

Doctor Tells Of Abbott's Good Health

OAKLAND (UP) — The prosecution tried today to show that Burton W. Abbott was so eager to get admitted to a hospital that he was willing to flunk his accounting courses.

Dist. Atty. J. Frank Cookley opened this point yesterday when he called Clinton Gilliam, registrar at University of California, to the stand. Abbott was a student at UC last spring.

The defense entered violent objections to Gilliam's testimony. Cookley explained that he wanted to show that Abbott risked losing all his spring semester credits by seeking admission to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Livermore on May 3 and 13.

"It's just part of his guilty conduct," Cookley snapped. Superior Judge Charles Wade Snow adjourned court after hearing arguments. He promised to rule on the admissibility of Gilliam as a witness this morning.

Abbott is on trial for kidnapping and murdering the 14-year-old Berkeley schoolgirl on April 28. Her body was found near his Trinity County mountain cabin on July 20.

In calling Gilliam, Cookley was following up the testimony of Dr. Elmer J. Shabart, chief of surgical services at the VA Hospital. Shabart testified that Abbott came to him May 3 and 13 of this year asking to be admitted. Cookley asked whether Abbott's attitude then appeared to differ from his attitude in 1951, when Shabart removed the upper half of his left lung.

Shabart replied that Abbott was "difficult to manage" when he was a patient in 1951.

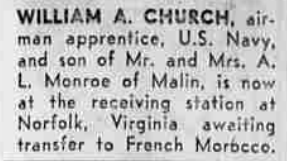
"In contrast, when I saw him on May 3 and May 13, he appeared to me almost overanxious to enter the hospital," the doctor said.

The prosecution also tried to disprove in advance the defense claim that Abbott was too weak to have killed Stephanie and carried her 125-pound body up a steep hill to her crude grave.

"Is the defendant a respiratory cripple?" Cookley asked. "In my opinion," Shabart said, "he is not."

Shabart said the 1951 operation left Abbott with "roughly 75 per cent of his normal lung capacity." (See Picture Page Three)

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Conductor's Wife Dies In Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Boris Sirpo, wife of the conductor of the Portland Little Chamber Symphony Orchestra, died of cancer Monday at the age of 62.

She accompanied her husband and the orchestra on a tour of Western Europe earlier this year. Mrs. Sirpo was author of numerous works in Finnish.

She came to Portland with her husband shortly after fleeing Viipuri, Finland, when the Russians invaded in 1939.

Sirpo, who is professor of music at Lewis and Clark College, collapsed after his wife's death and was hospitalized.

A concert scheduled by the orchestra for Wednesday night was canceled.

Wolf Appears Before Jury

PORTLAND (AP) — Victor Lawrence Wolf went before a court here Tuesday to determine the degree to which he is guilty in the auto bomb slaying of a Portland attorney.

Wolf, a 45-year-old handyman, admitted in court that he wired the bomb which killed Kermit Smith last April. This confession in court is permitted under a seldom used 90-year-old law and the question now is what penalty shall be assessed. He could be sent to the gas chamber.

Wolf sought to implicate Smith's wife, Marjorie, in the slaying but she was acquitted on a first degree murder charge.

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford said he would impanel a jury to help in deciding Wolf's fate.



TRAPPED BY OLD MAN WINTER—This goose was caught napping on a small lake near Liberal, Kan. So Under Sheriff Zed Coffey had to chop his way through the ice with a four-by-four to free her. The goose one of a flock of tame geese owned by a motel operator, just didn't realize how cold it was as the lake froze around her during the night.

Spud Marketing Deadlines Set

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—The state Department of Agriculture announced today the deadline for filing written assents to the marketing order for long white potatoes, as amended, has been extended from midnight of last night to midnight, Dec. 17.

The department said it ordered the time extension after receiving a request from a representative group of long white potato producers and handlers.

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VATICAN CITY (AP)—Italy and Vatican City marshaled colorful pageantry Tuesday for a formal meeting between their heads of state—President Giovanni Gronchi and Pope Pius XII. It was Gronchi's first visit to the Pope since the president was elected last April.

Lakes Hearing Date Revealed

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon State Game Commission said Tuesday it hoped to iron out objections to rehabilitation of two coastal lakes at a Dec. 16 hearing.

Devils Lake in Lincoln County and Tenmile Lakes in Coos County have been proposed for restoration of game fish, but the commission reported so much local opposition it had been reluctant to go ahead.

Devils Lake and Tenmile Lakes once were popular trout waters and the latter also was known as excellent silver salmon water. Now, though, small perch and bullhead catfish are in the lakes in great numbers and Devils Lake also has a number of carp. Since these fish increased in numbers

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Red Waterway Claim Okayed

BERLIN (AP) — Great Britain has conceded the right of the East German Communist government to control the inland waterways which help feed Berlin, it was disclosed Tuesday.

