

Youth Appears At Trial Despite Death Threat Notes

NEW YORK (AP)—A mailed death threat failed to deter 16-year-old Roger McShane from coming to testify at the trial of seven youths to the electric chair.

The slender, dark-haired boy, subjected to hammering cross-examination yesterday, once more detailed the events of the night of last July 30 when his friend Michael Farmer, 15, was murdered.

UF Report

Editor's Note—This is the first of a series of three articles by the 1957 UF president summarizing the activities of the fund.

By A. D. (DEB) ADDISON

This is a report of the administration of the Klamath County United Fund for the past 12 months. Your officers want to express a real appreciation for the sincere and effective help that many of you, hundreds of you, have given toward making United Fund what it is—a strong, healthy, effective organization functioning for the good of the people of Klamath County.

I would like to repeat an expression that came from Vince Bousquet, our campaign chairman, along early in the drive last year. In addition to raising money, he said, let's build something for the future and leave the united program in a stronger position for the years to come.

That has been my desire, too, and I believe that your 1957 officers and chairmen can bow out knowing that the Klamath County United Fund is a stronger and more effective organization and that its administration for 1958 is in more capable hands.

Your new officers are Ralph Hemmesch, Rollin Cantrall, Frank Ganong, Leo Molatore and Mrs. Charles Alward. They all have the interests of the county at heart and are prepared to do their best or they wouldn't have accepted these jobs. Give them your full support.

Let's review for a minute just what United Fund is. It is a non-profit corporation. As an aside, let me say that the audit of its finances are on file at the county clerk's office for public scrutiny, as well as being shown in the mimeographed Fifth Annual Report which is available to all. The audit shows the 1958 fund campaign as having reached \$127,763.28.

It is governed by 60 directors (20 elected for three year terms each year) through the officers and executive committee of the board. It maintains a modest office and employs two persons to manage the details of raising, collecting and disbursing to the member agencies about a hundred and a quarter thousand dollars annually. I like to think of United Fund as "organized neighborliness."

Auto Plunge Claims Five

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP)—A carload of high school pupils turned into a dark, dead-end street last night and somersaulted into the Portneuf River. Five teenagers drowned. Two others made it to safety.

One of the survivors was Kim Sharp, the driver, 16-year-old son of a Pocatello physician. He said he did not know the quarter-block street ended at the river. Sharp crawled through a window and another youth, Lynn Everson, 16, was pulled from the car by a passing motorist, Wayne Davis. Davis said the strong current prevented further rescue attempts.

The youngsters had been to a church youth meeting. Coroner Allen Manning identified the five victims as Lamona Webster, William Clark, Dwenna Woodward, Verda Mae Stone and Marilee Smith. All were about 16.

Twenty-seven defense attorneys are fighting to save seven youthful defendants, charged with the murder, from the chair. They can have another go at McShane today when he returns to the stand.

The witness has identified six of the seven accused as having been at the murder scene, a park in upper Manhattan. McShane was stabbed twice in the chest, but testimony on this is not admissible because the specific charge, first-degree murder, covers only the assault on Farmer.

While police are inclined to the theory that the death threat received Saturday by McShane was the work of a young crackpot, they are taking no chances. Wherever McShane goes—even while he is sleeping—a detective will be near him.

The threatening letter said in part: "If they guys get the chair we'll kill you. . . . Keep it cool." It was also disclosed that McShane was threatened in a school yard last November—more than three months after the Farmer boy, too crippled by polio to run away like McShane finally did, was murdered.

In November a stranger told McShane: "If my brother is sent up the river, you'll die."

It turned out that the person who threatened McShane was not related to any of the suspects and the warning was laid to a crank.

The attack on Farmer and McShane has been laid to gang rivalry. The two boys apparently were mistaken for members of a gang. They were attacked with fists, chains, clubs and knives.

One of the defendants is 15, four are 16 and two are 18. If convicted, death sentences are mandatory.

Two of the youths are white, two Negro, two Puerto Rican and one is from the Dominican Republic. Farmer was white, as is McShane.

California Weather
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San Francisco Bay Region: Fog this morning then cloudy through Wednesday with chance of rain Wednesday; high today near 57; low tonight near 53; southerly winds 12-25 m.p.h. from this afternoon through Wednesday; rain probability 20 per cent today, 40 per cent Wednesday.

Northern California: Intermittent rain Petaluma and Chico northward and variable cloudiness with local morning for elsewhere today; rain north of San Francisco and Sacramento tonight and Wednesday with heavy amounts on coast; snow in mountains from Yosemite northward and cloudy elsewhere Wednesday; little change in temperature; gale warnings for southerly winds 35-50 m.p.h. Point Reyes northward this afternoon and tonight, diminishing Wednesday; southerly winds 12-25 m.p.h. near coast Point Reyes to Point Sur and variable 7-15 m.p.h. elsewhere.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Intermittent snow today; heavy snow likely tonight and Wednesday with rain below 3,500 feet; little change in temperature; southerly gales late tonight and Wednesday.

