Couple Face Sentence In Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, July 12—Mrs. Laura Lucille Medlin and her paramour, Hugh Gilreath, Friday admitted they intended to kill the woman's 2-year-old daughter, Mary Jane — the little "Miss X" who was found beaten and abandoned back of a Weed dance hall June 15.

Mrs. Medlin, 23, and Gilreath, 25, pleaded guilty in circuit court to charges of assault with intent to kill. The specific accusation is that they brutally beat the child in their home at Selma June 14.

That night Gilreath took Mary Jane on a bus to Weed, Calif., and abandoned her there. The flaxen-haired child was unconscious and near death when found the next morning and was not identified for 10 days, until Gilreath and the girl's mother were arrested at Selma and taken to Yreka, where Mary Jane was confined to a hospital.

Arraigned separately this morning, both Gilreath and Mrs. Medlin waived grand jury indictment, indicating they wanted to come directly into court for sentence. Neither asked for the services of an attorney.

Sentence Monday

Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard set Monday, July 14, at 10 a. m. as time for sentence and ordered the pair returned to the Josephine county jail.

They have not been admitted to bail since being transferred from Siskiyou county to Grants Pass for prosecution two weeks ago. Gilreath and Mrs. Medlin were first charged with assault with intent to murder under California law, but later were turned over to Oregon authorities when it became apparent that the beating received by the little girl was administered in Selma.

Mrs. Medlin became the mother of a third child, a son named Jimmie, in Grants Pass the day before Mary Jane was assaulted, and a statement made by Gilreath when he was arrested was that Mary Jane was abandoned because "there were too many kids around."

Mary Jane is still in the Siskiyou general hospital at Yreka, but District Attorney W. P. Johnson of Josephine county said that she will be given to her father, Virgil Medlin of Portland, as soon as she is able to leave the hospital.

Jap Diet Asks $2 Million

TOKYO, July 12 (AP)—The Japanese government staggered the diet (parliament) Friday with a request for 100,000,000,000 yen ($2,000,000,000) in special appropriations—virtually duplicating the size of the present budget.

Officials agreed to prune the total but insisted the rising spiral of government costs and other expenditures necessitated what would be an all-time record outlay in Japan.

The diet is talking now of granting 60,000,000,000 yen ($1,200,000,000) of the special appropriations, which the government says it can balance by heavy taxation on new fortunes and increased revenue from state monopolies.

The working budget for 1947-48 totals 114,500,000,000 yen ($2,290,000,000) as passed by the last diet, including some 27,000,000,000 yen ($540,000,000) for occupation costs. The government's request for additional appropriations does not include an unspecified amount which it will seek later for costs of preparing plants and other equipment for reparations shipment.

Police Seek Death Suspect

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., July 12 (AP)—Search for middle-aged but debonair Morley V. King, wanted for questioning in the unexplained trunk slaying of his 48-year-old Turkish-born wife, centered in Yosemite National park and eastward toward Reno today.

King's wife, Helen, described also as a Portuguese countess, was found strangled and stuffed in a rope-bound trunk beneath King's hotel toward Reno Friday.

Sheriff Murray C. Hathaway said Yosemite park officials disclosed the license number of King's car was registered Tuesday noon at the south gate of the park in Mariposa county. Park rangers take the license numbers of cars entering the park as a routine procedure.

The 46-year-old restaurant owner, one-time seaman and minor New Orleans night life figure, dropped from sight early Tuesday.

Journal Official Takes Radio Job

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12 (AP)—C. S. Jackson Jr., associate publisher of the Oregon Journal, on Monday will become general manager of radio station KALE.

The announcement from the newspaper said that he would retain his newspaper connection but would devote his time to the radio station.

He replaces Charles E. Couche, who has taken a leave of absence, the announcement said.

House Passes Sugar Measure

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—The house Friday passed by voice vote and sent to the senate a bill to allocate sugar quotas to domestic and foreign producing areas and fix the sugar price during the next five years.

