

## Baker Police Nab Confessed Killer Of California Boy

### YOUTH ADMITS SLAYING AFTER STATION HOLDUP

BAKER (UPI) — A slightly-built youth, who was released from the Oregon state penitentiary last May, admitted the Nevada desert slaying two weeks ago of Albert Larry Waters, 17, Livermore, Calif., Police Chief Roy Still said today.

Being held was Thayne Archibald, 20, of Roy, Utah. Archibald was arrested Thursday night for the holdup of a local service station and gave a detailed account of the slaying in an oral confession, Still said.

Officials at the Oregon penitentiary in Salem said Archibald was released from prison May 29 of this year after serving most of a three-year sentence from Deschutes county for larceny. He was sentenced on Feb. 13, 1957.

Authorities in Utah also said Archibald had an extensive juvenile record there dating back to 1948 and had spent time in the state industrial school in Ogden.

Waters' body was found Aug. 27 on the bank of the Truckee River 20 miles east of Reno. There were two bullet holes in the back of his head. He had been kidnapped Aug. 26 from a gasoline station where he worked.

Chief Still said Archibald was arrested after holding up a service station and getting \$20 here Thursday night. He had pulled in to another station to get his headlights fixed and police, who had a description of the holdup car, surrounded him.

He offered no resistance, the chief said. The chief said that Archibald, a slight youth weighing about 120 pounds, admitted holding up a service station in Livermore. He said in his confession that he made the Waters youth accompany him when he left.

Still said Archibald told him that they obtained some sandwiches and were eating them in a desolate area near Reno when the Waters youth started to run.

Archibald admitted shooting Waters twice. The suspect was armed with a .25 caliber automatic when arrested. Still said he asked him why he did not use the gun and Archibald replied: "There were too many policemen around."

Archibald told the chief that Waters had driven part of the time. After the slaying, the chief said Archibald drove through Elko, Nev., then to Boise, Idaho, and to Baker on Highway 30.

Still said the suspect told him that "in a way he was sorry" for the slaying.

## City, Area Students Hear TB Spokesman

City and area high and junior high school students are being told the problems of tuberculosis confronting Oregon residents by the State TB and Health Association.

Don Harman, case finding director of the agency, from Portland, has been in the area for the past several days speaking to all Union County upper grade students.

Yesterday Harman visited at Imbler and Elgin school. His discussion centers around health standards, how to combat this dreaded disease by periodic examination and tests that can be taken to determine if the person is a TB carrier.

He said that only persons over 21 in Oregon are eligible for examination through mobile test X-ray units. Through cooperation of the various county medical societies, however, students can obtain the tests.

One-hundred per cent cooperation in the school program is the goal of the state organization, Harman pointed out.

He said that tuberculosis hit Oregon hard last year, with 572 revealed cases, and five of these in Union County.

Explosive Ordinance  
PORTLAND (UPI)—Consideration of an ordinance prohibiting storage of most explosives within a half mile of the railroad depot was set aside until Nov. 12 Thursday by the Portland city council.

Consideration was postponed when City Attorney Alexander Brown and Donald Morrison, a railroad lawyer, pointed out that the proposed ordinance conflicts with Interstate Commerce Commission regulations.



### LHS SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

La Grande Senior High School students have elected class officers for the current school year. Named to head the senior class are Ken Hildebrandt, vice president; Diantha Kelsoe, secretary-treasurer; Ron Cooper, president, and Rod Chandler, sergeant at arms. Additional high school news and photos can be found on page seven. (Observer Photo)

## New York City Seeking Help In Fighting Youth Violence

NEW YORK (UPI) — New York City sought aid in Albany and Washington today in its seemingly hopeless battle against teen-age gangs. One gang chased an intended victim into a firehouse early today and threatened to shoot up the place when firemen intervened.

Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy frankly admitted that he can see "no reversal" in the steady rise in juvenile delinquency and crime unless the hand of law enforcement agencies is considerably strengthened.

