

7 CHILDREN MURDERED BY MOTHER

Distracted Parent Gives Up Struggle to Support Flock—Plans for Deed Carefully Laid—One Child Struggled for Life.

COLUMBUS, O., May 7.—(AP)—Their hearts pierced by bullets from a revolver fired by their mother, seven children of Mrs. Ethel Geller, 4, lay dead today. Friends of Mrs. Geller, twice married and the mother of 11 children, believed she despaired of her struggle to support them by selling newspapers or was distraught by the belief that her second husband, a negro, would soon be released from the state penitentiary where he is serving a sentence on a statutory charge.

Mrs. Geller shot the children late yesterday and then turned the gun upon herself. Physicians today said she might recover. Before the shootings, Mrs. Geller took her family to a photographer and had a group picture taken. Then she took them home, bathed and tucked them in bed. One by one, she shot them through the heart, putting towels over them to prevent powder burns.

One Struggled
Elaine, 10, apparently struggled with her mother. A neighbor boy heard someone cry "murder," and saw her pulled back in the house. She alone was not tucked in, but was laid across the bed.

The exactness with which the killings were carried out puzzled police. Some believed the children had been given sleeping potions, but this was not borne out by the coroner.

A letter addressed to her daughter Mildred, one of the survivors, gave instructions for disposal of household goods and family trinkets. "Lots I want to say," the letter closed, "but can't think. It is all for the best."

The victims were: Alice and Alan Yeldem, twins, three years old; Wayne Yeldem, 7, Byron Yeldem, 8; Eleanor Yeldem, 9, Elaine Yeldem, 10, Eldon Geller, 19.

Surviving children, all by the first husband, are Mildred Geller, 18, Vernon Geller, 12; Ervan Geller, 15, and Marion Geller, 21, U. S. army, Atlanta, Ga.

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At Hunge.
Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Machost, three children of Pancho Villarreal.

At San Antonio.
J. C. Kleespies.

At Bynum.
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Isbell and son Brandon.

Mrs. Emma Hoff.
The negroes.

At Bronson.
W. T. Strickland.

Near Waco.
Two persons.

Albany.—Texaco Oil company to build gas and oil service station at corner of Fifth and Washington streets on Hazen property.

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Famous Screen Stars say: "Lovely Skin"

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ST. MARK'S GUILD PLAY SCORES HIT ON OPENING NIGHT

(By Mary Greiner)

Another local triumph in favor of the old "legit" was scored when a young army of some 250 representative citizens gave the cold shoulder to their radios and exposed themselves to the infectious



Mrs. Fletcher Fish.

enjoyment of "Mrs. Bumpstead Leigh," charming three-act comedy by Harry James Smith, which was produced with a local cast under the direction of Tom Swem at St. Mark's Guild hall last night.

And the fact that the dramatic fever "took" will be more than fully evidenced when the capacity of the cozy little hall is taxed to its extreme limits tonight, and Medford is given its last chance to witness the work of as clever a collection of home talent as ever gathered on a local stage.

The action of the play itself revolves around an amusing notion—that of a strong minded older sister, extricating herself and her two "dependents," an impossible mother and a too honest young sister, from the shadow of a past saturated in patent medicine notoriety, and thrusting them into a solution of Long Island blue blood. How the latter slips off the surface and exposes the under-currents in the two dependents, only to be slapped on with renewed and lasting effects by Mrs. Bumpstead Leigh, the feminine Napoleon of the trio, forms the basis of a series of laugh provoking situations.

Edith Fish, who carries the title role, handles her difficult characterization with remarkable ease. She is ably supported, in spite of the "makes believe" antagonism by her youthful and beautiful younger sister, played by Jo Murray Rostel, and Frances Kenney, in the comic interpretation of the mother, Mrs. DeSalle, more truthfully known as the wife of old Jim Sales, patent medicine king of Missionary Loop, Indiana.

