

Cline Case Difficult Because Of Cremations

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13 (AP)—District Attorney Edmund Gerald Brown said today a transcontinental hunt through at least a half dozen cities, prompted by the arrest here of a former convict, already has "established a definite pattern" in the deaths and cremation of three elderly women.

Brown said investigation of the case was made difficult by the fact that all of the bodies had been cremated, "but we are coordinating the investigations of those deaths."

The ex-convict, Alfred Leonard Cline, is held here on a charge of suspected forgery of estate papers of one of the women.

If a more serious charge does not develop, Brown said, "we will prosecute here for forgery. Cline has two previous convictions. We would prosecute him as a habitual criminal, which means a life sentence in case of conviction."

Held By Police



Alfred Leonard Cline (above), former Folsom prison convict, is held by San Francisco police, booked on suspicion of forgery, while signatures on papers in connection with the estate of Mrs. E. Delora Kress Cline, who Cline said died in Portland, Ore., are being checked. (AP wirephoto).

Case Spreads
The Cline case, which began here with his arrest in connection with the estate of a wealthy Chicago widow, has spread across the country, with developments in Portland, Chicago, Dallas, Tampa, Jacksonville, Fla., Columbus, O., and Bloomington, Ind.

The deaths occurred at Dallas, Portland and Jacksonville. Cline was arrested Dec. 3, on the demand of a Chicago attorney representing the estate of Mrs. Eva Delora Krebs of Chicago. The Attorney Gerald Ryan said it appeared names had been forged in the sale of her securities.

Stock Changed
In Columbus yesterday, a safety deposit box yielded more than \$200,000 in cash and securities from the estate of Mrs. Krebs. A \$165,000 block of stock, originally made out to Mrs. Krebs, had been changed jointly to Alfred L. Cline and Mrs. Krebs.

Cline said Mrs. Krebs died as his wife in Portland from natural causes, and was cremated. However, Captain John Engler of San Francisco police inspectors, said he was convinced the woman who died in Portland was not Mrs. Krebs, but was Mrs. Isabel Van Natta of San Francisco, elderly pensioner, whom Cline is believed to have accompanied to Oregon.

Utgard Joins Staff Of Oregon Hatchery

The Oregon State Hatchery has been successful in obtaining the services of John Utgard, formerly of Seattle, Wash., where he operated a hatchery.

Utgard will act as fieldman for the hatchery, and is ready to help the Klamath Falls poultrymen with their poultry troubles. This service is free to poultrymen who reside near Klamath Falls.

Extension Of Price Controls Advocated

SALEM, Dec. 3 (AP)—Price controls should be continued until the supply of consumer goods and services more closely approaches the demand, even if the controls have to be extended beyond next June 30, E. L. Peterson, state director of agriculture, said today.

He said failure to extend the price controls would be a "national calamity," with agriculture being hurt the worst.

Revision Of Timber Plan Suggested

EUGENE, Dec. 13 (AP)—Small lumber operators here are proposing a revision of the sustained yield program outlined at a government public hearing here December 3.

The program, suggested by the Oregon and California revested lands administration, would give lumber owners who agree to balance cutting with timber growth prior rights on government timber. Eight million acres of in-

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termingled private and public lands are involved.

A group of 60 to 70 small operators, who object to allowing only timber owners in the area to buy the government timber, proposed these changes:

1. A government bureau should be set up to classify the conservation practices of every operator, and operators with the best conservation record be given priority in buying government timber.
2. Anyone cutting small second-growth would be ineligible to buy government timber for five years.
3. Override timber should be cut first.
4. Government timber should not be restricted until the war emergency ends and all veterans have homes.

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Clark's Pond Will Be Open For Skaters

Through the courtesy of O. A. Clark, Clark's pond, located just outside and to the left of the naval air station in Altamont, will again be open to the public for ice skating. It was announced by the city recreation department today.

If the cold weather continues, the ice on the pond should be heavy enough for skating by this evening.

The pond is to be drained, but as long as it is usable, it will be available for public use. Clark asks that people wishing to build fires near the pond supply their own wood. Last year, some damage to the buildings on his property was done by skaters wanting fire wood.

The pond has been leased to the Future Farmers of America, but Bruce Bolden, head of the Henley FFA, stated that the or-

ganization will be glad to cooperate with the plan.

Warning
E. E. Hambrick, city recreation director, reminds skaters of the danger of skating on Upper Klamath lake. "Every year we have tragedies on the Upper Klamath," he remarked. "The hot springs in the lake make skating extremely dangerous. It is not safe for skating at any time." It is the hope of the department that people will skate on Clark's pond and the pond across from the entrance to Moore park, rather than risk the dangers of the lake.

The ideal set-up, according to Hambrick, would be to have a

covered skating rink, which could be used for roller skating in summer and be flooded for ice skating in winter.

Clark wishes to make it clear that the posted signs on his property are for the benefit of hunters and not intended for skaters.

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