

### CHARGE TREMAINE WITH STRINGER IN VANCOUVER DEATH

#### Stringer Pardoned to Stand Trial in Washington Upon Murder Confession.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Glenn Stringer, pardoned by Governor Charles Martin of Oregon to face more severe charges in Washington, was in jail here today to answer Clark county charges of slaying H. I. Caples in a holdup here March 10, 1934.

Stringer was serving three and a half years in the Oregon penitentiary for burglary. Prosecuting Attorney Eugene Cushing issued a complaint charging Stringer and Ralph Tremaine, still at large, with the slaying.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—(UP)—Governor Charles H. Martin today pardoned Glenn Stringer, 23-year old Medford, Ore., burglar, from Oregon State penitentiary, but the action does not mean freedom for the youth.

Stringer will be taken to Vancouver, Wash., to stand trial on a charge of first degree murder of Herbert Caples, Vancouver candy salesman, slain in his own yard on March 11, 1934.

The pardon was granted on the condition that if Stringer is acquitted at Vancouver, he be returned to prison to complete his 3½-year sentence.

Stringer allegedly confessed to Washington police, while in prison here, that he was a principal in the slaying of Caples. The confession allegedly implicated Ralph Tremaine in the slaying. Tremaine, a fugitive, is also wanted at Medford on a burglary charge.

Both Stringer and Tremaine are Medford youths with long police records.

### YULE PEAR SALES SET HIGH RECORD

More Christmas packages of Medford pears have been sold this year than ever before, shippers said yesterday.

The increase was attributed to the educational campaign that has been conducted this month under sponsorship of the Rogue River Valley Traffic association. Fruitgrowers League of Jackson County and Pear-o-Scope, league publication edited by Juneau Butler.

The campaign, shippers stated, made local residents really pay conscious with the result that many gift boxes of the fruit have been sent to friends and relatives in other parts of the country for Christmas.

Carol Hayes and J. Vera Shangle were announced yesterday as winners in the pear quiz conducted by the Lions club. Jack Carle won top honors in the Rotary club questionnaire.

The educational campaign has been so successful that it will be a permanent yearly feature, Miss Butler said.

To California—Harold Green of Jacksonville left last evening for Hermosa Beach, Cal., to spend the Christmas holidays with friends. He is a former resident of that city.

### ROLLIE BEACH OF POSTOFFICE HURT IN SHAFT PLUNGE

Roland G. Beach, assistant postmaster here, was painfully injured at about 5:30 last evening when he stepped into the empty elevator shaft at the federal building, plunging 15 feet onto the cement and iron floor below. An examination at the Community hospital, where he was rushed, revealed no broken bones, but the attending physician, Dr. R. E. Green, said that it was as yet impossible to tell if Beach was injured internally. It was planned to take X-ray pictures today.

Beach and another postoffice attendant were in the act of taking the elevator from the main floor. In a hurry, because of the rush of Christmas business, Beach unlocked the guard door and stepped into the shaft before noticing that the elevator was not there. His companion, Richard Singler, noticed the car was missing, but too late to warn him before he disappeared over the edge.

Singler quickly called for aid and rushed to the basement, opening the elevator door. Beach was lying unconscious on the floor. Those familiar with the shaft say that there are two iron bumpers sticking upright from the floor, and considered it miraculous that Beach did not hit one of these.

The elevator was on the second floor at the time of the accident. The hall near where the elevator is located is not well lighted and it is difficult to see if the elevator is in place without looking closely, investigation showed.

### CARRIERS TO WORK ON TUESDAY NIGHT IN MAIL CLEAN-UP

Parcel post deliveries will be made Tuesday night until all the Christmas mail is cleaned up, Postmaster Frank DeSouza announced yesterday.

So that house numbers may be seen readily, Mr. DeSouza asked that porch lights be left on Tuesday night and that someone remain at home so that delivery can be made. This, he pointed out, would facilitate handling and enable employees to give efficient service. Insured and registered parcels may not be left unless there is someone at home to receive them, he explained.

