

### Deaf Mute Hottest Witness in Death Of Chicago Boys

Chicago — (U.P.) — An illiterate deaf mute was the hottest witness in the marathon manhunt for the killers of three young schoolboys today. The deaf mute, 52-year-old Herman Rohlfes, told of seeing two men fighting 10 feet from the forest preserve ditch where the boys' naked, mutilated bodies were discovered a few hours later. He also told interpreters that he saw the murdered boys in the ditch when daylight broke over Robinson Woods on Chicago's outskirts.

**Slept With Brother**  
Rohlfes had slept with his brother, Edward, in a truck parked at the wood the night before the murdered boys were found last Oct. 18. Through sign language, he told of awakening during the night and seeing the fight. A man was striking someone else on the head and arms with a stick, he said. Then, he said, a man carrying what looked like a knife came up to the truck, looked in, and then went away. Rohlfes' brother has been questioned repeatedly by police and told a different story. He said he did not see the bodies when he awoke and did not see them when he returned to the spot later in the morning.

The bodies of Robert Peterson, 13, John Schuessler, 13, and his brother, Anton, 11, were found at about noon by a passing motorist. The boys had been missing since they left their northwest side homes two days earlier to see a movie. Two experts in sign language who questioned Rohlfes over the weekend said they do not believe the deaf mute is making up his story.

### COMPLAINT OVERRULED

Detroit — (U.P.) — William Brown complained about mixing hillbilly music and chop suey at the Ho Toy Chinese restaurant. Several men at the next table objected to his complaint and Brown ended up in a hospital. The restaurant reported \$250 damage.

Pasadena, Calif. — (U.P.) — Pasadena's two daily newspapers, the Pasadena Star-News, and Pasadena Independent, have been sold to Ridder Publications, Inc.



### OUT OF THE WOODS

JIM STEVENS

**The Night Shift**  
News of the closing of the big timber mill at Westport on the Columbia, in favor of modern small-log operations, brought back many memories. I worked night shift there for close on to two years, 1920-1921. It was tough work on the green chain but I had a weak head and a Swede back. Usually I had plenty of energy left, after the 3 a.m. "dinner" to sit around with the night-shifters who stayed at the Westport hotel.

Tall tales or bughouse arguments would soon start wheeling. I remember one that ran as a serial through a number of sessions in the hotel lobby after a night shift. "You take a drive wheel of a locomotive traveling 30 miles an hour," Bill Schwartz said, at the start of the debate. "Now look—does the top of the wheel go faster than the bottom of the wheel? Or don't it?" The argument got to a point at which men were rolling snooze boxes across the calk-pitted lobby floor and staring at them like crazy trying to decide which really did go the faster, the top or the bottom of that imaginary locomotive drive wheel.

Bill Schwartz, by trade an edgerman, had sawmilled in Alaska for years. A most solemn-spoken man, sad-eyed, tall, raw-boned, sort of Lincoln-looking, he had a fine stock of stories about his experience. Once, he said, he'd owned an Alaskan salmon mine. Another tale was of a long adventure on Icemountain glacier, where he'd had to fight for his life with an ice worm a foot thick and seven feet long. Bill said, "That worm was so white I couldn't see the monster there on the glare of ice until it had leached some of my blood.

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STANDING OUTSIDE COURTHOUSE, Rev. Martin Luther King and wife (left) discuss issues of his trial on charges of boycotting Montgomery, Ala., bus line. Negroes are refusing to patronize utility because they say seats are reserved for whites while Negroes are obliged to stand. (International)

### American Mothers Should Raise Children By Instincts, British Authority Says

By ROBERT MUSSEL  
United Press Correspondent  
London — (U.P.) — Sir Basil Henriques believes American mothers should trust their own natural instincts in the rearing of children and pay less attention to books filled with "undigested psychology."

"And maybe," he said, "they will begin to control the simply frightening juvenile delinquency problem in the United States."

A large and amiable man, Sir Basil is one of Britain's leading authorities on the subject. He has just returned from a tour that took him as far south as Miami, west to Salt Lake City and north into New England.

