

Boy Admits Killing His Own Sister

LAS ANIMAS, Colo., Dec. 16 (AP)—A 12-year-old Las Animas youth who "never liked" his sister, last night signed a confession he shot her to death with a rifle as she sat in the living room of their home, Sheriff L. F. Brookshire reported.

He said the boy, Jimmy Melton, confessed he had pumped five slugs from a .22 caliber rifle into his sister, Phyllis Marie, 16, because "she was always nagging me about bringing in the fuel."

Officers found the body of the girl in the basement of the Melton home after the youth had run from the house to tell Police Chief M. L. Cline "two strange, masked men" had entered the house and "knocked me out." He said that when he regained consciousness he feared his sister had been kidnapped and ran to tell his father, J. H. Melton, who was working in a hardware store.

Suspicion Aroused

Authorities became suspicious when he showed no sign of having been struck and when they found the weapon believed used in the shooting in a closet at the Melton home.

Several hours after he had reported the "strange men" Jimmy broke down and confessed he had slain his sister "because I never liked her, anyway," Brookshire said. He said Jimmy, a thin, undersized youth, told him he had stayed away from school all day planning how to do away with his sister.

Brookshire said the boy told him that his sister sat on a divan, looking at snapshots. He went into another room and got the gun. Then, he told the sheriff, he fired a shot which struck her in the shoulder. He said no words were exchanged and he fired the shot without warning. She slumped to one side and he went in front of her and fired a shot through her forehead. He fired three more times, once in the side of the head, and the other two into her body. Then he dragged his sister's body into the basement and left the house.

Tanker Death Toll Mounts

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—The toll of death in the collision of two tankers yesterday off Curacao, Dutch West Indies, rose to eight today with 12 persons still reported missing.

A message from Puerto Rico guard headquarters to New York said that eight bodies had been brought ashore and that 50 persons had been rescued. Eight of the rescued were described as seriously injured.

Timed at 5:34 a. m., the message declared that the Venezuelan tanker Tucupita, a converted LST, was a total loss. She carried a crew of 36, including two women. The Los Pozos, 5810-ton Argentine tanker, was reported drifting in a north westerly direction. Coast guardsmen said "she may be salvaged." However, the vessel was still afloat and little hope was held for the remaining crew members. The captain of the Los Pozos (unidentified) was listed as dead. She carried a crew of 34.

Italian Subs To Go To Industry

ROME, Dec. 16 (AP)—A foreign ministry communique today announced the Big Four powers had agreed that Italian submarines scheduled to be sunk at midnight under the terms of the Italian peace treaty need not be sunk. The communique explained that the United States, Britain, France and Russia had agreed with the Italian position that the machinery and scrap metal of the submarines would be useful to Italy's industries. The ambassadors of the four major powers called at the Italian foreign ministry this morning, the communique said.

FM GRANT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—A conditional grant for a new FM broadcasting station of the Siskiyou Broadcasting company, Inc., Ashland, Ore., has been approved by the communications commission. The grant is subject to final approval of engineering details.

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Sojourners and their guests will be on hand at the Willard hotel Wednesday when the club will hold its annual installation of officers and Christmas party. The affair is scheduled for 1:30 p. m. Planning for the event are members of the committee, left to right, Mrs. Noel Flynn, Mrs. Carl Sparks, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. George Dimbat, Mrs. Al Longe, Mrs. William Wales Jr., Mrs. Robert Francy and Mrs. Bruce Owens.

Longshoremen Get Pay Boost

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 (AP)—An increase of eight cents an hour in the basic pay rate was granted West Coast CIO longshoremen Monday by the industry impartial arbitrator Arthur C. Miller.