The measure also would:

1. Provide for incentive payments to sugar beet and cane growers.
2. Require the secretary of agriculture to determine what "fair and reasonable" price will be paid by processors to growers.
3. Require the secretary of agriculture to determine every year the minimum wages to be paid sugar industry agricultural workers.
4. Allocate a quota of 375,000 tons of refined sugar to Cuba and 126,000 tons to Puerto Rico.

Dead Woman's Body Found

MARION, O., July 12 (AP)—Sheriff LeRoy Retterer said Friday two brothers found the nearly nude and rope-trussed body of a 25-year-old divorcee in a rural churchyard near here early today.

Sheriff Retterer identified the victim as Mrs. Zora Gerbes of Marion, mother of three children who was divorced four years ago.

The discovery was made by Charles and Harry Yeager, in the yard of St. Paul's Lutheran church five miles east of here on route 98 as they returned to their home nearby about 2 a. m. from Marion.

Retterer said the body was attired only in a blouse and one shoe. A clothesline was wrapped three times around her neck and passed under her legs, pulling the knees almost up to the chin.

Two bruises on the left leg were the only marks on the body, the sheriff added.

American News Pays Dividend

Payment of its 500th consecutive dividend was authorized today by the American News company when directors declared the regular bimonthly dividend of 25 cents. The dividend is payable September 15, 1947, to stockholders of record September 5, 1947.

With a cash dividend paid in every year since its founding 83 years ago, the company's record for continuous dividend distributions is one of the longest of any corporation whose securities are listed on the New York stock exchange. Organized in 1864, the American News company has become the world's largest distributor of periodicals, both directly and through a subsidiary, the Union News company. In addition to being the largest retailer of periodicals, the latter company for years has been familiar to the traveling public as an operator of newsstands, restaurants and stores of varied nature in railroad, bus and airport terminals throughout the United States.

Murdered Woman's Bank Box Probed

NEW YORK, July 12 (AP)—A bank safety deposit box maintained by 49-year-old Mrs. Sheila Mannering, slain actress, contained $8100 in cash, $2200 in war bonds and an undisclosed amount of jewelry, police announced Friday.

Detectives continued questioning persons whose names were found in the woman's address books but no promising leads appeared to have developed.

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Camp Chairman

Mrs. Percy H. Cook, Lennox addition, will serve as chairman for the homemakers camp at Lake o' the Woods July 23 to 27. Camp registration closes July 17.

Butte Valley League Formed

MACDOEL, July 12—Residents of Macdoel and Mt. Hebron have formed a Butte Valley Improvement league with an eye to getting better community service for the two towns.

Initial plan is to get a chemical fire-fighting apparatus which can be used in both Macdoel and Mt. Hebron, and at a meeting of the league next Thursday plans for raising money to buy the equipment will be taken under advisement.

The meeting will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Macdoel school house. George Jones is temporary chairman, Mary Jones recording secretary, and Charles Thompson, financial secretary. Membership dues are $1 a year.

Other projects contemplated by the league is to get traffic signs in Macdoel and improved telephone service.

A thermocline cannot form in lakes of more than several miles across. The wind on such large stretches causes strong currents which keep water mixing from top to bottom.—Sports Afield.

Lightning Sets Swan Lake Fire

A second lightning fire showed up Friday afternoon in the Swan lake area up near the rim of Grizzly butte.

Harold Demory was commended by Klamath Forest Protective association for his sharp lookout in sighting this fire from his station on Chase mountain. He reported it at 3 p. m. and the KFPA fire fighting crew from headquarters went out immediately. The fourman crew was assisted by five men who arrived from the Hankins' ranch about the same time.

Wind cutting over the rim made a rugged job of getting the blaze under control and approximately an acre and a quarter of dead juniper and heavy dry grass was burned over when this was accomplished. With the aid of the ranchers several hundred adjacent acres of grazing land was saved from ruin, the KFPA crew reported.

