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# Nunn Charged With Murder of Alvin Eacret

## YOUTH HELD IN SLAYING

### Grants Pass Girl Victim of Attack By Galice Cousin

#### Murder Charges To Be Filed Monday, DA Says

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — District Attorney Max McMillin said Saturday a first degree murder charge would be filed against 17-year-old Lloyd Eugene Wahl in the rape-slaying of his six-year-old cousin.

State Police Sgt. C. R. Borgman said the Galice, Ore., youth had admitted striking his cousin, Cathie Lou Wahl, with his fists, raping her and putting her body in a stall of an abandoned barn Friday night about a mile from her home, six miles north of here.

A search party of the girl's father, state police, sheriff's deputies and neighbors found the boy hiding in the barn and later found the girl's body in a manger.

The search started after the girl's five-year-old brother, Mike, told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wahl, that Lloyd had taken his sister away on his bicycle about 7 p.m.

Borgman said Lloyd told him the girl started to cry and he hit her with his fists, knocking her unconscious. When she came to, she started to cry again and he hit her again. The boy said he took her to a creek to wash the blood off her face and it was there he raped her. He said he didn't know whether she was dead at the time.

The boy was being held in Josephine county jail and McMillin said he would be arraigned in justice court early this week.

An autopsy was performed on the girl's body yesterday but no findings were immediately released.

### John Graham Found Guilty of Murder

Denver — (U.P.) — John Gilbert Graham was condemned to death Friday night by a jury which found him guilty of time-bombing a commercial airliner so he could collect his mother's insurance.

Forty-four persons, including his mother, Mrs. Daisie E. King, 54, were killed in the crash. It occurred last Nov. 1, a few minutes after the United Air Lines DC6B took off from Denver and less than an hour after Graham took out \$37,500 insurance on his mother's life at an airport vending machine.

The 24-year-old Graham, pictured by the prosecution during his trial as a "greedy, grasping" killer, made no outward show of emotion as the jury returned its verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Its failure to make any recommendation made death in the gas chamber mandatory.

### Highway Construction Approval Almost Sure

Washington — (U.P.) — Construction of 42,500 miles of super-highways at a cost of \$27.5 billion appeared certain Saturday of getting congressional approval.

The big network of interstate highways is the key feature of a 13-year, \$51.5 billion federal and state program recently approved by the House.

The Senate Public Works committee yesterday voted 11 to 2 for a five-year \$36.8 billion highway building program also including the \$27.5 billion interstate system.

### Sports Bulletins

Vancouver, B. C. — (U.P.) — The Los Angeles Angels took the night game 7 to 6 and a clean sweep of the series against the Vancouver Mounties last night in a Pacific Coast League game.

Portland — (U.P.) — Seattle came from behind to score five runs in the fifth inning here last night and even its Pacific Coast League series with Portland in scoring a 7-5 win.

### Reeder, Rode Level Attack Against DA

District Attorney Walter Nunley, seeking reelection on the Republican ticket, was the target of vigorous and repeated attacks from his two opponents at the Meet Your Candidates program sponsored Friday night by the League of Women Voters at Hedrick Junior High school.

Thomas J. Reeder, Democrat, and George W. Rode, Republican, both seeking the district attorney position, alternately threw at Nunley such charges as general incompetence, inability to retain key personnel, suppression of information and causing unnecessary expense to taxpayers.

**Beate Court Record**  
They berated his court record, challenged his knowledge in preparing indictments, censured him for engaging outside assistance and repeatedly asked questions concerning identity and findings of a private investigator.

Nunley strongly defended his record, replying to the points brought up by his opponents when given the opportunity. He gave local personnel shortage as his main reason for hiring outside help, listed low salary as a major factor in personnel turnover, and explained background circumstances in several of his court cases.

He also stated that the district attorney's office here is operating on a smaller budget than in some other areas, yet has been turning out far more work. Increased expenditures, he said, have permitted the office to give greater service to Jackson county.

Most of the written questions submitted by the audience near the end of the program were directed at district attorney candidates. Several of these questions were typed on office file cards.

