

# MAIN LINK IN TORTURE CASE LOST

### Temple Bone of Arkansas Youth Missing From Safe of Sheriff - Needed to Prove Remains Found in Fire Human-Girl Denies Story of Alleged Sweet-heart.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark., Dec. 18.—(P)—The man who claims he is Connie Franklin went on the witness stand here this morning and testified that he is the same person four men, now on trial, are charged with torturing and burning to death.

The witness said his real name was Marion Franklin Rogers but in recent years he had gone under the name of Connie Franklin.

He said he was an inmate of the state hospital for nervous diseases for a few months and escaped in 1917.

In concluding the direct questioning defense counsel asked: "You weren't beaten to death and burned last March, were you?"

"Well, I don't look like it and don't feel like it," he replied amid laughter.

At the conclusion of the state's direct testimony last night, the defense moved for an instructed verdict of acquittal on the ground that the state had failed to establish the corpus delicti.

Judge S. B. Bone overruled the motion and the trial continued.

The state's case was built largely on two witnesses—Tillar Rummel, 17 year old mountain girl, who said she and Franklin had planned to marry on the night last March he allegedly was slain, and Reuben Harrell, a deaf mute youth who had to testify through an interpreter.

Franklin denied the youth who says he is Franklin was her sweet-heart.

The girl, who since the grand jury returned the indictments against the four men, and one other, Alex. Parks, has been in the custody of Sheriff and Mrs. Sam Johnson; said the last time she saw her lover was when he was lying on the ground in the St. James hills sobbing "You've killed me," and breathing with difficulty from a beating administered him by the four defendants. They used rocks and brass "knucks" to beat him, she said.

The deaf mute boy said that on Sunday, March 10, the day after the Rummel girl said she witnessed the beating of Franklin, he was strolling in the woods in that vicinity and saw Herman Greenway, one of the defendants, dragging Franklin's body toward a big log fire. Three other men were with Greenway, he said.

Bone Meeting. The other bit of evidence to establish the corpus delicti was an odd assortment of charred bones which the state contended were the remains of Franklin. Because the temple bone which he said originally was included in the assortment was missing yesterday, Dr. C. W. Garrison, state health officer, said he could not identify them as human bones.

He said he had based his original identification of the temple bone, Sheriff Johnson testified the bone might have been removed from his safe where he had kept the collection since he found them in a heap of ashes.

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# ERRATIC PRICE TREND SLOWS SHARE DEALING

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(P)—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange continued to pursue an erratic course today as trading continued in light volume. Trading was largely professional in character, although the weakness of several stocks was attributed to liquidation for the purpose of establishing income tax losses.

The announcement of the formation of a large middle western steel merger, which has been under way for a long time, was one of the most important and interesting developments in the day's news.

Some disappointment was apparent at the further falling off in freight car traffic, and the appointment of a receiver for the American Piano company.

Iron Age stated that "an anomalous situation of production shrinking and confidence rising characterizes the steel market as the year-end approaches," explaining further that producers are satisfied that the sharp decline in steel output that began in October was a psychological effect of the stock market crash and greatly exceeded the actual contraction in steel consumption.

A late demand appeared for U. S. Steel, General Electric, American Telephone, Johns-Manville and Air Reduction, all of which touched the day's best prices. Steel brought 17 1/2, while General Electric rose from an early low of 23 1/2 to 24 1/2. Interborough Rapid Transit was nearly 5 point higher. The closing was firm. Sales approximated 2,300,000 shares.

# EGGS AND BUTTER ON WEAK SIDE UNCHANGED

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(P)—Egg prices continue weak, but without change. The Pacific cooperative poultry producers, who have taken the lead in egg quotations since the Portland duty exchange went out of existence, denies a reported further egg decline. Butter values are also weak because of the large holdings in storage.

# THE MARKETS

Produce. PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(P)—Eggs weak, unchanged. Butter, milk (butterfat), poultry, country meats, onions, potatoes, wool, nuts, hay, casenra bark and hops steady and unchanged.

