

Murder Case Defendant Tells Of Child's Death

By TOM STIMMEL

A third version of the death of 11-month-old Gary Lee Bursik was drawn Friday in the first degree murder trial of William Olen Gairson.

Gairson himself reported the version during three hours on the witness stand. The picture he drew was incomplete, but it left implications.

He said he returned to the U.S. ranch tened home he and Mrs. Ethel Breeding Bursik shared last December 17 about 1:15 p.m.

He said he found Mrs. Bursik, a frail, slight woman, sitting in a chair holding the baby in a quilted blanket. He said he knew something was wrong, and bent down to look. Something was oozing from the baby's mouth.

The child's mother, he testified, was not overly alarmed. She told him not to worry, that Jody (her 5-year-old son) had been like that once before.

He said he took the baby, wiped blood away with a towel, and suggested they take it to a doctor. Mrs. Bursik, he said, thought the baby would be all right if it were kept warm.

But they did take it to a doctor, Dr. Carl Pearson in Malin.

Version Differs

The version Gairson gave on the witness stand differed from two other stories told of the baby's death. Mrs. Bursik testified the day before that the baby had bit her Gairson on the finger and that he had threatened to kill it. She turned around and found him beating its head against the floor.

Twice Friday Gairson flayed the dead child, he said, and is seeking the death penalty.

A third version of the baby's death — the one Gairson and Mrs. Bursik told police — was that Bursik was tossing the baby in the air, playfully, when he dropped it. The baby fell on its head and tumbled down the back porch steps.

In his testimony Friday, Gairson admitted the story was not true. He said Mrs. Bursik instructed him to tell that story on the way to the doctor in Malin, and had asked him as well as they were married and the baby was his.

When challenged by District Attorney Arthur Beddoe who he agreed to tell that story, Gairson said, "I didn't realize what I was saying when I told her I would. I was trying to keep the pickup on the road."

Mrs. Bursik had testified earlier that Gairson suggested the dropped-while-playing version of the baby's death. She said she repeated it at his instructions because she was leered Gairson.

Answering questions from Defense Attorney Warren Lessing of Medford in direct examination, Gairson said he never beat the child and had never used either of two whips introduced into evidence by the state. One was a long, woven fabric whip used to whip cattle, the other was a piece of harness strap.

"Did you ever beat those children?" Lesseg asked.

"No, sir," Gairson replied.

The defendant discussed at length his poor eyesight, first introduced in defense testimony of Dr. W. A. Cope of Ashland Friday morning. State-introduced photographs of Gary Lee showed he was virtually covered with bruises, lacerations and abrasions. Lesseg asked Gairson about the bruises. Gairson said he had never seen any bruises.

Poor Eyesight

He said his eyesight was poor; that he could drive only in daylight, and with difficulty. Given one of the photographs by Beddoe to examine, Gairson leaned on the bench of Judge James M. Main to get the best light, tilted the photograph at several angles a few inches away from his face, and testified he could not see the bruised body of a baby it portrayed.

"Then how are you able to read your watch dial, if you can't see these?" Beddoe demanded.

"My watch has gold numbers and gold hands. I tilt it to the light to read it," Gairson answered.

Gairson, however, did volunteer the comment that Ethel (Mrs. Bursik) was mean to the kids and scolded them.

"You received the scolding the children say because they were as bruised and battered as they were?" Beddoe demanded.

Gairson's answer was inaudible — as many of his answers were.

"You never touched the children?"

Gairson denied that he had.

Two state police officers testified about their phases of the investigation. Officer Robert Seymour regarding the ranch investigation and Officer Robert Troutman regarding interviews in the office. They were called to refute Gairson's claims concerning his playing with the baby, when it was revealed that he and Mrs. Bursik were not married, and an alleged threat from Beddoe that he would see Gairson in the gas chamber.

In reprisal, Lesseg hammered away at alleged inefficiency of the state police investigation.

The trial resumes at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

City Briefs

James E. Tucker, Navy aviation structural mechanic third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Hansen, 2550 Reclamation Avenue, returned to Alameda recently aboard the carrier Midway after a seven-month cruise with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

A Panel Discussion on school problems will be the program for the Roosevelt PTA at 7:30 p.m. April 19 meeting. This will be their April night. Instrumental music by Kristian Gippo.

