

Woman Convict Fails, Search

Weeps at Reenactment of Murder Scene; Accuses Son

SEATTLE, May 6.—(P)—The aged Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith wept and pleaded for the life of her son today as she falteringly reenacted one of the four murders in which she implicated him on the eve of her own release from prison.

Before police and prosecutors she helped reconstruct the scene in which the son, De Castro Earl Mayer, 43, hanged James Eugene Bassett, former World War flier, to death in a "little brown house" north of here nearly 10 years ago.

Between sobs and pleas for the son she told how she and Mayer dismembered the body and buried the pieces in sacks at various places in the vicinity.

Says Doesn't Remember Mrs. Smith was returned to the city jail after a fruitless journey from Richmond Highlands through the Bothell, Cathcart and Woodville districts in which, she confessed, Bassett's remains were scattered. Authorities said she repeated "I don't remember; I can't remember" when asked if she recognized the hiding places.

Mrs. Smith and Mayer were convicted only of stealing Bassett's car, but the son was sentenced to a life term as an habitual criminal. Mrs. Smith will finish her term next Monday.

She broke down as soon as she glimpsed the bungalow, remodeled and painted white after a few years ago. And once inside, she started sobbing "Don't punish my boy! You can't punish him any more. You're trying to put my boy to death!"

Prosa. B. Gray Warner, who previously said Mrs. Smith would be submitted to lie-detector tests, decided against them after failure of efforts to find resting places of Bassett's bones.

Doubts Possibility "I don't think she could find it, even if she wanted to, after all these years," Warner said, explaining "the lie detector can't reveal anything she doesn't know herself."

But he announced plans to rip up floor boards of the house in a search for hidden traces of blood. Sheriff William B. Severns posted guards to prevent any tampering with the house. Criminologist Luke S. May said the blood would have left an indelible though microscopic stain in the cracks of the wood.

Commonwealth to Meet Here Today

More than 200 delegates are expected to attend a convention of the Oregon Commonwealth federation here today, according to Monroe Sweetland, official of that organization.

Candidates for the primary election will be discussed and a number of endorsements probably

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GRAND

Confesses Crime



Mary Eleanor Smith, 73-year old convict mother of DeCastro Earl Mayer, who Wednesday accused her son of slaying James Eugene Bassett, naval officer, in Seattle ten years ago, and implicated him in the deaths of three other persons.

will be made at the afternoon session. Sweetland said he hoped to complete the program without holding a night meeting.

A playlet, "Takeoff on an Army General who later became governor of a great state," will be given during the afternoon. No names were mentioned by Sweetland.

Police Head Says Council Opposed

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to permit operation of such a place, the only possible method would be to grant a hotel or rooming house license and then ignore subsequent violations of the law.

On the contrary, he said, the police committee has taken special pains to check up on applicants for such licenses and afterward to check up on the establishments licensed, in the same way that an effort is being made to prevent any gambling in the city.

Goodman said he thought Salem was being kept exceptionally clean, but that his committee would welcome any reports of violations.

Another member of the council who was reported to have been approached by persons seeking a license for an illegal establishment, declined to make a statement but plainly indicated opposition to such a policy.

Reserve Officers Open Camp Today

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Sunday, the 21st field artillery, national guard, from Portland, will present a firing problem with 155 millimeter howitzers for the camp attendees. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the new type weapons will be on public exhibition at the airport, along with two army airplanes brought from Vancouver Barracks, Wash., under direction of Major Burroughs of the 321st observation squadron.

Officers attending the camp are to attend a special service at the First Baptist church Sunday morning where Rev. Irving A. Fox will deliver a special message for their benefit.

Local officers anticipate attendance by 250 reservists in addition to a number of CCC, regular army and national guard officers.

Roosevelt Catches "About 60 Fish"

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 6.—(P)—President Roosevelt paused for nearly six hours off West Calcasieu island in the Bahamas today, made a record haul of "about 60 fish" with members of his party, and resumed his return voyage here at 4 p. m., aboard the USS Philadelphia.