One of the largest volumes of parcels of the season was received at the postoffice yesterday, the traffic still being considerably ahead of that of last year, Mr. DeSouza said. He added that the two heaviest days, Monday and Tuesday, are yet to be taken care of.

Three more extra carriers will be added to the postoffice staff tomorrow, bringing the total substitute force up to 11, Mr. DeSouza stated. This is three more extras than were required a year ago.

Four extra trucks are now required to handle the heavy volume of Christmas mail, one more than needed a year ago, the postmaster said.

Mayor Due Today—Mayor George W. Porter and A. H. Banwell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, were expected to return today from Portland where they have been consulting government officials regarding modernization of the municipal airport.

### COMPLETE PLANS GATES & LYDIARD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The basement dining room of the Elks temple was put in readiness yesterday for the big Christmas banquet to be served Tuesday by Gates & Lydiard in honor of the less fortunate children of Jackson county. Tables were arranged for the seating of 550 children at one time. As 1,100 youngsters from four to 15 years are expected, there will be two servings, one at noon and the second at 1:30.

The service counter of the dining room will be used for the serving of the dinner. The food will be kept warm on a large stove and served across the counter cafeteria style to the waitresses. W. A. Gates estimated that the tables would be completely served in 15 to 20 minutes.

Two crews of five each will serve the food across the counter to the waitresses. There will be 45 waitresses, members of the American Legion auxiliary, Women of Rotary and the Just Polks circle of the First Methodist Episcopal church having volunteered to act in this capacity.

Mrs. Ellen McRae, chef of No. 1 Groceria, will be in charge behind the service counter. The dinner will be cooked under her supervision in the Groceria kitchen.

Lewis Ulrich will serve as floor manager to supervise seating of the children. P. C. Bigham will act as maître-d'hôtel.

While dinner is being served the children will join in singing Christmas carols with a chorus from the First Methodist Episcopal church. Don Huckabee, Craterian organist, will direct the singing.

The Rev. E. S. Barham, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, will give the invocation.

When the children have finished eating, they will file out past a big Christmas tree where Santa Claus, lent for the occasion through the courtesy of H. L. Brown, Montgomery Ward manager, will distribute sacks of candy and fruit.

Among the first to offer their cars to transport children from isolated sections were T. E. Daniels, Mrs. Fannie E. Edmunds, Mrs. W. H. Bailey and Tom Waterman.

For those last-minute mailers who still want to get their parcels and letters to points over the country by Christmas, air mail and air express today presented a solution.

According to officials of United Air Lines and the Railway Express agency, parcels for points as far east as New York can leave here by plane Monday and still be delivered on or before Christmas Day as regular deliveries of air shipments will be made on the holiday. Shipments for California can leave on Tuesday's planes and get under Christmas trees in time.

Yuletide cards and letters going by air mail should leave for the east not later than Sunday and for the south, not later than Monday, while the deadline for special delivery air mail is given as Monday and Tuesday, respectively.

Students Home—Students returning from college last evening included Lewis Ulrich, from the University of Washington.

### Local and Personal

Miner In Town—Harry Frazier, Elliott creek miner, was a Medford visitor Friday.

Porter at Home—Norris E. Porter, University of Oregon student, arrived home last night to spend the holidays with his parents.

To Portland—Miss Myrtle Kelly of Talent left Friday for Portland where she will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Billings South—Newman Billings, Union Oil company employe here, has been transferred to Los Angeles where he will take up his duties shortly. He is leaving today.

From Santa Clara—Robert "Nooks" Naumes and Walter Young, students at the University of Santa Clara, California, arrived home for the holidays yesterday.

Operation at Ashland—Mrs. Melvin Martin of Shady Brook dairy underwent a major operation at the Ashland Community hospital yesterday morning.