Other fires starting Thursday are pronounced under control but areas are still being watched for another outbreak, KFPA advised.

Hotel Rates Boosted

SEATTLE, July 12 (AP)—Hotel room rates for permanent residents will be hiked $10 to $17.50 a month in most Seattle hotels effective August 1, it was announced today by Charles W. Hunlock, president of the Seattle hotel association.

The August 1 date, he said, was set in order that residents could make other arrangements if the new rentals were too high. A standard monthly rate under hotel rent controls—abolished June 30—was $35.

"In general the reception by longtime permanent residents toward the new schedule has been good," Hunlock said.

However, at least one downtown hotel notified residents its new rates would be based on daily, instead of monthly rentals. This would result in rent increases ranging up to 175 per cent.

Accountants See Rise In Business

PORTLAND, July 12 (AP)—Oregon public accountants look forward to much more business next year—because of the state's new community property law.

They discussed the new law in their annual convention here yesterday, then elected officers, including James E. Keyes, Salem, first vice president; Elmer J. Church, Salem, and Paul E. Brown, Albany, board of governors.

Mid-Summer Months Ideal For Observation Of Skies

By J. HUGH PRUETT
Astronomer, Extension Division, Oregon Higher Education System

Under midsummer skies, the one who has a sincere desire to learn the stars has a splendid opportunity to start this study. The brighter stellar objects in the east and south begin to appear while the twilight still is strong in the direction of sunset. For definite locations let us observe during the coming week around 9 p. m.

The brightest of all is the splendid planet Jupiter, now at a medium height in the sky and a little west of due south. On the evening of June 28, Jupiter and the moon, huddling close together, presented an intriguing combination. On July 25 there will be a repetition of this sight. At some places in the equatorial regions and south latitudes, Jupiter will hide behind the moon for a time. Although the two will appear close together in the heavens, the planet will be almost 2000 times farther from us than the moon. Jupiter is actually a giant in size in comparison with our lunar neighbor, having a diameter about 40 times as great.

The rest of the planets are in hiding at our observation hour. Saturn has just set. Mercury is lost in the sun's rays, while Venus and Mars are in the eastern morning sky, Mars being near the bright star Aldebaran.

As to real stars (inconceivably distant suns) there are several bright ones now in sight. Low in the sky and almost due south, red Antares throbs as the heart of the celestial Scorpion. At about the same height in the southwest we find white Spica. Very close to the horizon Regulus appears somewhat north of west as the star at the end of the handle of the Sickle. Very high in the southwest, orange Arcturus, the star which was coaxed to turn on the lights of the Chicago fair in 1933, is easily sighted.

Swinging around to the eastern half of the sky, we find bright Vega a little east of the point directly overhead. Forming a small triangle with Vega are two rather faint stars. The northern of these little stars is seen by some eyes as being slightly elongated. Even small opera glasses will separate it into two stars of about equal brightness. Telescopes break each of the pair into two stars, or four in all. This star, Epsilon Lyrae, is therefore known as the double-double.

Northeast of Vega, a somewhat dimmer bright star, Deneb, is found at the end of the Northern Cross, an asterism now lying almost horizontally with the top toward the north. Considerably southeast of Vega, Altair stands between its two guardian stars.

With no moon in the sky this coming week, look for the faint, mysterious band of the Milky Way which now extends high across the east with its ends about due north and south.

Woman's Body Found In National Park

ST. GEORGE, Utah, July 12 (AP)—Sheriff Antone B. Prince said Friday the body of a woman, found in brush in Zion National park a week ago, has been identified tentatively as that of Evelyn Frances Callahan, about 27.

He said the woman's mother is Mrs. Ann Thresa Callahan of Junction City, Ore., and the father, Hugh Martin Callahan, who lives at the Sautelle hospital in Los Angeles.

