

State Dismisses Charges Against 20-Year-Old Boy

David Herrera, 20-year-old Klamath Falls youth, had a charge against him of contributing to the delinquency of a minor dismissed on motion of the state, Monday morning in district court.

Herrera had been arrested after a state policeman found him in bed with a 17-year-old girl during the early hours of November 30 in an Oak Street cabin.

The charge against him, as presented by the district attorney's office, was based on the allegation that Herrera had "induced and caused said minor child to remove her skirt and to get into bed with him."

At the close of questioning of state's witnesses, including the arresting policeman, the minor child, and the minor's mother, it became evident that the state had failed either to establish that the girl had at any time removed her skirt or that Herrera had induced or caused her to do anything whatsoever.

The fact that Herrera and the girl were in bed next to each other, along with two other persons, when Officer Roland S. Clark was admitted to the cabin by its tenant, Marilyn Charles, was disputed by no one. However, the minor girl offered an explanation for this circumstance, the facts, confirmed by the arresting officer, that it was a cold night and that there was no heat in the cabin. She specifically denied ever having had intimate relations with Herrera and said that she had come to the cabin as a member of a group.

At the end of the testimony, P. K. Puckett, defense attorney, rose to move for Herrera's release from custody on the grounds that evidence was insufficient to indicate "that a crime has been committed or that the defendant is connected with it." Assistant District Attorney Otis Goakey countered with a declaration that the fact that a "17-year-old girl is in bed with other people . . . in a cabin that size manifestly contributes to her delinquency."

Judge D. E. Van Vactor agreed with Goakey to the point of granting that he would have taken a different view of the case had the district attorney's office alleged merely that Herrera "was found in bed with a minor child in a compromising situation."

However, Judge Van Vactor read the actual charge out loud, showing that it rested entirely upon Herrera's allegedly inducing and causing "said minor child to remove her skirt."

"You have no proof of any act," Judge Van Vactor told Goakey. "nor of any talk or persuasion on Herrera's part which brought about the inducement. You haven't proved he did anything."

At this point, Goakey asked for a recess. Following the recess Goakey moved that the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor "be dismissed on the grounds and for the reasons that the testimony of state witnesses does not substantiate the charge."

The dismissal was granted, and Herrera was then charged with the lesser offense of vagrancy. To this he pleaded guilty. Judge Van Vactor set sentencing for Thursday at 10 a.m. and set bond at \$250. Herrera was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

KF Yule Mail Termed Heavy

A heavy Christmas mail is going through the local post office, according to C. L. Langslet, postmaster.

Last Saturday we received for processing between three and four times the number of parcel post packages that we handle on a normal Saturday," Langslet stated.

"Christmas mailing started early this year and we have probably had three times as many Christmas cards go through the local office as at this time last year," he added.

Post office windows will remain open for parcel notices, receiving parcel post packages and the purchase of stamps from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 13, Langslet announced.

For weekday mailing, he suggests making trips to the post office before 10 a.m. or between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. when possible to avoid congested periods in the day.

He also reminds post office patrons to buy stamps before the last minute.

Two, three and even four lines will be open for receiving parcel post packages when necessary to avoid undue waiting periods, Langslet said.

"Our 'Mail early for Christmas' campaign is being very successful and if it continues, we hope to see every mail bag empty and every post office employee relaxing at home on Christmas Eve," the postmaster said.

Singer Gets OK To Visit Children

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Although she filed for divorce last week, actress Debbie Reynolds says it's all right with her if Eddie Fisher wants to spend Christmas with her and their two children.

"He has always spent Christmas with the children," said Debbie. "I suppose he will again."

Miss Reynolds made the comment in answer to newsmen's questions.



GRADUATION CERTIFICATES of Life Underwriter Training Council are being handed to two men who have attended the training council, held in Ashland, for two consecutive years. Here, Bill Keene, far left, education chairman of the Klamath Basin Life Underwriters' Association, presents the certificates to Joe Mercer, center, vice president of the Oregon State Life Underwriters' Association, and to Merlin Bleak, president of the local association. The course is designed to aid career life insurance men in keeping abreast of latest techniques and developments in their business.

Space Chief Sees Payoff

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Dr. T. Keith Glennan, America's space chief, predicts a huge payoff for the public from the billions of dollars to be invested in space probes.

Glennan, head of the new National Aeronautics and Space Administration, tagged the organization's job as "the business of exploring the solar system."

He forecast a dozen such launchings next year.

He said in a Chamber of Commerce speech Monday night that weather prediction is an immediate aim of space vehicles. He said satellites could gather more data faster to aid meteorologists.

He also predicted improved communications, using satellites as way stations for long-distance transmissions.

Earlier, at Austin, he met with Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.). Both agreed the Army's lunar probe last week was a scientific success, but were not satisfied.

Family To Get Star's Estate

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Most of Tyrone Power's estate will go to his widow, children, mother and sister.

His will did not mention his two previous wives, actresses Anna-bella and Linda Christian.

Power, 45, died Nov. 15 in Spain. Value of estate was not disclosed when his will was filed for probate Monday. The will directs that the estate be divided into trust funds for his widow Deborah and their unborn child; his daughters, Romina, 7, and Taryn, 5, by Miss Christian; his mother Mrs. Patia Power and his sister Mrs. Anne Hardenberg.

