

# Witness Says Fanning Sane On Day Wife Was Murdered

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DALLAS, Ore.—A gray-haired Portland psychiatrist testified here Monday that Bayless Gilbert Fanning was sane when he shot and killed his wife on the back porch of the couple's beautiful country home.

Fanning, charged with first-degree murder, made a zero-hour plea of guilty here Monday morning as his trial opened.

Ninety prospective jurors were dismissed before selection of a jury got underway and Judge William Wells will determine the degree of Fanning's guilt.

Three Verdicts  
Judge Wells has three verdicts to consider.

They are first-degree murder, which could mean a sentence of death or life imprisonment; second-degree murder, life imprisonment; and manslaughter, 15 years imprisonment.

The psychiatrist who found Fanning sane was Dr. D. C. Burkes, a defense witness who further testified that he did not believe Fanning "was thinking" at the time the fatal shots were fired.

The mind specialist said he thought Fanning was so distraught at the moment of shooting that he could not remember what happened. He likened it to temporary amnesia.

Poster Prosecutes  
In closing pleas, Defense Attorney Francis Marsh argued that the state had failed to show premeditation, and that there was no basis for a first-degree murder verdict.

Marsh also argued that no malice had been proved to sustain a second-degree charge.

District Attorney Walter Foster, who prosecuted the case alone in a last-minute change, summed up his case against Fanning by stating that "Fanning and his wife had a fight; his wife was going away from him; she was shot, four times."

Fanning's motive, the district attorney argued, was "a problem he couldn't solve."

Tells of Troubles  
The latter was a reference to episodes from the Fanning's rocky marriage as the story unfolded at the swift-moving trial.

Fanning, 37, a married Margaret Hampton, 41, were married in 1952, some two years after Fanning's first wife died of cancer.

The defendant pictured his second wife as a neurotic and sometimes morose woman who twice had threatened to shoot him.

Fanning said the marital sparks started to fly a few months after their marriage when his wife began to quarrel with his grown son and daughter by a previous marriage.

Fanning said word spread in the community that his wife had made a hideous accusation about one of his children.

On one occasion, the defendant testified, his wife phoned him at the McMinnville Elks Club and said she was going to "do away with" his relatives. He said he called state police but that his wife left home before the authorities arrived.

Had Seven Drinks  
Fanning, a longtime member of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Posse, said his wife frequently "wounded herself into a rage" and that his nerves finally went to pieces and he sought medical care for himself.

"She was a regular wildcat," he testified at one point, "but I could not hold a grudge. The next day it would always be over."

Under questioning by his own attorneys, Fanning testified that he had consumed "seven drinks" on the day he shot his wife. The shooting occurred late at night.

Fanning also gave testimony that he bought a case of beer for his wife, at her request, on the day of the shooting.

Others testifying at the seven-hour murder trial included relatives of Fanning, state ballistics expert Ralph Prouty, Deputy Coroner Earl Thomson and State Police Sgt. Joe Fore.

# Love for Son But Not for Husband



SANTA MONICA, Calif.—A mother's love for her son was evidenced Monday by Mrs. Gladys Lloyd Robinson, 59, as she embraced her only boy, Edward G. Robinson Jr., after he pleaded innocent on a felony drunk driving charge. Mrs. Robinson also Monday obtained a divorce from Robinson Sr., the actor. (AP Wirephoto)

## Theatre Time Table

**ELSIDORE**  
"AWAY ALL BOATS" 7:00, 10:30  
"EDGE OF HELL" 9:30

**CAPITOL**  
(Continuous from 1 p.m.)  
"SONG OF THE SOUTH" 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45  
"SARDINIA" 1:30, 3:30, 6:12, 8:45, 11:21

**NORTH SALEM DRIVE-IN**  
(Gates open 6:45. Show at Dusk)  
"CAROUSEL" Gordon MacRae  
"WIRE TAPPERS" Bill Williams

**HOLLYWOOD**  
"I'LL CRY TOMORROW" 7:00, 11:15  
"COURT JESTER" 9:24

## Stocks Sag In Suez Issue

NEW YORK (AP)—Stocks were hammered down persistently Monday in the wake of increased nervousness over the Suez Canal situation. International oil issues took the worst beating with a long list of domestic blue chips fell back sizable amounts.

The quoted value of all stocks listed on the New York exchange dropped an estimated two and a half billion dollars. (Add details page 11)

## Oregon City Crash Fatal

OREGON CITY (AP)—A head-on collision of two automobiles near here early Monday killed a young mother and hospitalized her husband, a daughter, and the other driver.

Dead is Mrs. Joyce Ann Harrel, Pendleton, believed to be in her late 20s. Her husband, Melburn, suffered broken legs, internal injuries and cuts, and their daughter, Linda, 3, suffered head injuries. The second driver, Gerald Ray Dunn, 20, Oregon City, suffered a broken leg and internal injuries.