To accomplish this, Mayor Robert F. Wagner and the city's district attorneys have drawn up a legislative program calling for drastic revision of state and federal laws covering interstate shipment, sale, and possession of knives, stilettos and sports starter pistols favored by teen-age warlords.

Wagner and his aides also will ask the federal government to assign more narcotics agents to New York to curb the flow of marijuana, heroin and cocaine to "jungle" neighborhoods which breed juvenile violence.

Since Wagner ordered a crackdown Sept. 1 on teenage street loiterers, more than 450 paisley-shirted, pompadoured punks have been arrested. The mayor began a series of hourly messages on city station WNYC Thursday reminding parents of their responsibility for knowing where their children are at all times.

Police picked them up later on a neighborhood street. They all were charged with disorderly conduct and one was charged with attempted assault.

## 'Open House' Saturday At Clarks Dairy

An open house to be held at Clarks Dairy Saturday afternoon, will mark the completion of the new addition and expansion of the plant. Management of this plant was taken over three years ago by Mrs. Gertrude Weiss, and it is located at the extreme south end of Second Street.

The new expansion included the installing of a short-time pasteurization machine with clarifier, thus making it one of the finest plants of the Northwest. This addition was made to enable them to give better care and service to customers.

The milk is purchased from Union County producers, J. A. Morgan, Elgin; Arthur McCall, La Grande; Alvan Miller, Cove; and Emil Gaertner of Island City. They employ eight persons at the present time.

Since starting three years ago, the dairy has expanded its service to include home delivery in Union, Elgin and Cove as well as local. The stores in most of these communities also handle milk and products from this dairy.

One year ago the new office on Depot and Fourth Streets was opened on Sept. 1, to accommodate the public. The office has been on Elm Street prior to this time.

Mrs. Weiss and Nelle Grimmett have planned this open house to give persons an opportunity to see where and how their milk is being handled, and are inviting the public to come Saturday afternoon and tour the plant.

A bicycle and a number of merchandise gift cards will be awarded in connection with open house. The gift cards will be given among guests who register. Children registering must be accompanied by their parents.

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## Mother, 6 Children Die In Car-Train Smash

WASECA, Minn. (UPI)—A mother and her six children were killed today in a car-train collision here as they were driving to Sacred Heart Parochial School here.

Six of the children of Mrs. Mrs. James Zimmerman of Waseca were killed outright. The mother, 39, died about three hours later.

Another school child, Robert Szyszka, 15, was hit by flying debris and injured as he was walking past the crossing.

The dead were Jimmy, 4; Kathleen, 12; Michael, 10; Constance, 9; Barbara, 7, and Jan. 2. The station wagon in which the family was riding was hit broadside by the locomotive of a Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad freight train. The station wagon was demolished.

The crossing is on U. S. 14, and the vehicle apparently came straight down the highway to the crossing. It was believed the railroad crossing flashing signal was operating at the time.

## Locomotive Hits Car Broadside

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower has made a new bid to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev: Come to Washington next week with "constructive ideas and suggestions" instead of "suspicion, threat or stubborn prejudice."

In a radio-TV address to the nation Thursday night, the President said he approached his talks with the Soviet boss in "good manners and candor" and without weakness or fundamental interest will be placed upon any auction block.

He urged Americans to receive Khrushchev with "courtesy and dignity." The Soviet premier's visit, he said, would be "a thousandfold worthwhile" if it gave him "some real appreciation" of the spirit and conscience of America.

Leaders' Choice Momentous  
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He set the stage for his historic series of meetings with Khrushchev which open in the White House next Tuesday afternoon.

The Chief Executive also reported on his recent trip to West Germany, Great Britain and France. He said Allied leaders varied in their estimates of how the Khrushchev talks would turn out but agreed that Eisenhower's newest effort to melt the cold war was "clearly one that had to be made."

