

JEREMY CHRISTMAS

A Yuletide Story

BY WALT SCOTT



Gasoline Bill Provides Clue

PORTLAND (AP)—A gasoline bill today gave the first solid lead in the mystery of a Portland family of five that vanished Dec. 7.

The bill arrived here Tuesday and showed that five gallons of gasoline were purchased Dec. 7 at Cascade Locks with a credit card issued to Ken Martin, 54.

Martin, his wife, 48, and their three young, pretty daughters disappeared after setting out from their Portland home to find a Christmas tree. The golden-haired girls are Barbara, 14; Virginia, 13; and Sue, 11.

With the gasoline bill, police began following a trail that led into Eastern Oregon—and far away from Portland—area woodlands where the search had been concentrated.

The trail east included a waitress who said she spotted the family, a salesman who saw a car and a policeman who found a car in a gravel pit—with two men in it.

Cascade Locks is about 40 miles east of here. Further east, at Hood River, a waitress said she saw the family in her cafe Dec. 7.

Berliners Hail Christmas, As Red Drive Haunts City

BERLIN (AP)—The 2,300,000 West Berliners today fervently hailed the coming of Christmas, hoping it would not be their last one in freedom.

Haunted by the new Soviet campaign against their isolated city, many were putting extra touches of gaiety into their celebrations.

Thousands of other Germans—from the historic Rhine in the West to the disputed Oder in the East—streamed into the city for a special reunion with loved ones.

This year, East Germany's Communist regime has made it much harder to get in and out of East Germany itself, so divided families were using Berlin as a meeting point.

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West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt in his Christmas statement said his city knows "the new year will bring many a test for us." But he added he is convinced that "the courage and attitude of the Berliners will remain the same during the new year."

In East Berlin, Communist Deputy Mayor Waldemar Schmidt is-

portedly saying his Christmas wish for 1959 is: "That the system of force under which the Eastern part of Germany suffers will fall away at last and that the people who live there will once again be given the elementary human right to have freedom and self-determination."

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sued a statement which fell on unconvincing ears in West Berlin. Said Schmidt: "What a happy Christmas holiday West Berliners would have before them if the constructive suggestions of the Soviet Union were accepted."

Probate Court Values Estate

PORTLAND (AP)—The widow of a Portland newspaper executive left an estate valued at \$1,225,623, a probate court here said Monday.

The estate was that of Mrs. Mary A. Scott, who died here last October. She was 82.

Her late husband, John Harvey Scott, was cashier of a now-defunct Portland newspaper, the

Portland Evening Telegram.

Supervisors, Road Chief Set Up Five-Year Policy

BY BETTY DOW
YREKA—The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors met recently with Herbert S. Miles, California Division of Highways district engineer, and Trinity County officials and set up a policy for a five-year road program designed to open up southwest Siskiyou timber resources for exploitation and linking the county to recreational use of Trinity Lake.

Placed at the top of the priority list of the five-year program was the grading and surfacing of mountain-crossing Etna - Callahan road, a vital timber road linking western Siskiyou with central Siskiyou mills.

In cooperation with the Trinity County Board of Supervisors, the Siskiyou board gave its stamp of approval for a full speed ahead policy for completion of federal aid to Route 1089, expected to link the soon-to-be completed Trinity Reservoir with Callahan and the rest of Siskiyou County by way of the Scott Mountain within the next five years.

According to Melvin E. Dale, Trinity County's road commissioner, nine miles of 1089 north of Trinity Cave has been completed, besides a portion from Trinity Mill to Swift Creek, now under construction by the Bureau of Public Roads.

Dale further stated that he anticipates the completion of the road to Coffee Creek in Trinity by 1961, which would leave only a 17-mile gap to the proposed terminus of Siskiyou County's portion of the road at Scott Mountain. He also said that they could not tell when they would reach the top of the mountain, but figured it would be in five or six years. At present, according to the road commissioner, the road is passable, and will be available much sooner than anticipated, since the entire length of the road will be improved to some extent within the next two years.

Present at Tuesday's meeting was an Eagle Creek rancher, James Lee, who expressed considerable interest in seeing the road completed since he did a large amount of buying of grain and other commodities in Scott Valley. He also stated that he had made the drive from his ranch located six miles north of Carrville in Trinity County to Yreka in 1 hour and 40 minutes.

It was indicated by Dale the eventual availability of recreational waters to Siskiyou at the federal government's Trinity Reservoir, saying they will start backing water up next year, although the scheduled completion of the dam is not until 1960.

G. L. Loomis, chairman of the Trinity County Board of Supervisors, stated that he had noticed a considerable heavy traffic of tourists on the route this past summer, and predicted a bright future for the road as a tourist thoroughfare.

In the report given by Al Powers, Siskiyou County road commissioner, top priority in the county's five-year program would go to grading and surfacing the seven-mile Gazelle-Callahan road.

The Etna-Callahan highway between Etna and Fay Lane has

priority for 1959, under the federal aid program, followed by surfacing of about two and three-quarters miles of the same road between Callahan and Dredger Camp.