The increase becomes effective immediately and raises the basic hourly pay of West Coast longshoremen to \$1.65 and the overtime rate in excess of six hours to \$2.475. The base rate applies to work done in the regular six-hour day, five-day week, and the overtime rate to all time in excess of six hours, after 5 p. m., and before 8 a. m., and all work performed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Negotiations were started when the CIO longshore union invoked the wage clause of the West Coast longshore contract, permitting reopening of wage negotiations by December 15. The matter was referred to the impartial arbitrator, appointed by the Waterfront Employers association and the CIO-ILWU, whose findings are binding on both sides.

Alaska Timber Sale Date Moved

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The auction date for the sale of 1,500,000 cubic feet of national forest timber near Ketchikan, Alaska, has been extended to April 14, 1948, the U. S. forest service said today.

Bids were scheduled to have been opened yesterday but the delay was granted to permit parties who have expressed the desire to bid to clarify their qualifications, as well as to afford an opportunity for additional concerns to meet the bidding qualifications.

The forest service is scheduled to auction a similar quantity of timber near Petersburg, Alaska, on February 2. Successful bidders in both cases will be required to establish plants for the manufacture of pulp for paper production.

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Extension Unit News

Modoc Point

"Christmas Party Games," led by Mrs. Kaiman Pell, and "Table Decorations" demonstrated by Mrs. H. R. Burns, highlighted the Modoc Point home extension unit meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Pell. "Petticoats" and "Poinsettias" were the names chosen for the two sides in the relay games. Awards went to the "Poinsettias."

Mrs. Burns placed Christmas cookies beautifully decorated with paper doilies, red bows and candies on a "Lazy Susan" for display. She also discussed many other table decorations for Christmas parties. A small sleigh piled high, drawn by Santa on skis, contained the packages for the gift exchange.

Kaiman Pell made the sleigh and the "Lazy Susan."

During the shellcraft period members decorated Christmas gift enclosure cards.

The potluck luncheon was served buffet style and a treat for the kids was provided by Mrs. C. Shishido, who could not attend. The next meeting on "Use and Care of New Materials" will be held January 5.

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Macdoel Slates Box Social

Money for the Macdoel community fire engine will come from a box social to be held at the Macdoel hotel Wednesday (tomorrow), December 17.

The social is sponsored by the Butte Valley Improvement league, and all proceeds will go into the fire equipment fund. There will be special entertainment and features, and officials of the league urged attendance by people from throughout the Klamath basin.

The fire engine has already been acquired and is at present housed in the Johnson garage near Macdoel.

Oregon Man Held For Bigamy

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 16 (AP)—Sheriff John D. Ross said today Ray William Bresser, 36, was held here on charges of suspicion of bigamy and perjury on information from Marion county, Ore., District Attorney Hayden.

The sheriff said Bresser had admitted marrying Claudine Gueffory last December 1 while he was still married to Louise Oraw of Salem, Ore., whom he wed in Salem November 16, 1937.

The perjury booking was based on Bresser's affidavit at the time he obtained the marriage license here, stating that he had never been married before. Claudine Gueffory was with Bresser when he was arrested.

Klamath Tax Levy Boost Below Most

Klamath county's 1947-48 budget levy increase over the previous year, 35.6 per cent, is less than Oregon budget boost among Oregon counties, according to a compilation made by the Oregon Voter, a Portland political weekly.

This county jumped its budget levy from \$284,825 to \$386,215 in the two years. Jackson, Lake and Deschutes counties, Klamath neighbors, showed decreases between the two years.

The following table shows the counties of the state and what happened to their budget levies in 1946-47 and 1947-48.

