

# CITE STATE DOCTORS IN GIRL DEATH

### Mother of Inmate Feeble Minded School Charges Criminal Negligence — Found Girl With Fractured Skull and Teeth Knocked Out, Is Claim Made in Affidavit.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 9.—(AP)—Mrs. Isabel Reif, of Eugene, appeared before the Marion county grand jury Tuesday to offer testimony in support of her demand for an investigation into the administration of the Oregon state school for the feeble minded.

Mrs. Reif in sworn affidavits, charges Dr. J. N. Smith, superintendent of the school; Mrs. J. Smith, matron and Dr. J. O. Matthis, school physician, with criminal negligence in connection with the death of her daughter, Georgia Marshall, in a Eugene hospital on September 27.

Georgia Marshall died as the result of unexplained injuries sustained as an inmate of the school, from which she was removed September 1 for "proper care," Mrs. Reif alleges.

The Marshall girl had suffered from epileptic attacks since she was 6 years old and for the past 10 years had been a patient at the state school here for varying periods of time, being taken in and out by her mother, as her condition warranted.

In January of this year Mrs. Reif took the girl out of the school to accompany her on a trip to California, and returned her to the school in June.

Mrs. Reif charges that she was called to the school on July 24 last, and was informed by an attendant that her daughter had had an accident. She says that upon her arrival she found the girl "in bed with a base fracture of the skull, and her chin bandaged from a cut to the bone, and blood oozing from her ears and mouth."

The blood in her mouth, Mrs. Reif alleges, "came from her gums where four teeth had been cut out of her upper jaw."

"The mother declares that when she sought to find out what caused the injuries the school officials would tell her nothing beyond saying that the girl had fallen."

Says Doctors Brutal. Mrs. Reif accuses Dr. Matthis and other attendants and officials of the institution with brutality in their speech both to her and to her daughter, with negligence and unconcern regarding care of her daughter, declares that she was denied the use of the institution telephone to place a long distance call to Eugene for help, and says she was refused help in getting the girl from her bed into an automobile when she decided to take the girl to Eugene.

In another part of her affidavit Mrs. Reif alleges that during the last night she stayed with her daughter in the institution, about 3 o'clock in the morning, "she became cyanosed-like and her finger nails turned blue. I called the night attendant, a Miss Williams, telling her to call a doctor—that my daughter was dying."

## Death of Girl Cult Member Investigated in California



Los Angeles authorities are seeking to determine if the life of Willa Rhoads (center) 16-year-old girl, was sacrificed as part of a ritual of a "divine" order. Her body was found buried under the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rhoads (below) having been preserved on ice for a year. Above, Mrs. May Otis Blackburn and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Wieland, arrested on the allegation the cult had fraudulently collected \$50,000.

She said: "The doctor is making his rounds and I cannot get him."

"Seeing how overcome I was she said voluntarily: 'Mrs. Reif, I want you to know my conscience is clear. I have never hurt Georgia.' She kept repeating that and also said, 'I believe she is heavily drugged.'"

Supporting the testimony of Mrs. Reif before the grand jury are Mrs. Eva Dix Page, of Eugene, who accompanied Mrs. Reif on her visit to her daughter in the school and who assisted in taking the girl to Eugene, and Dr. C. B. Neal, of Eugene, who attended the girl in that city up to the time of her death.

Secretary of State "Hoss" expressed himself similarly.

One of the most popular of American screen stars, Leatrice Joy will be seen at the Isis theatre tonight in "The Blue Danube." This is said to afford Miss Joy one of the finest characterizations in which she has been seen since her great success in "Manslaughter." Joseph Schildkraut and Nils Asther are featured in her support.

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# MYSTERY IN DEATH LIST QUEER CULT

### Officers Investigating Reported Deaths Here Additional Women Members of Santa Susanna Sect—Girl's Body Was Not Preserved Two Years, Is New Theory.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Los Angeles city and county authorities today were endeavoring to discover if four members of a religious cult, "The Divine Order of the Royal Arm of the Great Seal," reported missing were dead, and if so, what caused their deaths and what disposal had been made of their bodies.

The body of 16-year-old Willa Rhoads, described as a priestess of the sect, was found last Sunday in a casket under the flooring of a house occupied by her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhoads, cult members.

