

Former Model Accused Of Murdering Husband

DETROIT (AP) — "No, it isn't true," the pretty widow screamed. "How can they do that when they know it's not true. I didn't kill Bill!"

Nelle Lassiter, 38, was near hysterics Tuesday when suddenly she was charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy in the bludgeoning of her wealthy husband, Parvin (Bill) Lassiter, Gordon Watson, 44, friend and business associate of the slain suburban Royal Oak car dealer, was named in a similar warrant.

The silver-blond former model, held in jail without bond, was to be arraigned today before suburban Dearborn Township Justice John L. Mokersky.

Watson was arrested in Los Angeles where he had been working since November. He said he would waive extradition and "go back to Michigan and clear it up."

Mrs. Lassiter was arrested in the chambers of Circuit Judge Joseph Rashid. She was waiting to appear as a prosecution witness against three men the state contends murdered her husband last April 6.

Five others were named as co-conspirators but not defendants in the charge against Mrs. Lassiter, Watson and Gordon. They include Roy C. Hicks, also a Lassiter business associate, and Richard W. Jones, who the state said was the intermediary in arranging the car dealer's death.

Hicks, Jones and Charles W. Nash, all of Chattanooga, Tenn., were brought to trial last week on first-degree murder charges. Jones pleaded guilty to second-degree murder last Thursday. Hicks entered a similar plea Tuesday. First-degree murder is premeditated.

Lassiter was killed after returning from a business flight. The state said he was met at the airport by the three men, taken to a lonely spot, beaten and shot to death. His body was found in a field near Willow Run Airport.

The prosecution maintains Hicks set up the killing by offering the other two a \$500 fee and whatever money would be found on the body. The car dealer was known to carry large sums of money but had only \$320 the night he was slain.

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Girl Killed; Youth Held

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A teen-age boy was arrested at his home Tuesday after officers followed a snowy trail of blood and footprints from the home of a slain 15-year-old girl two blocks away.

Detectives said the boy, also 15, wore clothes stained with blood. They quoted him as saying he had fallen and bloodied his nose while walking Monday night. It was then that blonde Julie Anderson, a popular high school sophomore, was stabbed and beaten to death while alone in her parents' eight-room home.

Juvenile authorities took custody of the boy on a petition filed by County Atty. William J. Speare and signed by Dist. Judge Charles B. Sande. The judge and juvenile officers refused to say whether charges have been filed.

The boy's identity is protected under Montana law which requires that minors not be named in juvenile court cases.

The slender, curly-haired youngster was described as a casual acquaintance of the girl. They attended different high schools.

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"DENNIS THE MENACE"



THAT'S FUNNY! EVERY ROOM BUT THIS ONE IS LOCKED!

CITY BRIEFS

Basin Boaters invite the public to a crab feed at 7 p.m. Friday, February 26, at the Airport Cafe, Klamath Falls municipal airport. Tickets are available from any club member and will be on sale at the restaurant.

Shirley Brannock, Veterans Administration contact officer, will explain old and new pension laws to all veterans and widows who receive VA pensions at 8 o'clock tonight at Fremont School.

Boyd W. Casper, son of Mrs. Leunie E. Casper, 615 California Avenue; and whose wife, Marietta, lives at 4006 Avalon Street, recently arrived in Germany where he is a member of an engineer company. He entered the Army last September.

Klamath Mineral Club will have a regular meeting Thursday evening, February 25, at the National Guard Armory on Shasta Way. Bring your agate specimens to the meeting as they will be the subject for discussion. Refreshments will be served. Public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. George Salisbury, 3249 South Sixth Street, learned last night in a telephone call from their son, Wayne, stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, that he had been promoted to Specialist Fourth.

Mrs. Gladys Samples is eager to contact talent for the Golden Age Club. Anyone who plays an instrument, sings, or has other talents, please phone her at TU 4-5847 or call TU 4-9006 or TU 4-5923.

Bill Mayhew will call for the Merry Mixers' square dance in their Pelican City hall Friday, February 26, starting at 8 p.m. Ladies please bring doughnuts.

Fairview PTA will observe Founders Day at the school Thursday, February 25. The meeting will open at 2:15 p.m. following an executive board meeting at 1 p.m. Numbers on the program will be by a boys' ensemble, girls' ensemble and a mixed chorus.

Quota Club members should remember to phone reservations for the annual Woman of Achievement banquet at the Pelican Cafe, Friday, February 26, to Joy Rolph, TU 4-6259, not later than Thursday. Dinner time will be 6 p.m.