**Substantial Disagreement**  
There was also substantial disagreement between Robert A. Boyer, Democratic candidate for state representative, and E. H. Mann, Republican incumbent representative seeking reelection. Boyer denounced 1955 legislation requiring voters to sign their names twice in poll books. "The only reason this is required is to make it more difficult to vote," Boyer declared.

Mann, chairman of the 1955 house elections and privileges committee, denied Boyer's statement. "It is not a case of signing one book twice," he said, "but of signing two books." He explained the double signature plan was designed primarily for the purpose of maintaining more than one record. "In case an attempt is made to destroy one record, another would be retained," he said. Mann then mentioned the time in the 1930s when an attempt was made in Jackson county to destroy voter records.

Most of the other candidates limited their four-minute talks to a listing of their qualifications, and a solicitation of votes. However, Melvin J. Lattie, candidate for the Republican nomination for county commissioner, alleged that \$100,000 had been "wasted" in the construction of the courthouse annex, and declared that the creation of sinking funds in the county has imposed undue taxes on the residents.

**Speaks for Morthland**  
Medford Attorney Stan Jones, speaking on behalf of L. G. Morthland, Republican county commissioner and a candidate for reelection, who could not attend, stated that, to the contrary, the county had gotten more than its money's worth in the annex, and that "this is the first time I've heard office-holders criticize for creating savings funds."

Other candidates addressing the large crowd Friday night were, for state representative, Robert B. Duncan, Democrat, and E. A. Littrell, Republican; county school superintendent, Alf B. Mekvold, non-partisan, incumbent; county assessor, Ray J. Schumacher and Andrew Hawver, Democrats, and Allen D. Curry and John H. Tizeker, Republicans; county commissioner, Ralph A. James, Democrat; county treasurer, Anna R. Scott, Republican, and Karl Janouch, Democrat, incumbent; justice of the peace, Ashland district, L.

### Court Martial Is Set for Instructor At Parris Island

#### Sergeant Led Six to Deaths In Training

Washington — (U.P.) — Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon, Marine Corps drill instructor who led six of his men to death during a night training march, will face a general court martial trial for involuntary manslaughter later this month.

Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas Saturday set the trial date for May 14 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

A Marine spokesman at Parris Island, S.C., where the trial will be held, said the 68 surviving members of the death march will be on 10 days boot leave at that time. They return May 20.

Many of the recruits are expected to recount the night of April 8 when McKeon led Training Platoon 71 into coastal swamps on an unauthorized disciplinary march.

**Recruits Drown**  
Six of the recruits drowned in Ribbon Creek into which McKeon led them with the warning, the Marine Corps said, that "those who cannot swim will drown and those who can will be eaten by sharks."

A Marine court of inquiry charged, in findings made public Tuesday, that the assistant drill instructor was "under the influence" of vodka when he took the platoon on the unauthorized disciplinary march.

In addition to manslaughter, McKeon is charged with cruelty to recruits, drinking in his barracks, and drinking while on duty and in the presence of a recruit.

If convicted on all the charges and specifications, he could receive up to 10 years in prison.

### McKay Says Savings Proves Qualifications

Tillamook — (U.P.) — Douglas McKay says savings made in the operation of the Interior department when he was secretary proved his qualifications for the office of U. S. senator.

The former Interior secretary, carrying his campaign to the Oregon coast, noted that under the Eisenhower administration, the largest tax cut in history was enacted. He said that of its \$7,400,000,000 in benefits nearly two out of every three dollars went directly to individuals.

McKay, speaking at a luncheon sponsored by the McKay for Senator committee here Friday, said that under the Eisenhower administration government spending has been cut by \$10,000,000,000. "Inflation has been halted and the dollar stabilized," he said.

### NATO Confab Sets Up 'Brain Trust'

Paris — (U.P.) — The 15-nation NATO conference agreed Saturday to set up a three-man "Brain Trust" to map a Western 10-year plan aimed at modernizing and extending the scope of the Atlantic Alliance to meet changing Soviet tactics.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd suggested the three-man planning group should comprise Canadian External Affairs Minister Lester B. Pearson of Canada, Gaetano Martino of Italy and Halvard Lange of Norway.

