

Medical Evidence Disputes Man's Confession in Slaying of Girls

Chicago—UP—Authorities started a new phase in their investigation into the slaying of two young sisters today following a medical report that disputed a suspect's confession.

The surprise report at Tuesday's inquest indicated a skid row romeo was lying when he admitted slaying the teen-aged girls after a week long sex and liquor orgy.

Instead, the findings of Dr. Walter Camp, state toxicologist, showed the girls apparently died about five hours after they left their home to attend an Elvis Presley movie Dec. 28.

The unclad and frozen bodies of the victims, Barbara Grimes, 15 and her sister, Patricia, 13, were found Jan. 22 in a suburban forest preserve ditch.

Report Based on Food

Camp's report was based on tests of food particles found in Barbara's stomach. The foods were the same the girls' mother, Mrs. Loretta Grimes, served her daughters the night they disappeared.

Mrs. Grimes, who appeared at the hearing to "protect their honor," said Patricia had eaten little that night, which could account for the lack of food particles in her stomach.

The findings blasted the signed confession of Bennie (The Dishwasher) Bedwell, 21, who

said he and a man named "Frank" toured dingy skid row bars and cheap hotels with the girls for a week before dumping their bodies into a snow-filled ditch Jan. 13.

Bedwell also said the two girls had eaten hot dogs shortly before the slaying, but no trace of hot dog meat was found in the final stomach analysis.

Camp said a preliminary study also showed no indication of alcohol, which also disputed Bedwell's story.

Camp said tests now are being made for evidence of poison or drugs in an effort to find the still mysterious cause of the girls' deaths.

The report apparently left authorities back where they started in the investigation, although state's Attorney Benjamin E. Adamowski said Bedwell still is regarded as a top suspect.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Can our pronghorn antelope run at a top speed of almost a mile a minute? Recently I said yes. P. V. Whitney of Vananda, Mont., said No! and that he had horses which could outrun them. Last week, I quoted a dozen or



more experienced outdoorsmen who supported Whitney. Today, I'll give you as many to support me. To settle this long-standing argument, I'd like to hear from others, based upon personal experience.

R. M. White Sulphur Springs, Mont. "Near Two Dot, Mont., we were driving at an angle and easily overtook two buck antelope. When I reached the spot where they were, my front fender was no more than six feet from them. I drove straight behind them on a trail at 50 mph in second gear and was unable to stay anywhere near them. They were going at least 60 mph. I should know because it cost me a new tire."

A. B. Laurel, Mont. "My speedometer was up to 55 mph." Mrs. G. D. Polson, Mont. "This pronghorn business gets me red in the face. For 30 years I've lived in eastern Montana, where there are hundreds of antelope and never have I seen or heard of a horse that was anywhere equal to one in speed. They will run and cross the road ahead of you everytime when you drive at 65 mph. If that guy has a cow pony that can run around the pronghorn antelope all I can say is: Lordy, what a horse!"

G. T. Wilsall, Mont. "When we got up to 60 mph, we were gaining just a little bit, so I dropped it back to 50 mph, and he started to gain on us."

We ran him at this speed for 1 1/2 miles. This antelope was really running at the speed of 59 mph. The speedometer on my car is accurate according to all road checks. I will stick with you Ranger, on the 60 mph speed because I do believe that there must be some antelope that can beat the one we raced at 59 mph."

Can't Be Caught With Horse

J. Y. Manhattan, Mont. "I don't know what type antelope Whitney has in his country, but the type we have here in the Gallatin Valley cannot be caught with a saddle horse especially if he is scared. We don't claim to have the fastest horses in the world, but we have relieved a race track of some of their top money and some of these same horses have trailed the antelope and lacked a whale of a lot of catching him. We have chased a lot of them in pickups. My theory is that the pronghorn has the top speed of 60 mph as he is noted for."

C.E.G. Fort Benton, Mont. "They never run a cockeyed inch faster than they have to or care. I'll bet on them at 60 mph when they are properly motivated."

E.F.R. Jerome, Ida. "When going at 55, the antelope swung over and crossed the road ahead of our speeding car."

J.H.S. Broadhus, Mont. "I have also turned antelope with a horse but the speed of a band is the speed of the slowest animal, not the fastest. Also, if one is careful not to panic them, they will very frequently play with a horse and rider. On the other hand, I have paced an antelope in a fenced lane at a speed in excess of 50 mph for a quarter mile. I firmly believe they are capable of a least a mile at that speed and could have made a good deal faster time on a shorter sprint. I am willing to bet Whitney \$50 that if he will attempt to chase a lone buck antelope in good condition and panic by firing a pistol that he will find no horse on earth can even approach the antelope's speed."

K. S. Oakridge, Ore. "I'd like to see the horse they can whip up to 50 mph for almost a mile or so."

R.J.P. of Tucson, Ariz., winds this up. "There is no horse that can match a mature animal unless it is sick or having its young. I clocked a buck for one mile at between 50 and 55 mph. If Whitney would like to do something about it, I am sure he can get plenty of bets with 10 to 1 odds in favor of the antelope that he cannot even come close to catching it on any horse. I myself would put up \$1,000, in favor of the buck."

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Boy Scouts

Troops 3, 6

One Star and two life ranks were presented at a joint court of honor of Boy Scout Troops 3 and 6 held at Roosevelt school last night.

Star ranking was awarded to Stan Dowson while the Life rankings were awarded to John Crawford and Fred Loris, all of Troop 3. Presentations were made by Walter Higgins, Troop 3 committeeman, and Carl Olson, scoutmaster.

Troop 3 first class awards went to Garner Hauptert and Frank Van Pelt and second class pins were awarded to Pete Cartwright, Danny Dixon, Ric Hogue, Tod Jones, Larry Little, Tom Ness and Eric Schade.

Merit badges were awarded to Dowson, Crawford, Loris, Jerry Gastineau, Ed McGrew and Danny Sieg, all of Troop 3. Troop 6 first class awards went to Bob Ivy and Bill Hobbs. Winners of Troop 6 second class awards were Mike Higgins and Bill Morley. Merit badge winners were Richard Champion, Russell Walker, Ken Nelson, Tom Marley and Larry McDowell, all of Troop 6.

Workers Walk Out At Missile Range

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. (UP)—Some 900 non-union workers went on strike at the nation's top-secret guided missile firing range early today and picketed entrances of two government bases.

Scores of pickets manned entrances to Patrick, embracing a vast missile assembly area, and to the storage and firing reservation at nearby Cape Canaveral on the Florida east coast.

A civilian spokesman said the strike will not interfere with any test firings now scheduled.

A spokesman for Pan American World Airways, chief civilian contractor at the facilities, called the strike "illegal" and said the workers will be fired if the strike continues.

The strike was called "by surprise" last midnight and pickets appeared in droves at each of four entrances to the bases in time to meet pre-dawn shifts with their "on strike" placards.

The non-union employees, who said they were protesting a denial of a right to vote on a prospective union affiliation, comprise about 85 per cent of the entire personnel of the missile firing operation.

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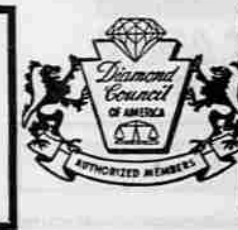
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