

Abbott Family Tells Of Expense Involved In Defending Accused

Oakland, Calif. (UPI)—The family of Burton W. Abbott disclosed today it has already cost them \$15,000 to defend him from charges he murdered 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan.

Abbott's mother, Mrs. Elsie Abbott, said five members of the family have used up all their savings and gone into debt in their attempts to save the 27-year-old defendant from imprisonment or execution. She said it may take another \$15,000.

Investigators expensive "When the taking of testimony starts," she said, "we'll need investigators — plenty of them. But they cost \$250 a day. How are we going to hire them at that price? We're working people."

The trial was in recess today because of the Veterans Day holiday. It will resume next Monday.

When court adjourned yesterday, five men and six women were in the jury box. The defense had used seven challenges to the state's five. The first panel of 56 persons was exhausted and a new panel of 65 was ordered to report on Monday.

An indication that at least one side may be near approval of the jury came when District Attorney J. Frank Coakley passed up his peremptory challenge three times in a row, forcing the defense to use its own challenges to keep the jury selection going.

Abbott Disappointed

When both sides pass the challenge consecutively, a final jury to try Abbott for the kidnap-

murder of the Berkeley school-girl will have been chosen.

Abbott was disappointed that his 4-year-old son, Chris, was not in court. Family members had told him they would try to bring the boy to court for a brief visit with his father. However, the child had contracted measles and had to stay in bed.

The family did the next best

thing. They gave Abbott a set of snapshots of the child, which he studied carefully, a smile breaking across his face from time to time.

Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook gave permission for sound equipment to be installed in the courtroom. Newsmen and others in the court complained they could not hear.

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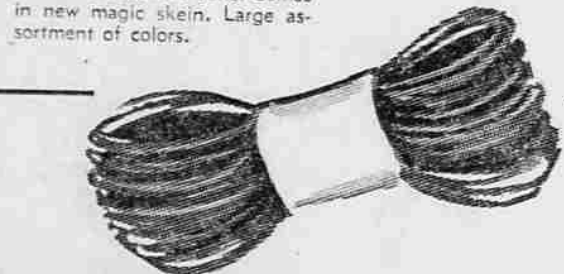
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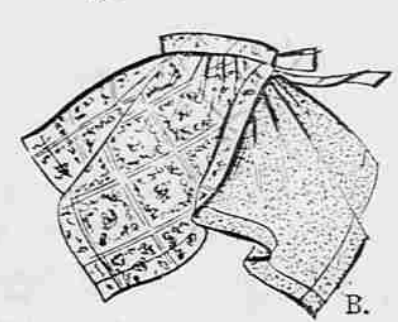
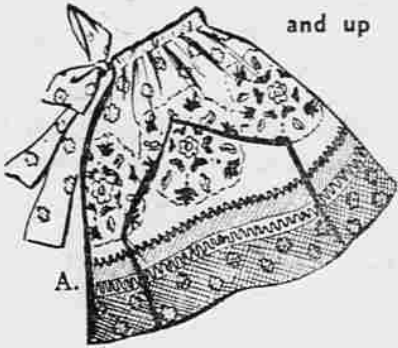
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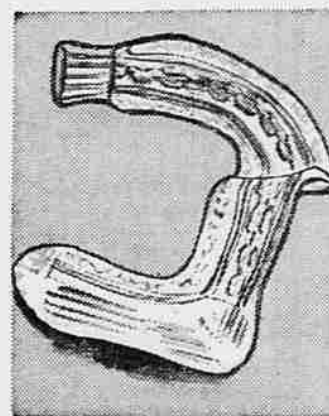


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