Fletcher Fish, in the side-splitting character of Peter Swallow, former suitor of Della Sales, alias Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh, a limerick stops the show during his brief domination of "stage center." A splendid piece of team work is contributed by the butler and roguish little maid in the Rawson household at Long Island, played respectively by Ralph Burgess and Miriam McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hamilton, Jr., who slapped 40 years and a convincing Long Island accent into their make-up kits and lived the life of Justin Rawson and his sister, deserve individual bouquets, as do Harold Brown and H. Sherwood Hinman, as the two Rawson boys, who disprove the belief that all men are brothers under the skin, even in spite of the fact that they are born beneath the same roof.

Roberta Bebb adds color and interest as Mrs. Stephen Leavitt, another "old family" product, and Gene Wright, of Dover Road fame contributes his best in the role of Stephen Leavitt.

Managed by Mrs. Porter J. Neff and produced under the auspices of the St. Mark's Altar Guild, the two night engagement is happily already an assured financial as well as an artistic success.

And as Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh ripples merrily on toward its final curtain tonight the same old criticism will be voiced in regard to those Tom Swem productions—they don't happen often enough.

KLAMATH HERDER ACCIDENT VICTIM

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Fred Cornell, a shepherd, was killed by accidental discharge of his own revolver, a coroner's jury determined last night. The body was found at Cornell's only camp on the Lower Klamath lake and it was believed at first that he had been murdered.

A bullet had pierced his skull. Investigators found, however, that Cornell was killed as he stooped over to pick up his own sidearm from a box. The box was chipped where the revolver hammer caught.

The herder's band of sheep had scattered and many had been killed by coyotes.

Phil Coconard, captain of the 1929 boxing team at Klamath, has turned pro. He is a lightweight.

Society

Appears in Junior Vaudeville

Miss Elbow Mae Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson of this city, was among students at the University of Washington, Seattle, who were so fortunate as to be included in the cast of the Junior vaudeville, given Friday and Saturday evenings of last week at Meany hall. Miss Wilson sang and whistled "You're the Theme of My Love Song," accompanying the orchestra. The song, composed by a student of the university, was awarded first prize in the contest held prior to the presentation of the vaudeville.

Members of the cast were entertained at a house party following the show. Miss Wilson is a freshman at the university.

High School Group Entertained

The Misses Margaret and Winifred Warner entertained a number of their high school friends last evening following the debate at the Presbyterian church. Music and dancing were enjoyed, and delightful refreshments were served.

Those present were the Misses Bessie Price and Alison Comish of Corvallis, Margaret and Louise Osenbucke, Audrey Lofland, Barbara and Laura Drury, Anna Mae Fison and the hostesses; Messrs. George Winnie, William Dougherty, Arvin Potter and Earl Biegelow.

Former Residents Visit Here

Mrs. Harry B. Critchlow and small son, Bill, are guests of Mrs. Critchlow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Overton of South Grape street. They made the trip to Medford by auto, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Wiegand, who will visit her mother and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brum. Mrs. Critchlow formerly lived in this city and is greeted upon her return by many friends.

George Maddox' Songs Heard Here

Friends in this city of George Maddox, formerly of Medford, enjoyed hearing two of his solos, broadcast from station KJR, Seattle, Sunday evening between 11 and 12 o'clock. Mr. Maddox will be heard from the same station again Thursday evening and many members of local musical circles will probably be listening to the program.

Wedding Breakfast Sunday

Mrs. Doyle Franklin was hostess Sunday morning at a breakfast at her home given for Miss Juanita Brandon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Brandon and Donald Britton whose wedding was solemnized by Rev. A. G. Bennett, at the Methodist parsonage. Covers were laid for eight. Following the wedding and breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Britton left for Klamath Falls, where they will make their home.

Enjoys Week in Portland

Mrs. Paul Greiner has returned to Medford after spending a week in Portland visiting friends. While in the northern city Mrs. Greiner enjoyed the presentation of "The Man Who Came Back" by the Henry Duffy players and attended several other theater parties.