Neighbors of Woodcraft will hold installation at an open meeting Monday at 8 p.m. in the KC Hall. All friends and members invited.

University of Oregon Mothers will meet at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Derby, 1966 Huron Street, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21. This is an important meeting. All Oregon Mothers please be there.

Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church will hold a rummage sale in the small room of Clyde's Towing Service, 734 Klamath Avenue, Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23. Clothing, household articles, furniture, plants and garden tools will be on sale. Donations may be left at the church or brought to Clyde's after 6 p.m. Thursday.

Vicki Sur Peerber, KUHS senior, left Friday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Ned Putnam and their son, Tommy, in the Putnams' plane to visit the Putnams' other son, Deano, at Mayo Brothers Clinic. Vicki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Peerber, 2627 Fargo.

Stingerettes will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 19, in the KC Hall, Putlock at 8 p.m. for all members and their families.

National Social Security Club of America, Klamath Chapter 37, will hold a meeting Monday, April 18, at 8 p.m. in the community lounge, 118 North Eighth Street. Important reports will be given. All members are urged to attend.

Klamath County Pomona Master Francis Flowers urges all Pomona officers to attend practice for fifth degree Tuesday, April 19, at 8 p.m. in the Midland Branch Hall.

The Parent and Family Life Study Group, sponsored by the Klamath County Council, PTA, will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 309 of Klamath Union High School. Mrs. Sylvia Tucker will be the discussion leader. All interested persons are invited.

The Klamath County Council PTA Executive Committee will meet at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday, in the Pelican Cafe for coffee.

Ross Ragland will speak on "Practical Politics" when the Business and Professional Workers' Club meets Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Willard Hotel for its regular meeting. In addition the Sweet Adeline Chorus will sing. Co-chairmen are Doris Abernathy and Mildred Binney, Guests are invited.

DETERMINED SWIMMER
MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI) — Neil Hansen, 31, bet his girl friend Thursday he could swim a half mile through Lake Michigan's icy waters and tried it... twice.

The first time, two fishermen fished him out. The second time, police retrieved Hansen and charged him with disorderly conduct.

LITTLE GODS
TOYOHASHI, Japan (UPI) — Impressionist painter Trosamu Fukuyama, taking to heart the Oriental saying that a 3-year-old child has the "perceptive eyes of God," enrolled at a kindergarten here Wednesday to see for himself.

CHAMBER COMMENTS

by GEORGE T. CALLISON
Assistant Mgr.
Klamath County Chamber of Commerce

"The requirements in successful commercial organization work are men, money, methods and management, and the first of these and most important is men." This quotation could have been

First Aid To Fete Birthday 50

One of the most popular "accident proofing" courses in the country, the American Red Cross first aid service, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year with a record number of graduates. In the Klamath Basin alone there are more than 2,000 men and women who have won first aid certificates during the past five years.

Since the founding of its first aid program in 1910, the Red Cross has taught 21 million Americans how to prevent accidents and save lives. The "Standard First Aid Textbook" now in its fourth revision, has been a top best seller during that period with 21,500,000 copies sold to date.

In the Klamath Basin almost 425 persons were awarded first aid certificates last year, according to Robert Elliott, safety service chairman. "Our goal continues to be at least one member of every family trained in first aid," Elliott said, "and we're willing to take the classes anywhere to reach people."

Key personnel in many industrial plants and business firms in the area are Red Cross first aid instructors. They spread a network of conducting classes on the premises for other employees. The end result is fewer accidents on the job and immediate emergency care in case of injuries. First aid volunteers maintain mobile first aid units in their cars to be prepared to give help to highway accident victims. First aid stations are located at Bly, Chiloquin, Fort Klamath and in Stewart Lenox Addition in Klamath Falls.

In Klamath County and across the nation Red Cross first aid is an important part of the training for police and firemen, public utilities employees, members of the Civil Air Patrol and Civil Defense. In Tulelake, all school bus drivers and volunteer firemen are Red Cross-trained in first aid. Red Cross takes to the hills to give special first aid training to all members of the National Ski Patrol. There even is a throw-back to the pre-gasoline era—a horse-mounted sheriff's deputy posse trained to care for the injured in the rugged country around Phoenix, Arizona.

