Grand Jury Considers Chester Crabb Case

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surrendered at Salem after giving his story to a newspaper reporter.

Both men, however, admit having been with the girl the night she vanished—April 9, 1952. Her unclad, decomposed body was not found until a hunter ran across it in a drainage ditch north of Oakland Oct. 30.

Coffield says he left Crabb and the girl at the scene with a bottle and never saw either of them again. Crabb says Coffield told him at the scene to "take a walk—we both can't make out with this girl," and that he took a walk and passed out—later returning without the girl.

Authorities declined to speculate publicly on the validity of either of the stories.

Officers have not been able to determine—for, sure—the cause of death. Advanced decomposition hampered an autopsy by Dr. Homer Harris, director of the Oregon State Police Crime Detection Laboratory. The autopsy did, however, indicate that the girl had not been assaulted.

By coincidence, Miss Lang was a cousin of Thelma Taylor, Portland school girl, for whose slaying Morris Leland is scheduled to die at the state penitentiary Friday morning.

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Families Observe Holiday Season At Canyonville

By MRS. JOHN BINGHAM

Many families enjoyed visits with sons and daughters home for Christmas and many large family dinners were the order of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Theiss had as guests their son, Roland, home for the holidays from Columbia Prep at Portland, and Mrs. Theiss' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Autritt of Dallas, and her brother-in-law and sister, Lt. and Mrs. John Rundell and daughter Terry of Ft. Lawton, Wash.

Daughters Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Moyer entertained their daughters, Mrs. Noreen Merriman and two children of Tacoma, and Mrs. Evelyn Lair and three children of Riddle, Mrs. Leila Neitze of Riddle and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Weaver. Mrs. Merriman and children are remaining for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Dickinson had as Christmas guests the former's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dalling.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chappell had as holiday house guests the latter's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett of Springfield.

Relatives Visit

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery entertained their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Proctor and son, Arlan, of Lakeside and Mr. and Mrs. Cass and Mrs. Agnes Ford of Roseburg. Mrs. Cass and Mrs. Ford are sisters of Mr. Montgomery. Mrs. Proctor and her young son are remaining for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hays entertained their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hays of Days Creek and Mr. and Mrs. James Hays of Myrtle Creek.

Christmas Visitor

Millard Stoland and Richard Askvig arrived Christmas Eve to visit the former's brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hanson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Myers had all their five children and their families with them for Christmas. They include Mr. and Mrs. George Brandner and daughters, who are visiting from the Midwest; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mansfield and daughter of Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davenport and children; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grunst and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shippen and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawless of Coquille visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Binder over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Doxsee and children of Roseburg visited the parental Walter Doxsee home over the Christmas weekend.

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Trial Of Ezra Staggs Expected To End Today

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weighs less than 150 pounds and stands about five feet four inches, is on trial in Circuit Court, charged with second-degree murder in the Oct. 20 fatal stabbing of Estrada near Glide.

Describing the fight with Estrada, Staggs said:

"I pulled my knife out with my right hand. I tried to gouge him with it to make him turn loose—somewhere in the scuffle—I don't see yet how it went in as far as it did. . . he fell against me or something."

Tape Recording Run

The jury had already heard Staggs speaking once Tuesday during the trial when State Patrolman Joe Haystead brought to court a tape-recorded statement Staggs had given officers Oct. 20.

The defendant, wringing his hands, heard himself say on the recording machine substantially what he said later on the witness stand.

He said, on the stand, he had gone to Johnny's Tavern some four miles east of Glide Oct. 19. In broken phrases, he continued:

"Fuzz (Estrada) was sitting at the bar as I walked in the door. I sat down next to him and ordered a beer. He made some remark—I don't go around to those places to fight so I moved clear around to the other side.

"He was talking to Rheta," he continued. Rheta Smith is Staggs' ex-sister-in-law.

"He said some lewd word. She said 'no, I'm with Ez.'"

Made Remarks

The defendant related that Estrada had made a remark about him. Staggs told Estrada, "You keep my name out of things."

"You don't worry me," Staggs quoted Estrada as saying.

"I don't care, you just keep my name out of it," Staggs replied, according to his testimony. "He got hold of my shirt and tore it halfway off." He then related that the pair had been pulled apart and the argument quieted down.

When asked in cross examination why Estrada had rushed him, Staggs said, "I don't figure that out yet."

"Were you scared of Fuzz," asked Defense Attorney William Green in direct examination.

"Yes, sir," the defendant replied. "I had been told by his friends that he was rough and not to cross him."

Later, Staggs excitedly testified, he started to get in his car to go home when Estrada approached him.

