

New Evidence Uncovered In Latham Kidnap Case

SAN DIEGO (U)—Police said today they had found new evidence bearing out Mrs. George Latham's story that two women kidnapped her last week, stripped her, beat her and left her for dead beneath a pile of stones on the desert.

Mrs. Victoria Beatrice Winn, 57, and Mrs. Lucille Whisenand, 36, pleaded innocent yesterday when they were arraigned on charges of kidnapping, attempt to commit murder, robbery and burglary.

The maximum penalty under California's kidnapping law is death in the gas chamber.

Chief of Police A. E. Jansen said investigators found five corporate seals, several checks and specimens of Mrs. Latham's handwriting beneath a mattress in a house at Tijuana, Mexico, occupied by a cousin of Mrs. Whisenand.

The chief said the cousin reported Mrs. Whisenand left the articles there last Thursday.

Mrs. Latham had related the corporate seals were taken from her by her kidnappers. She said they forced her to sign several checks.

Mrs. Latham is associated in several businesses with her husband, an investment broker. She is 51.

Mrs. Winn, wife of a district manager of a utility company, formerly ran a building materials firm for the Lathams and was engaged in a court battle with them over its ownership.

Mrs. Whisenand, a divorcee, worked as a clerk for the U.S. Customs Service. Jansen said she had a good employment record but her investigators learned she is in debt and faced eviction from her home.

Mrs. Latham disappeared last Wednesday from her home, where she was alone with a 4-year-old granddaughter.

A motorist found her crouching beside U.S. 80 about 80 miles east of San Diego Friday morning.

She said she escaped from the shallow, rock-piled grave and struggled five miles across the desert Thursday under a beating sun.

Her two sons, both doctors, reported she would be hospitalized at least another week with severe sunburn over most of her body, two broken ribs, cuts, bruises and two black eyes.



DWIGHT O. WELCH

Pelagia Probe Set In Norway

OSLO, Norway (UP)—A U.S. Embassy official flew to Harstad in Northern Norway today to investigate charges that a lack of emergency equipment was responsible for the loss of 32 lives in the sinking of the American freighter Pelagia Saturday.

Vice Consul Michael Newlin planned an official U.S. inquiry into circumstances of the sinking of the iron ore carrier.

An embassy spokesman here refused to comment on charges made by Lawrence T. Redies, Central City, Colo., that rescue equipment was insufficient to save the lives of 32 crewmen. Redies was one of only five men who survived. He said he planned to sue the owners of the ship.

The South American Federation, tying together the YMCA's and the 27,000 Y members of eight South American countries, functions much as does a national council in countries with many associations. It sponsors conferences, produces and distributes YMCA literature, trains new secretaries, and advises the for service throughout Latin America.

Local YMCA officials pointed out is also on the staff of the Instituto Tecnico, the federation's four-year college for training Y secretaries program is an important part of

World Service Committee To Host Dwight O. Welch

The World Service Committee of the Klamath County YMCA will be host to Dwight O. Welch tonight at 6 o'clock in the Y building, 722 Pine Street.

A meeting was held at noon for interested members and those wishing to learn more about this aspect of the YMCA work in other countries.

The evening meeting will begin with the 6 o'clock dinner at which time representatives of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs will be present with a general meeting for members of the Y association at 7 o'clock.

Welch, experienced in Y work on the West Coast and Hawaii, has been on the staff of the South American Federation of YMCA's at Montevideo, Uruguay since April, 1951. He is a consultant to the federation on program and budget; and, as a world service representative of the North American YMCA's, he serves the latter's inter-national committee as liaison secretary for South America.

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HAZARDS

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. (U)—Linemen of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. have decided political campaigns are an occupational hazard. In a letter to candidates in this area the linemen have asked office-seekers to help "in stamping out the dangerous practice of tacking and stapling placards and posters to service poles." Tacks and staples often give way under a lineman's spurs, making him liable to sudden falls.

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And the leaping Rainbow leaves a wake,
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And the China's cackle at early morn,
Reminds the Doves they soon must leave—
The Summer has only a short reprieve.

When the little Creeks can run no more,
And the big blue Grouse gets up with a roar,
And the Mountain Ash is a painter's dream
In a mirrored Lake without a seam,
And the lazy Brook Trout, fat with spawn,
Tell you plainly that Summer's gone.

When over the Marshes' grey twilight,
Young Ducks are trying their wings in flight,
And the Ground Squirrels all have gone to bed,
And some of the leaves are turning red,
And the Coyote Pack has a different call,
For the Pups are grown; it will soon be Fall.

When the Honkers fly at rosy dawn,
And the spots have faded from this year's Fawn,
And the evening Sun tints a dusty sky,
And the morning mists come drifting by,
And the Mountain Quail begin to call—
Before you know it, it will be Fall.

KF Prisoners Enter State Pen

SALEM (U)—Four Klamath County prisoners entered the Oregon State Penitentiary Tuesday, a day later than scheduled.

The two deputy sheriffs who brought them here had forgot to bring the commitment papers when they brought the prisoners here Monday.

The penitentiary refused to accept the prisoners, so they spent the night in the Marion County jail.

The prisoners are Charles E. Hutchinson, Lee Taggart, John Francis Jennings and Jeff Nathan Hull.

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