

Delete Soup Course
Economists Advise

New Brunswick, N. J. (U.P.)—Two home economists at Douglass College for women gave the following Thanksgiving dinner advice today:

"Throw out the soup course . . . about all the course accomplishes anyway is to dirty more dishes and rob valuable capacity . . . serve juice or wine in the living room so guests may attack the turkey promptly on being served."

Abbott Jurors Hear
Stephanie's Friend
Describe Last Day

Oakland, Calif. (U.P.)—The shadow of a pretty Berkeley teenager fell today over a courtroom in which a tubercular accounting student is undergoing trial for his life.

The shadow was evoked in the

trial of Burton W. Abbott, 27, who is accused of kidnapping and murdering 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan last April 28. Her body was found near his mountain cabin in mid-July.

The last person who saw Stephanie alive—and the prosecution's first major witness—testified yesterday how she and Stephanie walked home from school on the fatal day. The witness was Mary Anne Stewart, 13, of Berkeley. Mary Anne's story could have been that of many other teen-age girls leaving school for home. They stopped at the public library, then at a pet shop where Stephanie bought a book on parakeets for a quarter, and then to a doughnut shop, where they bought doughnuts to eat on the way home.

Parted Company
Mary Anne said they parted company at the Berkeley Tennis club. District Attorney J. Frank Coakley asked if they had any conversation.

"Yes," she said. "One of us said goodbye and the other said, 'I'll see you tomorrow.'"

"Did you ever see her again?"
"No."

Mary Anne identified Stephanie's red purse—the same purse that was found in the basement of Abbott's Alameda home a few days before the girl's body was discovered near a remote cabin in the California mountains.

The witness also identified as Stephanie's a red leather wallet, the book on parakeets and a pair of plastic trimmed glasses. The objects were marked for identification but not introduced as evidence. All were found in Abbott's basement.

Visibly Shaken
Abbott did not once glance at the self-possessed witness. Earlier, the defendant visibly lost his nonchalance for the first time since his arrest last July when Coakley outlined the state's case against him.

Coakley said the state will prove that Stephanie was in Ab-

Council Slates
Banquet, Annual
Meeting Sunday

Crater Lake Area council, Boy Scouts of America, will hold its 31st annual council meeting and recognition banquet Sunday, Nov. 20, at Hedrick Junior High school.

The banquet will be preceded by the council meeting, which will begin at 4:30 p.m. "This is the only business meeting of the year and it is at this meeting that Council-wide business is discussed and decided by vote," Dr. Elmo Stevenson, Crater Lake Area council president said today.

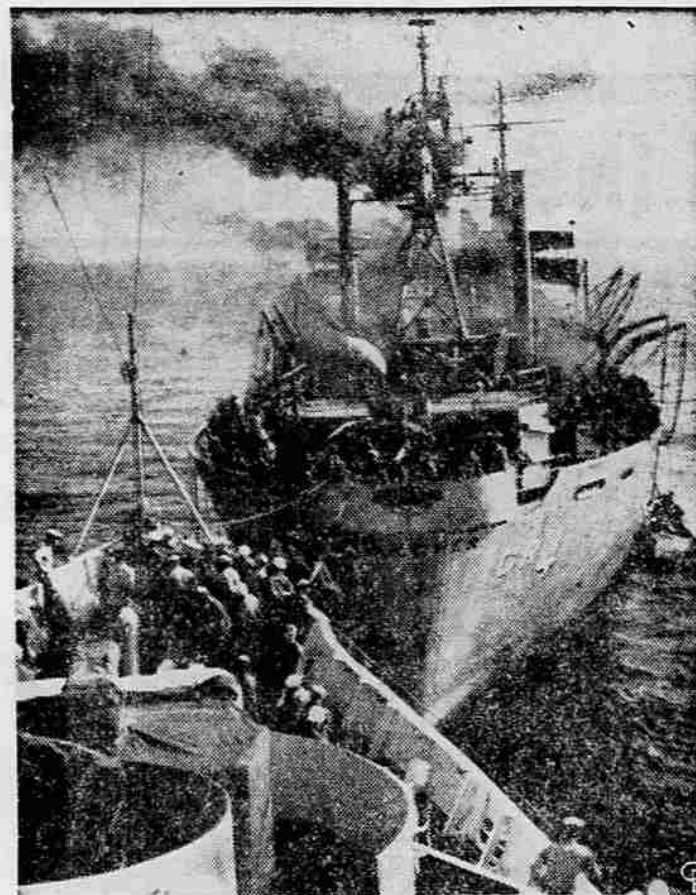
Election Slated
Among matters to be considered at the meeting will be election of officers for the following year. Officers to be filled include president, three vice-presidents, council commissioner, and treasurer. Also to be elected are members of the executive board, the body which conducts interim council business between meetings.