Livestock. PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(P)—CATTLE AND CALVES—Talking around steady except for calves and vealers quoted at 50c to \$1 lower. Receipts: Cattle 135, including 75 through; calves 10. Calves, medium to choice, \$6@8.50; cull to common, \$4.50@6. Vealers, milk fed, good to choice, \$9@11; medium \$7@9; cull to common, \$4.50@7.

HOGS—Steady. Receipts 475, including 156 direct.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Nothing sold early. Receipts 300. No market here next Wednesday, Christmas day.

Sugar and Flour. PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(P)—Cane sugar (packed basis)—Steady. Cane, fruit or berry, \$5.40 per cwt. best sugar, \$5.25 cwt.

Flour (city delivery prices)—Steady; family patents, 49c, \$7.80; whole wheat, 48c, \$6.90; Graham, 49c, \$6.70; bakers' hard wheat, 98c, \$7.80; bakers' bluestem patents, 98c, \$7.80; pastry flour, 49c, \$7.70.

San Francisco Butterfat. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—(P)—Butterfat, f. o. b., San Francisco, 43c.

# SHELL COMPANY HAS NEW STORAGE TANK

H. N. Graybill, Medford manager for the Shell Oil Company, announced today the completion of a new storage tank, planned to furnish the largest capacity of any company in the county for crude oil for smudging purposes. The tank has just been completed at the plant at the corner of Boyd and South Central and guarantees an adequate supply of smudge oil under any weather conditions. The company also recently completed the installation of a new gasoline tank to meet increasing demands for Shell products.

# Lois Moran Star of Movietone Picture

"Sitting By the Window," and "A Night of Happiness" are two songs that are sung by Joe Wainstaff, outstanding musical comedy star, in "A Song of Kentucky," Fox Movietone all-talking and singing romantic comedy drama coming to the Rialto theater today. These catchy and tuneful melodies are likely to become instant hits. Co-starring with Wainstaff in this drama of Kentucky love, intrigue and horse racing is Lois Moran, beautiful and talented screen actress. Dorothy Burgess heads the supporting cast, which includes Douglas Gilmore, Hedda Hopper, Herman Bing and Edwards Davis.

# NO OVERLAP IN COUNTY BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

December Disbursements to Be Charged to 1929 Accounts, Under New System Approved By Court—Aid Prompt Audit.

A system whereby December disbursements of Jackson county will be charged to 1929 accounts and paid at the first regular meeting of the county court in January was approved by the county court this morning. Heretofore December expenses have been paid in January and charged to January expenses. This threw the budget out of gear and was a thorn of argument.

Under the new plan, recommended by E. M. Wilson, expert accountant, all expenditures for 1929 will draw from the budget of that year. It will give the 1930 budget chance to start with a clean slate. Merchants and others having business with the county will be requested to present their bills for December soon after January 1. Heads of county departments will be urged to do likewise. As there will be no payroll until January 8 for county officials and workers, and Christmas at hand, no delay from this source is anticipated.

Aid Prompt Audit. As soon as the 1929 business has been completed on the county books E. M. Wilson will start his annual audit of the books of the county.

Selection of election officials for the coming year was also considered by the county court without any definite action upon the proposed double board system.

The plan is to secure as many clerical people as possible for service at elections and the co-operation of concerns will be sought to this end. Heretofore, when a bookkeeper was enlisted his employer asked his release on the grounds there was a rush of business at hand and he could not be spared. Other citizens called to the same duty were in the midst of tasks that required their personal supervision. Later, it would develop that civic duty at 37 cents per hour was shunted to go fishing or play golf.

There is no law requiring compulsory service on an election board, but a direct appeal will be made in the interest of speed in counting the votes.

The remainder of the session was devoted to the transaction of routine business and approval of the regular batch of mid-month bills.

# QUARANTINE RULE TO BE ENFORCED

Due to continued reports that families under scarlet fever quarantine have been breaking quarantine rules flagrantly, endangering the health of others, Dr. D. C. Wilson, county health officer, today declared the rules will be rigidly enforced, and all violations should be reported to the health office, so that violators may be given proper attention.