The Midland Community Club will meet Thursday, February 25, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Helen Hubbard on Miller Island Road. Members are reminded to get the surprise package ready for the rummage sale to be held in Klamath Falls early in March. Visitors welcome.

Mrs. Edith Ward, 2705 Ward Street, will be hostess to members of the Friendly Circle for a noon potluck on Thursday, February 25.

Carol Creswell, 1935 Lowe 11 Street, will be hostess to recent graduates of AAUW, 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 24. Nancy Smith

Ex-Con, Dying Of Cancer, Surrenders To NW Police

By MARTIN HEERWALD SEATTLE (UPI) — "I'm dirty and messed up. I'll come out as soon as I wash my hands and change my shirt."

That's what Earl W. (Buz) Sawyer, 31, an ex-convict who realizes he is dying of cancer, telephoned police when they surrounded a South Seattle home Tuesday and fired tear gas into the attic where Sawyer had retreated.

When Sawyer, charged with the \$7,000 holdup of a Spokane, Wash., supermarket, seemed to be taking his time, police phoned him and asked what was delaying him.

"I'm having a short, quick drink," Sawyer replied. "Then I'm going to put on my coat and come out."

The short, stocky parolee, believed to have but a year to live with leg cancer, then walked out with the guns of two dozen policemen and a battery of television and flashing still cameras aimed at him.

Soon handcuffed, Sawyer chain-smoked cigarettes although he was coughing from the effects of tear gas and his bloodshot eyes streamed tears.

Sawyer's bushy hair was carrot red, the result of a dye job his woman friend, Connie Moses—also known as Connie Enriquez—didn't get to finish because police business came first.

Connie, 37-year-old woman with a long police record for drunken and disorderly arrests, also was taken into custody to be asked why Sawyer was in her home and what she knew of his activities.

Police had been watching the woman's bungalow for some time. A neighbor, Mrs. Betty Fuller, was sent to Connie's home as an "agent" on the pretense of bor-

rowing a cup of sugar. Mrs. Fuller managed to leave the house about an hour after police had surrounded it. She told police that Sawyer, also wanted for questioning about a \$5,000 supermarket robbery here Saturday, was "heavily armed" and had crawled into the attic.

But as things turned out, police found only a .38 caliber pistol which Sawyer said wasn't his and an air pistol which had the appearance of a .45.

Sawyer was suspected of being a member of a holdup gang. Five other ex-convicts were arrested last week and held in the city jail here. One of them, Gordon A. Graham, 28, was charged along with Sawyer in the Spokane robbery. The four others were being held for investigation.

Sawyer has been in and out of the Monroe State Reformatory on burglary convictions and parole violations since 1954. He was paroled again last month, at which time reformatory doctors said he was suffering from a rare form of cancer. Seattle detective James A. Hanson said Sawyer probably would lose his leg within a year and his life soon after.

Hanson said Sawyer was aware of his dim prospects.

Civil Rights Proponents Withhold Debate Shutoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil rights advocates today withheld stronger measures than the Eisenhower administration program now pending before the Senate.

Before any attempt to invoke the cloture, Javits said, he wanted to see whether a vote could be forced through under the clock sessions.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) said bluntly that, if 24-hour sessions are ordered, he will attempt to bring all committee hearings and other Senate business to a standstill.

Holding the floor at Tuesday night's session, Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala.) attacked the administration proposal for court-appointed referees to oversee registration, voting and vote-counting in areas where systematic discrimination against Negroes is found.

Sparkman said the plan, covering state and local as well as federal elections, would pave the way for federal "snooping in state affairs."

Sparkman spoke after a 92-page speech by Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), who called the referee measure "a Republican proposal to control elections in the South."

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Yacht Club Crab Feed Will Be Held Friday

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Radiator Stolen

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — It was ice cold here Tuesday, but motorist Henry Harris noticed his car engine running too hot. He stopped, checked under the hood, and reported to police someone had stolen his radiator.

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Graham Talks To 30,000

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (UPI)—American evangelist Billy Graham told a meeting of local clergymen and missionaries Tuesday that the so-called "beat generation" sprang up because many young people have lost their ideals.

Despite this, however, interest in the Gospel in America was greater among college-age groups than any others, Graham said.

"Many of the ideals a varsity student had a few years ago have crumbled," Graham said. "That's why we have the beatnik generation which says the world is nothing."

About his mass meetings, Graham said he knew "the pitfalls and criticism of them," but there was something about a mass meeting that brings his listeners spiritually and psychologically closer to God.