The woman's body was found by a hiker July 4. Officers said death resulted from a bullet wound and Prince said there was evidence of foul play.

Boyle's Column

Military Secrecy, If Any, Proves Comedy Of Errors

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, July 12 (AP)—Let's look at this thing called military secrecy—if any.

A country that depends upon it too much is like a man leaning on a wax crutch on a hot day. It won't hold him up forever.

The question of safeguarding what we know from the nations that would like to see what we have up our sleeve has been raised anew by the congressional Europe over the disappearance and return of secret atom bomb data.

Taking of these atom files by two sergeants as "souvenirs" points up an old army truth: there is nothing the generals know that the sergeants don't find out.

And there is another axiom you can also accept about any military secret: more people know about it than the top leader has knowledge of. Their mouths in time will undo the work of all guards and fences.

If General Eisenhower should believe now, for example, that only his key command personnel knew in advance that we were going to land in Normandy in June, 1944, he would be entertaining an illusion. Scores were told who didn't even want to know by officers for whom the secret was simply too big to hold from their friends.

Soldiers Talk

The business of military security is always a tragi-comedy of error and terror. Professional soldiers, like civilians, are prone to become careless or talk out of turn. And particularly in rear area headquarters.

I remember after the landing in Sicily the dramatic relief of a young headquarters officer who for six months had lived in mortal fear that he would spill his knowledge of that operation, learned inadvertently six months before at the Casablanca conference.

One midnight he saw a document absent-mindedly left behind by a general in one of the conference rooms. He stepped over and at a glance saw its significance—a landing by the allies in Sicily in July. He phoned the general who came down hurriedly in his bathrobe.

"Someone left a paper on the table, sir," the young officer said tactfully.

"Has anyone seen this?" demanded the panicky general. The oversight might have cost him a promotion. The young officer played it smart.

"No, sir!" he said. But he never drew a serene breath until we hit Sicily.

Incidentally, Wac personnel who did the secretarial work on both the Sicilian and Salerno operations proved women can hold a secret—at least in wartime—as well as men. No breach of security ever was laid to them.

Secrecy Overdone

Army leaders sometime give away the information they want to hide by trying to be overly subtle. Before the North African landings, for example, the officers attempted to plant the idea in correspondents' heads that we would strike into Norway. They needlessly emphasized the severe climate we were going into, and made a great gabble over the cold weather clothing we would need.

And then, as we marched out, we looked up and saw by a corridor sign that we were in the section of the war department dealing with the Mediterranean and North Africa! So we were right in the middle of that secret before even leaving the building.

Incidentally, one officer reportedly left the plans for the African landings in a Washington drug store, but retrieved his briefcase before Berlin could hotfoot an agent to the scene.

Of course, foreign spies don't usually get their information from such obvious blunders. They learn more from bought or wagging tongues.

Although his officers often were afraid he would disclose his plans too soon, General Patton had a pretty healthy idea on military security. He observed precautions, but he never expected a secret to win a battle for him.

Few secrets do win wars. You still win wars by the old southern cavalry principle of "getting thar fustest with the mostest" of whatever you think will stun the enemy, whether you hit him with a pseudo-secret atom bomb or a handy crowbar.

The enduring secret of warfare is to have what it takes in the right place when you need it. No other secret brings victory.

New Pine Creek

Mrs. Sarah Johnston received word last Monday morning that her mother, Mrs. Doc Barnett of Indiana, Pa., passed away on that day. The cause of her death was attributed to cancer. She was 69 years of age. Her husband preceded her in death a few months, having passed away on May 6 of this year. Mrs. Barnett is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Sarah Johnston of New Pine Creek, Mrs. Wilbur Bothal of Creek Side, Pa., Mrs. Charlotte Edwards of Indiana, Pa., Freda, Luella and Margaret McLaughlin; and four sons, Raymond McLaughlin of New Pine Creek, Harry MmLaughlin, Sarver, Pa., Blaine McLaughlin, Indiana, Pa., and Robert McLaughlin, also of Indiana, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Oatman Vincent of Loftus, Calif., have purchased the Lester Vernon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cooper went to Loftus, Calif., on Thursday evening, returning Sunday. They spent the fourth with Mrs. Cooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oatman Vincent.

