

# Elaine Soule Found Guilty; Sanity Trial Scheduled Thursday



ELAINE SOULE

Redwood City, Calif. — Suzanne Elaine Soule, convicted of second degree murder for slaying her pretty roommate, faces another trial Thursday to determine if she was sane at the time.

The same jury of five women and seven men that brought in a verdict of second degree murder Tuesday will sit at her sanity hearing. The trial is expected to take about a day.

If found sane, Miss Soule faces a five-year to life sentence for clubbing and stabbing to death Catherine Marie Elvins, 19, of Seattle, Wash., in the Burlingame apartment the two girls shared last July 24.

But if she is found insane, she will undergo treatment at a mental institution for at least one year.

At any rate, the honey-haired typist from Freeport, N.Y., will escape the death penalty. The prosecution had asked the jury to return a first degree murder verdict. The defense had asked for a verdict of manslaughter.

The jury took exactly two hours to sift through two weeks' testimony in the trial. Its sudden verdict caught the court officials by surprise. The verdict caused Miss Soule to lose the impassivity that has characterized her behavior during the trial.

When the clerk began reading the verdict, Miss Soule gasped for breath and her pale face flushed. When the jurors were polled, her head began to roll as though she had lost control of her muscles.

Two matrons rushed Miss Soule from the courtroom and into a sedan that carried her two blocks to the jail.

As the car pulled up in front of the building she has lived in for the past six months Miss Soule began sobbing—violent sobs that wrenched her small frame.

Once back in her cell, she lost all control and sobbed convulsively for an hour. She refused all offers of help.

Mrs. Frieda Soule, her mother, could not bring herself to be in court when the verdict was read, although she had attended the whole trial.

It was an hour before Mrs. Soule was composed enough to leave the courthouse after someone brought her word of the jury's decision.

**Sanity Issue**  
Meanwhile, defense attorneys G. Brooks Ice and John Cost announced the plan to call Dr. Walter A. Rapaport, superintendent and medical director of Agnew State hospital, at Miss Soule's sanity trial.

Rapaport had testified during the trial just concluded that Miss Soule showed all the symptoms of schizophrenia.

The murder of which Miss Soule was found guilty took place about 6:30 a.m. on July 24. Miss Soule arose, got a flatiron and bludgeoned her sleeping roommate with it 31 times. Then she took a kitchen knife and stabbed her 20 times.

According to testimony at the trial, Miss Elvins died of the wounds from the stabbing.

The prosecution claimed Miss Soule's motive was to obtain a \$160 check sent to Miss Elvins by her parents.

# Safeway Stores Buy Area Fruit

Purchases of Medford area fruit during the 1956-57 shipping season by Safeway Stores, Incorporated, amounted to more than \$319,000, according to George M. Mangan, Portland division manager.

A total of 3,037,403 pounds of pears, peaches and plums, the equivalent of 95 freight cars, was shipped to Safeway distribution centers in Portland, Oakland, Los Angeles, and New York. Of this, pears accounted for 2,463,824 pounds, of which 1,945,020 pounds were sold through Safeway stores in Oregon and southwest Washington. Safeway's New York division accounted for another 497,952 pounds.

Safeway's produce buying office in Portland also led in purchases of Medford area peaches, a total of 15 carloads, or 448,212 pounds.

Mangan said "We are proud of our continuing status as Oregon's largest agriculture customer and of our role of helping to acquaint consumers throughout the nation with the famous products produced in our state."

# Talisman Lodge to Sponsor Boy Scouts

Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias, voted to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 16 at their meeting Monday. Dan Kadin will be the troop's institutional representative.

The group also voted to give additional support to the Ground Observer Corps and the local and state Civil Defense groups. They offered the facilities of the Pythian lodge building in case of emergency.

The group also voted to contribute \$5 to the March of Dimes drive. Don Lacy, Central Point, new chancellor commander, presided at the meeting.

# Infant's Body Found On Hillsboro Dump

Hillsboro — The body of a newborn baby whose throat had been slashed was found in the Washington county dump by a caretaker Monday afternoon, Sheriff R. H. Busch said today.

Busch said there were 10 knife marks on the infant's throat. Coroner Graham Young said the baby had been dead five to seven days.

The body had been stuffed in a burlap sack and then wrapped in a blanket, the sheriff said. The dump is about eight miles north of Hillsboro on Shady Brook road.

