

WOMAN CHIEF OF HOODLUM OUTFIT DIES TOMORROW

'Duchess' Spinelli of Former Purple Gang First of Sex to Die in California

By Leslie J. Smith

San Quentin, Calif., June 19.—The duchess died tomorrow. Barring improbable last minute reprieve, Evelita Juanita Spinelli, 52, mistress of a hoodlum gang, will die in the gas chamber at San Quentin prison—first woman to be executed legally in the state of California.

The duchess reached the place of her execution this morning, after a long ride from the women's prison at Tehachapi, in southern California.

Slew Cohort

Described at her trial as a former member of the notorious Detroit "Purple Gang," she was convicted with three of her confederates of murdering a fifth.

Robert Sherrod was 19, baby of the mob the duchess ruled. He was present when the gang killed a barbecue operator on the San Francisco ocean front.

The man was dead; didn't hear the command to put his hands up. They shot him through the belly.

Sherrod, white with fear when the gang drove a stolen car into Sacramento, babbled in dread of the police. The duchess told him he needed a drink.

They went to a hotel room and the duchess brought out a bottle. Albert Ives, 24, one-eyed hoodlum sentenced to the insane asylum instead of the gas chamber, related at the murder trial what happened then.

Gave Him 'Mickey'

Knock out drops were put in Sherrod's highball. The gang took him to the Sacramento river. Sherrod's clothing was stripped off and swimming trunks pulled on him.

Then, Ives said, the duchess showed them where to hit Sherrod on the head. "She used to be a nurse," he explained.

Having faked an accidental death, they threw the unconscious youth into the river.

Meanwhile, the half-witted Ives had accused the duchess' ire by leaving stupid clues to a holdup. She threatened him. His mind already was unhinged by the cold-blooded Sherrod killing. He feared Mrs. Spinelli would do the same to him, so he called the police.

Ives' fears were well grounded. Lieut. Michael Mitchell of San Francisco police said the duchess admitted she had marked Ives for death.

COWBOYS INVITED TO ENTER AMATEUR RODEO IN ASHLAND JULY 4TH

Ashland, June 19.—(Spl.)—Southern Oregon "cowpokes" planning to participate in the amateur rodeo and horse show being staged here July 4th in conjunction with Ashland's annual celebration, are advised that entry blanks are now available.

They may be secured through either the local chamber of commerce offices or by contacting C. P. Talent, representing the Ashland Trail Riders.

This year's rodeo is being staged strictly on an amateur basis. It was pointed out and professionals would not be allowed to enter. Wild range stock is being acquired from various ranches in southern Oregon and northern California.

Competitive events available include steer and calf roping, bucking, cow cutting, steer riding and steer stopping.

Moderate entry fees and valuable prizes are expected to bring the cream of the crop in this area. Two performances are scheduled, one in the afternoon and the other an evening finale.

Chevrolet Reconditioning Truck Greeted by Dealers Here



Chevrolet dealers, who in 1940 sold virtually 2,000,000 used cars, have pioneered the way toward better used car values, their newest contribution to the motoring public being exemplified by the arrival here last week of this official used car reconditioning truck. A mobile used car shop, the truck will headquarter at Rogue River Chevrolet Co., where the used

car mechanics of that dealership will benefit from the thorough training course offered by Elmer Owen, a representative of Chevrolet's used car department. He is shown above being greeted by C. M. Hurd, Newest Chevrolet-approved used car reconditioning practices, latest approved tools and equipment, and an exhaustive training course will be presented to the service personnel of the Rogue River

Chevrolet Co. Motorists of this community are invited to inspect this unique vehicle, which represents a distinct advance in the approach to modern used car reconditioning procedure. "A buyer's best assurance is the seller's good name," said Mr. Hurd, "and we are proud of our reputation in this community as alert and informed automotive dealers."