The North Carolina Baptist minister later in the day preached before 30,000 persons while a thunderstorm raged all around.

BABY GIRL

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — It's a baby daughter for TV actor Nick Adams and his wife. Their first child, named Allison Lee, was born Tuesday, 7 pounds 1 ounce.

Orb Mystery Said Solved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department thinks it has solved the mystery of the mystery satellite: It probably is part of a Discoverer rocket that was supposed to come back to earth but didn't.

The department said Tuesday it came to this conclusion after continuing study by Navy and Air Force tracking stations. The existence of the silent satellite, tumbling in a nearly polar orbit, was announced Feb. 3.

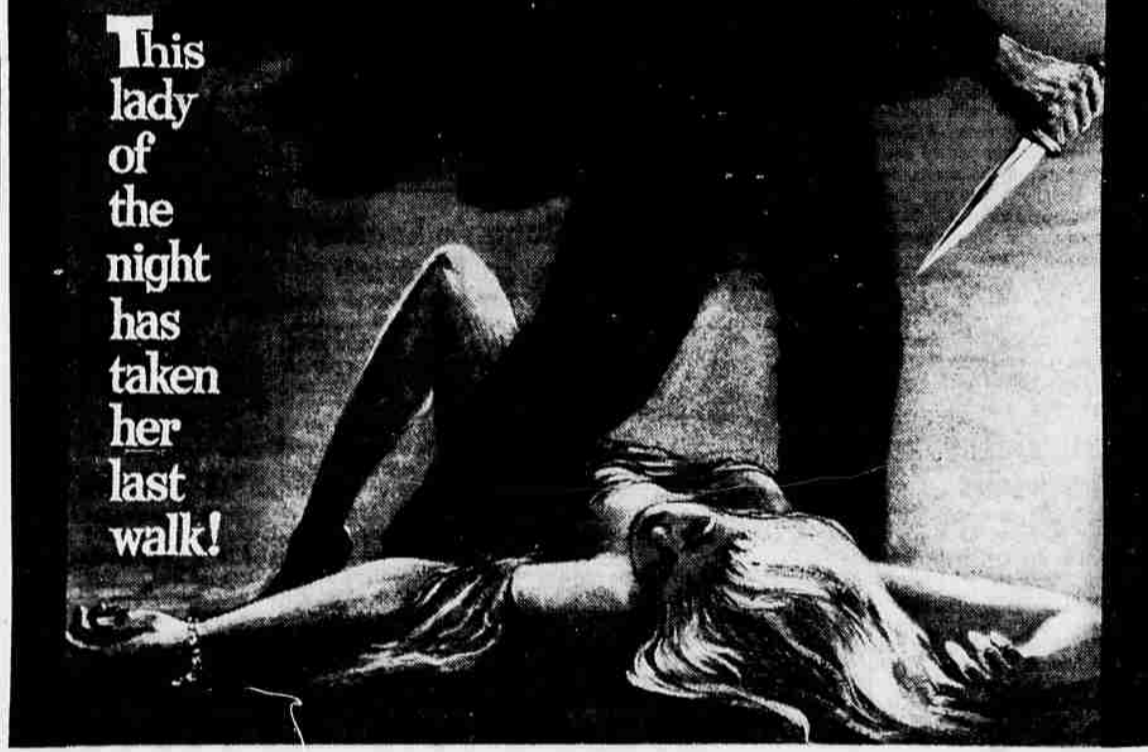
There was much speculation about it, including theories that it was a Soviet spy satellite or that it was a tiny natural moon nobody had noticed before. The Soviet Union denied having anything to do with it.

The Defense Department announcement said "it is believed this vehicle most probably is the ejected recovery capsule of Discoverer V launched into polar orbit in August 1959.

"This capsule was programmed to be ejected downward and backward by a retro-rocket which imparts to the capsule a velocity of about 1,300 to 1,400 feet per second with respect to its carrier rocket."

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Frolicsome Doe Smashes Window

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) It wasn't a bull in a china shop but a doe in Margaret Logan's dress shop.

The frolicsome female charged in through a window Tuesday, scampered among the dresses and knocked Miss Logan down. It tried to jump through a floor-length mirror and left its hoof prints on wall-to-wall carpeting.

Finally Miss Logan opened the door. The deer returned to the nearby hills.

Troublesome Razor

KARLSTAD, Sweden (UPI)—A television station ran a newspaper ad Tuesday promising listeners it would install anti-interference devices to eliminate the static caused by a man who lives next to the station's transmitter and uses an electric razor.

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