"I saw juvenile delinquency much worse than anything I have ever seen in Britain," he said. "It is a staggering problem but I do not think it hopeless and I reject the excuses one hears for this state of affairs—'well, we have many races, you know' and so on."

**Figures Falling**  
Sir Basil pointed out that juvenile delinquency figures have been falling steadily here and are almost back to prewar.

"We still have many serious cases of course," he said, "but nothing like what I saw in the United States. Gangs of boys 12 and 13 using knives and guns, stabbing and shooting."

What's wrong with American kids?  
"Partly this belief of their mothers that they must not repress their children," he said. "They get their own way much

Then a quarter or more of my blood showed in the transparent critter, so I was able to make him out, and to aim and shoot." A sagebrusher from eastern Washington had just gone to work on the night shift, and he had joined in the hotel lobby gathering just in time to hear the hunting story.

"I don't claim to be much of a hunter," he drawled, "but just to interduce myself—name is Coot Hill—I'll say Mr. Schwartz has reminded me how I was down once on the Umatilla river bottom and I sighted some quail. I lost my wits and let go with both barrels at once. Well, sirs, they both blew into flinders, even the stock. I jumped and fell back quick enough to save my face but hit so hard it dazed me."

"Well, when I come up and the smoke had cleared away, I found that the shot had killed all the quail, the busted bits of one barrel had flown upstream and slew a pair of Chiny pheasants, the other barrel had busted downstream and killed a grouse, one hammer had conked a coyote between the eyes, the other had caved in the high ribs of a badger, while in my jump I'd tromped a rattlesnake to his doom, and the stock had torn off my huntin' coat and flung it over the head of a cougar that'd been on my track—and dadgummed if it didn't smother him to death! Just luck! I don't claim it was anything but plain, bull-headed luck . . ."

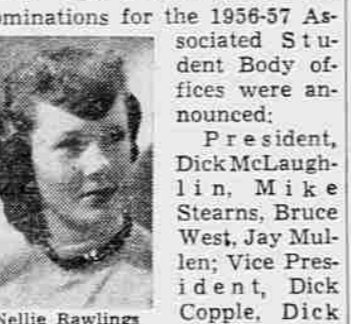
Another long-drawn story of Coot Hill's was on his settling a dispute over wages with the North Bank railroad. Coot located a lawyer, he said, who was shrewd and sharp enough to secure an attachment on the railroad's entire supply of rolling stock.

"Yep, I closed down the whole railroad solid for a full day," he said. "Not a solitary wheel moved on the North Bank for a dozen hours."

One of Coot Hill's more modest stories was a simple little brief on how he had moved a steam-powered wheel tractor, ten tons in weight, three miles just by his own muscle. The trouble was a blown boiler tube. Coot had moved the cold machine just by turning the fly wheel around and around with his own brawny arms, for three rough miles. Golden nights at Westport—alas, they are no more!

### High School News Notes

By NELLIE RAWLINGS  
The spotlight shone on the junior class last week, as the nominations for the 1956-57 Associated Student Body offices were announced.



Nellie Rawlings  
Swinney, Diana Getchell, Steve Wisely; Secretary, Jane Barker, Sue Donna Doolen, Sue Gray, Pat Leek; Treasurer, Dot Brick-

ley, Larry Perkins, Marge LaFever, Marlene Barclay; Business Manager, Neil Plumley, Pete Kershaw, Jim Gordon, Meredith Huggins; Yell King, Charles Acker, Les Lingscheit, Bruce Thompson, Earl Knight; Yell Queen, Sally Ross, Pat Rector, Dee Cuthbertson, Denise Bruning.

An award assembly was held in the gym Wednesday, and letters were presented to the varsity and jayvee basketball players, and to the members of the wrestling team.

The new trophy, won in Eugene, was presented to the school by Bob Tisdell, team captain, and was accepted, on behalf of the student body, by Bruce Kellington, A.S.B. president.

A group of students serving on parliamentary procedure teams made the rounds of the sophomore homerooms on Tuesday, and gave demonstrations on the order of procedure for a correctly conducted meeting.

