

### TOUR OF CRIME IS ADMITTED BY PAROLED CONVICT

#### Ex-Sunday School Teacher Is Captured After Slaying Three — Girl Companion Also Taken by Police

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 14.—(AP)—Lester Brockelhurst, 23-year-old paroled convict and former Sunday school teacher, sat moodily in a Dutchess county cell today, three men dead from his gun in what Lieutenant H. A. Gay of the state police called a six weeks' crime tour.

His victims, named by Gay from reports received from police, were: Albin Theander, 47, Rockford, Ill., tailor.

Jack Griffith, Fort Worth, Tex., tavern owner.

Victor Gates of Little Rock, Ark., locked up in another cell of the county jail was Bernice Felton, of Rockford, who had accompanied Brockelhurst on the six weeks' trip through the middle west, the south and the east. Brockelhurst also is from Rockford.

Says Girl Innocent. But she had nothing to do with the slaying, Brockelhurst was quoted as saying by Lieut. Gay.

The ex-convict, who had served a short term in Joliet penitentiary, Ill., for an armed robbery in Chicago in 1935, was arrested late yesterday near Brewster when a state trooper happened to notice that a license plate was missing from his car.

When the trooper saw a loaded revolver in the car he took the pair to the Fishkill barracks of the state police.

Brockelhurst, blond and freckled, was calm.

"I looked him over," Lieut. Gay said, "and just on a chance, said: 'You've been pulling stickups all over the country, haven't you?'"

"He said, 'Yes, and I pulled a couple of murders, too.'"

Then, Gay said, the story came out.

Girl Joins Trip. Brockelhurst, formerly of Gatesburg, Ill., was released from penitentiary on parole, went to Rockford. There he met the Felton girl. They became friendly. On March 31 they disappeared from town.

On the same day, Gay said, Theander disappeared with his car. Some time later the tailor was found outside the town, a bullet in his head.

Lieut. Gay said Brockelhurst admitted he robbed and killed Theander.

From Rockford the couple went to Salt Lake City, Gay said. Then their course turned southeast to Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas. On April 28 Griffith, the tavern proprietor, tried to stop a holdup. A bullet was Brockelhurst's answer, Gay said.

With the girl the young desperado next moved on to Little Rock, and on May 6 they started for Memphis on foot. Gates, the third victim, gave them a lift. Brockelhurst shot him in the head, Gay said, robbed him and tossed his body into a ditch.

Inspector Harold Nugent of the state police also said Brockelhurst had admitted the three killings.

In their wanderings, Nugent and Gay said, Brockelhurst committed a number of robberies, including one in Nashville, Tenn., and one in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Just Riding Around. After the Pittsburgh holdup, Gay said, Brockelhurst held up a Bakery in Philadelphia, and then began "just riding around the country," eventually reaching Dutchess county. He had planned a holdup in Pittsfield, Mass., Gay said.

Brockelhurst's arrest, Lieut. Gay recalled, was similar in circumstances to the seizure of Merle Vandenburg, middle west desperado, only a few miles away at Katonah, N. Y., by a local officer who stopped his car for a minor traffic violation.

Brockelhurst and Miss Felton, who had less than a dollar between them, were held as fugitives from justice, and for illegal possession of a revolver.

Lieut. Gay said he understood the chief of police of Rockford was flying to New York to seek extradition of Brockelhurst.

Assistant District Attorney Eli Gilbert of Dutchess county, said the first state to send a representative here to claim the alleged killer would get him.

27 CASES EYED IN CHECK-UP OF T. B.

A check-up on active and suspected cases of tuberculosis was made yesterday and Wednesday in the annual chest clinic sponsored by the Jackson County Health association and conducted by Dr. G. C. Bellinger, head of the state tuberculosis sanitarium.

The clinic is financed by the local share of proceeds from the annual anti-tuberculosis Christmas seal sale.

Cases receiving attention from the clinic are those observed throughout the year in the city and outlying districts by the county nurses. Many are discovered through tuberculin tests given in the schools. Both children and adults are given treatment and care.

A total of 72 persons were examined by Dr. Bellinger, with about 20 active cases being reported. Others examined were either suspected cases or those who have been in close contact with active infection.

Robert O. Bragg Rites Saturday

Funeral services for Robert O. Bragg, 76, who passed away at his home in Talent Wednesday morning, will be held at the graveside in the Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery at 3:30 Saturday with Rev. Hamilton of the Christian church officiating.

The remains may be viewed at the Conger chapel at 3:00 o'clock.

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### SHORTAGE SHOWN HERE IN BUSINESS BUILDINGS, HOMES

An upward trend in the real estate market and a shortage of single dwellings, apartments and business buildings are noted in a survey prepared by the Medford realty board for the National Association of Real Estate Boards, Chicago. The local survey was approved at a meeting of the realty board yesterday and released today by Carl Y. Tengwald, board president.

The report stated that the real estate market here is more active than it was a year ago and that present selling prices are about five percent higher than they were last year. The market for sub-division or suburban lots is the same as it was a year ago, the report says.

Within the city, however, 23 vacant lots have been sold since January 1, according to the survey.

As compared with those of a year ago rents on all types of residences are about 20 percent higher, the report states. Business rentals are also reported as higher though the specific increase is not noted. The same trend for office space is shown.

Capital is now seeking loans, the survey shows. Growth coet to the borrower on first mortgages with good security is listed as "steady." Seven percent is shown as the present actual interest rate at which first mortgage loans on new, moderate-priced homes are most commonly being made.

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### MEDFORD DINNER TO HONOR QUEEN

Former British subjects here will hold a dinner in the St. Mark's Guild hall at 6:30, May 24 in honor of Queen Victoria's birthday. The day is generally celebrated throughout the world wherever there are groups of Englishmen or former citizens of the British empire.

It was requested that reservations for the dinner be made not later than May 22 by telephoning the Rev. Ernest S. Bartlam at 881 or A. H. Banwell at 63.

The plan to observe Victoria's birthday developed from the coronation luncheon held Wednesday when former British subjects in Medford and vicinity gathered as a group for the first time.

Although the luncheon was arranged on the spur of the moment, 21 persons attended. It was so enjoyable that a decision was reached to hold similar get-togethers on special occasions during the year.

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### LENEVE SIMKINS WINS DUAL HONOR

Miss Leneve Simkins, former Medford resident and senior student at Oregon State college in Corvallis, was twice honored as an outstanding student on the campus this year.

She was awarded both the Sigma Delta Chi trophy for newswriting and the Theta Sigma Phi cup for feature writing, the first time any student has won both honors. The first award went to Miss Simkins as the most proficient beginning journalism student during winter term. She is a secretarial science major and will graduate in June.

Miss Simkins is a graduate of Medford high school, having lived here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Simkins, until moving to Cottage Grove, where the family now resides.

Glenn Simkins, brother of Leneve and a graduate chemistry student at the Corvallis school, is to enter the employment of Rainier Pulp and Paper company at Port Angeles, Wash, after receiving his master's degree in June.

Both Leneve and Glenn Simkins



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