### Young Republicans to Have Candidates Night

The Jackson County Republican club will sponsor a "Republican Candidates Night" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Medford YMCA.

Among candidates present will be Phil Hitchcock, candidate for U. S. senator. Candidates for county and state offices also will be present to present views and answer questions.

### Scout Troop 41 Will Travel to Dunsmuir Wednesday To Start in Circulation Totem of One-Eyed Eagle

Boy Scout Troop 41, Griffin Creek, will travel to Dunsmuir, Calif., Wednesday, May 9, to start in circulation again the Totem of the One-eyed Eagle of the Crater Lake Area council.

The Totem has been in Dunsmuir for about two years, according to Donald Bryan, Troop 41 scoutmaster, who located the trophy after three months' search. Bryan said the troop decided to get the Eagle back in circulation. Members will present a skit for the Dunsmuir troop Wednesday to get the Totem.

Bryan said between 20 and 25 scouts and scout leaders have indicated they will make the

### Disarmament Talks End in Deadlock

London — (U.P.) — U. S. Disarmament Chief Harold E. Stassen said today the East and West were roughly half-way along the road to agreement on disarmament.

But Stassen, preparing to leave for home after five weeks of unsuccessful five-power disarmament talks, warned that the last half of the road will be the hardest.

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### Workmen Repairing Burned SP Trestle

Ogden — (U.P.) — Three-hundred workmen were busy Saturday on Southern Pacific's wooden-trestle Lucin cutoff to repair damage caused by a fire which knocked out 645 feet of rails Friday.

A spokesman for the company said men from SP and Morrison-Knudsen Construction Co. were working in two 12-hour shifts of 150 men each.

The fire was reported early Friday. It occurred in the center of the 12-mile long 50-year-old trestle which spans the northern end of the briny great Salt Lake. Cause of the blaze was blamed on an overheated rail car axle or "hotbox" shunted off to a siding and left there Thursday night.

### Kefauver Plans Medford Visit

Sen. Estes Kefauver, one of the two leading Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination, will visit Medford and Ashland on Tuesday, May 15, it was announced Saturday.

His principal opponent in the race, Ex-Gov. Adlai Stevenson, was here last week.

The Tennessee senator is scheduled to arrive at the Medford airport at 9:45 a.m. that day, and will be met by a caravan of cars of his supporters, and taken to Ashland for a talk at the Plaza at 10 a.m.

By 10:30 a.m., he is scheduled to be back in Medford for a talk from the courthouse steps, and is to be in Grants Pass for a luncheon engagement at 11:45 a.m. before leaving for Coos Bay.