Guests of Fluhrer's

Mrs. Lewis Buchholz and sister, Miss Edna Paulsen of Bellingham, Wash., stopped in this city Monday to spend two days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fluhrer while en route to Berkeley, Cal. to attend the graduation ceremonies in which Mrs. Buchholz's two daughters will participate, May 14.

Mrs. E. B. Day and children of Portland are in this city spending the week with Mrs. Day's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Sweeney.

Patrons and patronesses for the Junior prom to be held at the Senior High school from 8:30 to 11:30 Friday evening have been named as follows: Supt. and Mrs. E. H. Hedrick, Principal and Mrs. C. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Miller, Dr. and Mrs. U. H. Sinkins, Miss Maurine Carroll and Mrs. Marie Ridings.

Return From Corvallis.

Several members of the local younger set who spent the past week-end on the Oregon State college campus, Corvallis, returned to Medford by motor early this week. Among them were Miss Mary Edwards, who was guest at the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, and Warren Hamlin, former student of the college.

W. C. T. U. Board Meets.

Members of the W. C. T. U. board will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. All members are expected to bring the work they are preparing for the Oregon State fair, Mr. Cookingham, representative of the Anti-Saloon league, will address the meeting.

Mrs. Pythian Hostess.

Mrs. George Pythian entertained with an informal dinner at her home, 829 Minnesota, last evening. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Reese Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. M. Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Pythian.

Dinner Dance Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Emmens invited a group of friends to their home on Siskiyou Heights Saturday evening for dinner, which was followed by several hours of dancing.

College Women to Meet

The College Women's club will meet May 10 with Mrs. L. E. Williams, 52 South Peach. Annual election of officers will be the main business completed.

Miss Pearl Hall of Lakeview is a guest in this city of her brother Mr. Court Hall and family.

Visits Campus.

Miss Adelle Loomis, who with her mother, Mrs. Edith Loomis has been a guest in this city of Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Thayer for two weeks, spent the week-end in Corvallis, visiting friends on the Oregon State College campus. While there she was entertained at the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, of which she is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Williams have returned to Medford, after spending several days in Eugene, visiting with friends.

The Pythian Sisters are giving a card party Thursday evening at the K. P. hall. It will begin at 8:00 o'clock and the public is invited. Bridge, five hundred and pinocchio will be played.

with motorists. The signals would be located at the intersection of Interstate and Main, Central and Main and Riverside and Main. It is likely these signals would not operate the entire day but would function only during heavy traffic, limited to a few hours daily. The matter of traffic control equipment has been discussed often but heretofore no definite move had been taken. Over 30 businessmen are behind the proposition.

The matter of Medford joining the aeronautical chamber of commerce of the United States at a cost of \$50 yearly was referred to the airport committee for future report.

Let Sidewalk Contract.

The contract for the construction of sidewalks and curbing, covering a variety of small projects was awarded to George W. Friday of Medford, at 45¢ cents per square foot. Other bids were received from R. L. Stuart & Sons, 19; Sullivan & Mills, 13 1/2 cents; G. Peterson, 17 1/2 cents; G. F. Page, 19 cents.

Represented by Attorney George M. Roberts, the Gold Ray Investment company sought reduction in the assessment levied against property at the intersection of Tenth and King streets for paving. The attorney pointed out that the assessed valuation of the property was \$750 and that the assessment was \$903. A previous investigation by the finance committee was unfavorable to reduction. A reduction of one-third was asked.

Upon request of Attorney Frank DeSouza, representing Rankin Estes, the city council approved the transfer of the license held by Estes for the operation of a pool hall and billiard room on South Front street. Estes is disposing of the property preparatory to leaving for Portland to enter a hospital for medical treatment and the action means he will probably retire from the local business field.

Councilman Eugene Thorndyke recommended the purchase of 1000 feet of hose, a lifeline run and eight asbestos covers for the fire department. The purchase is to be open to competitive bidding.

The health committee returned an unfavorable report on the ordinance covering the operation of barber shops in Medford. It was submitted to the council a short time ago and provides for a number of regulations, among other things governing the opening and closing hours of shops.

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