At the other end of the transportation gamut, a Red Cross volunteer is giving full time to teaching first aid to the men at the Cape Canaveral rocket launching site.

"The few hours needed to complete a first aid course are a small price to pay for the privilege of saving lives," Elliott said. "Volunteer instructors who have taught classes during the past year for the local chapter include Ella Redkey, James W. Paxton, Dr. R. L. Kerwood, Larry Bergman, Bruce G. Lattin, James T. Baker, Kenneth Dykeman, Gary Price, Thelma Lovelace, Dave Lovelace, Arlie Mae Johnson, Roland M. Salisbury, Kenneth Evans, Herbert Hadley, Mrs. Beverly Depuy, Carl Jennings, Dennis Green, Carl Hoyle, John Mabery, Richard D. Jacobsen, Jim W. Quinn, Thomas L. Winterringer, Charles F. Shotts, Dorothy Suber, O. E. Pedersen and Don Divens.

Since we seem to be digging into the past today, a good friend who is one of the area's most avid artifactors and researchers comes up with these interesting bits of information. Of the 600 dictionaries of the Klamath language believed to have been published, only two are known to exist today on the West Coast: one in the Washington State Historical Museum in Tacoma and the other at the University of California in Berkeley.

Two of the best collections of Klamath artifacts are even farther afield — in two museums in Switzerland — in two museums in Switzerland — in St. Gall, the other in Bern. In 1822 a Swiss by the name of Alphonse Farrer traveled through the Klamath country and amassed a large collection of ethnographic objects "manufactured by and in active use among the Klamath Indians." Among the items are two hanasish (magic) arrows used by the medicine men of the time.

The next logical step would be to find out if these two Swiss museums would be interested in lending or selling these exhibits to our own Klamath County Museum.

And while we're still in Europe, this postscript in the matter of 19-year-old Johann Adriaansens of The Netherlands who wrote asking for folders and descriptive material about Klamath County.

A letter of thanks was received from Johann this week, which concluded:

"About visiting your country: this has been my favorite wish for many years and I am going to travel the Western states of the USA by bicycle within a few years and I shan't forget to visit Klamath County. Thank you very much again for the beautiful booklets. Your Dutch friend, Johann."

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KENT HALL

Bank Names New Manager

Kent Hall has been appointed manager of the Indian Valley Office of First Western Bank and Trust Company in Greenville, replacing Ernest M. Lindsay who resigned recently, according to Mont E. McMillen, president of the banking system.

The new manager was formerly the assistant manager at the bank's Bute Valley office in Doris.

All of Hall's banking experience, which dates back to August, 1955, has been with the First Western. He joined the bank's Susanville office in October, 1955, was appointed an assistant cashier there in July, 1956, and was transferred to Bute Valley in March of 1959.

A native of Sacramento, he received an AB degree from College of Pacific in 1951. He was treasurer for Susanville's Hospital Fund Drive in 1958 and 1959 and is a charter member of the junior chamber of commerce there.

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Bid Opening

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MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC
NIAMEY, Niger Republic (UPI) — Several hundred persons have died in a meningitis epidemic in the British territory of Nigeria, reports reaching here said today.

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Car Dealer Celebrates KF Opening

Joe Fisher, a longtime Portland automobile dealer and distributor, says he finally got his wish to enter business in Klamath Falls when he bought Cunningham and Ruckey Motors here recently.

After a period of ambitious preparation, he and his associates began a three-day grand opening celebration Friday and it will continue through Sunday.

On hand for viewing are a large selection of Dodge, Chrysler and Imperial passenger cars and Dodge "Job Rated" trucks—the ones the Fisher agency will handle.

Orchids, coffee and doughnuts and entertainment have been free to the public during the opening. Entertainers include Pee Wee Standham and his Butte Valley Ramblers, the Vibrations from Kingsley Field, the Sweet Adelines, the Melody Moets and Kathy Halaas and George Wolfe players of the Hammond organ. The program was coordinated by K.L.A.D. radio station.

Joe Fisher Jr., a partner, will be joined at the celebration by his father, head of the company Sunday.

