

# Unwed Mothers Tell of Adoption Arrangements Made by Attorneys

Chicago — (U.P.) — Three unmarried mothers testified before Senate investigators Saturday about giving their children up for adoption through lawyers in New York and Chicago.

The women gave their testimony anonymously, seated behind a screen in the federal courtroom where the Kefauver subcommittee hearings on "black market" adoptions were being held.

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), the subcommittee chairman, gave each of the women fictitious names for purposes of the testimony.

### Referred to Attorney

"Miss Williams," 28, New York, sobbed as she told of giving birth to a child in 1949, when she was unmarried. She said her doctor referred her to attorney Marcus Siegal, Brooklyn, for help in placing the child.

She said after Siegal had arranged the adoption and she had given up the child, she decided she wanted the baby back. Siegal then showed her a death certificate and told her the child was dead, she said.

Later, Miss Williams testified, she learned that Siegal had arranged to have another baby buried in the name of her child, and her baby actually was alive and healthy in the home of foster parents.

A "Miss Rogers" from a town near Duluth, Minn., testified in a Swedish accent about giving birth to illegitimate boy twins in August, 1954.

### Adoption Suggested

Miss Rogers, 30, said a Mrs. Agnes Brechtels of Duluth suggested she place the children for adoption in Chicago. She said arrangements for the trip were made in the office of Duluth attorney Martin Friedman.

The girl said the adoption was handled here by Edward L. S. Arkema.

She said a man who posed as a judge took her consent to the adoption in Arkema's office. Since then, the woman testified, she has learned the "judge" was a clerk of the court here.

Kefauver emphasized there was no apparent law violation on the part of attorneys who handled the adoptions, but that the hearings are aimed at determining whether there should be stricter laws on adoption.

The subcommittee Saturday heard a string of witnesses testify about operators of "commercial maternity homes" in Montreal, Texas, and Oklahoma.

A one-time "carnival shill" and a mystery witness, hidden by a screen, combined to testify concerning a home run by a Sara Wieman of Montreal.

### "Bouncer" Testifies

Eugene Harry Miner, 44, who described himself as a former boxer, wrestler, weight-lifter and "shill" in a carnival, told the subcommittee that he acted as a "bouncer" in the Wieman home. He testified he smuggled babies across the border for adoption into the United States. But he objected to the term "smuggling."

"That ain't smuggling, mister," he fired back at a committee lawyer who used the term, "that's giving a baby a home."

Subcommittee Special Counsel Ernest A. Mittleer asked Miner what business the woman was in. "Sara's business was making with the babies," Miner said. "She's selling babies to some American people."

Miner said girls who were waiting to have babies were liv-

ing in the home. He said one of his jobs was to keep the girls happy.

"I make with the nylons, box chocolates and stuff," Miner said. "But Sara paid for it, not me."

### Home Said in Slum Area

The mystery witness, described as a "professional man of means" from New Jersey, testified he obtained a baby from the Wieman Home which, he said, was in a slum area and filled with "filthy dirt."

He said delivery of the baby apparently had been "mismanaged." The baby, he said, looked

like he was "dying." He said he "virtually kidnaped" the child and took him to his hotel and called a pediatrician.

Kefauver and other witnesses agreed that a Federal law, perhaps similar to the Federal kidnap law, was needed to stamp out abuses.

Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) said childless couples need not turn to "black marketers" to adopt children if they become impatient with regular adoptive procedures.

He noted that under the Refugee Act "there are over 3000 babies available in Europe up to 10 years of age."

## Table Rock

Table Rock — Ray B. Speer of Ross Lane has leased the Ray Baker farm for a number of years, and will be moving with his family into the house in the house in the near future. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Speer and a grown son and daughter.

The Daily Vacation Bible school began sessions at the schoolhouse Monday morning with the Rev. Alan Hill, American Sunday School Union missionary in charge, and the following teachers reporting for duty: Mrs. John Morris, and Mrs. Dale Schulz, also a class is being taught by Mr. Hill.

The daily average attendance so far has been about 30 children, from ages 3 to 14, and coming from this and the Sams Valley district.

Mrs. E. E. Robinson is now convalescing at her home, after several days spent in the Community hospital where she underwent major surgery.

Recent births of interest to Table Rock folk are Craig Stevens, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born June 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Inglis and David Shane 7 pounds 3 ounces, born July 1, to Mr. and Mrs. David Doran.

Several local and Sams Valley farmers attended the field day meet held recently at Talent, and learned how to raise more of what they already have too much of. With the dry subsoil caused by the lack of the usual amount of rain last winter and spring, and the continuing afternoon winds, local farmers are operating sprinkler systems day and night in an effort to keep crops from drying out.