The teams were made up of Mike Hawkins, Ramona Baugh, Joanne Hult, Jim Martolin, Dale Mathews, Tom Boyd, Ed Reinking, Clark Mears, Bob Taylor, Lanny Taylor, Ron Warner, Dave Drummond, Wayne Zimmers, Jim Hill, Ruth Hunter, Bruce Thompson, Les Lingscheit, David Eaton, Martha Campbell, Rosiland Wade, Jim Coleman, Cecile Carlton, Bob Tisdell, Helen DeCarlow, Bud Geren, Pete Kershaw, Michael Moore, Earl Knight, Johnny Foust, Larry Perkins, Connie Haynes, Mike Walker, and Bob Goude.

The basketball team attended Rotarian luncheon Tuesday, with the following varsity players attending: Bob Tisdell, Lloyd Cearley, John Foust, Larry Gober, Ed Reinking, Dick Copple, Dick McLaughlin, Larry Perkins, Neil Plumley, Mike Stearns, Larry Slessler, Ken Kumasawa, and Ron Warner.

Once again, students tramped into Miss Whisenant's room for a session of "remedial"—this time, remedial math. Each student feels glad that there is remedial only for the two basic classes, math and English.

The YMCA sport dance was held at the "Y" Friday night. The proceeds went toward the trampoline drive.

A material similar to coarse wool has been developed in parts of India from a base of the jute fiber.

Chairman Wendell Wyatt said the proposed amendment had "no particular objective" but was intended to provide machinery which might sometime be considered necessary.

Wyatt urged members of the committee to "avoid undue partisanship in primary campaigns." His remarks were interpreted to be made with reference to the U. S. senatorial nomination now sought by Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and ex-state senator Philip Hitchcock.

**'Long John Silver' Of Movie Film Dies**  
Hollywood — (U.P.) — Robert Newton, English stage and screen star who won fame for his role of Long John Silver in the film "Treasure Island," died of a heart attack at his home yesterday. He was 50.

Newton began his theatrical career as a scene painter and stage hand in the Birmingham Repertory theater in England. He came to the United States in 1948 after achieving major stage and film stardom in England.

His wife, Vera, said her actor husband suddenly collapsed while they were in the living room of their Benedict Canyon home.

**Sweetland Enters Row Over Approach Tracks**  
Milwaukie, Ore. — (U.P.) — State Sen. Monroe Sweetland said today he had asked Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to investigate possibility of an injunction to prevent elimination of interurban tracks from new approaches to Portland's Hawthorne bridge.

Sweetland contends elimination of tracks would damage service to Oregon City and Bellrose and would place the Portland Traction company in a position to again demand that the service be abandoned. He said he had written Thornton asking that the problem be investigated and a legal opinion given.

**Grange**  
Shady Cove Grange  
A potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the Shady Cove Grange social meeting Wednesday, March 28. Ladies are asked to bring a main dish and a salad or desert, and their own table service. Visiting Grangers are invited.

**NOISY FIRECRACKER**  
Chicago — (U.P.) — Safecrackers scared themselves away when they tried to blast their way into a currency exchange with a giant firecracker. The firecracker, containing black powder, made so much noise it aroused the whole neighborhood. When police arrived, the yeggs were gone.

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### Backstairs: Dual Role of President

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
United Press Writer  
White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. — (U.P.) — Backstairs at the traveling White House:

President Eisenhower's visit here with the President of Mexico and Canada's Prime Minister, plus his own statement, raise a question of whether he is likely to make a foreign trip between now and the election. The President has said he would like to visit other parts of the world.

There are two schools of thought on a pre-election trip. One believes a major journey outside the country would hurt the President with the voters. The other holds to the theory that a presidential inspection of American installations overseas might dramatize the Chief Executive's dual role as commander-in-chief of the armed forces and the civilian government.

The late president Franklin D. Roosevelt made such a trip in 1944.

He accepted his nomination by the Democratic convention in Chicago via radio without even telling the delegates where he was. Actually he spoke from San Diego, Calif., just before continuing to Hawaii for a meeting with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

The Republicans bitterly complained that FDR was dramatizing his role for political purposes and that his presence in the Pacific was not necessary.