Powers also listed that a 60-foot bridge over Yreka Creek on Oberlin road near Yreka is scheduled for 1959, also surfacing of 13 miles of State Line Highway between Highway 97 and White Lake, near Tulelake.

Plans for 1960 include surfacing of five miles of Oberlin Road,

from Yreka to the Shasta River, as well as grading and surfacing of about four and a half miles of the East-West road between Tulelake and Hill roads.

Bridge work planned by the road department is to be divided between a 300-foot bridge at Lost River in the Tulelake area and grading of six miles of Scott Mountain Road between Callahan and the Trinity County line set for 1961.

Powers said that in 1962, the program scheduled for work on a

120-foot bridge and one mile of road along the Scott River Road, and grading and surfacing of a little over four miles along Drain Ten road in the northeast of the county.

Powers concluded that in 1963, the Grenada to Montague road will be surfaced and a bridge constructed at Tompkins Creek.

An estimated expenditure of \$94,000 on the Scott Valley Road was also approved by the state highway commissioner at Tuesday's meeting.

Christmas Greetings ...

As our first year as Klamath Falls' own bank draws to a close, your friendly neighbors at The Bank of Klamath Falls extend sincere wishes for a gay and glorious Holiday Season to all our wonderful friends. May you enjoy peace, happiness and prosperity throughout the year.



JACQUELINE (Jackie) WHITE
Receptionist



JESSIE SAMUEL
Teller



DOROTHY M. HARGROVE
Bookkeeper



ANNA G. (Betty) LANE
Teller



DOLORES McCULLOCH
Teller

The Bank of Klamath Falls Welcomes its 1700th Regular Customer -



CARLOS LINVILLE
Executive Vice-President
and Manager



Last week marked a milestone in Klamath's locally owned bank, as the Bank of Klamath Falls welcomed its 1,700th regular customer... Frank Bogatay, owner of Bogatay's Shoes, 617 Main. Pictured left to right are Richard P. Laudenschlager, cashier; Carlos Linville, executive Vice-President and manager; and Frank Bogatay.



RICHARD P. LAUDENSCHLAGER
Cashier

Youth Slain; Driver Held

ELSIE, Ore. (AP)—A motorist Tuesday shot and killed a teenage boy, then shot himself between the eyes when his escape was blocked, State Police Sgt. Robert Fisher said.

He identified the dead boy as Larry Banyard, 16, of Tigard, whose 14-year-old brother, Benny, was the only witness.

Fisher said the arrested man was Robert L. Slater, 33, of Portland, who was rushed to nearby Seaside Hospital in critical condition.

Dist. Atty. Thomas Brownhill of Clatsop County said although Slater was not charged with the shooting immediately, he was placed under police guard.

Fisher gave this account of the shooting:

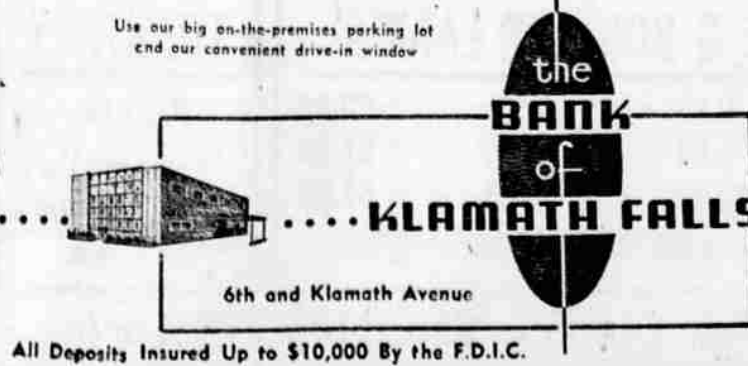
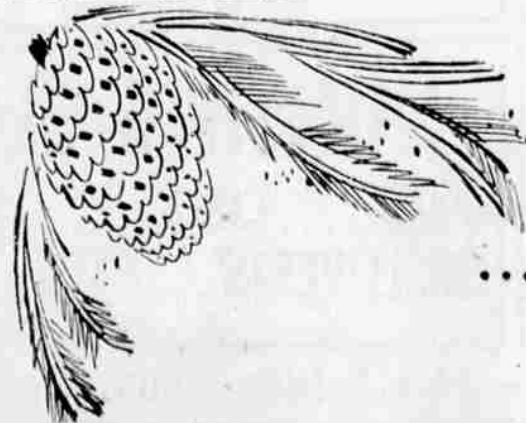
The Banyard boys, en route to Seaside to visit their father and to hunt ducks, stopped to fix a flat.

Slater stopped, asked the boys if they were following him, called Larry to the car and shot him. Then when Slater attempted to flee, he was stopped by sheriff's deputies, who said he shot himself with the same .22 rifle used to shoot Banyard.

Fisher said Slater was identified from papers in his pocket, which said he was secretary of Local 329 of the Construction and General Laborers Union in Portland.

THUMB FUN
PUEBLO, Colo. (UPI)—The Junior Chamber of Commerce reported that a Pueblo girl has written Santa that she will do her best to stop sucking her thumb if he will leave a cigarette lighter and ash tray at her house.

The reforming miss said she planned to take up smoking to break her thumb sucking habit.



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