

Wyoming Sheriff Tells Story Of Capturing Nebraska Killer

Editor's note: Sheriff Earl Haffin of Converse County, Wyo., ended teen-aged killer Charles Starkweather's murder rampage late Wednesday when he shot the youth in the right ear during a high speed chase. Here is the sheriff's story.

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As Told to United Press

Douglas, Wyo. — I should have aimed a little to the left. A quarter of an inch would have done it. Another quarter of an inch and I'd have blown his head off.

We picked up his trail and Bob Amsley, Douglas chief of police, had his '57 Plymouth up to 110 miles an hour before I could get a clear shot at that Packard.

The kid didn't pay any at-

tention to our siren and once we almost ran him down but he out-manuevered us. He didn't out-manuever my 30-30 Winchester pump, though. I leaned out the window and fired away. I got about four good shots.

But, you know, the kid kept going. Then, about two minutes after I hit him, he halted. I guess he got a glimpse at his own blood and that scared him.

But he didn't act much like he wanted to cooperate even after Bob pulled the squad car alongside. He got out of the Packard slowly and I fired again, at his feet, to get him to show some life.

That did it. He moved. I commanded him to lay down on the ground. But again he wouldn't cooperate. So I fired again, missing him on purpose, of course. That convinced him.

Doesn't Say Much

We took him into town here and put him in jail. He's sullen. He won't say much, not that any of us wants to be sociable with him. He acts sleepy all the time and I guess he might be after that drive from Lincoln.

We got his car patched up and we're going to try to keep him around Wyoming for awhile. I don't know what Bill Dixon, county attorney, is going to do, but I sure would like to see that kid brought to trial right here for the murder of Merle Collison.

Anguished Parents Of Nebraska Killer Await Phone Call

Lincoln, Neb. — The anguished parents of mass killer Charles Starkweather, 19, waited today for a telephone call from their son, not sure what they would advise him to do.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Starkweather were unable, too, to say exactly why their son suddenly turned killer and took at least 10 lives in this area's biggest crime spree in history.

Reason Advanced

Wyoming authorities at Douglas, where young Starkweather was captured Wednesday, said the slayer would be permitted to telephone his father today for help in arranging legal counsel.

One reason the parents advanced for the maddened killings was that their son's health had driven him to desperation.

"It could have been a lot of things," the father, a handsome man who works as a

carpenter, told newsmen. "He has lost a couple of good jobs; that girl (Caril Fugate, his companion) has him wrapped around her little finger; he is to lose his sight within a year, and a recent cold made him lose 30 pounds."

The father said Charles suffered from astigmatism. He could not explain what complications could cost his son's eyesight.

Worried About Blow

Starkweather said his son had been hit in the head with a two-by-four some years ago and had worried about effects of the blow.

"It's a terrible thing to have to lock the doors and windows of your house against your own son," Starkweather said.

"I trusted Charlie and thought I could have talked to him until he killed the old man (August Meyer, 70). But if he'll kill an old friend like August, he could turn on his own father."

House Probers To Reveal Names Of FCC Wrongdoers

Washington — House investigators today sent some members of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) a list of "misconduct" charges against them and warned that their names would be bared to the public Friday.

Only those accused of wrongdoing were to receive individual statements. Names of those receiving bills of particulars were to be made public.

Chance to Prepare Answers

The charges were dispatched to enable those involved to prepare answers when questioned under oath next week. The special House subcommittee investigating the FCC and five other regulatory agencies voted unanimously late Wednesday to question FCC commissioners under oath on charges of "alleged personal, official misconduct."

Teamsters Said Joining Other Labor Unions

Detroit — International Teamsters President James R. Hoffa, fresh from "successful" negotiations with the Automobile Transporters association, said today various teamsters leaders are joining other unions so they can continue their activities in state and local AFL organizations.

Hoffa and teamster negotiators reached agreement Wednesday night on a contract with 74 auto and truck transport firms that haul and drive vehicles to dealers in 32 states. Hoffa said "we got what we expected to get" in the settlement that closely followed the pattern set by the central states negotiations

Portland Hospital Contract Awarded

Portland — The Ross B. Hammond Company of Portland Wednesday was awarded a \$1,958,000 contract for construction of the new Kaiser Foundation hospital on North Greeley ave. here.

Completion time is scheduled in 15 months. The 157-bed hospital will overlook Swan island.

FIRE WARNING

Greenville, Me. — The following warning is painted in bold letter on a large billboard on the road to Lily Bay near here: "This is God's country. Why set it on fire and make it look like hell?"

Searchers Decline Offer of Wooden Boat

Augusta, Me. — Game wardens searching for a lost hunter in Maine's northern woods radioed their search headquarters for an aluminum canoe.

A voice crackled back "We are sorry we have no aluminum canoe, but we can get a wooden boat if that will help."

It turned out that radio "skips" were operating again and the offer of the wooden boat came from a New Mexico police dispatcher. The wardens declined with thanks the offer of the wooden boat.

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The crash killed 15 persons and caused all Britannias to be grounded for a brief period.