The mere suggestion of a political implication in his trip prompted Mr. Roosevelt to a burst of press conference fury. If Mr. Eisenhower wants to curtail actual campaign travel this fall to preserve his health and the dignity of the office, there seems little likelihood of his leaving the country before the election.

There was a recent report in Washington that the President might visit India before the year was out. Some of his advisers

NO WEAPONS, PLEASE  
London — (U.P.) — The Anglo-Caribbean Social club imposed a new rule on its members today which forbids carrying of bottles, drugs, firearms, knives or razors. An official of the West Indian Negro club explained: "The rule is an admission that West Indians do carry these things. But we are trying to do what London people do—behave ourselves."

Processors have estimated more than 50,000 tons of dry feathers are produced yearly. Scientists say the great volume of waste is a source of almost pure protein.

were distinctly puzzled. In some of his more recent conversations, the President privately has rejected the idea of long trips at this time.

But Mr. Eisenhower does look with increasing favor on meeting his foreign contemporaries in such relatively quiet places as the Greenbrier hotel here.

Mr. Eisenhower feels that too many times unnecessary formality and ceremonies in Washington really interfere with the visit of foreign dignitaries.

The visit of the Mexican and Canadian chiefs of state did one thing for White House travel. It put the presidential special train back on the rails again.

Mr. Eisenhower almost never uses railroad transportation. But the flying weather here is so changeable at this time of

the year that the trip was made by train.

The President doesn't have anything against rail travel. But he learned about the speed of air travel as an army general and carried this preference with him when he went into the White House.

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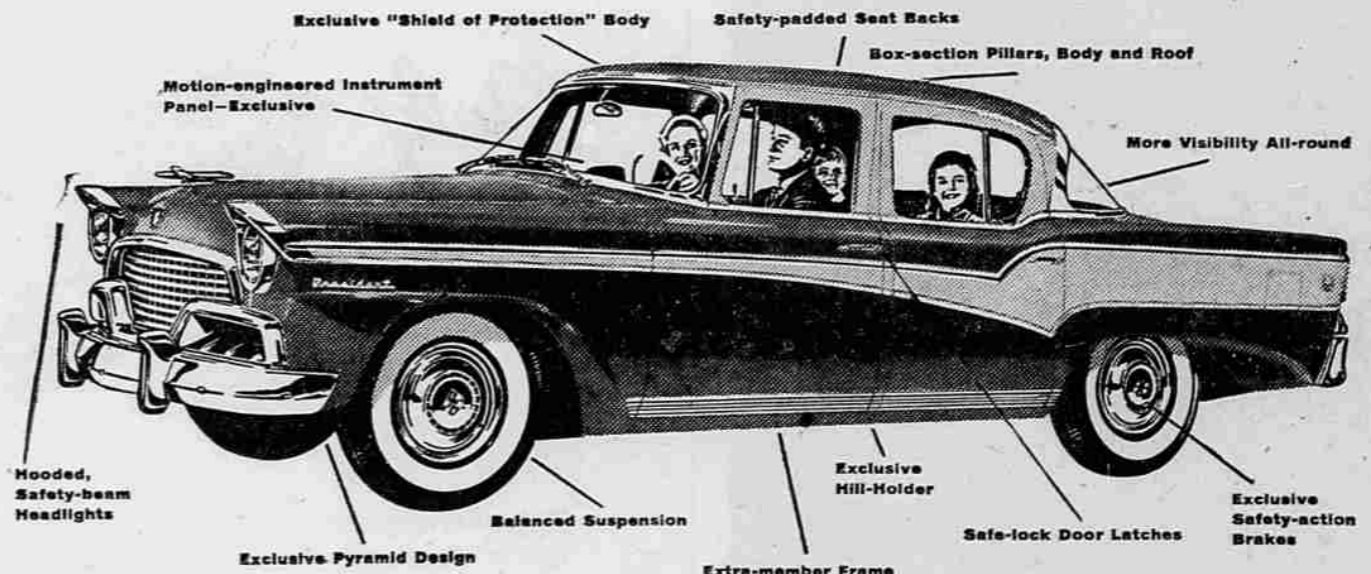
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