

Illiterate Held As Suspect in Girls' Deaths

Skid Row Dishwasher Is Said to Have Been With Sisters

CHICAGO (AP)—The ever widening investigation of the murder of the Grimes sisters appeared centered today on further questioning of a young skid row dishwasher. Sheriff Joseph Lohman said Bennie Bedwill, 21, has been identified by five persons as being in the company of the teen-age sisters in two restaurants Dec. 28. The nude, frozen bodies of Barbara Grimes, 15 and her 13-year-old sister Patricia were found Tuesday in a ditch along a road in suburban Willow Springs.

Lohman said Bedwill, whom he described as illiterate, was given lie detector tests and questioned for hours yesterday in connection with the slayings.

"He is definitely not telling the truth," Lohman told reporters. "He lied on so many points I can't enumerate them. He contradicts himself repeatedly."

The sheriff said Bedwill, formerly of Paris, Tenn., was held for further questioning today, saying "the evidence against this man warrants further investigation."

Lohman said Bedwill, who has an Elvis Presley type haircut, admitted he and an unidentified man were with two girls the night of Dec. 28, but denied they were the Grimes sisters. He added their clothing did not match that worn by the Grimes girls when they disappeared.

The sheriff said owners of a restaurant on West Madison Street—in the skid row district where Bedwill worked part time as a dishwasher—told him they saw Bedwill in their restaurant Dec. 30 with two girls they identified as the Grimes sisters. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. John Duros, told Lohman a man of Mexican or Puerto Rican descent was with the girls and Bedwill.

Lohman said Casey Jarzen, 42, operator of a drive-in restaurant in suburban Stickney, his wife Mary and daughter Donna, 15, also placed the then missing girls in the company of Bedwill and another man in their establishment Jan. 11.

Lohman said Chester Wizecki, 34, a cook in the restaurant, said one of the girls wore a black jacket with the name "Pat" embroidered on the left collar. The sheriff said the girls' mother, Mrs. Loreta Grimes, 48, said Patricia wore such a sweater the night she and Barbara left their South Side home to attend a movie.

Mrs. Knowles To Keep Post, Get Pay Raise

PLYMOUTH MEETING, Pa. (AP)—Mrs. Mary Knowles who was convicted of contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about Communist affiliations has been retained in her job at a Quaker library and will be given a salary raise.

A board of the Quaker-operated William Jeanes Memorial Library said yesterday it wanted to "restate our confidence" in Mrs. Knowles.

She is free on bail pending an appeal of a 120-day jail sentence and a \$500 fine given her in Federal District Court in Washington by Judge Ross Rizley.

The 46-year-old librarian was found guilty of 53 of 58 contempt counts for declining to answer questions asked her by a Senate Internal Security subcommittee in 1955. She denied under oath that she was presently a Communist but refused to answer questions about past Communist activity.

The announcement said her pay will be raised \$200 to \$3,400 a year.

ACTRESS SLEEPS FEARLESSLY
HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Mamie Van Doren told Thursday about her bed in her new house. It is reported as being nearly wall-to-wall and having black sheets. "I'm not afraid of falling out," she said. "It's so big that I never think about it."

132-Year-Old Almanac Sassy as Ever

By RUSSELL LANDSTROM
LANCASTER, Pa. (AP)—John Baer's Almanac, 132 years old and as buoyant as ever, serves a pungent and sometimes provocative 1957 smorgasbord of weather prophecy, folklore, irony and homely philosophy.

The flavor is all-American, without a trace of exotic subtleties. The lightest sampling conjures the savor of maple sugar, corn-pone, farm-cured bacon, and all the ripeness of this Pennsylvania Dutch country.

The Almanac prides itself on keeping up with the times. Tradition counts for much, naturally, considering that the almanac is only 49 years younger than American independence, itself.

The editors feel they needn't be ashamed of their weather forecasting. They called the shots for inauguration day — wet, foggy, generally mucky.