# Gervais Postmaster Killed by SP Train

Gervais, Ore. — Mrs. Gertrude Cecil Colby, 64, was killed instantly shortly after noon Tuesday when her car was struck by a Southern Pacific freight train here.

She had been postmaster of this small community near Salem for many years. Jack Earnest, Portland, head brakeman on the train, said the car was rolling and Mrs. Colby was trying to get out when the train hit it.

Engineer T. M. Kelson, Portland, said the train was moving about 55 miles per hour. Force of the collision threw the car against the depot building.

# The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Greta S.**—Henry can't keep his eyes off young girls.  
**Henry S.**—It's natural for a man.

**Greta S.**—I am 45 years old and have some gray hairs and some lines in my face. Just the same, I don't consider that I'm exactly an old hag yet.

My husband, however, seems to disagree. Whenever he sees a streamlined young thing on the street or on TV, he gives forth with the wolf whistle. He seems to be constantly looking over all the young girls whenever we go out together. If he is introduced to them he pays them all kinds of compliments. They are flattered and play up to him.

Henry insists that it doesn't mean a thing, but it sure makes me feel discarded.

**Henry S.**—I can never make Greta understand that there is a difference between a man's point of view and a woman's point of view. A man is naturally attracted to pretty women, no matter what the difference in ages. As long as he is decent and doesn't mean any harm by it and his wife knows he is faithful, what has she got to kick about?

Looking at it from another point of view, young women are naturally attracted to a mature man and are flattered by his attentions, but that doesn't mean they are ready to snatch him away.

Greta should just wise up to the facts of life. I still love her.

**The Council:** What a life!

Looking at it from still another point of view, Henry, we have often heard of mature women being attracted to handsome young men, and we have also heard of young

women being very much annoyed by the attentions of older men. Sometimes they pretend to be flattered in order to avoid being rude.

If we take Henry as an example of the male sex, we'd say that the real difference between the points of view of the two sexes is a colossal and blinding egotism on the male side. Henry is like a little boy looking at the exciting candy in the store window, fancying it is all for him.

Henry's fantasy may be comparatively harmless, but it is really unworthy of a mature man. His argument that his behavior is natural for a man just won't hold water. People don't always do what is natural — and sometimes they avoid doing the natural and wiser things.

For example, we think it is natural for a man of Henry's age to put his thoughts on such matters as how to benefit his community and family and how to improve his business or job skills. This would leave him less time for window-gazing.

The only advice we can give to Greta is to remind her husband by an occasional long, low whistle that women also notice attractive humans of the opposite sex—if they want to put their minds to it.

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# NYU DEAN DIES

New York — Dean William Bush Baer of the New York University College of Arts and Science, died in his sleep Tuesday in his Bronx apartment. He was 55. A member of the NYU faculty since 1926, Dean Baer, also was the sole performer, writer and producer of the WCBS-TV program, "Our Godly Heritage," a 15-minute program on the Bible presented each Sunday morning since 1952.

# Earlier Power Lack Seen for Northwest

Portland — President Eisenhower's budget, which would reduce funds for major federal power projects, could cause an earlier power shortage in the Pacific Northwest, according to estimates by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Col. A. F. Clark Jr., North Pacific Division Engineer, says completion of John Day dam may be delayed four years due to a cut in appropriations. Completion of Ice Harbor dam on the lower Snake river could be slowed by two years, from 1961 to 1963.

Col. Clark, addressing a dinner in honor of Dewey Short, assistant secretary of the Army, said the delays were based on the "present funding situation, and also on assumptions of possible future funds in light of current circumstances which, of course, may change."

He also explained that if future appropriations were increased "substantially," some of the lost time could be made up.

# Grange Notes

**Pomona Grange**  
Jackson County Pomona Grange will hold its next meeting Saturday, Jan. 25, at Roxy Ann Grange hall. This will be an all-day meeting, starting at 10 a.m. For the noon meal the host Grange will furnish the meat dish; all ladies attending are asked to bring salads and desserts.

Announcement will be made of the winners in the Jackson County Champion Grange contest, and the prizes will be awarded during the meeting.

Masters unable to attend the meeting are urged to send their reports in by someone attending, or mail them to the Pomona secretary to be read at the meeting.

Mrs. Melvin Lattie, Secretary  
Jackson County Pomona Grange

**Klamath Falls** — Dr. Kenneth Tobias, 55, secretary of the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon, died here Monday.

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