Investigators trying to determine the cause of the crash said the runaway robot possibility was raised by reports of a second Britannia crew which had the same trouble.

The first crash occurred as the long-range airliner came in for a landing near Bristol, England. All the crew, along with technicians who had been checking the plane's performance, were killed.

Aviation sources said the second Britannia was flying at 3,000 feet over Britain when it ran into trouble with the "demon robot."

The automatic pilot, which normally is kept turned off except when needed on long flights, suddenly started operating. Because it had not been adjusted to steer a specific course, it sent the big plane into steep dives and climbs.

The flight engineer cut off power to the automatic pilot just in time and the human pilots regained control.

Freight Hauling Permit Upheld

Portland — The certificate of Maskleyne Transfer and Storage, Inc. to haul goods from Walla Walla, Wash., to Pendleton, Ore., and other points has been upheld by a three-judge federal court here.

Three competitors of Maskleyne brought the court complaint against the Interstate Commerce Commission, which had issued the certificate. The companies, Sites Freightlines, Inc., Inland Motor Freight and Consolidated Freightways, asked the court to rule the ICC certificate invalid.

But the court panel, in a unanimous opinion written by Oregon Federal District Judge William East, said the commission acted within its authority in issuing the certificate.

Others on the panel which heard the case here were Judge James Alger Fee, of the court of appeals, San Francisco, and William Mathes of Los Angeles, a California district federal judge.

Portland Traction Company Sued

Portland — Mr. and Mrs. William M. Keller, who reside in Clackamas county, filed suit in Circuit Court here Wednesday for \$17,000 damages against Portland Traction company, Keller, a Portland attorney, claims he and his wife have been damaged by PTC's stoppage of inter-urban trolley service.

PTC suddenly halted the service last Saturday night, claiming loss of revenue.

The Kellers maintain that the value of their property has been impaired by the loss of public transportation and that they have been inconvenienced.

Baker City Jail Meals 'Adequate'

Baker — Police Chief Cliff Murray today defended the quality of meals served prisoners in city jail. He said they were "quite adequate."

Murray's statement was issued after he learned of a letter sent by two prisoners to the jailer at Anacortes, Wash.

Wesley Davis, 30, and Jack Gibb, 18, wrote the Anacortes jailer they were sorry they escaped his jurisdiction because the food was bad in Baker jail. The pair are being held in connection with a spectacular flight through eastern Oregon in which two police cars were stolen.

I WAS FRAMED

Los Angeles — Sixteen traffic officers showed up in Municipal Court Wednesday to back up 16 traffic violation charges against Stanford Patterson. Judge Stephen S. Weisman eyed the group, told Patterson it was very "inconsiderate" of him to cause the policemen to be taken off the street where they were needed, and intoned, "Sixty days."

MAN THE PUMPS

San Francisco — The State Board of Equalization reported Wednesday that California breweries last year sold 203,245,076 gallons of beer—more than enough, at 12 million gallons per ship, to float 16 battleships.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Aberdeen, Scotland — Inhabitants of the remote island of Foula in the Shetlands received supplies and mail—including Christmas cards—Wednesday for the first time since they were cut off by storms 47 days ago.

RETIRED PROFESSOR DIES

Wake Forest, N.C. — Dr. Robert M. Poteat, 71, retired Latin professor, author and former imperial potentate of the Shriners, died at his home here Wednesday. Poteat, son of a former president of Wake Forest College, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

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20 Only	Girls' Much Better Driving Coats with Hood. Washable twill in beige. Sizes 7-14.	4.99
38 Only	Men's Better Khaki Shirts. Sanforized 6 oz. Twill. Broken Sizes. Don't Miss 'em.	2.00
120 Only	Much Better Nylon Panels. Little or No Ironing. No Shrinking. Size 42x81. Ivory. Ea.	88c
240 Pair	Better Gaymode Hose. Dark seam sheers in Gala, Jubilee, Mardi-Gras. Sizes 8 1/2-11 Pair	69c
6 Only	Better 100% Orlon Shrug. Washable. No blocking. Cream color. Med. only	2.88
100 Only	Pen-a-day Ball Point Pen Sets. Assorted Colors. In Plastic Case.	Set 1.00
400 Only	Better Cannon Dish Cloths. Multi Colored. Size 15x18". Save! Save! Save!	12/1.00
20 Only	Girls' Much Better Orlon Slipover Sweaters. Pastels. Washable. Sizes 7-14	2.22
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147 Only	Men's Much Better Plaid Shirts. Dan River "Wash and Wear" Plaids. Size S. M. L.	2.00
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18 Only	Women's Much Better Driving Coats with hoods, beige only. Size 14-16-18	5.99
60 Only	Infants' Better Quality Polo Shirts. Pastel & Stripe Patterns in Sizes 1-2-3	2/1.00
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112 Only	Men's High Quality Sport Shirts, impt. sanforized gingham, gay plaids. Sizes S-M-L	2.00
60 Only	Girls' Much Better Panties. Cotton-Rayon Blend. Elastic leg & waist. Sizes 6-14	4/1.00
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