



Confessed Slayer—Morris Leland, 22 (left) is questioned by Chief of Detectives William Browne of the Portland, Ore., police after Leland had been picked up on another charge and voluntarily blurted out his story of the slaying of Thelma Taylor, 15, of Portland. Police quoted Leland as saying she was a good girl and would make trouble with the police. Leland led police to the spot where he had hidden her body under a log pile. (AP Wirephoto)

## Leland Shows No Agitation

Portland, Ore., Aug. 12 (U.P.)—A calm 22-year-old man today was being held in the city jail for the first degree murder of Thelma Taylor, 15, of Portland. Detective Lt. Carl Crisp said today the confessed slayer, Morris Leland, "doesn't show any agitation or emotion."

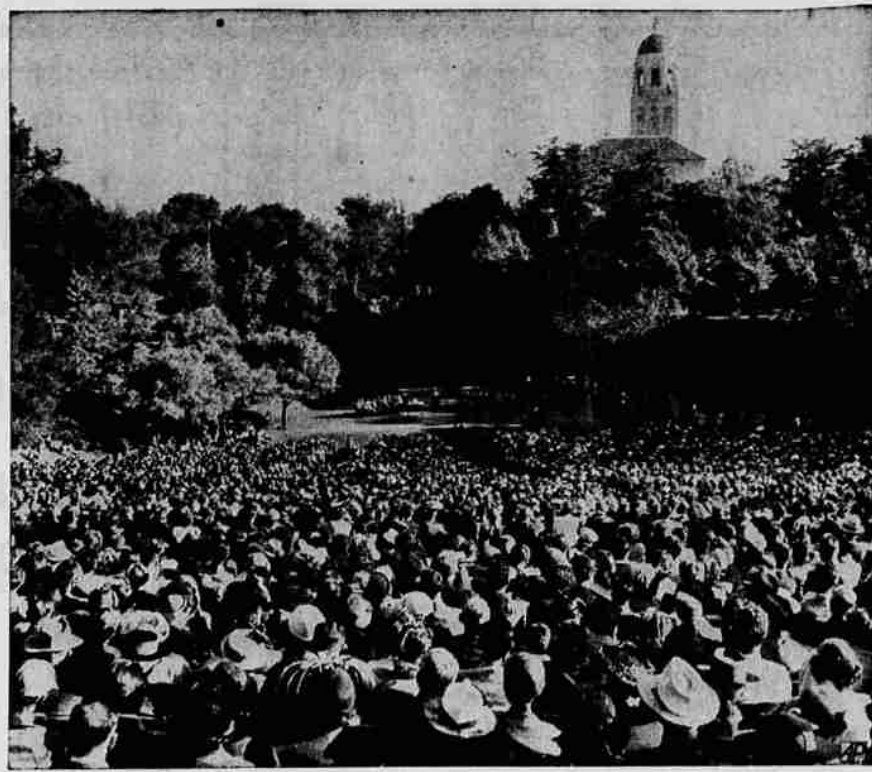
Leland was picked up Thursday while driving a stolen car. At the station he told officers he murdered the girl with a steel bar and a six-inch knife when she refused his advances.

Leland began his crime career by stealing six cars in 1943. Police said he has been arrested in the past six years on a number of charges, ranging from rape to obtaining money by false pretenses.

Friday morning, Leland said, the girl "willingly" accompanied him. After she had been with him all day, he told police, she refused his advances and "I got scared because she was a good girl and would make trouble" if he let her go.

Chief of Detectives Capt. William Browne said, "the killing of Thelma Taylor was the most willful, needless murder I have ever seen."

The fully-clothed body was buried under a pile of logs.



Crowd Hears Hoover—A crowd estimated at between 8,000 and 10,000, including many old-time friends and associates, heard former President Herbert Hoover (at the rostrum center) deliver a scathing attack on government spending and taxes. Hoover's major address, delivered in Frost amphitheater on Stanford campus at Palo Alto, Calif., climaxed his 75th birthday celebration. In the background can be seen the Hoover library tower. (AP Wirephoto)

## Cherrians to Attend Regatta

The annual Devils Lake regatta will be held at Delake August 20 and 21 with the Salem Cherrians to be well-represented on the two-day program and providing a master of ceremonies. Uniformed Cherrians will also be escorts for the royal court at the queen's ball to be held at the Conster in Oceanlake August 19 with a street parade the following night.

Candidates for queen of the regatta are Marybelle Allum, Joan Nolostine, Joan Deter and Marie Dixon. Selection of the queen will be announced at the princesses' ball at Oceanlake August 13 with members of the Devils Lake yacht club sponsoring the event. A boat parade featuring the queen and her court will be held at 12:30 o'clock August 20.

Races will start at 1 o'clock over a measured mile course on the lake which has been surveyed and registered with the American Power Boat association. Racing entrants will register at the Anchorage on the south side of D river near the new bridge now being built on U. S. highway 101.