(Not including levies for County School Fund)

County	1946-47	1947-48	% Inc.
Baker	\$ 133,894	\$ 157,720	18.0
Benton	82,721	114,089	38.7
Clackamas	441,422	179,937	11.4
Clatsop	161,240	179,937	11.4
Columbia	126,344	162,449	28.5
Cook	179,407	235,113	31.0
Crook	47,997	56,524	12.2
Curry	117,752	40,754	96.2
Deschutes	119,263	118,395	0.8
Douglas	85,172	111,913	70.4
Gilliam	33,379	48,304	44.3
Grant	55,435	41,363	25.1
Harney	90,102	36,714	7.3
Hood River	54,847	168,309	99.2
Jackson	312,296	283,655	18.2
Jefferson	14,714	39,721	171.5
Josephine	72,336	69,832	33.4
Klamath	284,825	386,215	35.6
Lake	75,002	37,944	21.9
Lane	337,338	403,434	19.9
Lincoln	112,462	50,569	19.0
Linn	160,152	96,961	90.2
Madison	143,426	194,264	14.8
Marion	311,304	779,342	52.5
Morrow	121,624	66,521	50.4
Multnomah	4,260,425	7,324,549	69.4
Polk	117,752	135,020	31.4
Sherman	31,396	49,424	58.7
Tillamook	32,459	31,417	29.0
Washington	280,197	44,369	22.9
Wheeler	24,310	35,362	44.8
Yamhill	162,178	225,960	24.0
Totals	\$9,836,523	\$14,236,392	43.5

Hemorrhage Said Cause Of Death

ONTARIO, Ore., Dec. 16 (AP)—Coroner R. A. Tacke reported today the death of George Mason Noble, 67, Daily City, Calif., in a hotel room here, was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

The Californian was found yesterday. A hotel clerk reported Noble had complained of being ill when checking into the hotel late Saturday afternoon.

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High School News and Comment

By Mary Lou Case

Christmas parties, Christmas parties—Several clubs in school have a Christmas party planned for either this week or the next. The homecoming parties will be held Friday afternoon, followed by the big Christmas assembly.

The Spanish club has its party planned for Tuesday night, December 22, in the Teen-age club. The main event of the evening will be the breaking of the pinata, in keeping with an age-old Mexican custom. The pinata is a large paper-mache ball filled with candy and nuts and suspended from the ceiling. Each person is blindfolded and one by one they hit at the pinata until it breaks and spills. With that there is a mad scramble to see who can collect the most goodies.

Tonight is the date of the Tri-Hi-Y Christmas party also to be held in the Teen-age club. Seventy-five is the time, and admittance price will be one can of fruit or vegetable. Cherie Mahan is in charge of the party, assisted by Marcella Murray. Committee heads are, food, Betty Butler; decorations, Margaret Wedel; entertainment, Colleen Creswell. Games and caroling are planned for the evening.

The GAA girls also have planned a party, and the date set is December 23. Dolores Moon is in charge of arrangements.

Students tomorrow will be given a chance to view the first performance of the Christmas cantata from 10:30 to 12 in the morning. The KUHS music department, in conjunction with the dramatics department, prepares a Christmas program every year. The evening performances will be given Wednesday and Thursday nights beginning at 8 o'clock.

Working night and day, the Krater staff is attempting to put out the big eight-page Christmas issue of the Krater by Friday afternoon. Editor Ronnie Brown and associate editors, Virginia Oberg and Gailly

Cold Grips Mid-West

By The Associated Press
Colder weather spread over parts of the North Central and sections of the south today, with temperatures dropping below the freezing mark as far south as Vicksburg, Miss.

Sub zero marks were general throughout Minnesota and in parts of Wisconsin. The lowest reading was 11 below at International Falls, Minn., on the Canadian border.

The mercury fell to an even 32—freezing—at Nashville, Tenn., and Dallas, Tex.; dropped to 31 at Vicksburg. Oklahoma City reported an early morning low of 25 and in Arkansas, Fort Smith's minimum was 26 and Little Rock's 29.

Heavy snow was in parts of lower Michigan, Northwestern Ohio and Eastern Indiana. Light falls were reported in upper Michigan, the Eastern Dakotas and over the Rockies.

Rain fell southward to the Gulf coast and eastward to the Atlantic while Maine reported snow. Temperatures were reported slightly below normal in the Pacific coast.

Eschendorf, are the ones who are especially investing a lot of time toward the publication.

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