"He grabbed me and jerked me out of the car. He got hold of my shirt. . . If I could have run I would have, but the only thing that came to my mind was to use my knife."

"I screamed at Fuzz to let me alone. I didn't want no trouble—I wanted to go home."

"How did he come at you as you were standing at the door?" asked Green.

Acted Like 'Maniac'

"Sort of like a maniac. . .The next thing I knew I was standing up and he was pounding the devil out of me. . . It entered my mind that rather than take a beating off of somebody who is known as a fighter— I couldn't see taking a beating."

He then got his knife out of his pocket and lashed out at Estrada, Staggs said. He added that he didn't recall the knife hitting anything.

"I didn't know he was hurt until I was out of reach of him," the defendant testified.

He said he had later driven to Roseburg to the county jail to turn himself in but had been told to come back the next day and see the district attorney.

He returned to Glide and surrendered to State Patrolman William McCullum, he said.

McCullum earlier had testified that Staggs had come to him as he was investigating the stabbing scene at the tavern. He said Staggs told him "I am the one—I did the cutting. Here is the knife."

Defense witness Lola McClendon, Idleyld, told of an Oct. 5 incident involving Estrada. Mrs. McClendon said she and her husband were talking to Estrada while eating in a tavern when Staggs came in She said Estrada stated, "'If I don't get that dirty—— tonight I'll get him some other night.'"

Estrada's former Copco foreman, Roy Howe, testified for the defense that Estrada was a fighter and was "reputed to be a pretty rough boy." Howe said he'd seen one bout between Estrada and a Portland boxer.

Also testifying Tuesday afternoon were Joe Lothes, Officer Robert White, Officer Austin J. Murray and Dr. Homer Harris of the state crime lab, all for the state. Murray and Charles Epperson (who testified for the state in the morning) were also called to the stand by the defense.

In rebuttal this morning State's witnesses contradicted statements by defense witnesses concerning Estrada's reputation.

Mrs. Ellen Dunlap, who works part-time at Johnny's tavern, said Estrada's reputation as a peaceful citizen was "very good." Johnny DeGroot, owner of the tavern said several of Estrada's fellow workers had commented that he was "always correct and had no trouble in Medford."

Old Landmark Is Wiped Out In Canyonville Fire

By MRS. JOHN BINGHAM

The blaze that marred the Christmas Eve celebrations at Canyonville wiped out a historical landmark in that town.

It was one of Canyonville's oldest structures and at one time was the community schoolhouse.

It took only an hour and a half for the blaze to burn the three-story structure after its discovery about 10 p.m. Traffic on the Canyonville-Riddle road was stalled for almost two hours as the Canyonville Volunteer Fire Department tried vainly to stem the blaze. Heat was so intense that the Forest Glen Hospital, located directly across from the burning house had to be hosed down. The heat cracked four of the Hospital windows.

Fortunately, most of the occupants of the house were away on vacations. Anderson returned from Los Angeles after learning of the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Kinnie and their daughter were the only occupants of the building at the time of the blaze. Their first inkling of the fire was boiling water coming from the tap. They managed to save some belongings and a few articles of Anderson's furniture. According to Fire Chief John Hamlin, the fire apparently started from defective wiring.

The fire was discovered by Ward Clark, a teen-age son of Mrs. Verna Clark. He was returning home from the theater where he is employed. He dashed to the police station with the alarm.

Huge Airliner Missing With 37 GI's Aboard

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is about 350 miles from Cheyenne.

Search operations were set up at Hill Air Force Base at Ogden, Utah. Planes were flown from as far away as McChord Air Force Base in Washington, about 800 miles, to join in the expanding search.

The plane was one of about 15 which left Seattle during the night with troops who returned from Korea and Japan Tuesday aboard the troop ship Marine Adder, which brought 3,169.

The only faint hope was that the plane might have landed, with radio out, on one of the small and isolated emergency fields along the rugged route.

No names of any aboard were immediately available.

A big snow storm is in the making in Western Wyoming, where a search is on for the missing plane.

George Nelson, Wyoming director of aeronautics, said the snow squalls had not yet halted the air hunt, but that a snow storm of major proportions was forecast to hit late Wednesday or Thursday.

Nelson said that a score of planes was in the air by mid-morning along the 414-mile route the plane was to have travelled from Malad City, Idaho, to Cheyenne. Ground observers also have been advised to look for the silver plane with blue and white trim, bearing the number, 1648M.

If the plane crashed, it would be the first disaster for a plane carrying rotation troops homeward after their arrival here by ship from the Far East.

