

Pigg Freed By Speedy Acquittal

By LYLE DOWNING

Arthur P. Pigg, 73-year-old night club photographer, was back in his old haunts Monday after scoring one of the fastest murder acquittals in Klamath County Circuit Court history.

Thirty minutes after Pigg's second degree murder case was given to the jury at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg the jurors filed back into the box with a not guilty verdict. Pigg was accused of the love feud slaying of Roy Durham, 46-year-old bank janitor. The men were at odds over the affections of Durham's ex-wife, Eulah Durham, 44.

Aside from the speedy verdict, the Pigg trial was unique in several other respects. Court officials said it was the first time in recent court annals that the prosecution witnesses proved the defense case.

Two prosecution witnesses under cross-examination by Defense Attorney J. C. O'Neill testified that Durham had made threats to "get" Pigg. One of these, Johnny Lada, was heralded as a prosecution "surprise witness."

District Attorney Frank Alderson called Lada to refute a statement by Pigg. Pigg had told the jury that on the night of the shooting he drove Lada home from the Canteen Tavern a short time before the shooting.

Lada testified that he did not ride in Pigg's car that night and although he had "plenty to drink," he went home under his own power. Then the witness "surprised" the prosecution as well as the defense. He leaned toward Judge Vandenberg and said in a stage whisper, "I know something else about the case."

After Judge Vandenberg told Lada to speak up, he said that on the day Durham was killed, the gun victim came to his house and made threats against Pigg.

"Roy came into my house while I was asleep — I work nights," Lada said. "He was very drunk. He pulled out a fifth of vodka and offered me a drink. I turned him down. I don't go for the 100 proof stuff. Then Roy took a water glass from the table and filled it with vodka. He drank it down like it was water. He said, 'I'm going to get that Pigg.' Then Roy put the bottle of vodka and my glass in his pocket and walked out."

Another prosecution witness who did a good turn for the defense was Mrs. Durham. She told the jury she attempted to restrain her former husband when he started for Pigg's apartment to "get" the photographer.

When the verdict was announced several women in the courtroom rushed up and congratulated Pigg. "I'm resuming my picture tak-



OFFICERS OF THE A & I (American and International) Folk Dance Club are: front row from left, Shirley Mayhew, instructor; Alma Hodson, secretary-treasurer; back row from left, Lyle Durrell, president; Bill Mayhew, instructor. The A & I and the Minute Club are presenting a weekend of folk and square dancing June 19 and 20 that will include dances for the beginner and advanced promenader.

Fairview School Bids Awarded

Leo N. Huls was awarded the contract for erecting a stage and music room addition to the present multipurpose room at Fairview Elementary School. His bid was \$36,770.

Bids were opened Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Bids entered that were higher than Huls' bid included those from Brosterhus Construction Company, Duncan Construction Company, Pinniger & Watkins and Burkhardt Construction Company.

Upon accepting the contract, Huls agreed to have the work completed within 90 days. He has named his contractors.

Howard R. Perrin is the architect.

Bird Returns For Breakfast

CHICAGO (AP) — Five weeks ago, a baby sparrow fell into the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Babich in suburban Riverdale.

Babich, a police lieutenant, and his wife Jewel fed the bird with an eye dropper. A week ago, fully feathered, Birdie was put out to begin his normal life. But Birdie disagreed with the idea.

Each evening when he is put out he flies to a tree perch nearby. Each morning he waits patiently until the Babich bedroom blinds are opened, then flies to the window sill to be invited inside to breakfast.

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Navy Mothers Club To Meet

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For additional information, call Mrs. Eunice Bradford, 2-1231.

DEMONSTRATION
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Parents Seek Medford Girls

The parents of two teenage Medford girls, missing since June 2, asked aid in locating their daughters.

The girls, Jonnie Vail, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Vail, 28 Geneva st., and Dorothy Louise Smith, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moreland Smith, 416 South Grape st., were last seen driving a 1941 light grey DeSoto sedan. Their parents have no idea where they may be.

The car, carrying Oregon license number 252-537, is owned by Anne Vail, a sister of the Medford high school freshman. It was believed that Jonnie Vail might be

using her sister's name. Vail said his daughter apparently took two suitcases and a little money, and clothing including a tweed coat, some sweaters and skirts and some underwear.

Jonnie is 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs about 135 pounds, has short black wavy hair and dark brown

eyes. Dorothy is 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs about 120 pounds, and has short light brown hair and a new permanent.

Anyone having information about the possible whereabouts of the two girls is asked to call collect to the Jess Vail home. The telephone number is Medford 3-4698.

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