

BOLTARES ADMITS BRUTAL MURDERS

Truck Driver, 24, of San Fernando, Cal., Held in Los Angeles Jail.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6 (AP)—Confessing that he killed five members of the Alvarez-Garcia family to satisfy an "old grudge," Armando Boltares, 24-year-old San Fernando, Cal., truck driver, is held in the county jail on suspicion of perpetrating one of the most brutal murder crimes in the annals of Southern California criminal history.

Boltares, arrested Wednesday for questioning, confessed to Captain William Bright, of the sheriff's homicide division, that he had beaten to death with a club Mrs. Helena Alvarez-Garcia, her son Charles, 18, and two daughters, Carmelita, 12, and Elba, 6, decapitated their bodies and buried them in shallow graves in Paloma canyon near San Fernando. He later traced Luciano Garcia, head of the family, to Azusa, Cal., shot him, and buried the body on the ranch where he was employed as a laborer.

Although the mother and three children were killed on October 9 and the husband on October 14, the slayings did not come to light until Thanksgiving day when picketers discovered the graves of Charles Alvarez. The graves of Mrs. Garcia and the two girls were found next day, and Garcia's grave was discovered by hunters after police had launched a search for him on the theory that he might have slain his wife and stepchildren.

Boltares, who confessed shortly after his arrest, said the killings were the result of an old grudge. He said Mrs. Garcia two years ago induced him to draw \$1,000 from his bank account, and since then she had been trying to poison him to get the money. He also said the woman tried to come between him and his sweetheart, Dolores Guichapa.

"We have been enemies a long time," he said.

He said he killed Mrs. Garcia and the children after taking them on a ride with him in his truck. Five days later he located Garcia and shot him. He said he took his sweetheart to Azusa and showed her the grave where he had buried Garcia.

Miss Guichapa, who is being held as a material witness, admitted to police Boltares had taken her to Azusa and pointed out a spot of newly spaded earth he said was Garcia's grave.

SPUD GRADING LAW PUT INTO EFFECT HERE

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—As soon as Oregon housewives become familiar with the new potato grading law, which is being enforced in Oregon this winter for the first time, they will get into the habit of demanding their favorite grades from the grocer, says Seymour Jones, state market agent.

"The potato inspection and grading law was passed by the 1929 legislature. It authorized the state market agent to establish grades for potatoes and the grades that have been adopted are federal grades. The law required the inspection of all shipments sent or received in the amount of five tons or more. Jones has arranged with the federal department of agriculture for the licensing of his state agents to issue federal certificates of inspection.

Jones said the Klamath Falls district is the largest potato producing area in the state. His office has, this fall, inspected about 500 carloads at Klamath Falls. The total inspected in the state so far is about 700 cars. It is estimated there will be 500 more.

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Some words are worked, and worked, and overworked till they don't mean anything. For instance, the word "service." Was Moon and wife are visible kirkfalls in the southeastern part of the state and may rob a few banks before Mr. Moon returns to his duties in the laboratories of the Atomic Tile Works.

Normal School Day Is Held By Club At Union

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer-Contributor)

UNION (Special)—Normal school day was observed at the Woman's club yesterday afternoon with a program of unusual interest. After the regular business session Mrs. Ross introduced Miss Foley, of the La Grande normal, who had charge of the program. In a few words she said the program would represent several departments of the school including music, dramatics, physical education and vocational education. Under the direction of W. W. Nubbaum several of the normal school glee club girls sang the following songs: "London-derry Air" and "Swing Song," with "Trees" as an encore. Miss Larsen of the physical education department presented girls in three character dances: "The Dance of the Wooden Soldiers," Irma Beck; "Gypsy Dance," Elizabeth Hesse; "Dutch Dance," Irma Beck and Elizabeth Hesse; music, "Pickaninny Sandman," by the glee club. "The Owl," glee club. Miss Houx gave the principal talk of the afternoon, taking as her subject, "The Modern Trend in Normal School Education." A clever dramatic skit followed with Jessie Willock, Marie Brinkoff, Fern Kennedy and Della Smith as participants. The class of the normal program Mrs. George Hoffman presented her Camp Fire girls in two short plays to remind people of the purpose of the Red Cross seal sale which they are conducting. Refreshments served by the hostesses brought to a close a most delightful meeting.

The contest plays that have been put on by the M. L. A. groups of the various wards of this State for several weeks have been completed and the three best ones chosen. Each ward was to put on three one-act plays and a committee from La Grande was to judge them. Baker ward was given first in all three plays and they will come to Union Monday evening, Dec. 9, to put on the plays at the L. D. S. church. The titles of the plays are "Soul Mates," "High Hearts," and "Conversion." The public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval McArthur, of Lostine, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Croeland.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Stedman, of Hot Lake, left the first of the week for Tucson, Ariz. They accompanied his father, Jack Stedman, of Baker who hopes to improve his health by the change. Mrs. Stedman was formerly Noreen Halsbey.