O. T. Wilson, Central Point resident and Sams Valley farmer, dropped in the other morning carrying a 25 pound rock taken from his son's mine in the Trail district, which he said contained so much uranium that it would make a geiger counter rattle like a snare drum. We were getting excited, thinking that some in-law was about to hit the jack-pot, until we learned that the ore would have to be shipped to Colorado and the freight charge would eat up all the profit.

David Doran, local boy, who with his family spent several months here at the home of his parents since being seriously injured last fall in an auto accident, has returned to his work as a barber in the Fred Fry barber shop in Medford.

Kenneth Wyatt, who has been spending some of his vacation time at the home of his parents here, has accepted the position of school psychologist at San Morencio, Calif., a city

near Oakland with 22 schools. We were pleased to get a report from the Mail Tribune office Thursday stating that "Fergy" Ferguson, managing editor of the Mail Tribune, a patient in a Portland hospital, is much improved in health and is expected home in a few days.

Bob Sage has donned his tin hat and taken to the woods again to spend his between the school terms vacation and is at present driving the water wagon for the Steve Wilson road gang.

Mrs. Delmar Dolley, and young son, Douglas John, born June 9, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Dolley's parents, while preparations are being made to leave next month for Iran where Mrs. Dolley and son will join her husband who left here June 28 for that country, where he will train students to become teachers of agriculture for the Near East foundation sponsored by American business firms.

Miss Janice Bauten, Carson City, Nev., left Saturday for her home after several weeks visit with her grandparents at the Arthur Doty home. Other recent visitors at the Doty home were the Tom Poulton and Don Sinren families of Lakeview, Oregon.

Recent callers at the J. S. Mrs. Robert Tucker and son Robert Jr., Moultrie, Ga. Mr. Tucker, former Central Point boy Richardson farm were Mr. and pupil of Mrs. Richardson, is now engaged in farming and cattle raising in Colquitt county. Asked their opinion about segregation in the schools in the South, the Tuckers expressed regret that the issue is causing so much concern, as they believe the Negro schools are well taken care of at present with facilities equal to the schools for white children, and in most cases preferred by the Negroes as they are. Other recent visitors at the Richardson home were Mr. and Mrs. J. Maury Cowgill, San Bernardino, Calif., and Mr. Cowgill's mother, Mrs. Sally Cowgill, Central Point, and the Don Whitney family, Central Point.

Mrs. Anna Jacobson and son Manley are taking a motor trip and at the present time are headed toward Montana where they will visit with friends and relatives for some time and expect to be gone about two months.

Charley Given, farmer and stockman from up Eagle Point way, was down this way Thursday looking for pasture for his cattle.

The light crop of hay locally and the fear of high prices later is believed to have been the cause of nearly 700 cattle being put through the Bill Bray

auction yard July 8. The sale started about noon and it was almost 11 o'clock that night before the long line of critters had gone over the auction block.

We were recently handed a copy of the June issue of the Christian Herald which has a story by Sen. Richard Neuberger telling why he doesn't drink intoxicating liquor. For a man living in a city where more liquor is consumed than any other city in the U.S. his story is remarkable and we would recommend the reading of it by those who feel that to be popular, one must indulge in such things.

M. A. Blackwood, local medicine man, painter, pruner, pear picker, and paper hanger, reports that the Blackwood family will soon be moving from their present home on the Tou-Velle ranch, as the lessee wants the house for ranch help.

We recently received a letter addressed to the Table Rock Chamber of Commerce which we were going to send to George Loftin, known as the Sams Valley Chamber of Commerce, but our better half got hold of it and sent it to the Medford chamber.

Local mosquitos were given a working over early Thursday morning that they will remember for sometime, if there are any left. An aeroplane chartered by the Table Top farms turned loose two tons of DDT on breeding places and maturity wards.

Robert L. Godwin, Salem, supervising engineer for Oregon state tax commission, was a business visitor here recently in connection with assessment adjustments asked for by local land owners, who had appeared before the equalization board at the court house. When shown land here unreasonably assessed he readily agreed that corrections should be made.

Godwin stated that the valuation for assessment purposes is derived from the cash value as shown by the selling price with location and other conditions that might influence the selling price taken into consideration.

As to assessing orchards, according to Godwin, if assessment values are to be based on selling prices then there is something radically wrong with orchards that sell from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per acre are assessed the same as ordinary farm land that wouldn't sell for one fourth that amount.

A larger number of voters than usual made the trip to the voting booth at the recent rural fire district election. Some who are allergic to any fund raising for school purposes were out in force because they thought they would save a few dollars in fire insurance cost.

Charles Hilleke, Sams Valley farmer, says he and his neighbors are enjoying good fishing in the irrigation reservoir, where some 15,000 fish were planted and are now in fine shape, but may not survive the summer, as it is expected that the reservoir, which was only 60 per cent filled last winter, will be drained by the end of the summer.