"This latest forward step, de-

signed to keep Chevrolet ahead, is only one more explanation of the reasons behind Chevrolet dealers' unique record of having sold 11,000,000 used cars in the past seven years. Better training of our service organization is an investment in community goodwill, and one we are glad to make in recognition of the increasing importance of the used car in providing dependable economical transportation."

IDA BEARDSLEY OF WIMER IS CALLED

Ida Beardsley, a resident of Jackson county practically all of her life, the family home being at Wimer, passed away at a local hospital Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. after a brief illness. Mrs. Beardsley was born in Jackson county May 20, 1879.

She attended schools in Jackson county, and was united in marriage to Willie Beardsley at Oroville, Calif., Dec. 14, 1914. They have lived at Wimer since 1919, where she is well known and leaves a host of friends.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lena Martin, of King Cole, on the Greensprings; Mrs. Joe Zash of Medford and Mrs. Nettie Rifenburg, of Corning, Calif.; one son, Ray Crump of Klamath Falls; one sister, Mrs. Nettie Lange, Jacksonville; two brothers, Clyde Fields, of Beagle, and Harry Fields, of Redding, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl funeral home Friday at 1:30 p. m., Rev. Fish of Grants Pass, officiating. Interment will take place at Sterling cemetery.

TRIAL OF WARNER TO OPEN MONDAY

Trial of John Warner, of the Elk Creek district, indicted by the grand jury for alleged larceny of livestock, is scheduled to start in circuit court next Monday. The indictment was returned last October. Warner has been at liberty on his own recognizance.

Armon Sullivan, CCC enrollee, who entered a plea of guilty to assault with a deadly weapon, and Rollin Herrick, of Los Angeles, who also entered a guilty plea to check forgery, still await sentencing, due to the court being occupied with other matters.

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They Get Start in Films



Donna Reed (left), 20, and Annie Rooney, 16-year-old singer, had a start on movie careers by obtaining a court approval of contracts calling for starting salaries of \$75 a week with the M-G-M studio. Miss Reed was "discovered" as Los Angeles city college queen; Miss Rooney was spotted by a talent scout on an appearance with an orchestra at Pasadena.

Public Invited To Graduation Rites In Phoenix Church

Phoenix, June 19.—(Spl.)—Parents and friends are invited to attend the graduation services of the Presbyterian community daily vacation Bible school on Sunday, June 22, at 7:30 p. m. The program follows:

Song, Beginners and primaries; the world's most famous poem, primary department; sermonette, "Baby Moses," La Verne Beck; chorus, "Come and Go With Us," primaries; A Psalm of Praise, Virginia Ann Hunter; sermonette, "Birth of Jesus," Kay Dudley; song, "Jewels," primaries; sermonette,

"Daniel," Chloe Stevens; books of the New Testament, Leslie Green; A Psalm of contrasts, Gary Denzer; comfort verses, Tomalina Cook; Bible drill, Junior department.

Trumpet duet, Dwight Zulaut; Eston Way; Bible drill, intermediate department; Travellers' Psalm, Clifford Birk; reading, "The Child Jesus," Elsie Carr; hymns, choruses, spirituals; dramatization, Joseph, Junior and intermediate departments; announcements, offering, benediction.

American transport planes were used by the British army in moving troops from India to Iraq, the British Press Service reports.

CABIN BURGLARY SUSPECT IS HELD

Douglas E. Jones, 19, of Butte Falls, charged with burglary in a dwelling waived preliminary hearing in justice court yesterday and was ordered held to await grand jury action. In lieu of \$1,000 bonds he was remanded to the county jail.

Jointly charged with Jones of robbing the P. K. Nalley and Ike Smith cabins near Butte Falls, is another Butte Falls district youth not yet in custody, but whose whereabouts in California are known. Furniture, cooking utensils, a phonograph, and dynamite were stolen from the two cabins.

Speeds Engineering
Sydney, Australia—(U.P.)—The war, according to the minister for external affairs, has increased Australia's engineering technique and equipment 20 years ahead of the country's normal needs and development. He expressed the hope the present gun factories can be adapted to the manufacture of washing machines and other peace-time implements.