There are some cases that have never been reported and cause many contacts in spreading the disease, of which there were three more cases reported yesterday. In making reports, the makers are requested to give their names and addresses to the health authorities, so that unnecessary mistakes may be avoided.

The quarantine law, a state statute, carries a fine and jail sentence and it is likely that flagrant violators here will be dealt with harshly.

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# Society

B. & P. W. Club Holds December Meeting.

"Women's Part in Community Development" was the subject of an extremely interesting talk given by A. H. Barnwell, secretary of the Southern Oregon-Northern California Development Association, before the Business and Professional Women's club at the Hotel Medford last night.

Stressing the value of cooperation in the promotion of civic projects, Mr. Barnwell reviewed the far-reaching benefits to be realized by the territory with the building of adequate harbor facilities at Crescent City and the subsequent opening up of heretofore untouched resources in both states.

Another treat on the worthwhile program was a talk by Lytton Ivanhoe of Rio Janeiro, who illustrated his remarks on Brazil with moving pictures shown there. Glances of South American industry, life and customs were covered in the film.

George Beckham, popular bass singer, student of James Stevens, accompanied by Miss Evelyn Wolf, sang a group of solos. Both artists were heartily applauded.

Christmas Party For Woodmen. The Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen will have their Christmas party Thursday evening, the 19th, at W. O. W. hall.

There will be a tree and treat for the kiddies and every grown-up who wants to take part in the Christmas gift game is asked to bring a present not to cost over 15 cents.

There will also be a short program and Christmas games.

Hunting act, with Mary Edmiston, Helen Edmiston, Ruth Deemore, Bertha Crane, Frances Moller and Janet Wray Smith enacting the various roles; trio in a group of popular songs; trio in a group of popular songs; tap dance, "Honey" by Ethel Chord; tap dance by Helen MacAllister and La Murlie Beck; and selections by the orchestra.

Following the program and sale, dancing will be enjoyed by the girls and guests. The party is in charge of committees under the following chairmen: refreshments, Pauline McNeill; program, Clara Mary Fuson; advertising, Peggy Miller; invitations, Mary Norris and clean-up, Edna Allen.

Ashland Hi-Y Home Medford Club. Members of the Medford Hi-Y were honored guests at a banquet given by the Ashland Hi-Y at the South Methodist church in Ashland last night.

"What Does the Future Hold for You?" was the theme of the address of the evening given by Matt Thompson, Y. M. C. A. secretary.

Tom Simpson, president of the Ashland Hi-Y acted as master of ceremonies and introduced Maxine Entert who sang two numbers, "True Blue Lou" and "I've Got a Feeling I'm Falling," accompanying herself on the piano. She and Laurence Gill also sang a duet "I Get the Blues When It Rains."

The Medford delegation contributed a solo, "Am I Blue?" by Charles Clay accompanied by Matt Colm Stine, and a short talk by the Medford president, Lionel Castleman.

Mrs. Early Hostess Party for Faculty. Mrs. Glennie Mae Early entertained several members of the high school faculty at a bridge party at her home on West Jackson street last night.

Her guests were Misses Isabel Wilder, Lora Mitchell, Josephine Kirtley, Johnnie Fleet, Doris Baker

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Miss Eleanor F. Harwood entertained at a Sunday dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Skeate on Spring street in honor of Miss Lucille E. Drawer who will be a December bride. Covers were placed for eight.

Mrs. Claribelle Elliott and Mrs. George Godding were hostesses to the 40 of 8 wives at the home of Mrs. Godding last night. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree was a feature of the evening's entertainment, and bridge was enjoyed through the evening.

A special meeting with initiation of candidates the principal feature will be held by the Reimes chapter of the Eastern Star at the Masonic lodge rooms tonight. Following the business session a social hour, under the direction of Mrs. Gwendolyn Woodcock, will be enjoyed.

Mrs. W. B. Blidie, Sr., plans on leaving tomorrow or the next day for Chicago, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her son who lives there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perl are in Los Angeles where they intend to spend the winter, having left here Saturday.

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