Truman Hopeful Soviets Will Quit Cold War

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has delivered such messages in person, was left for the reading of others. Truman plans a similar message to the nation in a broadcast Jan. 15. The one to Congress today was of almost unprecedented gravity.

The President submitted no legislative recommendations, saying he would not infringe upon Eisenhower's right to chart the country's course after his inauguration Jan. 20. He reviewed the progress of his "Fair Deal" and said it has served the nation well

Confident of Future

Truman spoke confidently of the future. While the nation has its resources, its industry, its skills, its vigor and its democratic faith, he said, "the ultimate advantage" in the struggle with the Soviet "lies with us, not with the Communists."

"But there are some things that could shift the advantage to their side," he said. "One of the things that could defeat us is fear—fear of the task we face, fear of adjusting to it, fear that breeds more fear, sapping our faith, corroding our liberties, turning citizen against citizen, ally against ally."

He did not name any names as he continued:

"Already the danger signals have gone up. Already the corrosive process has begun. And every dimenution of our tolerance, each new act of enforced conformity, each idle accusation, each demonstration of hysteria — each new restrictive law—is one more sign that we can lose the battle against fear. . . .

"We must renew our confidence in one another, our tolerance, our sense of being neighbors, fellow citizens. We must take our stand on the Bill of Rights. The inquisition, the star chamber, have no place in a free society."

New Councilmen Are Sworn In At Myrtle Creek

Two new and two reelected councilmen were sworn in last night at the Myrtle Creek City Council meeting.

They are R. C. Lent, Al Lochman, Home Abbott and Robert Kelly. City Recorder G. D. Myllenbeck was reappointed municipal judge.

Mayor J. B. Nelson briefed the new council on contemplated plans for the coming year.

Among these, he said, are a planned million-gallon water reservoir, which would cost about $45,000, and a street paving program. He said the city may use state gasoline tax revenue—about $10,000 a year—for the paving program.

The new Myrtle Creek Council also plans to set a policy regarding annexation of new areas. At present two areas outside the city limits have petitioned to come into the city. He said the problem may be particularly great should the nickle mining operations near Riddle materialize.

Recognition Is Given For Publishing Book

Recognition for her work in conducting poetry classes and in compiling a book of poems was given Hilda Peterson, Kohlhagen Apartments, Roseburg, in the November, 1952, issue of Author and Journalist.

"Any day I look for the Chamber of Commerce to get out a bulletin listing poetry, as well as fruit and lumber among Roseburg's main assets," Nelson Antrim Crawford, editor of the magazine, wrote.

The publication of poems, entitled "A Gift of Words," is made up of poems by residents and former residents of Douglas County and was published last summer.

Smith Murder Trial Hears Final Testimony

TOKYO (AP)—The prosecution in the Dorothy Krueger Smith murder trial rested today after the general's daughter was quoted as saying "I waited for my husband to go to sleep and stabbed him."

The defense promptly moved for dismissal on grounds of insufficient evidence. The motion was overruled by the U. S. Army court martial board and the trial recessed until tomorrow.

Mrs. Smith, 40, daughter of Gen. Walter Krueger of World War II fame, pleaded innocent of fatally stabbing Col. Aubrey Smith in the bedroom of their Tokyo residence the night of Oct. 3.

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Dillard Family Makes 3rd Tour Through Mexico

By ROSA HEINBACH

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Clayton and son, Gordon, who left Dillard about three weeks ago have written to friends that they have arrived in Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico. They are making their third tour of central Mexico. They write "We went to a strange Indian festival yesterday. We are going over to San Blas on the coast for a few days soon."

Return From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Dean F. Collins and children arrived home Friday evening from their vacation at Klamath Falls where they attended a family reunion of the Collins family. They visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowell and another sister, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cummings and Collin's mother, Mrs. Mattie Collins. Thirty-seven relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Lowell for the reunion party. Enroute home the Dean Collins family stopped in Redmond to visit with his brother, Roy Collins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McGuire and daughters motored to Eugene on Tuesday for business and to visit friends. In Veneta they were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Salchenberg.

Miss June Dale McGuire stayed in Veneta for a few days and Miss Vearle Killitz returned to the home of the McGuires with Helen to remain until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fosback arrived in Dillard to spend the New Year's holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fosback.

Returns Friday

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Royer returned Friday following a three day visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bridge and three children at Dexter, Crail Station, near Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Heinbach and family spent Christmas day at the home of the former's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Chris O. Pfaff at London Springs, near Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Pennie entertained on Christmas day at their home in Roseburg, with a turkey dinner for Mrs. Pennie's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. for Mrs. Pennie's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas and their mother Mrs. Huldah Thomson, Dick, Paul and George Thomas and their mother, Mrs. Huldah Thomson, Dick, Paul and George Thomas of Roberts Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Post returned Friday from a vacation in Portland. They spent a week visiting relatives and friends. On their return home they stopped at Tangent, Ore. and were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Frank B. Drew and family formerly of Dillard.

