

Mystery of Missing Boy Hits Local Couple

The following story from a Washington newspaper, will interest local residents, for Mr. and Mrs. James I. Miller are local residents, Mrs. Miller being the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sherman of Cave Junction.

Mrs. Sherman left last week for Bremerton, the Miller's home, when she heard of the boy's disappearance, and wrote her husband this week, but as yet the child had not been found. The article:

Hope was being held today that little Richard Lee Miller, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Miller, 3314 Chestnut St., Sheridan Park, might merely have wandered into the woods near Sekiu and might not have drowned, as feared at first.

The youngster had gone to the Clallam county sports fishing resort on the Strait of Juan de Fuca with his father Sunday night. Also in the party were two of Miller's fishing companions, Vern Cooper, a neighbor, and Vic Dubb, another friend. Cooper's nine-year-old son, Larry, was believed to have been the last person to see the Miller boy before his disappearance.

The men arose early yesterday morning and went out fishing, leaving the boys asleep in the cabin about 4 o'clock. They returned about 9:40 a. m., only about 15 minutes after Richard's disappearance.

The Cooper boy related that he had dressed little Richard and the pair had set out to play. They romped around the float, but Larry said that the last he had seen of Richard after they had gone ashore and Richard was walking along the road.

The lad's cap was found on the float, but the Cooper youngster was unable to recall whether Richard was wearing it when he last saw him. The cap had been knocked and had dropped from his head several times previous when they were playing on the float, however, and it was believed possible he might have left it on the float when he went ashore.

Clallam County Sheriff Jack Stewart added hope today that the boy had not drowned when he told the Associated Press that footprints believed possibly to be the youngster's, had been found leading from the beach into the woods. Men were searching the nearby forest.

Coastguardsmen from Neah bay searched the waters off Sekiu yesterday and two divers went down in the vicinity of the float where the water was shallow.

Bremerton Police Juvenile Officer O. W. (Bud) Hand happened to be at the resort yesterday, and he assisted authorities in the search and helped in the quest for witnesses to the boy's disappearance. No one was found to be on the float at the time, but nearly 40 men were working on a log boom only a hundred feet away. The float was about 200 feet from shore.

When last seen, Richard was wearing dark gray trousers, a gray long-sleeved polo shirt and a checked, light blue button sweater. A round-faced youngster, he was tanned, had brown eyes and black hair.

Richard, born in Grants Pass, Ore., Sept. 4, 1941, came to Bremerton with his parents as a baby. The Millers lived on N. Perry ave.

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for two years before moving to their present Sheridan Park home two years ago. They have two other children, Peggy, two years old, and Margaret, six. Miller is a Puget Sound navy yard inside machinist.

FLASH — A telegram received Tuesday by Mr. Sherman, states the body of the boy had been found, but gave no details.

Veterans Can Buy Surplus War Property

County AAA committees will handle veterans' applications for the purchase of surplus war property for agricultural purposes under a surplus board regulation which went into effect July 1, according to Earl C. Reinhart, chairman of the Josephine county committee.

The regulation gives veterans of this war the right to buy up to \$2500 worth of surplus property for use in business or agriculture. For property to be used in farming, veterans will apply to the AAA committee in the county in which the farm is located. After AAA review and certification the applications will be sent to the Portland office of Smaller War Plants Corporation, which will lo-

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The total capital investment in the farm cannot exceed \$25,000, in which the veteran has at least a 50 per cent interest. All of the property to be purchased is useful to the operation of the farm, and the success of the farming enterprise is reasonably probable.

The regulation defines a veteran as a person who has served in the military or naval service since September 16, 1940 and prior to the end of the war and who has an honorable discharge.

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