We are sorry to report that Edwin Taylor is a patient of the Community hospital, where he underwent surgery Friday morning.

One of the surest signs for Table Rockers that summer has arrived is when Willard Howley takes off his shoes to mow the Elmer Hull lawn, and since this has happened twice in the last two weeks, they are looking for much warm weather ahead.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday



**DRAMA OVER THE SEA**—In this dramatic picture made by Cpl. James Whitt, of Boise, Idaho, paratroopers jettison everything movable (except their rifles) from a crippled Globemaster over the Pacific. With two engines out and with 87 aboard, the plane reached safety of Hamilton Field, Cal., blew two tires upon landing.

### Shady Cove and Trail

Shady Cove-Trail—J. W. Hammons, Sheridan, Ore., has been visiting with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfeifer, Shady Cove, and with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hammons, Shady Cove.

Hammons' daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfeifer, and his daughter-in-law's mother, Mrs. Isabelle Scott, Philadelphia, Pa., who is visiting the Hammons, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley, Shady Cove, for the showing of pictures of the Kelleys' trip through the southern states, Florida and Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sawyer and daughter, Sandy, are on a month's vacation trip to Montana and Wyoming and Utah, Mrs. Saw-

yer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Myklebye, are taking care of the Sawyer's place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Velasco, Oakland, Calif., who have been visiting Mrs. Velasco's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Williams, Shady Cove, plan to return the last of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey King and family, Portland, were recent visitors at the home of King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom King, Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Towle, Oakland, Calif., visited with Mrs. Towle's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Strother, Shady Cove.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Dunham and daughter, Carolyn, North Hollywood, Calif., are house guests of Dr. and Mrs.

Verne Wilson, Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bartuss of Shady Cove spent Sunday visiting at Union creek with Comdr. Sawyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Goebel, San Francisco, who vacation at their summer home at Union creek every year.

Mrs. W. J. Shumway, Lovell, Wyo., is visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, Shady Cove.

The next show attraction at the VFW hall in Shady Cove July 18 will be "Song of India."

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bartuss, Shady Cove, entertained Sunday with a dinner in honor of the birthdays of Dick Bartuss and Frank Blair, Medford. Guests present were Comdr. and Mrs. Charles Goebel, Union Creek; the Rev. and Mrs. Rolo Dunham and daughter Carolyn, and Mrs. Dunham's mother, North Hollywood; Dr. and Mrs. Verne Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Strother, Shady Cove; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blair, Medford, and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and children, Stockton, Calif., are visiting with Mrs. Brown's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ody, Trail. Other recent guests of the Ody's have been Mrs. Robert Grey and children of Stockton, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pitts and family, Los Angeles, are visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitts, Elk Creek, Trail.

The regular meeting of Our Lady of Fatima club was held

### Six Quartz Location Notices Filed Friday

Six quartz location notices were filed with the county clerk Friday, four naming nickel and other minerals.

Boyd Kline, 522 Franquette ave., Warren Gamill, and Hamilton Ecker staked a claim to be known as "Wild Cat" in the Missouri flats mining district.

Robert L. Wells, box 273, Jacksonville, and W. R. Bishop specified nickel and other minerals in four claims in the Steamboat mining district, to be known as "Whiskey Ridge Nos. 15, 16, 17, and 18."

"Golden Streak" claim in the Humburg district was filed by Grace DeHaas, Applegate.

Although the sap of all maples contain sugar, it is the sugar maple that is tapped commercially and that forms the basis of the maple syrup and maple sugar industry.

at the home of Mrs. Carroll Watson July 12. A report was given on the Father's day dinner held at the VFW hall and it was considered to have been a success. Plans were made for coming events.

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### Bliss Heine's Juniors Set Open House Today

The paper plant and packing materials factory operated by Bliss Heine's Juniors will hold open house from 1 to 6 p.m. today. It is located behind the Patterson Plumbing company, 827 West Jackson st.

Businessmen, fruit men and the public of the valley are invited to inspect the operation and see how the paper collected in period drives is processed for resale.

More than 80 tons of paper and some 100 bales of shredded paper are now on hand. During the open house guides will be present to explain the work and the uses for the different grades of paper.

### Meteorological Aids Needed by Government

Robert D. Church, meteorologist at the Medford weather bureau, announced Saturday that men are needed for weather bureau jobs at Sexton Summit, Meacham, and Burns, Ore., and at Tatoosh island and Stampede pass, Wash.

The positions are those of meteorological aids, (GS-4 weather observers), and pay \$3,415 per year to start, with training on the job. Educational minimum is high school graduation with completion of physics and algebra courses. Unmarried men are needed at the stations, except the one at Burns. Those interested may contact Church at the bureau at the Medford airport.

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