Most people would be pleased to let it go at that, for, as Baer's sees it, the outlook for the rest of the year is hardly inspiring. A summing up of month-by-month forecasts indicates most sections of the country will have to put up with a lot of unpleasant weather, including chilly spells in the summer.

With editorial wryness, the Almanac makers say: "So long as none of us can do anything about the weather, why not just for fun?"

Passing from weather to other predictions, the Almanac reports the finding of a manuscript, 100 years old, hidden in an old stone

barn by one "Abner Americanus," who in reality probably was Joe or Steve or Elmer somebody-or-other. Abner, in an access of clairvoyance, said that in 1957 "many homes will have what are playthings than for their tools; they will give more excuses than mon-

ey to charity; will perform a new arithmetic in which they will multiply speed, divide distance, add alcohol and subtract lives."

The forerunner of Baer's, presumably, was a German language affair, also published in Lancaster. It was that Almanac, says Baer's, which first called George Washington "The Father of His Country."

Port Strike Ruled Illegal

SEATTLE (AP)—A short-lived strike by six cold storage workmen at the Port of Seattle died Thursday on legal shoals as Superior Court Judge George H. Revelle ruled it was an illegal

because the port is a unit of government. The walkout, tying up approximately half the city's waterfront, was called by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (Ind) because the cold storage workers had not received a wage increase given longshoremen. A temporary restraining order stopped the strike last week after

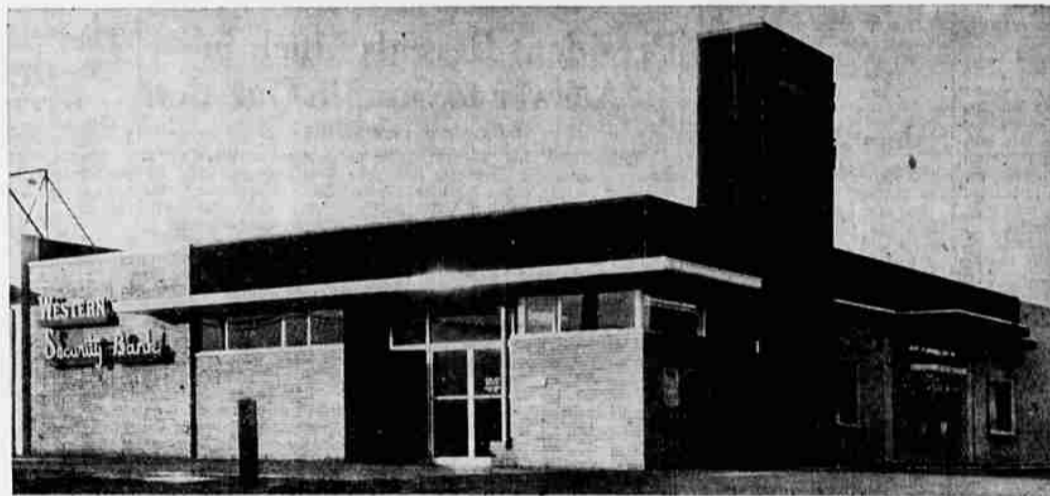
a two-day walkout. The order by Judge Revelle made the restraining permanent. The union said it would abide by the decision.

WHOLE BRIDGE STOLEN
—ERBA, Italy (UP)—People of this mountain hamlet would like to join forces to catch some thieves who have upset the daily life of the entire village. They can't, however. The thieves stole the wood and cement bridge which spanned the River Bova. The Bova runs through the center of Erba.

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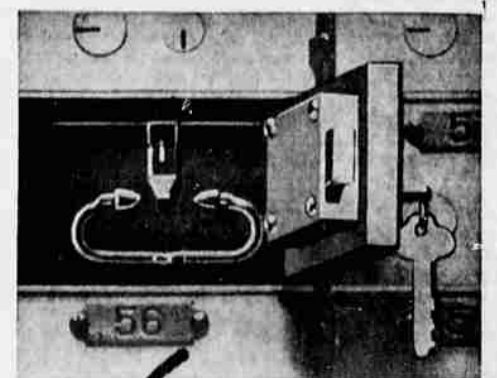


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