

# Young Waitress Admits Slaying Boy in Yakima

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 26 (UP)—Virginia Ivey, 19-year-old waitress whom police had sought for more than a month for the slaying of five-year-old Virgil (Butchy) Langley whose foster parents had left him in her care, calmly admitted today that she killed the boy with a wine bottle after returning from a party.

"He had gotten out of his bed and he refused to go back," she told Deputy Prosecutor Lincoln Shropshire, who said she would be arraigned, probably today, on first degree murder charges. The slaying occurred in her apartment at Toppenish, Wash.

Miss Ivey was arrested at Portland, Ore., Christmas eve in a hotel where she was working as a chambermaid. Authorities had picked up her trail twice before and missed her by a matter of minutes as she moved on. She said she had been on the verge of giving herself up several times.

**Cares for Boy**  
Miss Ivey said she agreed to look after the boy when his foster mother, Mrs. Grace Langley, went to Mullen, Idaho, to work. His foster father, Virgil Langley, was working in California, she said. The Langley's had reared the child since infancy, although they had never legally adopted him, she said.

The blonde, mild-mannered waitress said she had never spanked or mistreated the child until the fatal beating on November 22. She said she had been in love with his dark, curly brown hair, and healthy, childish enthusiasm. Miss Ivey, who police said had been picked up in Spokane several times on morals charges, showed the effect of her month of flight. She was nervous and her finger-nails were chewed to the quick.

**Tells Story**  
"I guess I became angry with him and hit him with a wine bottle," she told Shropshire. "He yelled and I guess I became scared that the others in the apartment house would be awakened, and I hit him again. He was standing in the middle of the floor and after he yelled I hit him some more. He sat down and I hit him again. Finally he rolled over on the floor and lay still."

She said she picked up the boy and carried him to his bed. Then she went back to the living room and began writing a note telling of the slaying, a note which was never finished.

When police, summoned by neighbors, entered the apartment, they found a blood-smeared piece of paper which said: "I put Butch to bed . . . now find . . ."

**Tells Mother**  
Miss Ivey had fled.  
"I went to my mother's home and told her about it, then I went to the edge of town and hitchhiked a ride to Yakima," she said. She went to a picture show in Yakima, then almost gave herself up as she walked by the courthouse on her way to the edge of town to hitch a ride to Seattle.  
"As I went by the courthouse I nearly went into the sheriff's office and confess, but I got scared and went on," she said. Authorities said they expected her to plead guilty to the murder charge.

# Holiday Accidents Claim 276 Lives

(By United Press)  
Weekend holiday accidents had accounted for more than 276 deaths throughout the nation today, more than two-thirds of them the result of traffic mishaps in 38 different states.  
Heaviest toll was registered in California, where highway mishaps claimed 31 of the state's 39 accidental deaths over the week end. New York followed with 28 deaths 17 of which were attributed to collisions along ice-coated highways.  
A traffic death toll of 275 had been predicted by the national safety council on the basis of accidents during previous holiday seasons. The council's estimate, however, included subsequent deaths resulting from injuries received in holiday accidents.

**18 Are Killed**  
Ten of Pennsylvania's 18 deaths occurred in the week end's major tragedy, the crash of a 27-passenger army transport on fogshrouded Reese's summit, one mile west of the Harrisburg airport. An additional 18 dead were reported in Michigan, where an apartment house fire claimed five lives and automobile and train accidents accounted for 12 others.  
Sixteen deaths were listed for Oklahoma, and 14 persons died in

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# THIS IS TOPS IN NAZI NERVE



Bert Brandt, famous Acme Newspictures-NEA Service frontline photographer, poses, above, wearing one of the souvenirs he brought back from the German front. One of a large stock found in Gestapo headquarters in Aachen, it is a Nazi "Victory Cap." Brandt says that he was told in Aachen that the Germans were so sure of crushing the Allies that they had not only designed, but had actually produced this gaudy headgear, to be worn by German officers in the victory parades in Paris, London, Moscow and, likely enough to the Nazi mind, Washington. It is flashy and cocky-looking, but like so many things Nazi, its phony quality becomes apparent on close examination.

# Mrs. Peete Views Employer's Grave



(NEA Telephoto)  
Mrs. Louise Peete, who spent 18 years in prison for murder of Jacob G. Denton in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1920, hides her face with purple at backyard grave in Pacific Palisades, Calif., where she admitted burying body of her employer, Mrs. Margaret Logan.

Massachusetts as a result of traffic accidents, fires and falls.  
A derailment of the "Viking," Chicago-bound passenger train of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad near Poplar Grove, Ill., caused the death of one person and injured at least 29 others.

# Air Force Pilot Returns to Bend

After flying with the Women's air force service pilots for almost two years, Miss Helen M. Skjersaa, daughter of Mrs. L. M. Skjersaa, 115 Riverfront street, returned home Sunday, following inactivation of the Wasp.  
Entering the service early in 1943, Miss Skjersaa underwent flight training at Avenger field, Sweetwater, Texas, and then was transferred to Turner field, Georgia, where she served as a test pilot. She then came to Peterson field, Colorado Springs, Colo., where she has been serving as an administrative pilot in multi-engine aircraft.  
Miss Skjersaa was presented a certificate of honorable discharge upon her release from the service.

# Horses Get Into Bend Cemetery

"Vandals" who entered the Pilot Butte cemetery yesterday and destroyed numerous floral wreaths placed on graves for the Christmas day, today were proven by police to have been two horses.

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# Othman Visits Inventors and Discovers Sweet Crab Apple

By Fredrick Othman  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, Dec. 26 (UP)—You ever sink your teeth into a crab apple?