The elder Fisher says he has watched Klamath Falls' growth potential and considers it excellent. It is one of the few Oregon cities slated for new Fisher dealerships.

He likes the rural atmosphere, too, for he was born and reared on a Tennessee ranch and breeds cattle on a ranch at Scappoose. Both Fishers say they plan to spend a considerable amount of time here.

The elder Fisher began selling Dodges in Portland in 1922. He opened his first dealership at Coos Bay during 1925 and made his first sale while seated at the running board of a car with a borrowed typewriter on an applebox.

During the depression he opened a dealership in Everett, Washington, then expanded in Peoria, Illinois. From Peoria, he settled with a distributorship in 1939 at Portland, serving dealers in Oregon and portions of Washington and Idaho. During the past few years, he has added Rutes products (Hillman, Sunbeam and Singer) to his Portland line. He retains Volvo cars at Portland, too.

Fisher says much of his success is due to an unshakable faith in Chrysler Corporation products, his natural affinity for free driving, and his two-day buyers for his guaranteed used cars.

He believes he will succeed here because of those reasons and because the sales records of the 1960 Chrysler products are very encouraging.

Fisher promises expanded service and parts departments. The local dealership will be staffed by up to 20 persons.

He is vice president of the local Bank of Klamath Falls and is a member of its Board of Directors. Fisher is his local manager, Ramp, his wife, Mary, and their daughter, Susan, 16, will take up residence here as soon as the latter is out of school in June. Ramp has been with the firm intermittently since 1940. He managed dealerships of his own during interim years in St. Helens and Pasco, Washington. His son, Charles R. Ramp, is top salesman for the Fisher agency in Portland.

Joe Fisher Jr. was graduated from Oregon State College during the early 1950s. He studied business and journalism. He worked for a time with the Oregon Journal and while in school with the OSC Daily Barometer.

He learned the car business from the bottom up since high school days. He worked in Fisher's Portland agency in parts, service and sales departments.

He has a wife, Ruth, and a daughter, Jane, 2½. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism fraternity.

The local agency will be open Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. In the future no business will be transacted on Sunday.

Iceland is approximately the same size as Kentucky.

Nine Injured In Accidents

Nine autoists were injured in weekend accidents. Four were still hospitalized early Saturday morning and five had been released.

In the Klamath Valley Hospital and termed in fair condition were Gerald L. Newton, 19, 4401 Anderson Street; Donald D. Brehm, 4131 Douglas Street; David R. Clubb, 40, 3640 Flint Street, and his wife, Clara, 33.

State police reported that the foursome was injured in a head-on collision late Friday night on Highway 97 near Warden.

Investigating officers said that Newton's car had been northbound and Clubb's southbound, and that apparently both cars had been hugging the centerline too closely. Brehm was a passenger in Newton's car.

Richard William Charles, 2144 Gary Street, was treated and released from the hospital after his southbound vehicle collided with a southbound car driven by Larry J. Hartley, 5071 Harlan Drive, police reported. Hartley was not injured. The accident occurred about midnight Friday at the intersection of South Sixth Street and Highway 66.

Charles was treated and released from Klamath Valley Hospital.

The remaining four persons were treated and released from the hospital after an accident that occurred at Diamond Lake Junction early Friday morning.

They are Paul Gonzales, 19, his wife Stella, 19, driver of the vehicle; Billy Arrendondo, 18, and Elia Arrendondo, 14, all of Corcoran, California.

State police said that the car struck a slick spot on the highway and overturned several times.

Ambulance driver Felix Peace took all victims to the hospital.

Eastern Apples To Be Tasted

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Californians soon will be able to eat McIntosh and other eastern apples for the first time in 35 years.

The State Agriculture Department announced Thursday that it has eased its ban on imported apples because there now is a satisfactory treatment for apple maggot and plum curculio.

Eastern apples had been banned since 1925 in order to keep the pests out of California, where they are unknown.

LEFT OFF BALLOT

(UPI) — A justice of the peace, taking silence for good news, thought he had been reelected two weeks ago and applied for a new bond Thursday.

City Hall officials were embarrassed when the JP appeared. It seems somebody forgot to include his post on the election ballot. They decided to reappoint him.

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