

TODAY'S 2-MINUTE MYSTERY THE CASE OF THE STRANDED BLONDE

By Donald J. Sobol

A look of satisfaction settled on young Harrington's face as he sat at dinner with Dr. Haledjian.

out the blunder in their plot. I drove off, leaving the pair of conspirators furious but far wiser.

"Congratulations," said Haledjian. "A simple case, but an instructive one. Henceforth you will be alert to the cunning behind a pretty face."

How did Harrington know he was being framed?



The girl turned around and uttered a cry, "My husband! He'll kill us both!"

"While I was trying to catch the bartender's eye, an extraordinarily beautiful woman sat down on the stool next to mine.

"She begged my forgiveness for speaking, and then, quite covered with embarrassment, confessed she had left her purse on the bus. What could I do?"

"After three rounds of martinis, she refused another drink, but demurely asked for a quarter for the bus home. 'Nonsense!' I protested and escorted her to my car.

"We had driven but a mile when a pair of headlights swung into the road behind me. The girl turned around and uttered a cry, 'My husband! He'll kill us both!'"

"The road being dark and unfamiliar, I decided against a race. I pulled to the side and stopped.

So did the black sedan following us. An enormous man jumped out, bellowing wrathfully. But I put an end to his posturing by pointing

that it would be there. Then only I the know beforehand the car which followed me. The girl turned around and uttered a cry, "My husband! He'll kill us both!"

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Wild Stowaway Survives Trip In Hot Cargo Hold

NEW YORK (UPI)—Police and immigration officials searched today for a wild-eyed man who burst from the steaming hold of a tropical freighter and fled the memory of a stowaway companion who had died of thirst.

The fearful sea tale was uncovered by a crew of tough longshoremen who fell back in horror at the filthy apparition which scabbled from the hatch which had just opened and addressed them in a raving whisper.

He snatched a roll from the hand of a dockman and wolfed it down. The longshoremen silently pointed the direction he asked and watched him head for water—and freedom.

None moved to stop him. "He looked like a maniac," one said.

Seven hours later, late Tuesday afternoon, the crew found the other half of the story—the naked body of a man, his gaunt hand still clutching his parched throat, wedged in the cargo at the bottom of the hold.

The ship was the Cordoba, five days out of Havana, with a reeking cargo of tobacco in the hold where temperatures had risen to 115 degrees during the voyage.

There was no evidence the two men had boarded with any supply of either food or water.

Beside the dead man, who apparently had pulled off his own clothes in his dying agonies of thirst, was a Cuban passport in the name of Sergio Manuel Ceperey Miro, 31. Immigration officials said the man to whom the passport had been issued was arrested here for indecent exposure last December and had voluntarily returned to Cuba on the one-way passport.

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The longshoremen said he told them, in a dry whisper: "I've got to see my family here."

Filthy and unshaven, his hair standing on end, he was clad only in brown dungarees, a dirty undershirt and shoes without socks, the longshoremen said.

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ROUNDUP ROYALTY picked to reign over the Lake County Roundup September 5, 6 and 7 at the Lake County Fairgrounds are Queen Glenda Branch, center; Princess Pat Oakley, left, and Princess Joy Kerr, right.

Deficit Seen By Centennial

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Centennial Exposition may end its 100-day run in the red, the Oregon Centennial Commission was told here Tuesday by William F. Gaarenstroom, Centennial fiscal officer.

"Based on the attendance trends of the last four weeks and the advance ticket sales of the coming arena attractions, the commission's chances of breaking even over the long haul will be very difficult unless there is an increase in paid gate attendance," he said.

Three carnival rides at the Centennial gateway pulled out and more said they intend to leave too.

Food Concessionaire Paul All said he has closed seven of 22 food stands at the exposition and probably will close more prematurely.

If the exposition ends in the red, it probably will have to ask the state Emergency Fund for more money to meet the deficit. It said money was on hand to meet July expenses.

Former Student Visits Parents

Edgar Frank Skelton visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skelton, Klamath Falls, last weekend before moving his family to Ontario where he will be manager of the Ontario Office Outfitters.

Skelton graduated in the 1959 class of Oregon Technical Institute and was, according to instructor John Feimer, top man in the large class. Skelton succeeds Charles Tykeson, another OTI graduate.

Edgar Skelton was a casualty of the Korean war and attended OTI under the Veteran's Administration rehabilitation program. He is married and has two young children. Skelton's wife is the former Marilyn Fanning, daughter of Mrs. C. J. Bradbury, Klamath Falls.

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Heated Judge Cooled Off

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A municipal judge who complained that 95 or 96 degree heat "affects my disposition" won quick relief.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors agreed Tuesday to rent a cooling system for \$115 and investigate the feasibility of installing a system throughout the courthouse.

"A judge shouldn't be exposed to this," Judge Edward A. Quarisma pleaded.

Rec Summary Sparks Meet

MERRILL—A summary on how the Merrill summer recreation program is financed was given by Robert Trotman during a dinner meeting at the Merrill Recreation Hall held Monday, August 3.

Special guests at the meeting were members of the all-star baseball team, members of the Babe Ruth Merrill team and Charles Roller, Bud Maupin and Larry Bell, who will represent Merrill at the East-West Shriners football game to be played in Pendleton.

George Milne, former Merrill Lions Club member, now living in Portland, reported on activities

Lakeshore Duplicate Bridge Club MOVED To The City Library Auditorium - August 6th and Thereafter 7:15 p.m.

of the Foster-Woodstock Lions Club in Merrill. Dave Irving announced that the mid-winter conference will be in Coos Bay October 10-11. A letter from District Governor

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