Jesse Lightle and Pearl Newman were married in Reno, July 4. They will make their home in New Pine Creek in their recently purchased house next to the Tom Dick residence. The young couple have a host of friends in the community who join in wishing them happiness.

Mrs. Clara Vernon arrived in New Pine Creek on Monday for a visit with friends and relatives.

The 4th of July community picnic held under the auspices of the East Side grange, at the grange picnic grounds up New Pine Creek canyon, was well attended. A bounteous dinner was enjoyed by all, with the grange furnishing all the ice cream folks could store away. Baseball games were played, and races were held, with many participants. The committee in charge of the races, headed by Raymond Fisher and Ray Bishop, is to be congratulated on the variety of races included on the program.

Mrs. Earle Jones entertained at a birthday party for her son, Ronnie Jones, Monday afternoon in celebration of his sixth birthday. Games were enjoyed by the guests, and refreshments of cake, jello and lemonade were served. The following children were guests: Perry Thompson, Karen McKenzie, J. M. McKenzie, Dortha Lee Love, Peggy Love, Frankie Sue Childress, Eugene Lawson, Richard Lawson, Eugene Dean, Robert Faris, Arnold Jones, Dale Jones and Jimmy Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McGrew and family of Prineville arrived on Sunday to spend several days visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Frank Alexander was called to Oakland, Calif., early this week due to the illness of her son, Frankie. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and is confined in a hospital in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Engstrom and son Ernest, of Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Claypool of Prineville, and Mrs. J. Cummins of San Diego, Calif., visited over the 4th with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Millsap and Mr. and Mrs. Darvin Robnett.

40,320 COMBINATIONS

Mathematicians have determined there are 40,320 different arrangements possible in the final standings of the 16 major league teams.

LONGEST LEAGUE JUMP

Longest jump in the major leagues is between Boston and St. Louis. It is 1212 miles by rail and 1113 miles by airline.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"What kills me is all this twaddle about the acute shortage of paper!"

Flashes Of Life

WHOPPER GETS AWAY

DANVERS, Mass., July 12 (AP)—This is the story about the big one that nine-year-old Johnny Cragon got away from, vouched for by Johnny and his cousin.

Johnny and his cousin, John McIlvray, were fishing for mackerel when there was a terrific tug on the former's line. Johnny was pulled in. A passing motorist pulled him out.

Johnny said he had no idea what hit his line.

GUN PLAY

DALLAS, July 12 (AP)—She said she thought the man had been drinking.

Ann Bramblett told police that a man driving a black convertible pulled up beside her as she waited for a bus, drew a water pistol and emptied it in her face.

NO SLOWPOKE

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 12 (AP)—Sim Romero submitted his civil service rating of clerk-typist as a qualification when he applied for, and got, the job of city police clerk.

Among other things he can rattle off 45 words a minute on the typewriter. That may not sound fast to most stenos—but Romero lost his right arm in an auto accident 14 years ago.

FALSE ALARM

CHICAGO, July 12 (AP) — The unique burglar alarm at American polytechnic research laboratories was touched off last night and loudspeakers atop the building began blaring, "burglars in the building. Call police."

As neighbors flooded the Gresham police station with calls, three squads sped to the scene.

There were no burglars. Police learned the alarm was set off either by an overheated machine or by an unbalance in the electrical system caused by extra speakers recently installed.

Taft To Speak At Gearhart

PORTLAND, July 12 (AP)—Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) plans to make the keynote speech at the Oregon republican club convention in Gearhart September 26-27.

Ray E. Smith, Portland, convention chairman, said that Taft informed him he would accept the club's invitation if nothing unforseen interferes.

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