Members of a colony maintained by the religious order in the Santa Susanna hills north of here, were being questioned regarding the reported deaths of Frances Turner, Harlene Sartoris, Katherine Bolz and Eddie McGuffin. Investigators said they had evidence to indicate the women were dead, and were sending their efforts to learn in what manner they had died and where they were buried.

Leaders in Jail. Mrs. Otis Blackburn head of the cult, her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Angeline Welland-Rizzo, and Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads were held in the Los Angeles county jail pending completion of the investigation of the reported deaths, the burial of Willa Rhoads, and charges of fraud preferred by Clifford Dabney, Long Beach, Calif., oil man and other cult members, against Mrs. Blackburn and Mrs. Welland-Rizzo.

The charges against Mrs. Blackburn and her daughter, the latter identified as a cult priestess, recite that they obtained \$50,000 from Dabney and others through representations that a book they were to write by divine order would reveal, by use of lost measurements, the whereabouts of all mineral wealth remaining in the east.

Mrs. Rhoads told police that her foster daughter would be resurrected when the book, "The Sixth Seal," was completed, and she objected hysterically to removal of the girl's body from beneath the Rhoads home in Venice, Cal. She said the young woman's body had not been buried for more than two years after her death on New Year's eve, 1925, from diphtheria, but was preserved with ice, and that when finally buried, it was embalmed with spices as in ancient times, in belief that such treatment would least interfere with her expected resurrection.

Police chemists were baffled by the embalming process used. If the date of the girl's death was correct, they described the body as in a remarkable state of preservation. Discovery of a druggist, who remembered concocting an embalming fluid from a formula brought him by Mrs. Rhoads three months ago, gave rise to a theory that Willa's death may not have occurred until recently.

Mrs. Blackburn told police she was responsible for the unrecorded burial of the girl, stating that the Archangels Michael and Gabriel had revealed to her that the young woman was in a trance.

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National Broadcasting Co. 6:30 to 7:30—Palmolive hour. International in its musical character, the weekly Palmolive hour program will go on the air tonight. "In Monte Carlo," an orchestral number scheduled to be conducted by Gustave Haenschen, is the first selection to suggest a foreign land. The Revelers will return to America for their inspiration as they follow with "My Ohio Home." Olive Palmer, soprano, contributes Rinsky-Korsakoff's Russian melody, "Hymn to the Sun" from his opera "Pantomime." "Le Coq D'Or." The tenor soloist Paul Oliveri chooses a German song, "Auf Wiedersehen," for his first number. A tango, "La Seduction," and "My Scandinavian Girl" are two other selections which enhance the foreign atmosphere of the hour. Broadcast through KHQ, KGW, KOMO, KGO, KPO and KFI.

7:30 to 8 p. m.—Stromberg-Carlson program. Mendelssohn's overture for the fantastic Shakespearean opera, "Midsummer Night's Dream" has been chosen as the opening selection for string instruments. "Cannonetta," written by Sibelius, follows, while an organ, violin, violoncello and harp will augment the orchestra during the rendition of "Adoration." Guy Fraser Harrison directs the instrumentalists.

Clyde Morse, pianist, will be heard in a solo. Broadcast through KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KGO, KPO and KFI.

8:30 to 9 p. m.—The Hill Billy Boys. The weekly program devoted to melodies of by-gone days, interspersed with occasional modern numbers, will be presented by a group of artists, including Charles Marshall, Ben McLaughlin, Elmer Crowhurst, Johnny O'Brien and Johnny Toffoli. Broadcast through KHQ.

10 to 11 p. m.—Cotton Blossom Minstrels. The old-time songs and the humorous banter of the interluders and the "end men" will be heard as Clarence Hayes, Harold Perry, the Southern Harmony Four, Captain William Boyle, Jack Curtis, Sylvano Dale and other minstrels contribute their share of the entertainment. Barry Hopkins as the interlocutor, will complete the cast. Broadcast through KHQ, KFI and KSL.

11 to 12 midnight—Musical Musketery. Walter Hebbar, one-time orchestra leader in the world's largest dance hall at Sydney, Australia, directs the Musketery in their capricious synopsations. Specialty numbers complete the hour, which will be broadcast through KHQ, KOMO and KPO.

Pickpocket Takes Purse. PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 9.—(AP)—Mrs. W. J. Lechner, Baker, Ore., reported to police today that a pickpocket stole her purse containing \$5.50 and a railroad ticket while she was shopping on a downtown street.

Condon. —Dunn's brick building being remodeled.