

Burton Abbott Goes on Trial For Girl's Death

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — University of California student Burton W. Abbott goes to court here today in a trial to determine whether he is a cold-blooded psychopathic killer — or the victim of a fantastic and elaborate frame-up.

The skinny, sickly 27-year-old scholar is accused of the kidnaping and murder of pretty



STEPHANIE BRYAN Her Death Brings Trial

teen-ager Stephanie Bryan who vanished from a Berkeley, Calif. street on April 28 and whose bludgeoned body was found behind Abbott's Trinity county mountain cabin three months later.

Press Space Reserved The trial, before Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook, is expected to last six to eight weeks.

Space has been reserved at the press tables for nearly 50 working newsmen. Leased teletype lines have been laid into the courthouse press room. One San Francisco paper has retained famed mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner to do day-to-day feature accounts of the trial.

The 14-year-old honor student disappeared en route home from school, touching off a sweeping police search that eventually ran out of momentum for lack of clues.

Body Found in Wilderness Stephanie was gone for nearly 80 days before the case suddenly broke with the finding of her personal effects hidden in the basement of Abbott's Alameda home and the subsequent discovery of her body half-buried in the wilderness some 250 miles north of here.

Abbott, a frail, tubercular accounting student whose red-haired wife, Georgia, wins the family bread as a beauty operator, has steadfastly clung to his protestations of innocence despite a seeming mountain of damning circumstantial evidence.

With the finding of the girl's body he was indicted on two counts — kidnaping with bodily harm, and murder — a conviction on either of which can send him to the gas chamber in California.

WANT WOODEN LEG? Chicago — (U.P.) — Unclaimed articles which will go on sale at a police auction include a woman's artificial leg and two unmarked tombstones.

Students At Hedrick Elect Names, Colors And Class Officials

The Hedrick Hornets, was adopted as a nickname for students of the new Hedrick Junior High school at recent student body and class elections.

The school chose crimson and gold as colors and named the pep club the "Stingers." Tony Monroe was elected first student body president of the new school. Susan Graf was elected vice-president; Gary McGill, secretary; David Dunn, treasurer; and Diane Lewis, reporter.

In the election of class officers Pete Rasmussen was chosen ninth grade president; Billy Maurer, vice-president; Nancy Wilson, secretary and recorder; and Shirley Rutherford, treasurer. Ninth grade yell leaders are Mary LaBar, yell queen, Jo Ann Jamison, Judy Riebe, Kay Donahue, and Elaine Norris. Della Robinson was selected ninth grade song queen.

Police Report Two Minor Auto Crashes

Two minor accidents were reported to state police over the week end.

Vehicles operated by Edward Joseph Mason, 38, Hornbrook, Calif., and Frank C. Dollorhide, 62, of route 1, box 538, Ashland, collided on highway 99 near Lithia drive-in theater about 6 p.m. Sunday.

Police said Mason was traveling south on highway 99, and Dollorhide was traveling onto the highway from a filling station.

Early Sunday morning a car driven by Homer Donald Marshall, 19, of route 1, box 302, Talent, hit a traffic island near Talent to avoid colliding with a vehicle operated by Lloyd Bannister, 1029 Alta st., Medford.

Damage in both accidents was minor, police said.

Three Councilmen to Be Elected in J'ville

Jacksonville — Three councilmen will be elected in Jacksonville tomorrow. Polls will be open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the city hall.

Candidates for office are Ernest McIntyre and Elba O. Graham, both incumbents, and R. E. Welch, and Alvin J. Minshall. One vacancy caused by a resignation will be filled.

Gates Named Agent For Milwaukee Road

L. R. Gates has been appointed Medford freight and passenger agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad company.

Gates has been with the company since 1944, and has been agent in Seattle, Tacoma, and Butte, Mont. He has been at Great Falls, Mont., since September, 1952, and comes to Medford from there.

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Chin Up Sale To Open Tuesday

Fifth annual hobby show and sale, sponsored by the Chin Up club, will open at the Eagles hall, 217 West Main st., tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and will run through 9 p.m. Wednesday.

The club retains a percentage of the selling price from hobbyists entering their wares and that money is used to operate the club, an organization of the physically handicapped, for the year. It also finances making of favors for shut-ins and the county farm at various holidays throughout the year.