Mrs. C. A. Fisher and small son who have been visiting for the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gorman, left this morning for her home at Caldwell, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Knight left yesterday morning for Portland where they will visit for a week.

Western Drama Is Tough for Jeritza

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP)—Drama about the wild and woolly west seems a trifle too tough for these efforts days; at least, the Metropolitan Opera company has found it so.

In the third mishap that has marked this season's revival of the Puccini-Belasco opera, "The Girl of the Golden West," Maria Jeritza was stabbed with a wooden knife last night and so winded she sang with difficulty the closing "Addio Mia California."

She finished the performance, but took a curtain call in evident pain, leaning heavily on the arm of Lawrence Tibbett and Giovanni Martinelli. She was treated in her dressing room for bruises and skin abrasion, but declined the services of a physician.

KVI Will Get New Channel Dec. 15

Beginning Sunday, Dec. 15, listeners will hear radio station KVI broadcasting on 920 kilocycles (325.5 meters) on full time to receive the greatest radio service ever offered in the Pacific Northwest.

Word of the granting of full time was received from Washington, D. C., Monday afternoon. Although the formal order of the Federal radio commission has not been received, the word of the change from 760 kilocycles, and full time, came from such authoritative sources in Washington that KVI was able to make an announcement.

KVI is bringing listeners the Columbia Broadcasting system's balanced program, the service of the Don Lee Broadcasting system, and is offering programs from its own studio in the Tacoma hotel, Tacoma, and the Northern Life Tower, Seattle. KVI's transmitter is located at Kent, approximately mid-way between Tacoma and Seattle.

ADMIT ROBBERY

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Confession that they held up a taxi driver at Yakima, Wash., last Saturday and forced him to drive them to Portland was made here last night by Art Fuller, Ed Allen and Bob Kellogg. They are held in jail here, with the alternative of putting up \$2000 bail each for the theft of an automobile from the Valley Motor company. They were arrested yesterday when officers say they attempted to hold up a second-hand store.

Missouri has begun plans for a new \$2,300,000 road program.

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CRICKET FLAT

Lola Witherspoon (Observer-Contributor)

"CRICKET FLAT" (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rollet and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parsons and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hunt, and Mr. and Mrs. Alford Parsons and children of La Grande spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Parsons.

J. E. Witherspoon, Lola and Perry accompanied by Mrs. Frank Gilmer and son Carl went to Clarkston, Wash., Sunday and returned Monday with E. W. Witty. Mr. Witty had been there for five weeks receiving medical treatment. Mrs. Gilmer and son visited her parents in Louiston, Ida.

Mrs. Phyllis Becktel and Bonnie Kinrade spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bechtel. Mrs. Jesse Breshers and children spent Thanksgiving day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Glasson.

Mrs. A. Hysdam spent Thanksgiving day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hoy Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fox were La Grande visitors Saturday.

M. and Mrs. James Glasson and children were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Breshers of La Grande Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Scott and three sons of Wallawa were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Overton Scott Sunday.

Andas Bechtel, of Wallawa, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bechtel. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cameron spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brugger. Mr. and Mrs. Overton Scott and children spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weaver, of La Grande.

Joe Bechtel and daughter, Dorothea, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bechtel were business visitors in La Grande Tuesday.

Miss Cora Price left Thursday morning for Corvallis where she visited her parents until Sunday.

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These facts are brought out in a national survey just completed by the Bank of America, N. A., New York, which reveals that the state governments of the United States have a gross bonded debt of \$2,142,007,491, or \$17.84 per capita.

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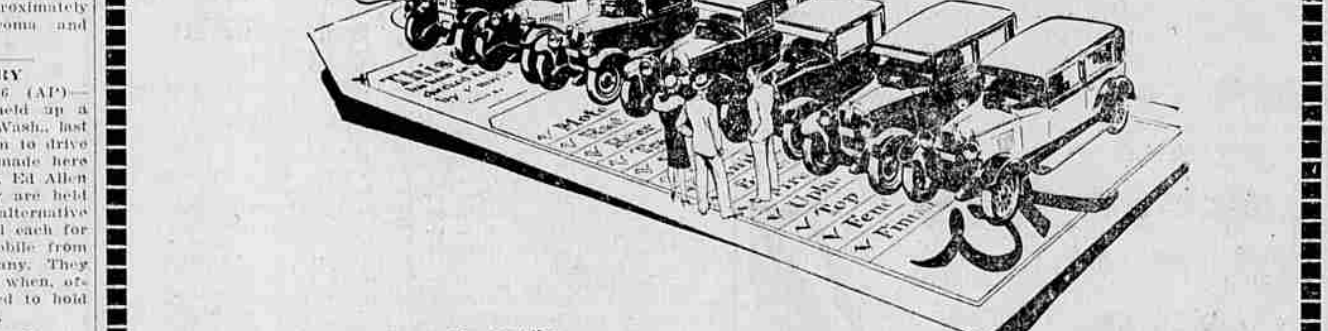
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