

## San Francisco Man Leads Authorities To Body of Wife

Eureka, Nev.—UPI—A meek looking brewery engineer who confessed he strangled his wife two weeks ago in San Francisco promised today to show where he buried her body on the Nevada desert—if he can find the "exact place."

Albert H. Lewis, 48, confessed in San Francisco Tuesday the "terrible secret I have been carrying for two weeks." The secret was that he killed his wife, Dolly, 36, on Aug. 5, put her body in the

trunk of his car four days later, drove to Nevada and buried her in a sandy grave near a pioneer town.

Lewis said he decided to confess after seeing a movie in Sacramento last Thursday called "Unchanged." It was about life in China State prison. He said the film touched his conscience.

Early Tuesday, he called Ingleside station in San Francisco and told of killing his wife and burying her body in the Nevada desert.

"I used my hands, but I don't know why or how I did it," he said in a hoarse voice. Taken to Nevada

Homicide Lt. Al Nelder, Inspector Joseph Curtin and Assistant District Attorney Walter Giubbini brought Lewis to Nevada late Tuesday so he could show them the spot on Highway 50 near Eureka where he buried her. Eureka is about 255 miles east of Carson City.

Lewis said he and his wife

began drinking Aug. 5. "I think we had an argument," he said. "That's all I can remember."

Four days later, he recalled carrying his wife's body down the back stairs of their home and curling it up in the trunk of his auto. He drove through Oakland and out Highway 50. "I didn't know what to do," he said. "I passed a river (the American river in the Sierra Nevada) but I didn't think that was the place to leave her."

He kept on driving, stopping for drinks on the way, until he came to Eureka. He parked the car at the curb of a street in Eureka and slept. Covered With Sand

"I woke up about 6 o'clock in the morning," he said. "I drove eastward on Highway 50. Then I drove off the main highway about a quarter of a mile."

"I had a shovel in the back of my car. I didn't need to dig a hole because there was

a depression in the side of the road. I put the body in that and I covered her up with about four feet of sand."

Lewis said his wife was a

sister of Lewis Henson, husband of Harriet Henson, a key figure in the infamous Santo gang murder case in Chester, Calif., in 1953.

## Four-Year-Old Fights Off 1,200-Pound Bull

Slyfield Green, England—UPI—Four-year-old David Butters weighs only 43 pounds but he bested a 1,200-pound Goliath who invaded his playground in this Surrey village.

David is blond and stocky for his age, the acknowledged leader of his "gang" of 16 youngsters. Goliath is a bull, due any day now for a date in a slaughterhouse.

Here's David's story of what happened:

"We were on the swings next to my house, me and my pals. Then a big black bull came through the hedge and started running around."

"He was making a funny grunting noise. There was a stick on the ground and I grabbed it and hit him. The other kids ran away."

"The bull just stood still when I hit him. So I hit him again. He stamped his feet. So I hit him again."

"Then he ran back into the field and I went home and told Mum it was all right for the kids to play in the field again."

David's mother, Mrs. Janet Butler, 24, backed up his story and looked proudly at the knobby, three-foot stick David chose as a weapon "because I couldn't find a bigger one."

"It's terrifying to think of bullocks careening around in a playground," Mrs. Butler said. "But it's just like my boy. He doesn't seem scared of anything."

David, who was rewarded with an extra portion of ice cream, grinned and said "Aw, I wasn't frightened. I like cows."



**BIRDCAGE**—The girl with the busiest phone in Indianapolis is 17-year-old Mauri Rose Kiny, who is attempting to break the world's record of 169 days atop a pole. She hopes to stay on her 71-foot perch for six months. By the time winter sets in, she hopes to have heat in her "home."

## Opposition Noted For Regulating River Reservoirs

San Francisco—UPI—An engineer for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has expressed strong opposition to a proposal by Arizona for regulating Colorado river reservoirs.

The engineer, John R. Riter of Denver, appeared as a California rebuttal witness Tuesday in the Colorado river water suit. The case is being heard by Special Master Simon H. Rifkind for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Riter said he took "violent exception" to the hypothetical plan introduced in the case by Arizona to regulate reservoirs on the river.

Arizona contemplates an effective storage in the reservoirs of 35 million acre feet a year, while California calls for 31 million acre feet.

An "Erratic Release"

Riter said that Arizona's scheme would require erratic release. He said this would make it difficult to maintain a constant production of electric power.

Moreover, he said the plan would "put the reservoir operator in the hole" because he might find himself with an empty reservoir at a time when he is legally required to make a high release.

Earlier, California and Arizona clashed over how much water would be saved in the river between Hoover Dam and the Mexican border.

It has been estimated that about one million annual acre feet disappears in this stretch of the river.

Disagree On Amount

Arizona has asserted that the waste could be reduced to 300,000 annual acre feet, but California insists it could be cut in the future to only 600,000 acre feet.

Arthur L. Mitchell, the U.S. engineer who controls releases at Hoover Dam, testified that vegetation which drinks river water causes much of the waste. He said the vegetation grows faster than it can be gotten rid of.

Mitchell, also a California rebuttal witness, contradicted testimony of an Arizona witness that much water would be saved if irrigators were obliged to take the full amount of their water orders. They do not always do so at present.

Mitchell said that when temperatures drop, the farmers do not always need the water they have ordered. Even if they accepted it, it would not do them any good, he said.

More than 8,000 American Indians saw service in World War I.

## Two Burned When Light Bulb Explodes

Klamath Falls—UPI—Two persons were burned, one seriously, Tuesday when a light bulb exploded in a garage grease pit in Dorris, Calif., about 20 miles south of here.

Sagg was in the pit working on the family car. Tindle was standing on the steps of the pit and was able to jump to safety. He suffered burns on one arm. Sagg was burned on the face, head and arms.

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## Blaze Consumes Grain Elevators

Jefferson, Ore.—UPI—An early-morning fire today consumed the Marion-Linn grain warehouse and elevators and the Dimick Manufacturing company here with a total loss estimated at \$240,000, including tons of stored grain.

The flames were discovered about 5 a.m., 30 minutes after a night shift of workers had left the warehouse. Cause was not known.

The grain warehouse, owned by Philip Gilmore of Jefferson, was filled with wheat and one of the two elevators destroyed by the fire was built only three weeks ago. Grain stored out of doors on the ground also was burned by the blaze which was fought by firemen from both Albany and Jefferson.

The nearby manufacturing plant owned by Philip Dimick housed equipment for the manufacture of television antennae and plastic products. Loss to that establishment was about \$40,000 and the balance to the warehouse. Damage was only partly covered by insurance.

## Bridge Toll Rate Increase Listed

Umatilla — UPI — New tolls for use of the Columbia river bridge here were announced Tuesday by the Umatilla county court which said that present tolls were inadequate to pay off the bond obligations incurred for construction of the span.

The new rate would be \$1.25 for roundtrips for cars and pickups, for an actual saving of 35 cents over the old fee which was 80 cents each way. One way tolls would be raised to \$1 for cars and pickups as of Sept. 1.

The court said tolls could probably be reduced when the bridge becomes part of the interstate highway system and traffic is increased.

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