

Body of Little Boy In Morgue Mystifies Police Authorities

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Somewhere in this country a little boy is missing from his home. He is a nice looking child between four and six years old. He has blue eyes and brown hair. He weighs between 35 and 40 pounds. He is slender and thin-faced. He is slender and thin-faced.

His body, battered brutally, was found eight days ago in a cardboard box in the Fox Chase section of this city. Police have tried every method at their command to learn his identity but have run up against a blank wall. No one knows who he is. And no one has reported a little boy like him missing.

Home Improvement Plans Announced

Inauguration of "Southern Oregon Home Improvement . . . 1957" was announced at a dinner of about 100 Rogue valley home builders this week.

More than \$9 million in Oregon will be available through banks and lending institutions for both FHA loans, and private loan plans, according to Frank Crosby, director of public relations for the Kaiser Gypsum company. Crosby based his statistics, accounting for a 47.3 per cent increase over 1956, on a February, 1957, survey of more than 1,600 western banks and savings and loan associations.

Executive committee members named at the meeting include Steward Orr, general chairman, and Robert Neilson, Grants Pass; Jack Raapke, Norton Smith, Bert Thierold and Jennings Pierce, Medford; and Alan Monroe, Ashland. The finance committee will be headed by Alan Perry, of the Medford Branch, U.S. National Bank, assisted by Al Monroe, Ashland, and Ted Paulus, Grants Pass.

Red Hen Lays Turquoise Green Eggs; Agriculture Men Puzzled

New Albany, Ind. — (U.P.) — A little red hen is tuning up for St. Patrick's Day. It lays a green egg almost every day.

John Hubbuch, 77, and his wife, Florence, 72, owners of the "New Hampshire Red" hen, said today the chicken never has laid anything but "turquoise green" eggs.

The problem of coloring Easter eggs also has been solved, Mrs. Hubbuch said. "I'll leave them just like they are."

Public Roads Bureau Schedules Work Bids

Portland — (U.P.) — The Bureau of Public Roads has scheduled bids for the next six months for highway construction in Oregon amounting to a total of \$9,485,000.

The total includes \$3,150,000 for forest highways, \$1,100,000 for forest development roads and \$5,235,000 for bureau of land management projects.

Ex-Multnomah Sheriff Paid Off By Gamblers, Investigators Told

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate investigators were told today that a Portland gambler gave a \$500 pay off to former sheriff, now Mayor Terry D. Schruk. They slapped an immediate contempt citation on the gambler for refusing to testify on the incident.

In rapid fire developments before the special committee investigating labor-management racketeering:

Self-confessed racketeer James B. Elkins testified that Clifford O. (Jimmy) Bennett, his partner in Portland's 8212 Club, reported that he made the \$500 payment to Schruk when the sheriff threatened to arrest all club customers on a raid.

Bennett, in one of the most stubborn refusals seen recently before a congressional committee, refused to answer all questions about the incident. Re-

solving itself into an immediate "executive" session, the committee voted to cite him for contempt of Congress by a 5 to 0 roll call vote.

Refuses Explanations

Elkins testified that his book-keeper told him after the raid that \$500 was missing from the \$1,500 regularly advanced as "bankroll" for the club's gambling operations. He said he does not believe Bennett pocketed the money.

Bennett, a slick-haired youngish man, told the committee little other than that he now lives in Great Falls, Mont. He did not even state the grounds for his refusal to testify, although Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) referred to the constitutional protection of the Fifth Amendment.

Bennett even declined to say whether he had been in the

room to hear Elkins testify earlier about the \$500 payment. In an unusual move, McClellan quickly called Capitol Police-man Lawrence Godall as a witness to swear that Bennett was, indeed, in the hearing room.

Elkins' story of the raid was corroborated in some respects by Mrs. Virginia Jenkins, the witness who followed Bennett. Mrs. Jenkins said she is now a "bartender" in Contact, Nev.

Raided Without Warning

A dark-haired, shapely youngish woman in a sleek black dress, Mrs. Jenkins said she formerly was the hat check girl at the 8212 Club. She said the sheriff's raid came without warning while after hours gambling was in progress at the club.

Elkins said the raid was "stirred up" by Thomas E. Maloney, a Seattle gambler who

Adlai Doubts Talks To Restore Relations

Hamilton, Bermuda — (U.P.) — Democratic Party Leader Adlai Stevenson said Wednesday night he doubted that the forthcoming Bermuda conference between President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan would restore Anglo-American friendship.

"I am afraid it will take more than words, but I hope the increasing confidence will be followed by mutual concern for the opinions and interests of one another," Stevenson said.

The defeated Democratic presidential candidate in the 1956 election stopped here briefly en route to Barbados for a vacation.

has figured in previous testimony as a crony of Teamster Union officials who was sent to Portland at their direction to move in on vice and rackets there.

Gaston Floux Awarded PT&T Service Emblem

Gaston L. Floux was presented a 35-year service emblem by J. William Johnson, general plant manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, at a dinner meeting at the Medford hotel recently.

L. E. Derington, division plant manager (toll), and R. S. Crane, supervising toll wire chief in charge of the western Oregon district, both of Portland, were present. Four members of the toll group in Roseburg as well as 11 members of the toll group in Medford attended.

Floux joined the telephone company as a switchboard repairman Jan. 12, 1922, at Salinas, Calif., and later transferred to San Jose where he worked as a repeaterman. He was transferred to Medford July 12, 1944. He has worked as a transmissionman in the toll maintenance department since that date.

He was awarded the Vail Bronze Medal in July, 1932, for saving a man's life following a gasoline explosion.

Copco Asks Permit For Siskiyou Project

Washington — The California Oregon Power company has asked the federal power commission for authority to construct a proposed \$7,001,110 hydroelectric development called Iron Gate on the Klamath river in Siskiyou county, Calif.

Copco technically asked the commission to amend an order it issued in January, 1954, granting the company a license for the proposed Big Bend No. 2 development on the Klamath river in Klamath county, Ore., so as to make that license cover six existing and two proposed developments.

Last June Copco filed for authority to build its proposed Big Bend No. 1 and Big Bend No. 2 developments as a single unit to be known as Big Bend; the proposed Iron Gate development, and six existing developments known as East Side, West Side, Keno regulating dam, Keno, Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2.

Legislature Briefs

Salem — (U.P.) — A physician would be appointed coroner by the county board of health under terms of a bill introduced in the House today by Rep. Richard Groener, Milwaukie Democrat.

The bill would repeal the present coroner's inquest code and call for investigation of all deaths by external force, occupational or contagious disease, or under sudden or unknown circumstances.

Salem — (U.P.) — All employees, including those of state and local government agencies, would be brought under the workmen's compensation law if a bill introduced in the House today at the request of the Oregon State Labor Council passes.

Salem — (U.P.) — Legislation directing the return to counties of 30 per cent of the state excise tax collections from utilities on the basis of percentage of utility properties within the various counties was introduced today

by Democratic Sens. Harry D. Boivin of Klamath Falls and Jean Lewis of Portland.

Salem — (U.P.) — Establishing a local administrative agency to see requirements are met to make federal funds available for renewal of blighted urban areas was called for in a bill introduced in the House today.

Sponsors of the measure were Rep. Richard Eyeman, Mohawk Democrat, and Sen. Dan Dimmick, Roseburg Democrat, and others.

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill increasing personal liability car insurance requirements from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per individual and from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for two or more persons involved in an accident was introduced in the House today.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Berkeley Lent, Portland, increases judgments that could be obtained from \$2,000 to \$5,000 on both property damage and personal injury.



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