It is my profound hope that some real progress will be forthcoming, even though no one would be so bold as to predict such an outcome," the President said.

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## Cash Stolen From Market

A mystery thief stole \$90 and a check from a local market late yesterday morning and disappeared without a trace.

The money was taken from Patten's Market, 1703 Adams Ave., sometime between 9 and 10:30 a.m. while Charles Patten, store owner, was in the rear of the building.

The thief entered the building while Patten was in the stock room getting some groceries. The money was taken from a cash drawer under the counter, police said.

Police Chief Oliver Reeve said police had no clues to the identity of the person but investigation was proceeding. Reeve said that other law enforcement agencies throughout the state have been notified.

## Relations Between Iceland, U.S. Hit Snag Over Troops

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (UPI) — Relations between militarily important Iceland and the United States sank to their lowest point in 10 years today as result of incidents involving American servicemen stationed here.

The most serious of the incidents took place at Keflavik Airport last Sunday morning, when U.S. Air Force policemen guarding a fighter plane repair hangar forced two Icelanders and two Americans employed by a German airline to lie face down at gunpoint for 10 minutes on wet gravel.

This and other incidents have angered the Icelandic government, press and public. Iceland's members of the joint Icelandic-American Defense Council walked out of the group's meeting last Tuesday.

The American commander of the Keflavik Base hurried back to Iceland from England today to take personal charge of the situation.

The Icelandic ambassador to Washington has filed a protest with the U.S. government over the incidents.

And the Communists, a small but militant minority in this country, have set up a cry of "Yankee go home" as their solution to the trouble.

No responsible government official shared that view. Officials discounted the Communist demands as part of the maneuvering prior to next month's general election.

The focal point of the trouble is Keflavik Airport, a joint international airfield whose military portion is manned by Americans as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization defense system.



W. E. WILKINS

## LOCAL LEGIONNAIRE RECALLS CONVENTION OF 40 YEARS AGO

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Forty years ago a spry young Oregonian by the name of W. E. Wilkins, of Condon and the postmaster of that community then, attended the first national convention of the American Legion to be held in the U.S.

Now a resident of La Grande and a real prominent real estate and insurance man, Wilkins again made the trek—40 years later — to the same convention city where the Legion recently concluded its annual confab, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Wilkins' still spry but a little heavier and wearing a gray head of hair, looked back upon that date 40 years ago at Minneapolis.

"I was a delegate then, and just a couple of weeks ago I was the only Oregon delegate present who represented my department of Oregon in November 10-11-12 of 1919," he said.

War Had Ended  
Americans were just coming out of the great war with Germany and her allies. Chancellor Bismarck's hordes had been ground into defeat by men like Wilkins.

Even before the war had ended in Europe, some Americans, enlisted men and officers alike, got together at a meeting in

Paris and the Legion idea was born. There were those present at the first U.S. Legion convention 40 years ago who were founders of the Paris movement by World War I men. One of the men Wilkins remembers most vividly

at that first Minneapolis confab was the late Teddy Roosevelt, Jr. "I served on the constitution and bylaws committee with Roosevelt then and had the great honor of being associated with the organization's founding fathers. And I have attended the majority of the national conventions and haven't missed a one since 1945," Wilkins said.

Served All Offices  
The La Grande Legionnaire has served all the offices in the local vet post and went through the ranks of the department organization to the post of vice commander.

"I got interested in a big way with the 'fun group' of the Legion, the Forty and Eight (40 et 8) and at present hold the rank of national vice commander or Sous Chefs De Chemin De Fer. I also am past Grand Chef de Gare of the 40 et 8 of Oregon," he explained.

Going back again to those 40 years when he first attended the Minneapolis meeting, Wilkins said the organization of veterans in the Legion then was very small. It was more like a large family reunion, he added.

Today, the Legion has grown to almost 3,000,000 men and women of World Wars One and Two and the Korean War service. Before the outbreak of World

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