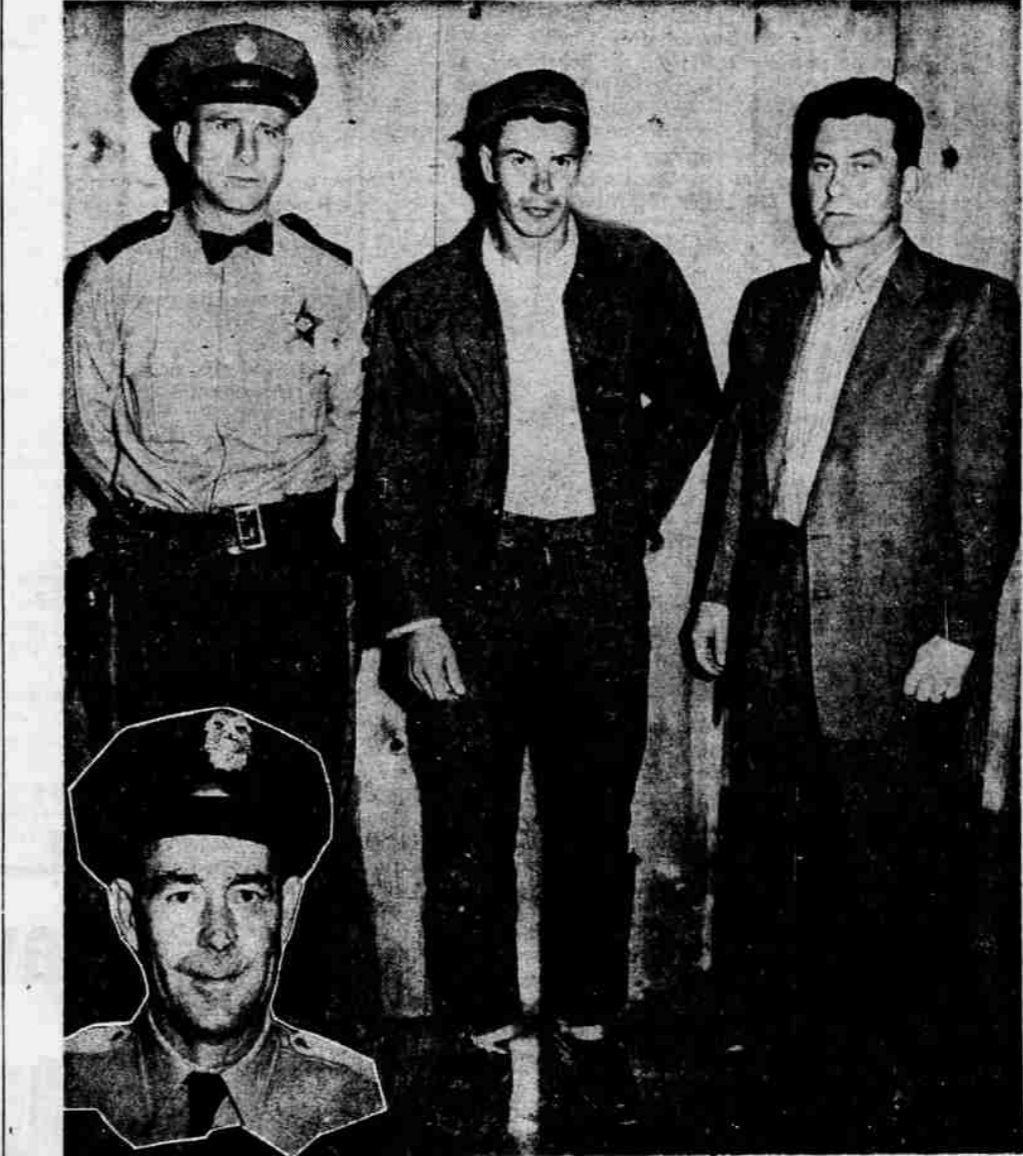
Clyde Fichtner and Russell DeForest are co-chairmen of the committee of supporters making arrangements for his visit. Miss Kay Carrara is heading a group of Young Democrats who are assisting.

### Eniwetok Tests May Result In New Uses of Hydrogen Weapons

Aboard the USS Mt. McKinley at Eniwetok — (U.P.) — A high task force official indicated Saturday that new hydrogen weapons will emerge from tests underway at this Pacific proving ground.

Dr. William E. Ogle of the Atomic Energy commission said the 1954 H-bomb tests proved the feasibility of some big weapon principles and "opened the way for further development" in the H-bomb field.

Theoretical scientists have explored new possibilities as far as they can in the laboratory, Ogle said, and now their findings "must be checked by actual detonation of devices."



HELD FOR MURDER—Billy Junior Nunn, 28, Klamath Falls millworker, arrived in Jackson county Friday night to face charges of first degree murder. The suspect was escorted here by State Police Sgt. Tom Eaton, Medford (left) and Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Walsh, Jackson county (right). Inset shows Curtis Vernon, Alturas policeman, who made the arrest. Nunn was arrested Thursday night. Preliminary hearing will be held here at 10:30 a.m. Monday.—(Klamath Falls Herald and News photo.)

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A perfected H-bomb is scheduled to be dropped from a B-52 jet bomber Tuesday (Monday, U. S. time), weather permitting. It was made possible by the giant tests of 1954.

Unofficial news and civil defense observers will witness it from a ship 32 miles away. It will be exploded at least 10,000 feet over Namu island of the Bikini atoll.

The range between the high and low power shots was planned because of the danger from fallout.

### Riots Start After Candidate's Death

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — The death of President Syngman Rhee's major political opponent Saturday touched off riotous attempts by mobs to storm the presidential mansion.

