

Multiple Slay Suspect Says He 'Just Flipped'

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — Thomas Pendergast stared at the lanky, pimply-faced youth who had just confessed slaying Pendergast's wife and four children. "Why did you do it?" he screamed. "They were all I had in the world."

Young Carl Eder slumped in his chair at the police station. His mouth opened and shut several times but no sound came out. Finally he blurted: "I... I didn't want to, Tom."

The meeting between Pendergast and the 16-year-old runaway New York youth he had befriended came Monday night after Eder had been captured in a beach community a few miles north of San Diego.

Police had been looking for him since Friday when the bodies of Mrs. Lois Pendergast, 37, and her four children were found in their home. The mother had been shot, the children slashed and stabbed with a knife.

The 6-foot-3 teen-ager, whose description had been widely broadcast, was recognized by a resident of Mission Beach and arrested by an off-duty policeman and a lifeguard. After a brief show of defiance the boy started crying and admitted he was Eder and that he had killed Mrs. Pendergast and the children.

"I just flipped," his captors quoted him as saying.

At the San Diego police station, officers said they got a detailed confession from the youth Pendergast picked up as a hitchhiker six weeks ago and took into his home because he felt sorry for him.

They said Eder told them he became angry because one of the children, Diane, 4, was making a lot of noise. He stormed into the bedroom and threw the girl on the floor, cutting her head.

Mrs. Pendergast rushed up, took the child into the bathroom to bandage her and told Eder to call a doctor. Instead, the youth got a pistol from the garage and came back and shot the mother.

He killed Diane and her brother Allen, 2, by cutting their throats with a hunting knife. And when David, 9, and Tom, 6, came home from school he killed them the same way.

He was waiting outside when Pendergast came home from his job as an aircraft worker and forced him to drive him toward San Diego before the father had a chance to enter the house and find out what had happened.

He left Pendergast at a service station in San Diego. About the man who had befriended him, he said: "I didn't want to kill him. He's been real good to me."

Eder said he had been sleeping in a ballroom closed for the winter since Friday. He was spotted while walking on the boardwalk near the ballroom.

The San Diego Union telephoned Eder's parents in Irondequoit, N. Y., a suburb of Rochester, and reported in a copyrighted story that his father Karl Eder said he never wanted to see the boy again.

"I'm glad they got him," the father said. "I don't want to see that boy no more. I don't want to see him ever again."

And the youth's grandmother Mrs. Martha Sadra told the Union's reporter, "The only thing I wish is that they hadn't found him alive."

Young Eder showed little emotion until he was confronted by Pendergast at the police station. Then the grief-stricken father screamed at him: "Why, oh, why? My little Diane... My little Allen... My little Tom... My little David... Why?"

Eder flushed, his jaw dropped and tears streamed from his eyes.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"WHEN YOU PICKED ME UP, YA BUSTED A COUPLE PIGEON EGGS I FOUND IN THE PARK."

Gunston Hall, Home Of Bill Of Rights Author, Is Now National Shrine

By JOSEPHINE E. HARPAM

EUGENE — Gracious Gunston Hall, in Virginia, the home of George Mason, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which became the basis for our Bill of Rights which was added to the Constitution 166 years ago on December 15, is now one of the most famous historical shrines in America.

"Gunston Hall is a plantation house of brick, a story and one-half, with steep pitched roof flanked on either side with tall chimneys, and the overall design is Georgian. William Buckland, highly skilled as a carver, and with an unsurpassed knowledge of classical ornament, used satiny white pine and seasoned hardwood for the interior. Also used were oversized handstones for the steps, foundations, and corners. Each room has unusual beauty and richness, and reflects exquisite taste — notable among them, however, is the famous Palladian drawing room, with its superb carvings; also in addition the first Chinese Chippendale room in America. Of great interest too is Mason's little sitting room, where may be seen the table on which the Declaration of Rights was written. From the unique south porch, which was modeled after a design of a Greek temple on an old coin, are seen the Potomac River beyond and the quaintly beautiful gardens in the foreground. The latter are of 18th Century design, and they contain the gorgeous boxwood hedges—250 ft. long, 12 ft. high—planted by Mason himself; the lovely terraces, and a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.

