

# Escapee Kills Child Detained as Hostage As Police Close In

Carmel, N. Y. — (UP) — An escaped convict, attempting desperately to avoid capture, stabbed a nine-year-old schoolgirl hostage to death while the girl's mother, also a hostage, watched in horror.

As Donald H. Snyder, 22, plunged an eight-inch butcher knife into the child's stomach, bullets from police guns ripped into his body. Their shots echoed through the death scene, a garage on Bullet Hole road.

## Fled Road Gang

Snyder had been serving a 2 1/2

to 5-year term for automobile theft at the Green Haven State prison in Stormville, 12 miles north of here.

Shortly after he escaped from being assigned as a trusty, he appeared at the home of Marvin Arnold, president of the Arnold-Drain Corporation, on Bullet Hole road.

He knocked on the screen door and when Mrs. Dorothy Arnold appeared, said:

"I'm an escaped convict. The cops are after me. I'm not fooling. I want you to let me in here or I'll take your children."

## Child Warned

Mrs. Arnold's younger child, Nancy was playing on the front lawn with a neighbor's child at the time. Mrs. Arnold screamed to them, "Run! Run!" and the frightened children scampered into the neighbor's home.

Snyder, infuriated, crashed through the screen door and rushed into the kitchen of the Arnold home where he grabbed the butcher knife from the table.

At this moment the school bus returning their eldest daughter, Betty Lou, stopped at the door. Before Mrs. Arnold could warn her daughter the child had run into the house.

## Driver Saw Action

Alex Williams, the school bus driver, saw Snyder grab the child when she entered the house. He picked up a pistol, notified the Carmel police and returned to the Arnold home.

Meantime, Snyder had told Mrs. Arnold "I want you to drive me to New York." He held the knife at Betty Lou's throat and followed Mrs. Arnold into their cellar garage.

Mrs. Arnold stalled for time and before she started the car Williams and a state trooper arrived and pleaded with Snyder to release his hostages.

"If you come near me, I'll stab the child," Snyder threatened.

## Shot Risked

Williams tried to talk Snyder into releasing the child. As he talked he sidled close enough to risk a shot at the convict.

Williams took aim and fired a

# In and Around Table Rock

Table Rock — The Thursday morning frost did extensive damage here to all garden crops, potatoes and corn, but according to reports very little damage to fruit. A similar frost occurred here in June 1919. We remember resetting tomato plants about June 10 that were completely destroyed by frost a day or two before.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull were recent visitors at the John S. Shelley home in Woodburn, Ore. The Shelleys asked to be remembered to their friends here when they resided several years ago.

Miss Marsha Doran, 16-year-old Table Rock lass was recently elected queen of the junior-senior prom at Crater high school. According to reports Marsha is the youngest graduate student in the history of the school. She is one of our popular teen-agers and teaches a class in the local Sunday school.

The local Ladies club meeting has been postponed until Wednesday June 18.

A local lady has written to Gov. McKay about the delay in completing Bybee bridge and connecting road contract and the Governor has referred the matter to W. C. Williams, assistant highway engineer.

Also, Sams Valley Grange at its last meeting discussed at some length the long delay in completing the bridge contract. It was pointed out that work began in October, 1950, which was supposed to be a one-year job and soon thereafter the bridge was closed to travel. Since that time people on the north side have had to undergo some of the worst kind of road conditions with the end not yet in sight, according to those discussing the matter.

The road committee was instructed to get busy and see if some action couldn't be started.

Nels Jacobson who passed away suddenly at his home here Saturday night had been a resident here for some 30 years and during that time had won the high esteem of all who came in contact with him. A homebody, devoted to his family, an obliging neighbor, industrious worker, and loyal citizen as those who assisted on the many drives and served on the observation post during the war can testify. Mr. Jacobson by preference was a tiller of the soil and enjoyed producing the things people need to eat. The community extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Relatives here attending the shot into Snyder's chest. The convict plunged the knife into Betty Lou's stomach.

The two policemen then seized Snyder and dragged him from the car.

Betty Lou died in less than two hours. Snyder was charged with murder.

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# Wagner Creek

Wagner Creek — Robert Talbott, Holton Gulch, was married May 30 to Miss Jeane Lilly of Lake Creek. The wedding was held in the Medford Methodist church with the Rev. Meredith Groves officiating. After a short honeymoon on the coast the newlyweds are at home at Toketee Falls, where he is employed by the California Oregon Power company.

Mrs. Nellie Smith is visiting friends in Ashland this week.

Mrs. Violet Ditsworth, Portland, visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ditsworth, last week.

Aviation Ordnance man IC Robert Flickinger of Quonset Point Naval Air Station, Rhode Island, has been spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hild. He will stop for a day with his brother, M/Sgt. John Flickinger, Hunter Liggett military reservation at Jolon, Calif., before reporting for duty.

The Community club added a substantial amount to the club treasury from the sale of hamburgers at their booth at the Phoenix Festival. Mrs. Richard Ditsworth was awarded a year's family membership in the local club in appreciation of her efficient handling of the concession.

Mrs. John Gast returned last week from a short visit in southern California. She and her daughter, Kirk, motored south with the Albert Gandt family. Kirk will spend the summer with relatives in California and Colorado.

Misses Jill Gast, Beverly Hild and Maureen Brabbin with Norman Ditsworth left for Portland Thursday with Bliss Helne's baton and drum corps. The group will go by bus and will participate in the parade at the Rose Festival. They will return June 15.

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TEMPORARY — Walter S. Hallinan of Charleston, W. Va., has been chosen temporary chairman of the G. O. P. national convention to open in Chicago July 7.

Lain and daughter, Sandra of Tacoma, Wash.

Wagner Creek Youth club held a pot-luck dinner and hard-times dance Saturday, June 7 at the schoolhouse. Among the many funny costumes, prizes were awarded to Miss Annie Morrill of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Magness, Ashland and Carlos Goddard, Wagner Creek. Next meeting will be on Saturday, June 21.

# Soldier Awaiting Court Martial for Critical Letter

Fort Ord, Calif. — (UP) — Sgt. Colonel Dean Chase, 24, of Salt Lake City, is confined to quarters pending a court martial trial on charges he criticized Gen. Mark Clark for his handling of the Koje prisoner of war issue.

## May Get Legal Aid

Just before the Sixth Army restricted him, Chase said the American Civil Liberties Union is considering giving him legal help.

He said he had sent the ACLU in New York all details of his case and was now waiting to hear whether it would offer to intervene.

Chase will be tried under the 89th article of war, showing respect to a superior officer. Maximum penalty on conviction would be a bad conduct discharge and six months' imprisonment at hard labor.

Col. Francis T. Dodd, former camp commander.

"Repugnant" Act Charged  
Chase wrote a letter to Clark May 16 in which he said the Far East commander had committed a "repugnant and disgraceful" act in repudiating concessions made to Communist prisoners of war in obtaining the release of

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