open to the community. Regular grange meeting with installation of officers will be an event of Dec. 17 according to grange members.

Return from Salem—Mrs. Murry Smith, Mrs. T. W. Bernard, Mrs. Fred Darby and Mrs. L. G. Twohy of Douglas court, No. 18, Order of Amaranth, attended the institution and installation of Cherry Court, No. 19, Order of Amaranth in Salem Tuesday, returning to Roseburg the following day.

Mrs. Maddox Returns—Mrs. B. W. Maddox has returned to her home on East Douglas street, following a trip to Astoria to spend Thanksgiving at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Maddox, and their three daughters, Jeanne, Jocelyn and Judy.

Wyatts Return—Mr. and Mrs. John Wyatt have returned to their home at Dillard, following a trip to Los Angeles where they were called Thanksgiving day by the death of the former's mother, Mrs. Sadie Foster. Mrs. Foster had been seriously ill for the last four years. She was 85 at the time of her death.

Back From McMinnville—Mr. and Mrs. George Lawson and son, George M. Lawson, and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Howard of Roseburg and Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Floew and Albert Eckhouse of Winston have returned to their homes, following a few days in McMinnville as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Howard and family. A turkey dinner was held there Sunday and additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Beckett of Shenandoah, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nielsen of Yakima, Wash.

BACKACHE, LEG PAINS MAY BE DANGER SIGN Of Tired Kidneys When disorder of kidney function permits poisonous matter to remain in your blood, it may cause nagging backache, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of sleep and energy, itching at night, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headaches and dizziness. Frequent urinary passages with burning and burning sometimes shows there is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder. Don't wait! Ask your druggist for Doan's Pills, a stimulant diuretic, used successfully by millions for over 55 years. Doan's gets rid of kidney trouble and will help the 15 million of kidney tubules flush out poisonous waste from your blood. Get Doan's Pills.

Contest to Close—The Green Community Sunday School (located at the old Green school), is notifying residents of the area that December 4 is the closing day of the National "Increase Your Sunday School Attendance" contest. The winners of the contest will receive many valuable awards. Those desiring transportation are asked to call 1660-R-1. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. with C. M. Foree, superintendent. The regular church service will follow.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses PRUITT-POTVN—Raymond William Pruitt, Tulelake, and Præcilla Aurelia Potvin, Roseburg.

DeHAVEN-BRYAN—John Finley DeHaven and Shyrle M. Bryan, both of Coos Bay.

SMITH-DUNCAN—Tang Edward Smith and Jean Maxine Duncan, both of Days Creek.

Divorce Suit Filed RENFRO—Joseph F. vs. Margaret A. Renfro, Married Oct. 9 1933, at Santa Ana, Calif. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

Divorce Decree Granted HELTON—Esther Jean from Joe Theron Helton. Custody of their two children granted plaintiff.

Student Letter Writer Still Going Strong EUGENE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—University of Oregon letter-writers were still going strong this week. And some of their fellow students with a sense of humor Wednesday could not resist the temptation.

A bewildered local weatherman opened the following letter: "We, the undersigned students at the University of Oregon, wish to protest the atrocious weather conditions that the University of

Priest Admits Spy Charges in Part

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia, Dec. 2 (AP)—A gray-bearded Russian orthodox priest pleaded "partially guilty" today to Yugoslav charges he worked for the Nazis in this country during the war and later spied for Russia against Premier Marshal Tito.

Father Aleksel Kriskho, in long black priest's robes, heads a group of 10 Russian White guards being tried here as spies for the Soviet embassy in Belgrade and spreaders of cominform propaganda against the Tito regime.

Father Kriskho was the first to take the stand today. A blanket indictment against all the defendants was read yesterday. Twice the priest was in tears. Speaking broken Serbian (which, although a Slav language, sounds little like Russian), he refused to take a seat.

His testimony was full of contradictions. At the beginning he denied flatly he ever worked for the German gestapo while it was in Yugoslavia during the war.

"I did not collaborate with the Germans," he testified in court, his beard quivering with indignation. But then he admitted he had said during earlier investigation that several White Russians in Yugoslavia had joined the Germans on his advice.

The first day's questioning of the priest was pointed mainly at establishing the charge that all the accused—former czarist Russians who fled here after the Russian revolution and then became Soviet citizens after the last war—had worked for the Nazis.

Oregon and the Eugene area has undergone the past few days. We feel that the weather is at times almost unbearable. "We highly recommend that the weather man produce sunshine for at least 72 per cent of the daylight hours, and that a full moon be visible in the early hours of each evening."

The letter was signed by about 49 students.



HERE SUNDAY, Nappy Lamare, above, with his red-hot combination of jazz-wyze talent, will appear at Kennedy's Dutch Mill Sunday, Dec. 4, starting at 9 p. m., to provide local dance patrons both hot and sweet musical fare.

Miss Patty O'Connor, vocalist and sister of motion picture star Donald O'Connor, will furnish the lyrics to some of the dance numbers. The group appears here under the sponsorship of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are available at Lawson's Jewelers and at the door.

CAR FIRE LIGHT The Roseburg fire department answered a call to a car fire on

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Bellingham Now Claims Highest Christmas Tree

BELLINGHAM—(AP)—The Bellingham Chamber of Commerce has tangled with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce over the two cities' Christmas trees. Los Angeles now claims the world's tallest tree, 100 feet. Last year the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce put up a tree 134 feet tall. This year it has a Douglas fir ready to set up that tops the previous mark by 20 feet.

Taking up the cudgels for the Jaycees, the senior chamber has sent a telegram to the Los Angeles chamber setting it straight on the matter of height.

Cass in front of the Grand Hotel at 7:25 a.m. today. Only minor damage resulted.

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