Sacramento Valley: Intermittent light rain Chico northward today increasing and spreading over valley tonight; little change in temperature; high both days 53-58; low tonight 48-54; southerly winds 20-30 m.p.h. tonight and Wednesday.

Northwestern California: Intermittent rain today becoming heavy rain tonight and Wednesday with gale winds tonight; little change in temperature; high today and low tonight Napa 58-63; Santa Rosa 56-60; Ukiah 57-60; wind near coast southerly 35-50 m.p.h. this afternoon and tonight, then south west 15-30 m.p.h. Wednesday.

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BASIN BRIEFS

Meeting—The Midland Grange Youth will meet Tuesday, February 11, at 8 p.m. at the home of Rose Scala.

St. Teresa's—Circle of the Holy Rosary Altar Society will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, February 12, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Floyd Ewing at Henley.

Newcomer's Club—will meet Thursday, February 13, at 8 p.m. in the Pelican Party Room with Winston D. Purvine of Oregon Technical Institute as guest speaker. Miller's Department Store will show new fashions in hats. All newcomers to the community are invited to attend and may make reservations by calling TU 2-0832.

On Friday, February 14, the group will sponsor a baked food sale at the Ninth and Pine Market Basket with funds to go for the benefit of the Klamath Association for Retarded Children.

Midland—Home Extension Unit will meet February 13 at 10:30 a.m. in Joan's Kitchen at the fairgrounds. Project leaders are Mrs. George Combs and Mrs. Leon Andrieu who will demonstrate the freezing of main dishes.

Graduates—Pvt. Rodney L. Nolen, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garvin C. Nolen, Alturas, California, recently was graduated from the eight-week metalworking course at the Army's Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. The course trained him to repair metal parts and equipment by forging and welding. Nolen attended Lassen Union High School in Susanville.

Join Navy—Two Northern California boys enlisted in the Navy on February 7, the local Navy recruiting office announced. They are Dan McNis Davis Jr., son of Mrs. Marjorie S. Ferguson of Dorris and Michael L. Walton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Walton of Macdoel.

Attend Meeting—Two carloads from the Chiloquin area drove to Medford Tuesday to attend the Methodist Outreach Mission conference conducted by Bishop Grant and with emphasis on Alaska brought by the Rev. McGinnis, district superintendent of the Alaskan territory. The Rev. Harley Zeller and the Rev. David Schneider, pastors of the Williamson River Mission, Beatty, Chiloquin and Port Klamath churches were among those attending.

Sister Killed—Frank DiUlio, Chiloquin High School instructor, received word Sunday night that his sister in Wisconsin had been killed that evening in a car accident. DiUlio's mother, who had been spending the winter here, left Monday for Sacramento to join another son and daughter-in-law and the three flew Monday night to Wisconsin. DiUlio was unable to go as he is recovering from a severe illness and just returned to school Tuesday after an absence of more than three weeks.

On Job—Harry Ravizza, who underwent major surgery in Portland twice during the past four months, is again working part time in Chiloquin, where he is an oil company distributor. Les Hoback has been running the plant for him since fall.

In Reno—Mr. and Mrs. Lute Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Everett.

ett Emery, all of Silver Lake, spent several days last week vacationing in Reno.

Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gillette, Fort Rock, had as visitors recently her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stanley, Klamath Falls.

Chairman—of the Fort Rock American Heart Association collections is Mrs. Robert Morehouse.

Returned—Mr. and Mrs. Leland Pope have returned to Merrill after a visit with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pope, in Sacramento.

In Portland—Mrs. Jennie Fugate, Merrill, is spending two weeks in Portland for a hospital checkup and visit with friends.

Broken Hip—Mrs. Ray Merrill, former resident of Merrill, is reported to be improving satisfactorily following a fall in the county courthouse in Sacramento in early January during which she sustained a broken hip. Following a month's stay in the hospital, Mrs. Merrill is now at the home of her sister-in-law, Friends may write to her in care of T. C. Harrington, 3562 64th Street, Sacramento.

Meeting—The Merrill PPA will hold a meeting Tuesday evening, February 11, in the music room of the Merrill High School at 7:30. The program will be presented by the high school music and speech departments. Fifth grade mothers will be hostesses.

New Pine Creek—Verle Cook is running a crew for the Fremont Forest Service out toward Dairy Creek. They are trimming trees in about 38 inches of snow and snowshoes are necessitated.

Return Home—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. MacDonald have returned to Chiloquin from Phoenix, Arizona and Southern California. Mrs. MacDonald had spent several weeks with their daughter and son-in-law, the Bill Coles, just before and after the second grandchild was born. The grandfather joined the group for Christmas and the MacDonalds later went to Arizona to visit with friends and relatives.