As off Sombbrero island, east of the Virginia group, on Wednesday, the president topped his five fishing companions for the largest prize, a vicious 20-pound barracuda, a radiogram received at the navy yard here, said. Wednesday he snagged a 20-pound pompano for high honors.

University to Open Library

Colorful Ceremonies to Open at 10 o'Clock After Procession

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be retained. To the left is the newspaper room where all newspapers will be kept and students may read them every day in this room. Also in this room will be foreign literature. A larger room on the left is the reference and periodical room where all periodicals, bound and unbound, will be kept. At one end of the room is a reading nook where students may read at leisure.

To the back of the main study rooms and library is a typing room and seminar room with blackboard for lectures. The librarian's office and work room where books are mended and repaired are to the right of the stacks. A feature of the repair room is the book lift which starts in the unpacking room in the basement where books may be sent from the ground floor to the library.

William Spencer is the Willamette librarian and Forrest Mills is his assistant.

Lively Hit Seen In "Stage Door"

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fine action when she refuses the offer claiming she only wants to be a stage star.

Miss Calvert is very attractive on the stage as an aspiring young actress and says her lines very well. Frank Kohler and Stanley Eland, young men who court Miss Calvert and Miss Kells, prove to be capable leading men in the production.

Impersonations Notable Beverly Brown as Mrs. Orcutt, the cold-blooded landlady of the Footlights club, is fine in her impersonations. Melba Riolpelle should receive mention in her role as the weeping yet sympathetic Judith. Her voice carries well and her lines are very clever.

Verna Vosper, the unfortunate girl who commits suicide due to lack of money and no food is a favorite in the house whom everyone likes but feels sorry for. All of the characters have catlines which provide many laughs.

"Stage Door" is written by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman and has been ably coached by Mrs. Chester Oppen, dramatic director. This play will probably be the most outstanding dramatic production the school has presented. Tickets are on sale today at Quisenberry's.

Oleen Reasserts Debate Challenge

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Wayne Williams, Willamette university student, represented Oleen, declaring him to be the only possible winner in the fall because farmers and liberal republicans could not be persuaded to support Martin.

Legislative candidates introduced were G. W. Potts, O. H. Lipps, Bessie M. Richards and Cora H. Coater.

Candidates for county commissioner introduced were E. G. Kingwell, H. M. Potter and C. T. Sweeney.

E. W. Powers represented Sheriff A. C. Burk, candidate for first district congressman, and suggested an analogy in the fact that Grover Cleveland, late president, was once a sheriff at Buffalo, N. Y.

Announcements were made of a candidates' night at Union Hill grange next Wednesday night for candidates of all parties, of a county democratic society rally at Stayton next Friday night, and of Hesse's appearance in the armory here Saturday night, May 14.

Foster Hurt When Car Hits Curbing

W. A. Foster, route two, is in the Salem Deaconess hospital, suffering from severe scalp lacerations and possible internal injuries, sustained when his automobile careened into a parked car near the intersection of Mission and Commercial streets early last night and landed on the curbing.

Witnesses said a tire blew out on the Foster machine, probably causing him to lose control and crash the parked car. Three tires were flat when the machine finally came to rest, badly battered. The steering wheel and post were twisted out of shape by the impact.

The Call Board

GRAND
Today—"In Old Chicago" with Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche.
ELSMORE
Today—Double bill, Irene Dunne in "Joy of Living," and Sally Eilers in "Nurse from Brooklyn."
CAPITOL
Today—Double bill, "Beloved Brat" with Bonita Granville and "Victoria the Great" with Anna Neagle.
STATE
Today—On the stage, Ben Turpin and company vaudeville; on the screen, Cecilia Parker, Mickey Rooney and Lewis Stone in "You're Only Young Once."
HOLLYWOOD
Today—Double bill, William Boyd as Hop-Along Cassidy in "Partners of the Plains," and "Crashing Hollywood" with Lee Tracy.