Achison to Portland—Russell Achison, Junior high school athletic coach, left yesterday for Portland where he will visit friends and relatives until after the Christmas holidays.

Home For Holidays—Delbert Scribner, who is attending the Bible institute in Portland, returned to Medford Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Scribner, 1900 Crown avenue.

Visiting Here—Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. VanLeeuwen and little daughter, Lee, will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hinman at their home on Tenth street. Mrs. VanLeeuwen is the former Miss June Hinman of Medford.

Lands Big One—Art Woolfolk of Grants Pass is believed to lead the "big fish" anglers of the Rogue for the season, he having reeled in a steelhead at Finley Bend Thursday which weighed 33 pounds, one ounce and measured 32 inches. Lou Robertson, also of Grants Pass, landed an 11½ pound steelhead Thursday just below the Caveman bridge.

McDonald Home—Lieut. Edward McDonald, U. S. naval air service, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents here. A graduate of Medford high school, he is well known in southern Oregon.

Due From School—Dick Lewis and Ronald Baker, students at Gonzaga University in Spokane, and Robert Colvig, now attending the University of Oregon, are expected home today. E. H. Porter, Jr., now taking graduate work at Oregon, may accompany them to this city.

Visitors From North—Mrs. Maurice Linnell of Crosville, Wash., who has been visiting for the past three weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mattie Combs of Medford, was joined last night by her two sons, Walter and Harold, also of Crosville. After spending the Christmas holidays in this city the trio will return north.

Don Stinson Due—Donald Stinson, son of Mrs. W. D. Roberts of Medford, will arrive today from Mare Island naval base at Vallejo, Calif., to spend the Christmas season. Stinson has just returned from a three months' cruise aboard the U. S. S. Chester, visiting Japanese, Chinese and Philippine waters.

To Address Kiwanis—Olen Arnsperger, manager of the Medford irrigation district who returned recently from the east, will be the principal speaker at tomorrow's luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis club of which he is a former president. Mr. Arnsperger will tell of his conferences in Washington, D. C., regarding irrigation and aviation matters. The program also includes Christmas music which will be directed by Sebastian Apollo.

Fined In Grants Pass—Morris Edward School, Route 1, Medford, was fined \$5 by Police Judge C. R. Dyer Thursday night when he pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a car without a driver's license. He was arrested by City Officer R. C. Cadmus following an accident about 9:40 p. m. Thursday at the intersection of Sixth and H streets in which School's car collided with a car driven by Katherine Gertrude Leonard Carter, 329 West L street.—Grants Pass Courier.

Ross Back—K. D. Ross returned last evening from a business meeting in Seattle.

From Washington—L. S. Wing of Washington, D. C. was a business visitor here yesterday leaving on the evening train.

Crouch to Eugene—J. Carlisle Crouch, chief ranger of Crater Lake National park, will leave tomorrow for Eugene where he is to confer with Dr. L. S. Cressman, professor on anthropology at the University of Oregon, regarding research in archaeology at the Lava Beds. Dr. Cressman and Mr. Crouch are interested in tracing the origin of man in the Lava Beds region and they are to compare notes on their findings. Thus far in their studies nothing extraordinary has been discovered, Mr. Crouch said.

McBee Returns—Earl McBee returned to Medford yesterday after spending three weeks in San Francisco on business.

In Grants Pass—Mr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds and Mrs. Alice Trowbridge called on Mrs. Trowbridge's daughter, Mrs. George T. Peake, of Grants Pass Friday afternoon.

To Visit in South—Mrs. G. E. Sabchell left last evening for Oakland, Cal., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. G. H. Wilson.

Vacation in South—Mrs. Ben Moller, accompanied by her niece, Miss Frances Moller, left on the evening train yesterday for Fresno where they will spend the ensuing two weeks as guests of relatives.

Recovering from Injury—Friends of Mrs. Eva Morrison, who has been suffering from a broken arm, will be glad to hear that she is slowly improving. She is with her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Martin.

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