Six divisions of utility boats will be featured and following them will be the inboard races and a free-for-all open to any kind of boat. Water sports demonstrations will be given during intermissions. Carl Detemering, Toledo, will be featured on the water with his speed boat, Miss Toledo which is said to be capable of 90 miles an hour.

Racing the second day of the regatta will start at 1 o'clock with sailboats opening the event with a grand parade of all boats to conclude the observance Sunday evening.

## Beauty Winner Gets Prizes; Dolores Loses

Washington, Aug. 12 (U.P.)—Nineteen-year-old Mary Jane Hayes, who will attend the Atlantic City beauty contest this fall as "Miss Washington, D. C." already has begun to reap rewards.

The hazel-eyed daughter of the chief engineer of the bureau of ordinance today collected a new car, a fur coat, a movie camera and projector, a television set and some evening finery.

Mary Jane won the local contest earlier in the week in competition with nine other finalists. Dolores Paoloni, featured in a special article Monday by United Pressman Harmon Nichols, trailed.

## Pregnant Pachyderm Reported Doing Well

San Francisco, Aug. 12 (U.P.)—Flora the pregnant pachyderm aboard the American President Line freighter President Taft today was described as "well but temperamental, due to her delicate condition."

Capt. W. S. Tyrrell, skipper of the Taft, radioed the following report to APL headquarters here as he raced a king-sized stork to port:

"Flora well but temperamental due to her delicate condition. Birth uncertain, but soon. Chief officer as medical aboard assisting trainer (Noel) Rosenfelt in continuing pre-natal care and adapting medical manual to supply adequate unless twins are born."

## British Lumber Deal Criticized

Washington, Aug. 12 (U.P.)—A report that the British had bought \$8,000,000 worth of lumber in the Soviet Union prompted Rep. Norblad (R., Ore.) yesterday to ask an investigation by the economic cooperation administrator.

Norblad made public a letter to Paul G. Hoffman, the ECA head. It said, "In view of the fact that the British economy is being substantially supported by ECA American taxpayers' funds (as is evidenced by our current annual expenditures of \$1,300,000,000 in that country) this purchase is certainly contrary to the intent of congress in approving the recovery program."

The congressman asked Hoffman to determine the facts of the case so that in the future ECA money "will not be used directly or indirectly to assist the Soviet."

"As you may know," Norblad wrote, "there are excess stocks of lumber in this country, and many of our mills in the Pacific northwest have shut down for lack of business."

"Certainly the ECA was not approved by congress for the purpose of sending funds to beneficiary nations to expend the Soviet—rather it was to rebuild and strengthen those countries as a bulwark against possible Soviet aggression."

The Coyote is one of the few animals in North America which is extending its range. Originally found in the open country of the west, it has worked its way gradually east as far as Ohio and north into Alaska.



Rescued — Clarence Blair, Jr., 7, grimy from smoke hugs his thankful 10-month-old brother, John, whom he rescued from the flaming kitchen of the converted gasoline station Blair home in Whitesboro, N. Y. Flames enveloped the structure in a matter of seconds. The house burned to the ground. (AP Wirephoto)

## Bernarr MacFadden Plans Chute Jump at 81

Dansville, N. Y., Aug. 12 (U.P.)—Bernarr MacFadden, exponent of physical culture and wealthy magazine publisher, announced today that he would celebrate his 81st birthday Saturday by parachuting from an airplane one half mile above the earth.

## Drunken Driver Injures Author

Atlanta, Aug. 12 (U.P.)—Margaret Mitchell, one of the world's most famous writers on the strength of a novel, "Gone With the Wind," today lay in critical condition after being struck down by a reportedly drunken driver.

The author of one of fiction's biggest sellers was knocked unconscious as she was crossing Peachtree street, the main thoroughfare of this city whose civil war fall she reported in vivid prose.

She and her husband, John R. Marsh, were crossing Peachtree to attend a motion picture when the car bore down on them, its brakes screaming and throwing it to the wrong side of the street.

Early today she was reported to be conscious at times and could remember her name and realize that she was in a hospital.

At Grady Memorial hospital, physicians said she was in critical condition.

## Divorce Granted On Baseball Plea

Los Angeles, Aug. 12 (U.P.)—Deputy county assessor Howard H. Oldfield, 58, was granted a divorce from his wife, Charlotte, on grounds she fought with him for the past 39 years and wouldn't let him go to the ball games.

"I just love baseball, but she won't even let me listen to it on

the radio," Oldfield testified tearfully. "I don't think I have the strength to go on."

"Well, you can go to a baseball game every day in the week now," superior judge Ray Brockman said in granting the divorce. "And shout at the umpire, it will do your ego good."

## Calliope Players Are Difficult to Find

Pasadena, Cal., Aug. 12 (U.P.)—The Junior Chamber of Commerce searched frantically today for someone who can play a calliope.

The circus instrument was to be a central feature of the chamber's annual community fair opening at the Rose Bowl. But an amusement company which furnished it found that its last player died recently.

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