Dunn was booked on a charge of negligent homicide.

## Craig's Wife Big Problem For Craig, Pentacle's Cast

By CALVIN D. JOHNSON  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

One of the best methods of testing the acting and directing qualities of any theater group is its ability to make an acceptable production out of an inferior play.

Pentacle Theater opened its fourth production of the season Monday night with "Craig's Wife" by George Kelly—a test if there ever was one.

Pentacle flunked. Dramatist Kelly attempted to present a full-length portrait of a pathologically selfish woman, "Craig's Wife" echoes of Ibsen's "A Doll's House"—only inside out. In this case, however, it's the man (Mr. Craig) who finds himself instead of the woman.

What it adds up to is: A house is not always a home. The outstanding weakness of Pentacle's effort appeared to be in the direction of Robert M. Putnam. Even with the relatively inexperienced tools he had at his disposal, this was the first Pentacle performance for three of the cast he could have instilled some sense of characterization into the leading roles.

Thank goodness for John Bellamy, OSC literature professor, who played Walter Craig, and who generally indicated through delivery of lines and a degree of animation that he understood the part. Then, too, thanks for welcome breaks in the monotonous pace by Althea Ferris, who played Mrs. Harold the housekeeper, Caroline Matter as Mazie the maid, Irene Fessler as Mrs. Frazier the neighbor, and George Harding (The lead in Death of a Salesman), who played Billy Birkmire, a non-essential role.

It was through the strain exerted by these persons that "Craig's Wife" would be momentarily illuminated, like, in the words of Craig to his wife, "a landscape at midnight by a flash of lightning."

The cast included Mary Miller as Miss Austin an aunt to Mr. Craig whose lines provided Monday's night's first glimpse into Mrs. Craig's personality. There also was Michelle Edwards as Ethel Landreth, a niece; Peter Herman and Jim O'Connell as a couple of cops, and the director himself as Eugene Fredericks, fiancé of the niece. It was evident that director Putnam knew his own part far better than he did the others.

The title role was played by Harriet Bush.

**GAS TANKS TAKEN**  
Theft of two gasoline tanks valued at \$24 each from a boat parked on a trailer in the 1200 block Broadway Street was reported to Salem police Monday by Lee Dugger, Brooks Route 1. The tanks were reported taken between Thursday and Saturday, police said.

**Woodburn Drive-In**  
Sunday - Monday - Tuesday  
"COUNT THREE AND PRAY" Van Heflin  
PLUS  
"THREE FOR THE SHOW" Betty Grable  
Open 7:15—Starts at Dusk

**DALLAS MOTOR-VU**  
Gates Open 7:15. Show at Dusk  
ENDS TONIGHT!  
"ANYTHING GOES"  
"3 STRIPES IN THE SUN" STARTS TOMORROW  
Walt Disney's "AFRICAN LION"  
Color  
SECOND FEATURE  
Howard Duff, Maggie Mahony  
in  
"BLACKJACK KETCHUM, DESPERADO"

# Paper Tipster Refused Bid To Quit Police

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregonian said Monday night that a Portland policeman who provided the newspaper with information regarding vice payoffs had tried unsuccessfully to resign from the force.

The policeman, Jack F. Olsen, said the resignation was submitted to Capt. David H. Johnson Saturday night. The Oregonian quoted Olsen as saying: "He (Johnson) said it wouldn't be fair to myself or the force if I quit at this time. And he asked me to think it over for a couple of days. I have, and I have decided to stick it out."

In earlier stories The Oregonian has said Olsen came to a police reporter with information of other policemen accepting money from after-hours establishments.

Meanwhile, a woman surrendered Monday on a warrant charging her with keeping and setting up a house of prostitution. Booked as Marie E. Rogers, 50, she was the 30th person arrested in the wake of a grand jury probe of vice and corruption here. She was released after posting \$1,000 bail.

Others under indictment include Dist. Atty. William M. Langley and Chief of Police James Purcell Jr.

# Hurt Cyclist Unconscious For 40 Hours

Consciousness returned to a Salem man Monday some 40 hours after his motorcycle collided with a car.

Wallace Emil Hoffman, 5215 Swegle Rd., was reported in "fair" condition by attendants at Salem Memorial Hospital. He suffered numerous head bruises and abrasions and a possible concussion when his vehicle collided Saturday night with the car at Columbia and Front Streets.

City police listed driver of the car as Sharon L. Schaffran, Portland.

