



A LETTER signed by Mamie Eisenhower is the prize possession of 11-year-old Sharon Hickman who sent a get-well card to President Eisenhower during his recent illness in Denver. Sharon, a 6th grader at Shasta School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Hickman, 1848 Fargo Street. With Sharon is her younger brother Marvin Lee.

State's Witnesses Blast Holes In Abbott's Alibi

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OAKLAND, Calif., (UP) — Witnesses for the state blasted holes in the alibi of kidnapping-murder suspect Burton W. Abbott yesterday, and Dist. Atty. J. Frank Coakley warned that his most damaging evidence was yet to come.

"We're just using our small ammunition now," Coakley commented as the trial was recessed for the weekend.

Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook said there would be only three court days next week. Since Thursday is Thanksgiving, he decided to recess court Friday, in addition.

Coakley has refused to reveal witnesses' names in advance of their testimony, but there was speculation that next week he would call Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Bryan, the parents of the murder victim.

If he does, it would be the first time that Mrs. Bryan has ever faced the man charged with the

kidnap-murder of her 14-year-old daughter, Stephanie.

Apparently the state plans to call about 75 witnesses. Coakley said yesterday that he was about "30 per cent" through his list and he has called 13 witnesses. However, he may hold some back to use for a rebuttal case should the defense raise any issues which would need answering.

Yesterday two more witnesses told the jury of seven men and five women their versions of a well-witnessed struggle between a small girl and a man in a car a few miles from Berkeley on April 28.

The struggle took place a short time after Stephanie vanished on her way home from school at Berkeley. Her body was found July 20 in a shallow grave 300

yards from Abbott's summer cabin in far Northern California.

Sam Marshall, an employee of the Shell Development Company, said he and some friends were driving home when they saw a car resembling Abbott's skid to a stop and saw the driver slap a "small female person" in the back seat.

Marshall said the driver "had a mean look in his face. . . He looked as though he was going to do bodily harm to someone."

He said he could not stop because of the traffic, but was so impressed by the incident that he reported the matter to the Highway Patrol.

Mrs. Emma Lee Van Meter, a housewife of Walnut Creek, said she was driving in the same area at the same time.

"I saw a young girl being beaten," she testified. "I could

hear her terrified screams from my car."

They were the third and fourth persons to testify about an incident involving a man and a girl in a car on the day of the kidnapping.

The last witness yesterday was Highway Patrolman Charles Jagger, who testified that Marshall and the others in his car had con-

tacted him about the incident on the afternoon of April 28.

Earlier yesterday, Mrs. Marian Morgan of Berkeley testified that her car was nearly struck at a Berkeley intersection by a car which sped through a red light at high speed about the time Stephanie disappeared April 28.

She said the car was "identical" to Abbott's 1949 Chevrolet sedan and picked the 21-year-old Abbott out as "looking like" the driver.

The time element was the important aspect of the case as

Abbott, a University of California accounting student, has staked his life on a chronology of his actions. He insists he left Berkeley for his Trinity County summer cabin about five hours before the murder victim disappeared.

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Husband Cuts Wife's Throat

A Chiloquin ranch worker was reported to have slashed his wife's throat with a hunting knife, shot the family dog and then fired a bullet into his chest early Saturday morning.

The victims, Charlie Hill, 29, and Rose Marie Hill, 31, are in a serious condition at Klamath Valley Hospital. The dog is dead.

The killing, according to Chiloquin Police Chief Lewis Jones and Deputy Sheriff Alvie Youngblood, occurred in the Hill residence at Chiloquin at 4 a.m. Saturday.

The officers said when they reached the scene a few minutes after the affray, Hill was lying unconscious on the floor of the bedroom and Mrs. Hill was in a semi-conscious condition and bleeding profusely on a bed. They found the dog in the backyard with a bullet in its head.

After she was treated at the hospital for a knife wound in her throat that extended from ear to ear, Mrs. Hill made a statement.

"Charlie came home drunk," she said. "He woke me and started an argument. He accused me of playing around with another man. Suddenly he grabbed a hunting knife and cut my throat."

Then Mrs. Hill continued, her husband killed the dog with a .22-caliber pistol and then shot himself in the chest. A surgeon at the hospital said the bullet which wounded Hill narrowly missed his heart.

District Attorney Richard Beeley, after questioning Hill and his wife at the hospital, said he was preparing to file a charge against the husband.

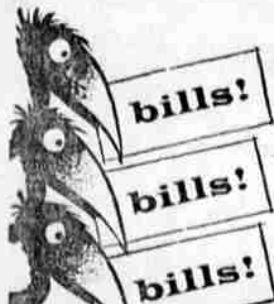
KF Residents' Nephew Dies

Mr. and Mrs. Colman M. O'Loughlin, Lakeshore Drive, returned Friday from California where they were called by the death of their nephew, Dorin J. Brett, 36, who died November 8 at the Brett family home, 469 Ramona, Sierra Madre.

Death was caused by a coronary occlusion. Brett was not known to have had heart trouble and had not been ill.

He was the son of the late Joseph T. Brett and Mrs. Brett who is in educational work in Los Angeles.

In addition to his mother and uncle, survivors include the widow, Elsie Brett, a son, Dorin Jr., 11, and a daughter, Terry T. He had formerly lived in Klamath Falls.



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