

WEAPON USED BY WOMAN'S SLAYER BELIEVED FOUND

Blood-Stained Club Discov-
ered Near Scene of La
Jolla Beach Crime—Three
Held for Questioning

LA JOLLA, Calif., Sept. 4.—(AP)—A blood-stained, club-like piece of wood became the pivotal clue today in the hunt for the lust killer of Ruth Muir.

Detective Captain Harry J. Kelly revealed discovery of the possible death weapon as previous "important clues" added one after another into nothingness.

Strands of hair which were found clutched in the hand of the 48-year-old Y. W. C. A. secretary, and which investigators had supposed came from the head of her assailant, proved to be from Miss Muir's own head.

Kelly turned the piece of wood over to scientists to determine whether the stains were Miss Muir's blood. Three men were held in jail at Los Angeles, Oceanside and Tijuana as the investigation spread.

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LA JOLLA, Calif., Sept. 4.—(UP)—Detectives trailed faint leads today as they sought desperately to prevent the sex murder of 48-year-old Ruth Muir, Y. W. C. A. executive, from slipping into the files of San Diego county's notorious list of unsolved girl slayings.

Police Chief George Sears, in the third day of the investigation into the moonlight attack that fatal best friend of the San Antonio banker's daughter, admitted wearily he was no further toward a solution of the puzzling, fiendish crime than he was the first day.

Masquerader Held
An ex-marine, dressed in women's clothing and his face powdered and rouged, was held for questioning in Los Angeles as police checked the possibility the slayer may have been a deranged woman. The masquerader, Jack Burge, 31, according to police, admitted he was in San Diego Wednesday, a few miles from La Jolla.

Evidence still pointed to the fact the killer may have been a woman, despite denial of Prof. J. D. Londermilk of Pomona college that hairs grasped in Miss Muir's hands when her body was found crumpled in a seaside cove could be identified definitely either as male or female.

Miss Muir was killed as she sat under a full moon, watching the ocean late Monday night. Her body was discovered by a neighbor Tuesday. The spinster had been vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Muir, at their seaside cottage in the fashionable vacation resort. She is employed at Riverside, Calif.

Burge was one of three men held today for questioning. He was taken into custody on a west side street in Los Angeles after a woman reported that a man masquerading as a woman was loitering in the vicinity.

Wore Pink Dress
He wore a pink dress, a lighter pink blouse, blue coat, high heeled slippers and full length silk stockings. He was wearing a brown wig over his naturally iron grey hair. A modish straw hat was pulled low over his eyes.

His fingerprints were sent to San Diego. Chief Sears said he would ask that the man be returned here if developments warrant.

Lipingly, Burge refused to discuss the La Jolla slaying, police said. He also refused to say whether he had been in San Diego Monday, the day of the slaying.

Burge also is known as Joseph D. Smith and is a dishwasher, police said. They said they investigated a shabby house where he lived and found a quantity of women's clothing.

NORTHWEST SAWMILLS
GAIN NEW BUSINESS
SEATTLE, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The West Coast Lumbermen's association stated today 202 down and operating mills in Washington and Oregon showed another new-business gain last week as compared with previous reports.

Orders totaled 120,228,217 board feet last week as compared with 120,047,658 the week before. The association stated:

"Increase in orders, lumbermen believe, reflects the normal fall pick-up in buying, the influence of a scarcity of tonnage space for water delivery, and advance buying in the domestic cargo markets stimulated by press reports of threatened labor trouble in Pacific coast cargo handling service."

Ten children have been born to Louella Robinson, Scottsboro, Ala., negro, within eight years. Among the 10 are 3 sets of triplets.

Ladies the
MYSTERY MAN
will be here soon!

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Me
Issue

SOUTHERN OREGON
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WHERE Y. W. C. A. WORKER WAS SLAIN BY SEA



This picture shows officers and the sheet-covered body of Miss Ruth Muir, 48-year-old Y. W. C. A. secretary of Riverside, Calif., in the grassy ravine by the Pacific Ocean near La Jolla, Calif., where she was slain. Police officers were convinced the killing was by a sex-crazed assailant. (Associated Press Photo)

ERNIE'S CASINO OPENS SATURDAY

"Ernie's Casino," a distinctive dining and dancing place on the shore of the Rogue river between Medford and Grants Pass, will be introduced to the southern Oregon public Saturday night under management of Ernie Ernst who has planned a gala reception for visitors at tomorrow's opening.

Two Medford men, Lee Garlock and Walter Bloxman, submitted the name which was selected by Mr. Ernst from the entries in his recent contest. The prize will be divided between them. Ernie's Casino occupies the former location of the Riverside Community club. Remodeling and effective decorations have transformed this attractive building into an ideal entertainment center.

Music for dancing will be furnished by Cap Hagerman and his orchestra, who have been engaged as a regular feature by Mr. Ernst. R. G. Michael, efficient chef who was formerly employed at Leonard's and

large cafes including the Hazelwood in Portland, will provide tasty dinners for Casino guests.

Victim Of Killing



Miss Ruth Muir (above), 48, Riverside, Calif., Y. W. C. A. worker, was found killed by the beach at La Jolla, Calif., where she had gone for a moonlight walk. (Associated Press Photo)

CIVIL SERVICE IS HINTED FOR HOLC

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Hinting of legislation to put the Home Owners Loan corporation under the civil service, President Roosevelt today called for the application of civil service "standards" to the organization.

