

CONFESSION LINKS PROFLIGATE VET IN POISONING OF WIFE

Relations Of Man With Mother And Daughter Told In Trial—Rat Poison Given Wife Is Accusation

By Harry Wilson Sharpe (United Press Staff Correspondent) MINEOLA, N. Y., Jan. 21.—(UP)—Emeric C. Applegate, former American Legion official who allegedly consorted with two women and a girl, all in the same house but each ignorant of the largest, sat in court today and heard a confession which damned him as co-murderer of his wife, Ada.

The confession, assertedly made by buxom Mary Frances Creighton, with whose family the Applegates lived, related that Applegate became so enamored with Mrs. Creighton and her precocious, 15-year old daughter, Ruth, that to save himself from his wife who finally had learned of his indiscretions, he determined to dispose of her.

"Buy Rat Poison" It recounted that Applegate who with Mrs. Creighton is on trial charged with murder, gave Mrs. Creighton, 25 cents and said: "Buy rat poison." Mrs. Creighton bought it because, the confession continued, she was enraged when Mrs. Applegate and her daughter, Agnes, told neighbors stories which impugned Ruth's morality.

The state, which rested its case today, charges the poison was administered to Mrs. Applegate in three doses, the last and fatal one in a sign which Mrs. Applegate, already bedfast, readily drank.

The confession was a blow to the solid Applegate who early had heard read a statement from Mrs. Creighton absolving him of blame for his wife's death. The confession, No. 3, obtained from Mrs. Creighton, was played by the state as its ace in the hole.

In her first confession Mrs. Creighton accused Applegate of producing the poison and forcing her under threats of exposing her to her husband, to put it in his invalid wife's food. The second confession, which exonerated Applegate, said:

Actions Angered Her "I was pretty sore about the way Applegate was carrying on with my daughter, Ruth. I decided to do an injustice to Mrs. Applegate. Too, Mrs. Applegate had learned of my relations with her husband and she was very angry. She and her daughter, Agnes, were talking to the neighbors."

This confession also purported to relate that Applegate began forcing his attentions on Mrs. Creighton a year ago.

"I tried to resist," she said, "but the relations continued until last June 22."

On that date, she said, Applegate revealed he had committed incestuous relations with her pretty young daughter.

"I asked him," she said, "if he didn't think it was bad enough carrying on with me without having relations with the child."

The defense begins presentation of evidence tomorrow. It is expected to call Applegate who has repudiated Mrs. Creighton's stories as "bunk."

RADIO INTRODUCTION OF AMATEURS BRINGS FRISCO ENGAGEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—(AP)—WBAAL, Los Angeles, and Miss WEDDO, San Francisco, will be married February 27, as the result of an amateur radio introduction in which WBAAL of Penitente, Ore., acted as "Cupid."

WBAAL is John Hawkins, 27, radio engineer, and WEDDO is Miss Rheta Gompertz, 22.

Miss Gompertz was "breaking in" as an amateur radio phone operator last April on a set operated by her brother, Walbert. She was talking to the Penitente station when Hawkins, then in San Francisco, heard and liked her voice.

BROOKINGS PORT WILL BENEFIT BY BIG TIMBER DEAL

California And Oregon Lumber Co., Oregon Fir Holdings Sold For Million—Export Is Planned.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—J. R. Thompson, Coos Bay region logging operator, announced today that he and his associates purchased all the Oregon fir holdings of the California and Oregon Lumber company.

Lumbermen here said it was the largest timber deal in the state in recent years. Approximately \$1,000,000 was involved in the sale.

The purchase included a billion feet of fir, enough for 35 years of operation, and an incidental several million feet of choice Port Orford cedar in southwestern Oregon.

Projected operations in the timberlands acquired will open a practically new territory to foreign trade. The timber products company, now being organized to care for the development, will deal with the Orient, Australia and perhaps South America, under present plans.

Brookings, in southern Curry county, is to be the center of activities, which operators hope may bring about considerable improvement to shipping facilities in that district.

Last year the J. R. Thompson Logging company cut logs from California and Oregon holdings and shipped the timber on six foreign ships, the first offshore vessels ever to load at Brookings. All the ships were loaded to capacity, and eight more are scheduled to call there this summer.

Operations in southern Curry county last summer were carried on so demonstrate the marketability of timber of that section and to prove the shipping possibilities of Brookings, Thompson said.

Should the federal government provide the 2,000-foot breaker sought there, year-around loading of offshore vessels would be possible, he continued.

ROSEBURG ABANDONS SEWAGE PROJECT IN TANGLE OF RED TAPE

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Roseburg's three years' work to launch construction of a trunk line sewer and sewage disposal plant in South Umpqua river bisecting the city came to naught last night, when the city council abandoned all effort to get financial help from the PWA and dropped the project.

The city's application for a loan and grant of \$75,000, originally approved, became linked with a joint project involving the local veterans' administration facility, creating complications from which the city was forced to divorce itself. After resolute long delays, the project came up on bids, and the lowest bid submitted was \$20,000 above the estimated cost.

The city then applied for an increased loan. In its response the PWA demanded much additional data and requested further negotiations. This brought decision by the council to discard the project rather than continue in a maze of technical procedure, with no assurance of satisfactory consummation of plans.

Charity Of Ford On Business Basis

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Etsel Ford's gifts to charity will be handled hereafter by a corporation known as the Ford foundation, Clifford B. Longley, attorney for the Ford Motor Co., said today.

Etsel Ford is president of the Ford Motor Co., and one of the nation's wealthiest men. He has been for years extremely reticent about his gifts which include a contribution of \$100,000 or more annually to the Detroit community chest fund, but they are known to be large.

OLD-TIME STAGE DRIVER BURIED AT GRANTS PASS GRANTS PASS, Jan. 22.—(Sp.)—Arthur Benjamin Chamberlain was buried at the Hillcrest Memorial park Sunday afternoon. Chamberlain was an old-time stage driver from this valley to Eureka. He was found dead at his cabin near Takima last week.

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Dancer Astaire Is Proud Father

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Fred Astaire, nimble-footed dancer, had something to kick his heels over today. A son was born to his wife, the former Phyllis Livingstone Potter, New York society figure, this morning.

The boy weighed 8½ pounds. Dr. John Vruwink said mother and child were progressing satisfactorily.

WILLAMETTE VAULT LOOTED BY AMATEURS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Unidentified robbers looted the vaults of the Willamette university here last night and obtained about \$150 in cash, officials of the oldest institution west of the Rockies reported to city police today.

Investigation revealed numerous fingerprints, adding an unprofessional touch, the city police reports showed.

The loss was discovered by E. A. Beech, superintendent of buildings, early today.

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Motor bus tours of the Redwood Empire, discontinued for several years by the Southern Pacific railway, will resume about May 15. It was announced here. Southbound tourists will detrain at Grants Pass for the trip over the Redwood highway. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

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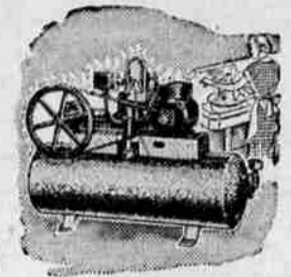
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