Williams Creek

Williams Creek, June 19.—(Spl.)—Daily Vacation Bible school will be held at the community hall in Provolet. It was announced over the phone lines Sunday. Date for the Bible school at Williams will be announced later.

Bob Lovelace is cutting and peeling logs near Rocky creek on the east fork of Williams to be used in the new barn Lester Sparlin is building to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. J. E. Mansfield and Bill Lemmon are building the barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson and children of Watsonville, Calif., visited one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roberts.

Mrs. George Sparlin has returned home from Los Angeles where she visited her brother, Chas. Harper for two months.

Tom Sanford, who planned to leave for Midway Island to be a construction worker, missed his bus and will now have to wait for the next boat.



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ALEXANDER HAMILTON
APARTMENT HOTEL

H. V. Griffin who makes his home at the Bill Lemmon home has just returned from a short visit with friends at Pine Ridge, Klamath Co., where he formerly lived.

Alex Erginoff, CCC enrollee from New York, who left Camp Williams last summer and has since been in New York, is leaving there next month for San Francisco and plans to stop off at Camp Williams to visit some of his old friends in this part of the country.

At the school meeting June 18, Mr. Patterson was elected school director, replacing Lester Sparlin, whose term expired, and Mrs. Orval Lewman was elected clerk, replacing Mrs. Lela Larimore.

Warren Brooks is getting out logs for the Brown Brothers saw mill and is batching at Sledge cabin.

Lloyd Warner of Grants Pass is also loading for the Browns while two trucks with John Lathrop and John Freeman as operators are used to get the logs to the mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Blodgett have moved into their new home and have as house guest Miss Florence Malone of Omaha, Neb., who is spending two weeks' vacation.

Miss Eunice Blodgett and Miss Rose Perry left last week for Portland to attend a six weeks' summer school.

The Garnier place has been sold to Wayne and Alice Jensen who plan to take possession soon.

Linwood Varner, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Varner, has returned to Oakland. He commutes daily from Oakland to his ship, which services airplane carriers.

Bob Lovelace and Lester Sparlin spent Thursday to Sunday at Diamond Lake.

The road over the Thompson creek divide is now open and a number of cars have made the trip. This makes possible a loop trip up Williams creek and down Thompson creek with many beautiful places for picnics along the creeks. The Thompson creek road was completed by COC workers some time ago and is in fine shape.

The last of the cooking schools till next fall met with Mrs. Patterson Wednesday.

Libby Murphy is reported seriously ill with a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fry and daughter, Betty, spent the week-end

at Diamond Lake with their friends Mr. and Mrs. Matoon, who have a cabin there.

W. A. Brown of Medford, Ore., an uncle of Mrs. A. L. Blodgett, is a guest at the Blodgett home.

Lake Creek

Lake Creek, June 19.—(Spl.)—At the annual school meeting, Monday, Mrs. Ella Tyrrell was re-elected clerk and Mrs. Anna Tonn was elected director while Wm. Hoeft was elected to serve the unexpired term of Margaret Musbaum, who resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lehman of Pontiac, Ill., are expected to arrive Tuesday for a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hostutler and daughter Petra Roe.

Mrs. Anna Rohrer of Brownboro, has been taken to Hornbrook to be cared for by her sister, Mrs. Bloomingcamp. Mrs. Rohrer formerly lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rose and little daughter of Klamath Falls were weekend guests here of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moore.

Mrs. Ernest Hostutler and daughter, Petra Roe and Otto Meyer motored Sunday to Crater Lake, Lake O' the Woods, Pelican Bay and Fish Lake.

Mrs. Ella Meyer is ill in a Bedford hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn and family of Medford, were visitors Sunday at the Tonn home.

Guests, Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grigsby were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bishop of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hamilton of Central Point spent Sunday at the Bryan Jolley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hanson of Brownboro called Tuesday at the John Welch home.

Mrs. Jim Trusblood of Brownboro called Tuesday on Mrs. Roy Grigsby.

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