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# The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Astoria	88	53	.00
Baker	75	51	.00
Medford	86	52	.00
North Bend	87	54	1"
Portland	78	54	.00
Salem	81	54	.00
Chicago	80	69	1"
Denver	81	50	.00
Fort Worth	107	81	.00
Los Angeles	76	60	.00
Miami	87	78	.00
New York	76	67	.20
San Francisco	76	61	.00
Seattle	77	60	.00
Spokane	83	53	.00
Washington, D.C.	73	67	.13

Today's forecast from U.S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem: Fair today, tonight and Wednesday; scattered early morning cloudiness. Little change in temperature; high today, 82; low tonight, 61.

Williamette River: -2.4 feet.  
Temp. 12:01 a.m. today 58.  
Salem Precipitation  
Since start of weather year Sept. 1  
To date Last year Normal  
56.80 32.91 34.41

# Brunch Slated For Visitors To Air Show

The Salem chapter of the Sportsmen Pilots of Oregon voted Monday night to hold a brunch for visiting airmen as a feature of this Sunday's annual Air Fair and Fly-in at McNary Field. The fair is sponsored by the Salem Optimists Club.

The brunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the chapter also plans to serve coffee and donuts to visiting pilots at the lounge at the field.

Plans also were made to make the chapter's courtesy car available to airmen flying in. Chapter members will hold a "lounge warming" at the field following close of the Air Fair.

Feature of the Monday night meeting of the Salem group was showing of aviation films provided by the State Aeronautical Association.

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**STAR GAZER**  
By CLAY R. FOLLAN  
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.  
To develop message for Tuesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

STAR	MEANING	NUMBERS
Aries	1 You'll	31 Quisquand
Taurus	2 Don't	32 Bubbles
May 23	3 Fine	33 Thrive
12-13-24-30	4 You	34 Rubbing
69-78-83-84	5 See	35 Afford
6 Day	36 Resources	66 Factor
7 Just	37 To	67 Influential
8 For	38 Pending	68 May
9 Build	39 Who	69 Money
10 Can't	40 If	70 Benefit
11 An	41 Antagonize	71 Rut
12 Some	42 Is	72 Facts
13 Uninspected	43 From	73 Sincerely
14 Issue	44 And	74 People
15 Wait	45 Always	75 Credit
16 Stream	46 Your	76 Year
17 Limit	47 Face	77 Do
18 Long	48 You-	78 Surprise
19 You	49 Or	79 Thriving
20 Keep	50 Climaxed	80 Things
21 Steady	51 Get	81 Land
22 Anne	52 Flurry	82 Money
23 Attention	53 Break	83 Indicated
24 And	54 Requires	84 Today
25 Sudden	55 Favorably	85 Interests
26 To	56 Out	86 Now
27 Financial	57 Some	87 Change
28 On	58 Ave	88 Things
29 Today	59 Secret	89 On
30 Nic	60 Of	90 Popularity

# Escapee From Salem Jail Duty Returned

A man who escaped from Salem city jail trusty duty two years ago was brought back Monday from Portland, where he was apprehended by city police.

Listed as James Franklin Reams of Portland, he was lodged this time in Marion County jail on an escape charge with bail set at \$1,300. He is to make his plea 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Marion County District Court.

Reams was jailed for inability

# TRAIN DERAILS

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The New York Central's Knickerbocker passenger train en route here from New York derailed Monday at nearby Mitchell, Ill., and 14 persons reported minor injuries.

# DRIVER DIES IN CRASH

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Leonard Weber, Malin, died Monday when his auto and a lumber truck collided on Poe Valley Road between Malin and Bonanza, east of here.

to pay fines of \$255 for driving while his license was suspended and violation of the city noise ordinance when he disappeared from the police station while on a work detail Aug. 28, 1954, police said.

## Chosen



AURORA—Lucille Gregory, 13, of the Woodburn-Hubbard area, who was chosen queen for the Aurora Junior Rodeo.

# North Marion Girl Chosen Rodeo Queen

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AURORA—Lucille Gregory, 13, of the Woodburn-Hubbard area, Monday night was named queen of Aurora's unique Junior Rodeo, scheduled this weekend.

Brown-haired, blue-eyed Lucille won out over three other candidates in a race decided by number of rodeo tickets sold. The princesses who will comprise the remainder of the royal court include Virginia Drell, Aurora; Linda Lawrence, Salem; and Pat Gainsford, Woodburn.

Queen Lucille, a student at North Marion High School and a horse-woman since she was five, was sponsored in the contest by the North Riders, 4-H riding club. She will be crowned just prior to the 11 a.m. parade which opens the rodeo program on Saturday.

The coronation ceremony will take place at Aurora City Park.

Rodeo performances, featuring outstanding competitors from 18 years from over the state, will be held at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

## Veterans Committee Suggest by Morse

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), speaking in Portland at a Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting Monday night, said that a special Senate committee should be created to handle legislation concerning veterans problems.

Morse told the gathering that such a committee was necessary if veterans bills were not to be buried in other committees.

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