The action did not actually place the vast lending agency under civil service. That, the president explained, would require an act of congress.

The move was not explained in detail except that John H. Fahy of the home loan bank board indicated that when professional and technical employees are needed the civil service will hold examinations. Present jobholders will not be required to take examinations to hold their posts.

He estimated that the HOLC is now employing 15,740 persons in 258 offices throughout the country.

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SINGER AND PILOT LAND AT CROYDON TO COMPLETE HOP

Americans Take Off From
Cow Pasture Without Mis-
hap — Richman Gives
Welsh Children \$5 Bills

CROYDON AIRDRONE, Eng., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Formally completing the eastward lap of their proposed round-trip, trans-Atlantic sky holiday, the Americans Harry Richman and Dick Merrill landed at Croydon at 2:57 p. m. today (8:57 E. S. T.).

They flew from South Wales, where their fastest ocean crossing paused in a cow pasture yesterday, by way of Bristol.

The Broadway baritone and Merrill, his pilot, had to hurdle an errant motion picture lorry in taking off from the cow pasture, and Merrill called it a "close shave."

Few at Airport
Less than 200 persons, most of them members of the airport staff, witnessed the completion of the flight, a popular rain.

This contrasted sharply to the tension at Croydon yesterday, where 1000 persons waited for hours for the Americans, only to learn they had come down in South Wales, out of gasoline, after a record speed trip of less than 18 hours from New York.

Merrill landed earlier in Bristol in a heavy mist on his way to keep what Richman called "our date with the lads at Croydon."

Bad flying conditions prevailed from South Wales to Croydon. Driving clouds of rain made visibility poor.

A British pilot, who took off from Croydon to carry gasoline to the Americans, was forced to return to the airport.

Gives Children \$5 Bills
Before leaving Wales, Merrill proposed jokingly that he and Richman autograph each of the 40,000 table tennis balls carried in the ship and sell them as souvenirs in the United States upon their return. The small balls were stored in the wings to increase its floating qualities in the event the fliers were forced down at sea.

Richman, meanwhile, occupied his time handing \$5 bills to Welsh children who crowded into the pasture with their parents.

"What is this?" asked one of the children.

"It's a lot of money where I come from," the crooner replied.

Merrill commented on the fact none of the children offered to exchange their money for a table tennis ball.

"We should get \$5 apiece for them after we get back," the flier asserted.

VALLEY SCHOOL OPENS TUESDAY

The Rogue River Valley school will open Tuesday, September 8, with Miss Mary Louise Foster retained as head of the institution. Registration of pupils has been underway this week and will continue tomorrow.

A change is to be made in the faculty which will be announced later. Extensive redecoration of the building interior has been undertaken and drapes and new furnishings have been added throughout, which has resulted in colorful and attractive rooms.

An innovation in playground equipment is the outdoor sandpile, to be used for the first time this year, with other equipment to be added later.

Extra-curricular activities in art, drama, dancing, music and other courses are a feature of the school program. Miss Foster spent part of her summer vacation taking special motion picture along these lines.

An estimate of enrollment could not be made until this week's registration figures are completely tabulated, Miss Foster stated.

Girl Log Roller Best at Astoria

ASTORIA, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Thrills aplenty greeted thousands of visitors at Astoria's 25th annual regatta, with log rolling, sail boat races and other water events each drawing their share of the crowd.

Outstanding feat of the first day's program was Miss Sylvia Winter's victory in the log rolling contest. After eliminating her only woman opponent, Miss Winters, an Astoria nurse, went on to outlast her brother and win the grand award.

Van Dorphy Rites 2:30 P.M. Saturday

Funeral services for John Sherman Van Dorphy, who passed away at his home on Stewart avenue, September 1, will be conducted from the Perle Funeral Home Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Adolph Johnson of the Seventh Day Adventist church officiating. Interment will take place in the Phoenix cemetery.

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WOMEN TO LAY PLANS AT DEMOCRATIC LUNCH IN PORTLAND TUESDAY

Mary Greiner Kelly, state Democratic executive, brought to party leaders here today details regarding the luncheon-meeting to be held in the Hotel Congress, Portland, next Tuesday for women organizers of Oregon. It is expected that several women will attend from here, Mrs. Kelly said.

Principal luncheon speaker will be Prof. George Bernard Noble, teacher of political science at Reed college who was state director for NRA and a member of President Wilson's peace conference in 1919. Prof. Noble will talk on "The Spanish Civil War and

American Neutrality."

Nan Wood Honeyman, candidate for congress from the third district, will give intimate sketches of the Roosevelt family. Other speakers include Claude McCulloch, state chairman, and Howard Latourette, national committeeman.

Primary purpose of the gathering, Mrs. Kelly explained, is to give the women of the state a definite plan of organization. She emphasized that the meeting is one of exceptional importance for women and made an urgent plea that a large delegation attend from Jackson county.

Report On Merger

MARSHFIELD, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The state planning board submitted today to four Coos Bay communities a 30,000-word report on the question of consolidation of Marshfield, North Bend, Empire and Eustace. No recommendation, for or against the proposed merger, was made and the report was devoted to fact-finding on the respective positions of the cities.

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