Rocky Point Club To Picnic Sunday

ROCKY POINT—The community club's picnic held jointly with the school will be Sunday, May 8, at Silver Creek falls. A basket dinner will be spread at 12 o'clock.

School will close here Monday with one to graduate, Lyle Montgomery.

Mrs. Harry Horning, who has taught here for two years, will be a substitute teacher in McMinnville schools this winter. Her brother, Gene Richards, has accepted the position here.

Mothers Service Set for Stayton

STAYTON—Mothers will be honored at special services at Stayton Methodist church Sunday. At Sunday school, the church is observing 100 per cent Sunday, with every member present. At the worship at 11 a. m., a section will be reserved for mothers and daughters, each of whom will receive a token of esteem from the pastor, Rev. Don Huckabee. An offertory duet will be given by Mrs. Elmer Boyer and her daughter, Gwendolyn Lynn Boyer.

From 2:30 to 5 p. m. in the fire place room, the girls of the church are honoring "the mothers with a tea." Mrs. Sarah Lewis, director of religious education at the First Methodist church of Salem, will speak. Other program numbers will be vocal solo, Miss Marietta Hendricks, and reading by Mrs. Minta Boyer and Miss Ruth Miller.

A vesper service will be at 5:30 in the auditorium. At the close of this service communion will be held.

Dr. Louis Magin, district superintendent, will conduct the fourth quarterly conference of the church at 6:30. At this time the work of the present year is closed and plans are laid for the coming year.

'Dead' Veteran Is Very Much Alive

SEATTLE, May 6.—(P)—John Kook, World War veteran and very much alive, still has his \$4,300 estate.

Believed dead for more than 11 years after he escaped from the American Lake hospital for veterans, action to have him legally declared dead was about to be taken by the Seattle Trust and Savings bank, his guardian, when the US veterans' administration found Kook last fall in the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, Ore.

A woman named beneficiary in Kook's adjusted service certificate had sought to collect the money. It was found he was sent to the state hospital at Salem, Ore., a month after his escape in 1926 and later transferred to the Pendleton institution.

Cannery Workers To Strike Today

SEATTLE, May 6.—(P)—The AFL-affiliated Washington State council of the Cannery Workers' union tonight called a strike effective tomorrow against a score of fruit and vegetable canning plants in the Puget Sound area.

Charles E. Hughes, general organizer for the AFL, said the plants would be picketed because of a recent notice posted by the Associated Packers that a five-cent wage reduction would be instituted this season.

Hughes said he expected the strike to affect about 10,000 workers in plants in Olympia, Puyallup, Kent, Seattle, Everett and Bellingham.

House Unanimous On Road Measure

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(P)—The biennial bill authorizing the appropriation of millions of dollars for roads, always popular with republicans and democrats alike, passed the house today without a dissenting vote.

Sponsors of the legislation, which carries authority for a \$484,000,000 allocation to states during the 1940 and 1941 fiscal years, predicted it would encounter no more difficulty in the senate than it did in the house.

Willamette Will Fete Queen Irma

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nation Burtis Preston will sing "Life" and then Queen Irma's May day party will be presented for her pleasure with "Alice in Wonderland" as the theme of the dances. Miss Gale Curry is in charge of the dance program which will include villagers, gypsies, a gypsy queen, court jesters. Alice in Wonderland, gardeners, executioners, various animals and queens.

The concluding event on the coronation program will be the winding of the May pole. Miss Helen Mallett is the accompanist and Elise Sharp and Lillian Briggs will be the flower girls. Participating in the dance are Jean Annunen, Jane Johnson, Loye Bogardus, Suzanne Curtis, Doris Hayes, Helena Schneider, Margaret Gillette, Edna Tolman, Mabel Lenz, Marguerite Smith, June Ascheim, Kay Thompson, Grace Bailey, Helen Woodfin, Robert Brady, Otto Skopli, Edwin McWain, William Clemens, Ray Lowry, Bruce Williams, Neil Schaeffer, William Utley, Arto Stocks, Arnold Hardman, Manning Nelson, Everett Clark, Otto Wilson and Robert Anderson.

