

Youth Tells Two Murders In Maryland

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — A 16-year-old reform school inmate has confessed the year-old slaying of two teen-age girls in a park near the University of Maryland, State's Attorney Blair H. Smith of Prince Georges County reported Thursday.

Smith said the youth, committed to the Maryland Training School for Boys several weeks ago for car theft, gave police investigators a detailed account of ambushing the girls in Northwest Branch Park with a .22 caliber repeater rifle. The scene is a few miles outside Washington, D. C.

Nancy Marie Shomette, 16, and Michael Ann Ryan, 14, were killed the morning of June 15, 1955, as they walked through the suburban park to get Nancy's report card at Northwestern High School.

Smith said a 12-page statement received from the boy "indicates he committed the crime." Smith said the youth gave police a reason for the killings, but the reported motive was not made public.

President



SAN FRANCISCO — Reed C. Culp, Jr., of Salt Lake City, was elected president of Kiwanis International here today. Culp, who takes office August 1, defeated St. Louis attorney Donald Duball to head the 250,000 member organization. Kiwanis International, holding the 41st annual convention here, selected Atlantic City for their next convention. (AP Wirephoto)

Actor's Son Suspected of Drunk Driving

WEST LOS ANGELES — Edward G. Robinson Jr., 24, son of the stage and screen actor, was booked Thursday on suspicion of drunk driving after, police said, his sports car collided with four parked cars two blocks from his home.

Robinson was uninjured, officers reported, but attendants at Santa Monica Hospital said that a passenger in his car, Martin Barth, 37, will lose the sight of his right eye.

Police officers George Adams and Robert Sauter said Robinson's car apparently went out of control on a turn, careened off the parked cars and came to rest about a half block away.

Barth is a television studio worker. Robinson said he had been working with Barth at a TV studio Wednesday night, that they drove to Malibu for dinner and had "two drinks" on their way home.

Robinson lives near the crash scene. Barth lives in Hollywood. Officers Sauter and Adams quoted Robinson:

"I guess I'm in for it this time. The judge told me that if I ever showed up before him again on a drunk charge he'd give me 90 days."

180 Cases of Polio Listed

WASHINGTON — The Public Health Service said Thursday 180 new polio cases were reported last week, only four more than the preceding week.

"The increase was not as much as could have been expected during this period of seasonal rise," a Health Service spokesman said. However, he again declined comment on whether the relatively low level of cases reflects use of Salk polio vaccine. Nor would he discuss the future outlook, re-

Bonds for Dam Sell Quickly

NEW YORK — Quick success marked the offering of a \$66 million dollar bond issue Wednesday for the financing of Priest Rapids Dam on the Columbia River.

The big issue of the tax exempt revenue bonds of the Grant County, Wash., Public Utility District was cleaned out within a few hours after its initial offering.

The \$1,000 face value bonds, which were listed for opening sale at \$990, showed good strength and were selling at a premium over the counter.

The bond issue is described as the largest ever made in the Pacific Northwest. It is the first by any public utility district for a multi-purpose dam on the Northwest's biggest river.

Iceland Vote Gets Notice

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Little Iceland wound up its parliamentary election campaign Thursday. For the first time in 1,000 years the rest of the world is concerned about it.

The four main parties, striving for a majority of the 90,000 eligible voters, made their final campaign speeches. On Sunday, the little volcanic island in the North Atlantic will elect 52 members to the Althing, the world's oldest parliament organized in 930.

The chief issue is the continued existence of the giant U. S. air base on the Icelandic peninsula of Keflavik, almost midway between Moscow and New York. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), of which Iceland is a member, views the base as a key bastion for defense of the North American continent.

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