Mrs. Ray McAlpine Sr. of Pasadena, Calif., was an overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Heinbach. Mrs. McAlpine and her son are visiting her son Mr. and Mrs. James McAlpine and children in Happy Valley. This was the first visit they have had with the new grandson, James McAlpine Jr.

Revival Service Series Scheduled At Canyonville

A week-long revival series is scheduled at the Gospel Tabernacle in Canyonville, conducted by a former Los Angeles policeman.

Rev. Cyrus C. Johnson, who quit the police force to become a preacher, launches the revival services Sunday night, Jan. 11, at 7:30. The meetings will continue nightly through the week, except for Friday. The final service is scheduled Sunday night, Jan. 18.

Pioneer Resident, James Adams, Dies At Camp

James Leonard Adams, 59, lifelong resident of Roseburg and veteran of World War I passed away at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, Camp White, Oregon, on Tuesday following a brief illness.

He was born at Roseburg, August 13, 1893 the son of James H. and Anna Adams, Douglas County pioneers. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

Surviving are three aunts, Mrs. George Adams, Mrs. Edith Thompson and Mrs. J. F. Rose all of Roseburg. He is also survived by a number of cousins among whom are Dale Adams, Roseburg, Dee Adams, Medford, Mrs. Wm. Adair, Mrs. Lois Burton, Mrs. Leon Haas, Mrs. James Newberry, Mrs. Levi White, S. Lincoln Rose and P. Franklin Rose all of Roseburg.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Long & Orr Mortuary, Saturday, Jan. 10, at 2:00 p.m., with Dr. Morris Roach of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Concluding services will be conducted under the auspices of the Disabled American Veterans with interment following in the family plot in Civil Bend Cemetery.

Eisenhower, Churchill Conferences Resumed

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Baruch's home last night. Dulles will be secretary of state in the new administration and Aldrich will be ambassador to Great Britain.

Eisenhower announced two State Department appointments yesterday after conferences with Dulles.

The general chose Donald B. Lourie, president of the Quaker Oaks Company of Chicago to serve as under secretary of state in charge of administration

He picked Carl W. McCardle, chief of the Washington bureau of the Philadelphia Bulletin as an assistant secretary of state. McCardle's assignment deals primarily with public affairs, including the department's Voice of America information program.

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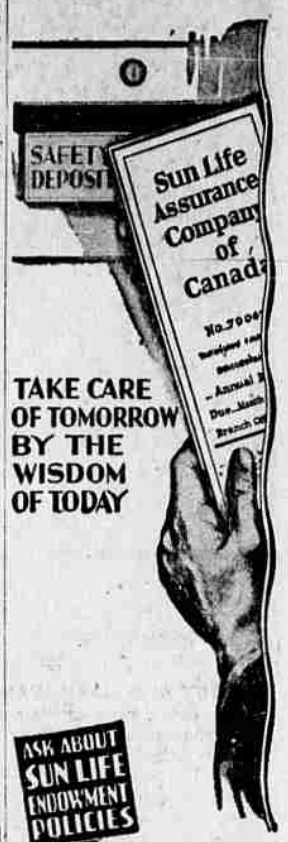
Reeds Visit Son At Idleyld Park

By MRS. ARTHUR SELBY

Mr. and Mrs. Carlous Reed of Fremont, Mo., arrived Sunday to visit their son, Henry Reed.

Reed, who is superintendent of the Rock Creek Hatchery at Idlyld Park, has not seen his parents since 1938.

Mike Kennaday, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kennaday, is ill with scarlet fever.



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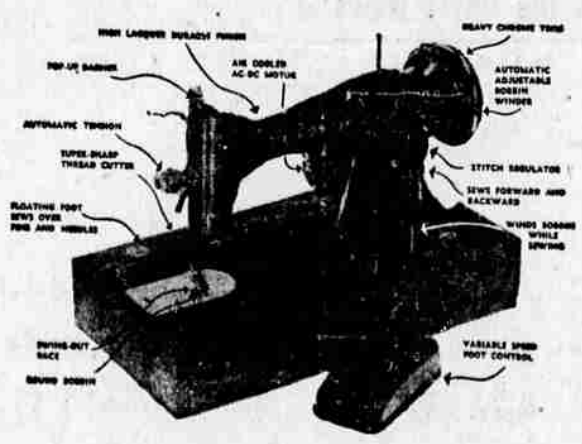

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