Police and army troops fired into rioters and drove them away from the President's home.

Seoul newspapers said five Koreans were wounded when police and troops opened fire with automatic weapons on the rock-hurling rioters. One unconfirmed report said one Korean was killed. But police denied anyone was hurt in the biggest anti-Rhee demonstrations since the Korean war. Thirty persons were reported arrested.

P. H. Shinicky, leader of the opposition Democratic party and Rhee's major foe in the May 15 Presidential elections, died Saturday morning of a heart attack while on a campaign tour.

### Milk Prices Expected To Climb Here Soon

Price of milk in Jackson county is expected to climb approximately one cent per quart in the near future, according to John Snider of Snider's dairy.

The price increase is already in effect in most areas of Oregon. It is the result of a new statewide contract designed to meet rising costs of labor, he explained.

Snider said he could not determine just when the increase would go into effect here.

### Klamath Falls Man Arraigned in Court Here On Saturday

#### Preliminary Hearing Set Monday Morning

Preliminary hearing will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. for Billy Junior Nunn, 28-year-old Klamath Falls millworker, who has confessed the April 9 sex-slaying of Alvin William Eacret, 14, Klamath Falls.

Nunn arrived in Medford from Alturas, Calif., about 5 p.m. Friday with Joe Walsh, Jackson county chief criminal deputy, and State Police Sgt. Tom Eaton, Medford. Sgts. Earle Tichenor and Byron D. Winningham, both Klamath Falls, accompanied them part way.

A district attorney's information charging first degree murder was filed Saturday morning and Nunn was arraigned in district court at 11:45 a.m. yesterday.

**Stated in Writing**  
Nunn stated in writing Thursday in the Modoc county jail at Alturas that he had sexually attacked and strangled the Eacret boy, whose nude body was found by two teenage girls April 29 under a bush near Tub Springs State park.

A belt had been tightly fastened around the victim's neck and a cloth gag placed in his mouth. Nunn reportedly picked up the boy in his car the day of the murder as Eacret was en route to work at a Klamath Falls barber shop.

District Attorney Walter Nunley said the written confession was the first statement of any kind Nunn had made concerning the crime. Officers had been intermittently questioning him for several hours. Nunn finally requested a pencil and paper, then wrote an account of the incident, the district attorney said.

Nunn was later quoted as saying his treatment in Alturas at the hands of the officers had been "very good."

**Praises Officers**  
Nunley praised the investigating officers for their work on the case. He added that all worked with "practically no sleep" until Friday night. The district attorney also commended law enforcement officers in surrounding areas as well as a number of private citizens for their cooperation in the case.

He said that over a three-day period the officers canvassed "hundreds" of Klamath Falls merchants, motel operators and other individuals with pictures of the murder victim. Intensive investigation finally revealed that the Eacret boy had been seen with a man having one leg shorter than the other and wearing a built-up shoe.

Other details of the description fitted Nunn, the district attorney said, but the name was not known at that time. The description was sent to Oregon and California law enforcement agencies who were asked to be on the look-out for such an individual.

**Pick up Lead**  
Meanwhile, the district attorney said, officers picked up the lead that Nunn might be hitchhiking to Alturas. Police officers in that city arrested Nunn late Wednesday night. He had obtained a job there and assumed a fictitious name, Nunley explained.

Nunn agreed to waive extradition and return to Jackson county. Prior to his arrival in Medford, the suspect asked the officers to stop in Klamath Falls so he could talk with his wife. Mrs. Nunn, however, had already left for Medford. The couple has a two-year-old child and is expecting another.

**Legal Advice**  
Nunn has not yet obtained the services of an attorney, although Medford Attorney Robert Duncan has consented to give him legal advice until he can obtain a lawyer to defend him.

The district attorney commented that Nunn has appeared "extremely controlled" at all times. In March, 1951, he was sentenced to a five-year term in the state penitentiary for a sodomy offense involving a 10-year-old Portland boy. He was paroled on Nov. 26, 1952.

**Eugene — (U.P.) —** Angus L. Gibson, a prominent businessman in Junction City and former member of both the State House of Representatives and the State Senate, died here Saturday of a heart attack.