Farewell Party—What Delilah Menz, Chiloquin eighth grader, thought was just another "sock hop" following a basketball game, turned out to be a farewell party for her last Friday evening. Delilah's mother, Mrs. Sylvester Pelland, had been transferred from her job at Klamath Agency to a position at Colville, Washington.

Recovering—Dwight Souers Sr., Klamath Agency, is still off the job while recuperating from major surgery.

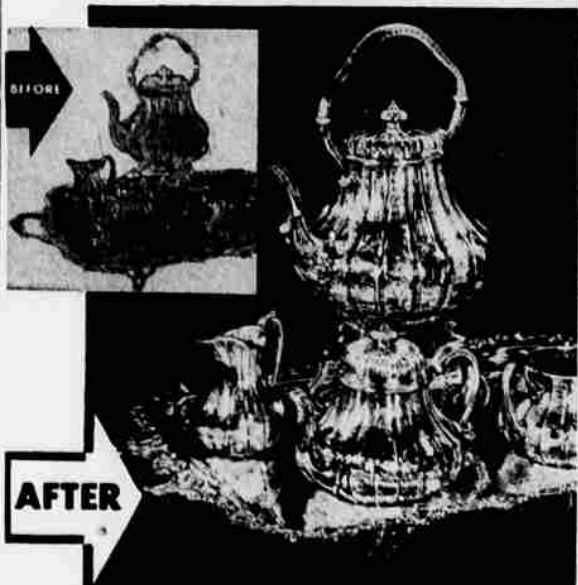
Moving North—Mr. and Mrs. John Vaninetti and sons Jerry and Joe, are leaving next week from Klamath Agency for Everett, Washington, where he has been transferred. He has been a land appraiser at the agency.

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Rudy Zadina have returned from a trip to Missouri and Arkansas where they visited with their parents and other relatives and friends. Their daughter, Bobbie Lee, remained in Chiloquin with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mathis, so that she would not miss school. She is a fourth grader.

Patient—Mrs. Margaret Loper, Merrill, is a patient at Klamath Valley Hospital where she underwent major surgery Thursday morning. She is reported coming along satisfactorily.

Home Extension—The Merrill Home Extension will meet Friday, February 14, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Henderson. Members are asked to bring fruit for salad. Program leaders, Mrs. Muriel Brown and Mrs. Lloyd Henderson, will discuss freezing combination main dish meals.

Baby Girl—The Modoc Medical Center, Alturas, reports the birth of a 9 lb. 3 1/2 oz. girl to Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Pierce, Lookout, on February 7.

Apprehended—The Modoc County Sheriff's Office reports that Herman James Roberts, who escaped from the county jail last summer, has been apprehended in Wyoming.

Hospitalized—Mrs. Merle O'Neil, Eastside, received news recently that her mother, Mrs. Charles Maharry, Tulare, is hospitalized in Klamath Falls due to a heart condition.

From Eugene—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deal, Eugene, are in Eastside and New Pine Creek as they are redecorating their property in New Pine Creek.

To Dentist—Mr. and Mrs. William Combs and daughters, Eastside, motored to Reno over the weekend where they had an appointment for their daughter, Dorothy, with an orthodontist.

Back Home—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Longfellow, Eastside, have arrived back home after spending several weeks in California with relatives.

Moved—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Messner and son, Charles, have moved from Fort Bidwell to the Pearl Kelso ranch in the Eastside area. Mrs. Messner is the daughter of Mrs. Kelso, who is now living in Grants Pass.

Stake Union—Mrs. Merle O'Neil Eastside, accompanied Mrs. Orville Stein, Mrs. John McDonald, Mrs. Oris Rudd, Mrs. Don Byington and Mrs. Charles Stephens to a Stake Union meeting of the ladies of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Klamath Falls recently.

With Grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Merle Dodson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dodson and baby, all of Lakeview, were visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wells Sr., Eastside, over the weekend.

Recovering—Bill Wells Jr. is at his home in Eastside after spending several days in the hospital and at the home of his wife's parents in Lakeview, as he was ill with flu.

From California—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hansen, Napa, and Mrs. Emogene Reaves, Concord, California, were in Lakeview for the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Eva Aldridge, New Pine Creek.

Golden Wedding—Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neil are celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary with an open house at their home in

Eastside on Sunday, February 16, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., for all their friends and relatives.

Visitors—from Washington for a few days at the home of Frank W. Brown, Langell Valley, are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beebe, former Bonanza residents.

From California—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Womack and sons, Portola, California, were visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Schmidt and family of Bonanza, for a few days recently. The Womack's came to attend funeral services for his uncle in Medford. They will spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Derry, Malin.

Spending—the winter months in Grants Pass are Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Welch, Langell Valley.

Home—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Horsley have returned to their home in Midland after a week in Langell Valley.

Recovering—Pete Hodges, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Les Leavitt, Langell Valley, is recovering from major surgery at Mercy Hospital, Sacramento. He is the son of Mrs. Sarah Hodges, Merrill.

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