Principal speaker at the recognition banquet will be Roger L. Bales, deputy regional scout executive for Region XI of the Boy Scouts of America. At the banquet, which will be served at 5:30 p.m., two Scouts of the Crater Lake Area council will be presented with the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service to boyhood. This is the highest award that a local Council may present to a Scout.

Also to be recognized by the awarding of the Golden Leader's award are an outstanding Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, and Explorer Advisor.

A total of 13 Scouts will be awarded either the Scouts award or the Scouts Key, according to John Patton, council training chairman. Both the key and the award recognize a Scout's service to others, training, and at least three years tenure as an adult Scout.

The closing ceremony of the evening will be a tableau built around a new four-year program recently adopted by the Boy Scouts of America, "Forward for God and My Country."



FIRE RAGES ON S. S. SEARCHER 100 miles off New York as Coast Guard cutter Ingham arrives to aid crew. Three aboard Navy radar ship are believed lost. (International)

Number of Rodents in Area
Around City on Increase;
Garbage Creates Problems

Complaints received recently indicate that the number of rats and other rodents may be on the increase in the perimeter areas of Medford, Bob Hart, county sanitarian, said yesterday.

A recent survey of the downtown area, however, conducted recently by U. S. health officers in conjunction with county health officers, showed very little evidence of the existence of rodents, Hart said.

Bear Creek Problem
Rat population is probably on the increase along Bear creek, in the southwest perimeter area of the city, and in Central Point.

An increase in the number of rats is generally due to the fact that feed is made available for

them, Hart said. Tight containers for garbage and frequent garbage disposal as well as the removal of any other available food supplies will result in a decrease in rodent population.

Control Program
A rat control program is conducted every two weeks at the city dump when poison food is put out for them. A considerable number of rats are killed in this way, Hart stated.

During a recent inspection of the city center, only one indication of the existence of rodents was found. Hart attributed the small number of rats in the business district to the fact that garbage disposal methods are excellent.

Maccine Titus Plans Move to Arizona

Miss Maccine Titus has sold her property on Palm st. and resigned her position as head of the circulation department of the Medford public library, preparatory to moving to Tucson, Ariz.

She and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Titus, plan to stop en route at San Clemente, Calif., where Mrs. Titus has property interests. They will leave Medford about Dec. 1.

Miss Titus has lived in the

Rogue valley for about 11 years. She has been active in many spheres, helping to organize the Southern Oregon Society of Artists and the Footlighters club, and participating in projects of many other groups. She is also well-known for her radio and television broadcasts over local stations.

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Garden Notes

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The production of a garden near a large tree requires special care. Gardens will grow close to some trees pretty well but do very poorly in the vicinity of others. Willow trees and walnut trees seem to be two of the worst offenders.

In the case of the willow tree the garden does not thrive purely as a result of competition with the willow roots. Willow trees send out a thick mass of fibrous roots in the surface soil. This mass of roots quickly absorbs any moisture applied and also feeds heavily on the soil fertility.

In the case of walnuts it is probable that the lack of vigor in the garden is due to the same cause. However, it has been suggested in this case that the walnut roots may secrete substances which are toxic to other plants. This theory has never been definitely proven but there does not seem to be any more walnut roots in the soil than roots from similar sized trees but competing plants seem to be more affected in the vicinity of walnut trees.

There are two methods of overcoming this trouble—one is to apply enough fertilizer and water to supply both the tree and the garden plants. This sounds easy but is in actuality difficult to do. The other method would be to remove the tree's roots from the garden area.

With most trees, roots beyond the drip of the tree could be removed with little damage to the tree. In the case of walnuts and oaks this procedure would probably be quite damaging to the tree. As the tree will again quickly produce roots to reoccupy the area a barrier should be installed if lasting production is wanted.

A satisfactory permanent barrier would be one of corrugated iron or aluminum. Other less permanent materials would soon deteriorate and this would necessitate the digging of a new ditch and the reinstallation of a barrier.

body's car, that he buried her, that he was parked near the junior high school Stephanie attended on April 28 and that a car resembling Abbott's was seen a half-hour before she disappeared.

When Coakley finished, Abbott was limp and gray. A jailer later said he was "sullen" and angry.

"He threw the book at me," Abbott was quoted as saying. "He called me a lot of names—some of them words I hadn't even heard before."

Scientists say that if the ice melted from the Antarctic continent the World's oceans would rise 105 feet.

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