If so you can appreciate the Christmas gift to the nation of Carl A. Hanson, of Brookings, N. D., who has patented (and has the papers to prove it) a crab apple tree which showers down sweet crabapples.

How you go about inventing a crab apple tree I do not know, but Hanson proved to the U. S. patent office that his crab apple tree is better than anybody else's. Not only is its fruit sweet when raw. But it's pink all the way through, like a Texas grapefruit, and that fact alone is likely to revolutionize the art of jelly-making.

It's hard to come by coconuts in days like these, but if you ever get your paws on one, then patent number 2,346,358, as issued to Jacquelin Dewitt Rector of San Leandro, Calif., is the piece of machinery for you. Mrs. Rector has invented a coconut meat extractor.

She described it as a mandrel with blades, a mandrel is a handle; blades you know about. You squoosh Mrs. Rector's invention into a coconut, squiggle it around a couple of times and out comes the meat, curled up like shavings. So much for good eating.

The year-end inventors have not let this nation down in other fields of human endeavor, either. Consider the beautiful brooch invented by Clinton J. Davidson of San Diego, Calif.

This brooch, which any lady would be proud to wear, bears a sign, outlined in diamonds or may be glass, which says: "pull," hanging down—handy—is a chain, which can be gold, or even brass. You go up to the lady and pull the chain. Her brooch pops open, revealing another sign which says: "hello, I love you. What's your name?"

Friends, I swear it. That's what Davidson's invention says on the inside and you can easily see how it might come in handy.

If I had an automobile, I'd like to have it equipped with patent number 2,365,454, the automatic window opener of Daniel L. Chandler, Salem, Mass., and George W. Ewing of Peabody, Mass. Too windy in your sedan? Push a button and the Chandler-Ewing electric motor in the bottom of the door turns the gears and hoists the window down.

We come finally to the art of controlling toboggans. If you ever started down a mountain on skis with a toboggan behind you loaded with pemmican, bonded whisky, or other heavy cargo, you undoubtedly were run down and maimed by the juggernaut in the rear.

That's what's been happening to Avery M. Cochran of the U. S. army, who practiced for months to be a ski trooper in the mountains near Colorado Springs, Colo. Every time he'd start out with a toboggan load of anything, he'd get the skin knocked off the backs of his legs.

He wearied of this, finally, and invented a toboggan with brakes. This device necessitates a

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# Woman Admits Yule-Eve Slaying

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 26 (UP)—County Prosecutor Marshall McCormick said today a sanity hearing would be given Mrs. Petra Lorentsen, 39-year-old tubercular patient who confessed she killed her husband with the blunt side of an axe the day before Christmas because he was "drunk and bothering the kids."

She was held in city jail today on an open charge after her husband's body was found in the blood-spattered kitchen of the Lorentsen home Sunday by neighbors when the children told them "Daddy's all still."

The woman, released from a sanitarium to spend the holidays with her family, told police her husband, Nick, came home from a pre-Christmas drinking session with pals and started abusing their three children in an upstairs bedroom.

# Woman Receives Five Year Term

Salem, Dec. 26—(Special)—Mrs. Katherine Gorton, 33-year-old waitress of The Dalles, today occupied a cell in the women's ward of the Oregon State penitentiary following her transfer here from Madras last week end under a five years' sentence for the slaying of James Roach on Sept. 23. Mrs. Gorton, who was convicted of manslaughter in Jefferson county circuit court, was sentenced by Judge R. S. Hamilton on Thursday.

Mrs. Gorton was said by police to have shot and killed Roach, her asserted common law husband, after he had allegedly refused to marry her.

**Girl Is Winner Of Yule Day Race**  
Portland, Ore., Dec. 26 (UP)—Portland's traditional Christmas day baby race was won by a tiny four-pound 13-ounce baby girl who was ushered into the world just one minute after midnight Monday morning.

# Two Bend Girls Honor Students

University of Oregon, Dec. 26—Two university students from Bend were among an all-campus total of 106 listed on the fall quarter honor roll as receiving a grade point average of 3.5, half A's and half B's or higher.  
Students listed from Bend are Yvonne A. Zeek, sophomore in journalism, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zeek; and Charlotte B. Hughes, a freshman in liberal arts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett E. Hughes.

# Leads the 95th



Maj.-Gen. Harry L. Twaddle, above, commanding U. S. 3rd Army's 95th Division, recently saw his men liberate Saarlautern, Germany, and then strike out for new goals on the Western Front.

# SKIPPED TOP OF BALLOT

Boston (UP)—No fewer than 49,328 Massachusetts citizens who went to the polls last Nov. 7 filled out the rest of the ballot—but neglected to vote for anyone for president.

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# Mystery Fire In Bend Noted; Rat Gets Blame

Bend was free of fire during the Christmas holidays, but city firemen this morning answered a general alarm to the Junior chamber of commerce paper salvage depot in the old Oregon Trail furniture manufacturing building to be confronted with one of the oddest fires ever called to their attention.

Employees in the nearby Oregon Trail Manufacturing company, 1201 Wall street, called police when they observed smoke rising from the old building. Investigation showed that the smoke was emanating from beneath the floor which rested on a solid rock wall foundation. Chopping a hole through the floor, the firemen found a small pine stump smoldering below.

Since there was no way for a human to get into the place and start the fire, the firemen, with fingers crossed, opined that it might have been started by a pack rat which might have been "playing with matches."

"Your guess is as good as ours," remarked Fire Chief LeRoy Fox. It was pointed out that several tons of baled paper on the floor nearby were in no danger.

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