A wide variety of items will be entered, according to Paul Olson, general chairman. They include rugs, ceramics, antique dishes, woven items made by members of the Rogue Valley Weavers' Guild, jams and jellies, books, fancy work, costume jewelry, a cooked food concession and a "Thieves Market," where "white elephant" items will be sold. A booth for hand writing analysis also will be included.

A map of Oregon, in scale and made from stones found in the state, also will be on display.



TO SPEAK — The Rev. Paul Kauffman, who recently returned from a five-month evangelistic tour in the Orient, will speak Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Medford Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st. The program is part of a Speed-The-Light rally for Assemblies of God churches of the Rogue valley. Mr. Kauffman will discuss youth departments of the church and expansion of missionaries abroad. A varied musical program is planned.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Ashland Elks Slate Christmas Smoker

Ashland — The annual Ashland Elks Christmas charity smoker will be held at the local BPOE temple Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. The smoker, which attracts some 1,000 Elks from Southern Oregon, will feature a crab-ham-beef dinner.

John Murphy and Jack Weaver, general chairmen for the event, said entertainment is planned.

Proceeds from the smoker will be used for charity at Christmas.

LOUD HOWL

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — A voting machine which did not list Republican candidates brought loud complaints today when it was delivered to Kennedy Smith's garage which is used as a polling place. Smith is a Republican candidate for city comptroller.



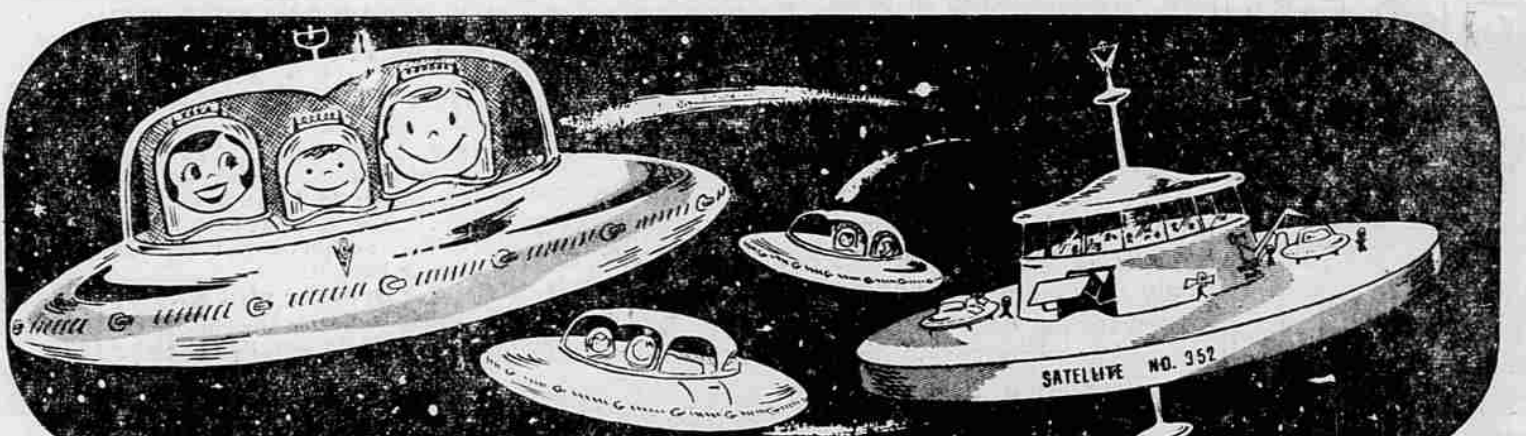
A study by the U. S. agriculture department's marketing service shows that cattle productivity in this country has increased 38 per cent in the 30 years from 1924 to 1954.

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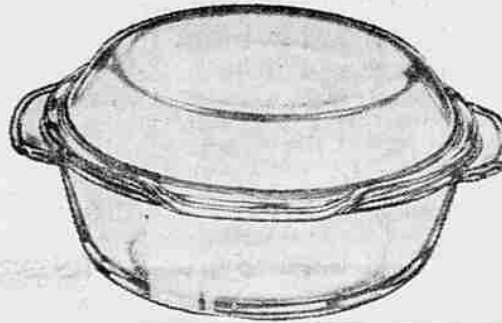
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