Near the beautiful home he loved so well, George Mason lies buried beside the wife to whom he gave a life of devotion. For all time he will remain one of our greatest Americans, never again to be the "forgotten man" of history, because of the dedicated efforts of the Colonial Dames of America and of the Garden Club of Virginia.

The custodians of this American shrine are the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. By their deep patriotism; financial assistance; and their tasteful, capable and intelligent research they have restored Gunston to its original loveliness. They have been most ably assisted by the Garden Club of Virginia. The mansion is located 25 miles south of Washington, D.C., off Route 1, and on the Shirley Highway. It overlooks the Potomac River in Fairfax County. It is open to the public every day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except Christmas Day).

In 1750 George Mason IV married a beautiful Maryland girl named Ann Elbeck. It is said that she was also the first love of young George Washington. In 1753 the Masons started to build their cherished home, which was completed in 1758 and named Gunston Hall, after an ancestral estate in Staffordshire, England. William Buckland, the architect, was

brought from London as an indentured servant to create one of the most beautiful homes in Colonial America.

Labor Terms School Unfair

PORTLAND (AP)—The Multnomah County Labor Council Monday night placed a Roman Catholic high school here on its unfair list.

"Parents who are members or supporters of organized labor should withdraw their children from school," said Glenn Balake, the council president.

The school placed on the unfair list is Central Catholic High School, which has an enrollment of 965 students.

Its principal, the Rev. Willis Whalen, said he had no immediate comment on the council action.

Blake said the action was taken because the school refused to sign a contract with the Building Service Employees Union, elected the bargaining agent by the school's janitors in a 3-1 vote.

"Nearly all of the students are from working families," Balake said. He added that pickets might be placed around the school later this week.

Masons Schedule Installation

MALIN—John H. Freitag will be installed as worshipful master of Malin Masonic Lodge, No. 194, A.F. & A.M. at a public installation, December 17, in the Masonic Temple at 3 p.m.

Other officers to serve during 1959 will be Robert Victorine, senior warden; Robert Trotman, junior warden; Ted A. DeMerritt, treasurer; Howard Henderson, secretary; Axel K. Felt, senior deacon; Thomas Chaburn, junior deacon; Norman Jacob, senior steward; Elmont Kenyon, steward; and Cecil Zelders, tiler.

Installing officers will be Vaclav Kalina, master; Homer Dupuy, marshal; Bernice Wilson, secretary; Warren Fruits, chaplain, all past masters of Malin Lodge.

Harvey Clugston, retiring master, will be master of ceremonies. Entertainment will include a piano solo by Lucile Gray and a coronet solo by Ray Biggers, member of Klamath Falls Lodge, No. 77, A.F. & A.M.

Texas Fire Kills Four Children

WASKOM, Tex. (AP) — Four children, from 22 months to 8 years old, were burned to death Monday when fire destroyed their frame home.

Neighbors were turned back by flames when they tried to enter the Negro family's home. Constable Tommy Coleman reported the children's mother, Mrs. Ruby Lee Mack, said she left the children alone while she went for firewood.

Sports Pilots Name New Chief

Harold "Bud" Cloake has been elected president of the Klamath Falls Chapter, Sportsmen Pilots of Oregon. Serving with him during 1959 will be Maury Clark, vice president; Merle Rush, secretary-treasurer.

The new head of the pilots will announce his board of directors and committees in the near future to facilitate plans for 1959 projects including Aviation Week, air tours, the proposed weather station and other ideas for expansion and programs.

Election was held following the potluck dinner at the Yacht Club the night of December 13 which was attended by 80 members and guests. Mrs. Harold Cloake, general chairman of the dinner was assisted by members of the SPO Auxiliary.

Police Probing Kingsize Thefts

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP)—King-sized thefts being investigated by police.

A truck-trailer rig, with a giant construction tractor on the trailer, stolen from a truck terminal parking lot.