HOOP STARS GIRL
LYTHAM ST. ANNE'S, England (UPI)—Joyce Cookson, 11, was stabbed by her hula hoop Monday. A joint in her cane hoop parted when another girl bumped her and one end was driven deep into her thigh. Firemen cut off the hoop and the end was removed in a hospital.

SAFE ROBBED

LEWISBURG, Tenn. (AP)—Posing as telephone repairmen, three men took more than \$50,000 from the safe of a prominent farmer Monday. The leader of the trio, armed with a gun, forced Mrs. J. W. Coffey and a neighbor, Mrs. Annie West, to lie on the floor under a quilt, warning them, "If you look out, I'll kill you." Coffey was away at the time.

Missile-Packing A-Subs Weeks Away From Reality

POINT MUGU, Calif. (AP)—Missile - packing nuclear submarines that can carry atomic warheads within reach of any part of the globe are only weeks away from reality.

The USS Halibut, which the Navy says will be the world's first of this type, will be launched next month at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, San Francisco.

The submarine missile firing system has been duplicated on a surface vessel and will be tested today for the first time with the launching of a Regulus II guided missile from the Pacific missile range here.

The USS King County, a converted World War II tank landing ship, will be the first surface ship to send a Regulus II aloft.

One of these missiles was launched by the conventionally powered submarine Grayback last September, but the Grayback did not have the intricate firing and tracking facilities going into the nuclear Halibut.

Electronic jingles known as telemetry rooms have been installed on the King County and will guide today's Regulus to some inland portion of the Pacific missile range—probably Edwards Air Force Base on the Mojave Desert north of Los Angeles, or the Air Force facility at Tonopah, Nev.

The 11-ton, 57-foot Regulus II has been fired successfully many times. A guided missile, it differs from ballistic missiles in that it can be directed in flight. Ballistic missiles, like artillery shells, are largely beyond outside control once they are fired.

The Regulus II has a shorter range than the big intercontinental ballistic missiles—1,000 miles compared with their 6,000 miles—but nuclear submarines can take it secretly almost to the shores of an enemy nation.

The Halibut will carry Regulus II missiles at first, but later is expected to be converted to handle the Polaris, a 1,500-mile intermediate range ballistic missile.

Nine Polaris - equipped submarines, which is the number now being built or contracted for, could fire 100 million tons of nuclear force at targets in Eurasia from positions near the North Pole.

Each sub will be able to carry 14 missiles, and each missile will have a warhead with an explosive force equal to a million tons of TNT.

Cubs Of Pack 3 Have New Slate

The Cub Scouts of Pack Three, Roosevelt School, have a new project for Christmas this year.

Each one will donate one of his favorite toys to the Klamath County Welfare Department for distribution to foster homes and other needy children. By giving up a favorite toy, rather than buying a new one, the Cub Scouts feel they are keeping the Christmas spirit and observing their motto for December: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The Cubs will present their gifts at the Roosevelt School gymnasium at 8 p.m. on December 11.

Three Killed By Monoxide

LANCASTER, Mo. (AP)—Death of three Arkansas truck drivers in a bunkhouse at a Lancaster truck stop apparently were caused by carbon monoxide poisoning.

Coroner Bryce Norman said tests at the Missouri highway patrol laboratory showed the blood of John Parker, 26, Little Rock, Ark., and William Briner, 22, Malvern, Ark., contained a saturation of 60 to 65 per cent, enough to cause death.

An autopsy on the third victim, Louis Lee Warden, 24, Little Rock, showed he apparently died of the same cause, Dr. Hans Schlumberger, Arkansas state medical examiner, reported at Little Rock.

Warden, a driver for D. W. Hoskins, Malvern, Ark., died Friday, Parker and Briner arrived late Saturday with another Hoskins truck. They were found dead Sunday morning.

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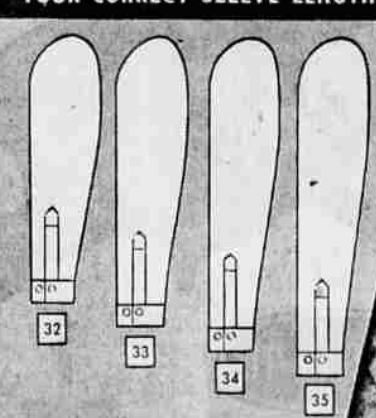
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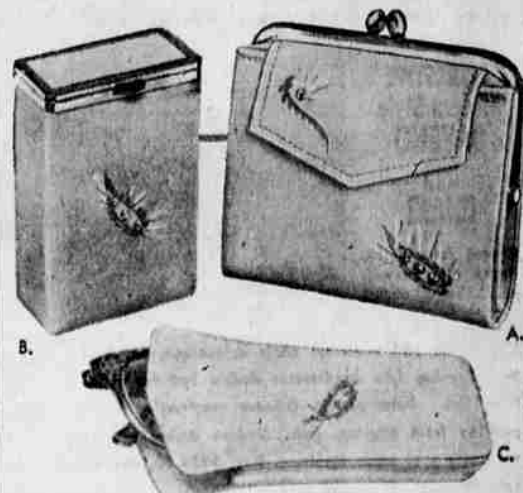
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