American and French headquarters here withheld immediate comment on the stand taken by the British Foreign Office in the mounting East German drive to win recognition of its "sovereignty."

Though the British acceded to a Russian move turning canal traffic permits and general controls over to the East Germans, the Foreign Office emphasized that it would continue to hold the Soviets responsible should something go wrong.

The West German federal government took a grave view of the situation in which one-third of isolated West Berlin's supplies could be subject to Communist whim.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's ministers for foreign affairs, traf-

fic, economics and German reunification will hold an emergency meeting in Bonn Wednesday to deal with the Eastern demand that large traffic problems be negotiated between the two governments. The demand was contained in a letter sent 10 days ago.

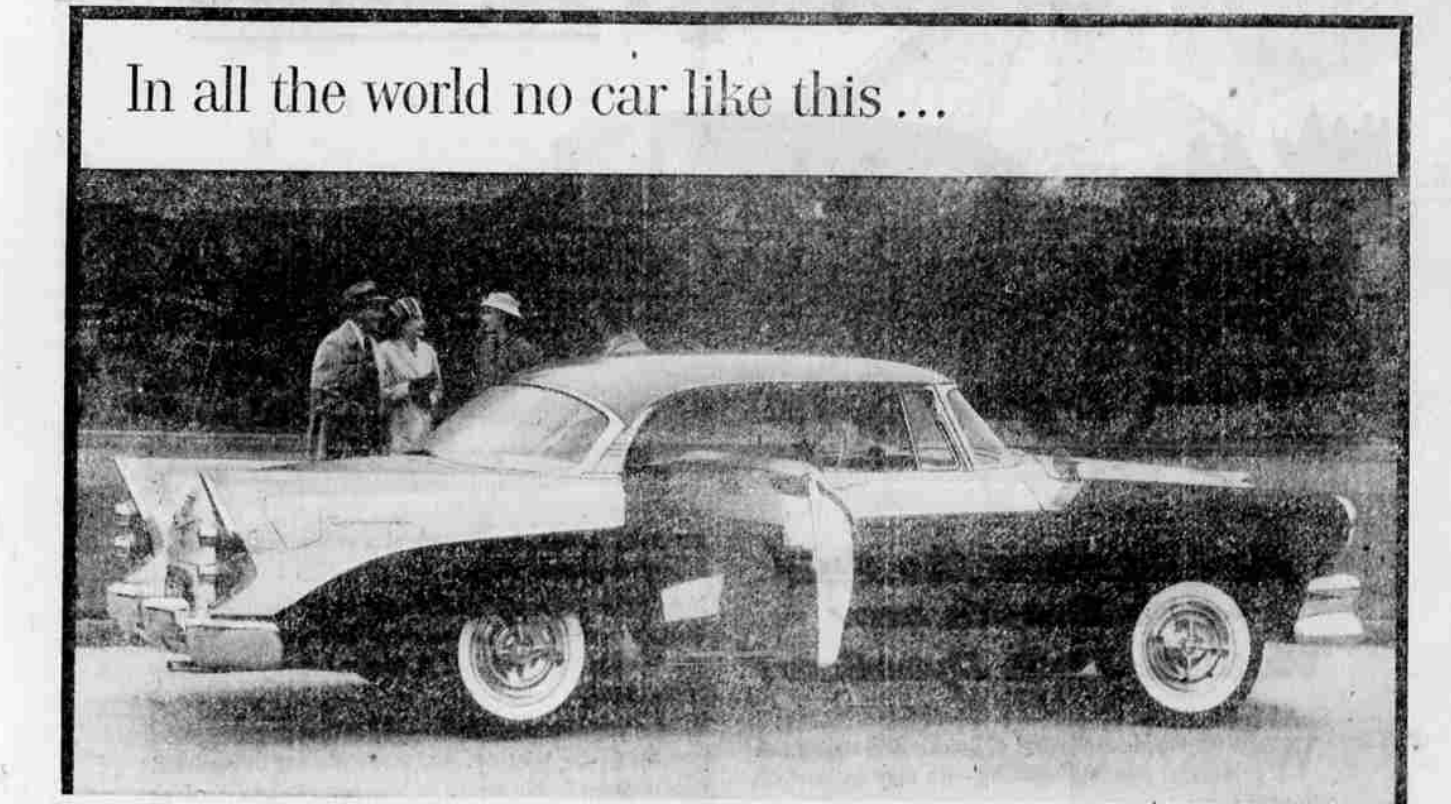
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