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**Lay Minister's
 Son Confesses
 Sniper Slaying**

Pontiac, Mich. - (UPI) - The brilliant son of a Baptist lay minister has confessed to the sniper-slaying of his mother because "she tried to find excuses to keep me home."

The confession of Douglas Cooper Godfrey, 15, ended two terror-filled weeks for the residents of the fashionable Detroit suburb of Bloomfield Township, Mich.

The fatal shooting of Mrs. Mary Godfrey, 38, mother of five, and two previous sniping incidents had left the community in a state of near panic.

The 10th grade student scored 147 on an IQ test while in the fourth grade. At Bloomfield Township High school he was regarded as an excellent student.

Admits Other Shootings

Young Godfrey admitted he fired two shots at Bloomfield Township homes and one shot at a car to establish the presence of a sniper in the area. He said he missed the car but the other shots shattered windows in the wealthy subdivision.

His admission he plotted his mother's death - while ending the fear-filled nights of Oakland county residents - added another tragedy to the Donald Godfrey family.

"We argued all the time. She was too strict. She never let me do the things I wanted to do," Godfrey told authorities in his confession at the state police post here.

The boy's father pledged to "stand by my son . . . This is one of those things which is hard to explain."

He added, "I always considered him a good boy."

Accompanies Son

The father, a manufacturer of precision instruments, brought the youth to the state police post at the request of Oakland County Prosecutor George Taylor after evidence began to point to Godfrey's son.

Mrs. Godfrey was killed Jan. 25 by a 28-caliber slug fired through the kitchen window of her home. The slug struck her in the left eye.

The youth was held at the Juvenile Home for Investigation of murder. Taylor said he would ask for a sanitary hearing and would confer today with Probate Judge Donald E. Adams on the next move in the case.

**541 Area Farmers
 Get Dividends**

Farmers and stockmen in the Jackson county area, approximately 451 of them, will share in a 5 per cent, \$10,586.75 dividend to be paid by the Federal Land Bank association of Roseburg.

The dividend, declared by the association's board of directors, is payable to all stockholders of record Nov. 30, 1962. K. W. Knechtel, manager, said. The checks were mailed Feb. 5.

Knechtel said the \$10,586.75 dividend represents the association's share of a 5 per cent \$640,000 dividend declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane. The Spokane bank has paid out more than \$5,000,000 in dividends since 1944, according to Knechtel. During that same period the FLBA of Roseburg has paid \$92,345.80 to its stockholders.

The local association makes loans for the Spokane bank in Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties.

**IRL Conference To
 Draw 600 Students**

Eugene - The 16th annual Conference of the Oregon High School International Relations League is expected to bring an estimated 600 students to the University of Oregon this week end.

Registration will begin this evening in the Erb Memorial Student Union, and continue Friday.

Of interest will be addresses by Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.) and Dr. William Sanders, assistant secretary general of the Organization of American States.

Sen. Morse will speak at the first session Friday morning in McArthur Court. His talk will be on U.S. - Latin American relationships. President Arthur S. Flemming is scheduled to give the welcoming address.

**Waterborne Lumber
 Shipments Increase**

Seattle - (UPI) - Waterborne lumber shipments from Oregon were 10.7 per cent greater during 1962 than 1961, the Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau said.

This contrasts with a 16.3 per cent decline in Washington and a 3 per cent decline in California. British Columbia reported an increase of 7.2 per cent.



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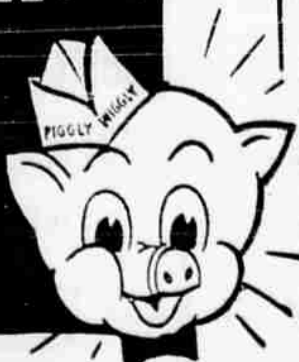


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