Other events on the calendar today are the YWCA breakfast to be held on the lawn this morning from 7 to 10 a. m.; tennis matches between Reed college and Willamette at 9 a. m.; golf matches, Reed vs. Willamette at Salem Golf club, 9 a. m.; dedication of library, 10 a. m.; tug o' war, 11:45; baseball game, Pacific university vs. Willamette, 2:30 p. m.; Little Theatre plays, Waller hall, 4 p. m.; "Stage Door," 8:15 p. m. Sunday the St. Cecilia Mass will be presented by the Willamette philharmonic choir at the First Methodist church at 8 p. m.

Republicans Tell Views at Stayton

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one farmer in the county's delegation.

Harley Libby, candidate for county commissioner, stressed the business management factor in that office and Jim Smith emphasized cooperation with federal agencies to obtain a fair share of federal aid money.

Secretary of State Earl Snell was represented by Hugh Scott, and C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner seeking reelection, by Miller B. Hayden. W. A. Weddie, president of the chamber of commerce, presided, and Grant Murphy introduced the candidates.

Peace Officers Commend Keegan

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Lieut. Walter Lansing of the state police, District Attorney Earl Nott of Yamhill county and Sheriff John Connell of Washington county and A. C. Burk of Marion county.

The next meeting will be in Tillamook in July. George Alexander, deputy superintendent of state police, presided.

Farm Act's Compliance Deadline Set May 14

CORVALLIS, May 17.—(P)—N. C. Donaldson, secretary of the state AAA committee, said farmers would have until May 14 to turn in work sheets qualifying them under the new farm act. Compliance is voluntary.

Ban Sunday Car Sales

PORTLAND, May 6.—(P)—An ordinance going into effect this weekend bans the sale or exchange of automobiles on Sundays and holidays. A dealer representative said the rule would protect buyers and sellers on days when licenses and titles could not be checked.

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Act on Bridges, Legionnaires Say

INDIANAPOLIS, May 6.—(P)—The American Legion's national executive committee in a resolution today demanded that the US department of labor proceed immediately with prosecution of deportation charges pending against Harry Bridges, west coast maritime labor leader.

The resolution, prepared jointly by George L. Kohn of Portland, Ore., and Warren Atherton of Stockton, Calif., was adopted at the closing session of the committee's semi-annual meeting.

In other resolutions the committee took a stand against legislation that would make the United States the asylum for political and religious fugitives from other countries, demanding a tightening of immigration, naturalization and deportation laws and called on President Roosevelt "to provide immediately adequate emergency funds for the operation of the federal bureau of investigation at maximum efficiency during the remainder of the present fiscal year."

Max Coons Active At Iowa College

Max Coons, of Salem, son of Mrs. Ivy Coons, is actively engaged in preparing for Velesha, at Iowa State college, the annual three-day open house to be held May 12, 13, and 14. He is working on the endocrinology demonstration in veterinary medicine department.

Velesha, the only collegiate open house of its kind in the world, is essentially a student production. There will be open houses on Friday, May 13, in each of the 45 departments and their

laboratories, including a whole bevy of comely coeds dispensing 3000 cherry pies which they have baked themselves in home economics kitchens. The type of work done by graduates in agriculture, engineering, industrial science, home economics and veterinary medicine will be exemplified.

25,000 Sons Union Vets
PORTLAND, May 6.—(P)—Mrs. Margaret C. Brady of Albany, N. Y., national president of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War auxiliary, said the organization membership had reached 25,000. She visited Portland today on a 27-state tour.

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