A 16-foot house trailer towed away from the Wilmet Mann home.

A 10-foot pine tree, uprooted from F. F. Hintze's lawn and found propped on the front porch of a University of Utah fraternity house.

Senator Mike Mansfield Terms Budget Adequate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont) today viewed an 80-billion-dollar federal budget as big enough for next year. But he said Congress won't parcel out the money just as President Eisenhower wants.

Mansfield, assistant Senate Democratic leader, served notice that the newly strengthened Democratic majorities in Congress will put a stamp of their own on further government outlays.

The Montana legislator spoke in an interview after Republican congressional chiefs spent Monday in a legislative and budget preview at the White House.

The seven GOP leaders came away from the session with Eisenhower, Vice President Richard M. Nixon and agency heads saying the administration is drawing up a balanced budget calling for record peacetime spending in the new fiscal year starting next July 1. This year's outgo is estimated at \$79,200,000,000, about 12 billions

above the government's anticipated income.

There was no indication of any tax cut proposals next year. In fact, there was talk of a possible penny-a-gallon tax rise on gasoline and another penny increase on first-class mail.

Defense spending would be held near its present 4-billion-dollar rate, some of the White House conferees said.

On legislation, the GOP leaders spoke of a moderate civil rights program, labor reform, paring down veterans' compensation, housing, social security and water resources bills.

Sen. Styles Bridges (NH), chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, said "the wild spending in Congress" will be to blame if the Treasury runs into heavy red ink.

"We're not going to run wild," Mansfield said, declaring that 80 billion dollars should be enough to run the government another year.

"I am sure we can find places where savings can be made," he said. However, the Democratic leader said, his party members will have some program of their own to push.

"In the last two sessions we voted substantially more than the President asked for defense, health and welfare," Mansfield said. But, over-all, we cut the total budget requests by several billions."

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Worker Says He Was Fired Because He Liked Chief

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Because he was a Republican and liked Ike, D.F. Pickert said, he was fired as a part-time caretaker by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore).

"It was just the idea I was a Republican that was too strong for him," said the 66-year-old Pickert, who had worked part-time at Morse's farm near here 25 years. He was paid \$1 an hour.

Morse said in Washington, D.C., that he did not dispense with Pickert's services because the caretaker is a Republican "but because he had not been loyal to my friendship."

After Pickert made the comments Monday, the Eugene Register-Guard said it received a telegram from Morse criticizing the newspaper for running a story about the discharge.

Morse's criticism was completely unfounded, the newspaper said, because up until then it had never run such a story.

In its Monday afternoon editions, the newspaper printed the telegram on its front page. It said:

"I am amused by your story that I discharged an employe because he supported President Eisenhower. If you had quoted the entire letter that I wrote that employe instead of excerpting out of context, you would have been journalistically fair."

"I did not dispense with my employe's services because he was a Republican, as I pointed out in my letter to him. I dispensed with his services because he had not been loyal to my friendship."

After the discharge, Pickert said, he received a letter from Morse which said:

"I'm very sorry it has become necessary to end our working relationship. However, I have found from experience that when one has such strong differences with my political views which you expressed to others, loyalty and friendship is sacrificed."

Toastmistresses Schedule Party

The Mt. Mazama Toastmistress Club will entertain at the annual Christmas party Thursday, December 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Willard Hotel.

Della Bate will have the opening; Fanny Mae Thompson, flag salute; Ingeborg Pex will be toastmistress and Floy Johnson, toastmistress.

Reba Martz will be in charge of gifts; Edna Howell will present a recitation; Doris Abernathy will present a ballet number; Eva Cook will be in charge of music; Virginia Fuller, St. Nicholas, and the Christmas story will be told by Eunice Bunnell. The "Night Before Christmas" will be given by Eva Morey.

Leigh Fenning will be in charge of refreshments.

have thought I was against him since I wasn't for him," Pickert said.

"I never saw a man get so mad," Pickert said. The discharge, he said, followed.

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