

Freckled Boy Admits Slaying Little Girl

ELMHURST, Ill. (UPI) — A freckle-faced 13-year-old boy tearfully admitted Thursday night he raped and killed little Yvonne Elliott, 7, in a swamp near this Chicago suburb.

The boy was held as a delinquent at the county jail in Wheaton today. State's Attorney William Bauer said he would file a murder warrant against the youth in county court Monday.

Yvonne, a pretty blonde third grader, was found Wednesday night by her father, Edward, 27, in a flashlight search of the swampy area about four blocks from the Elliott home. The nude body lay face down in a pond of stagnant water. The little girl's hands were bound behind her back with a ragged towel. A mechanic's cloth was stuffed in her mouth as a gag.

Coroner Dr. Samuel K. Lewis said the girl had been raped. He listed the cause of death as a combination of suffocation and drowning.

Information supplied by Steve Fisher, 7, a playmate of Yvonne, helped lead to the arrest. Young Fisher said he was walking with the girl past the Schloneger home, about three blocks from the Elliott residence, when young Schloneger approached them and asked Yvonne her name.

The Fisher boy said Schloneger then asked him if he wished to accompany the older youth and Yvonne "into the weeds." The Fisher boy then left.

In his statement, Steven said he led the girl "into the weeds" and asked her to disrobe. She started to cry. He said he began "poking her with a stick." He bound her hands and gagged her and then pushed her head in the water, he said, and when she stopped struggling he took her clothes off and raped her.

Police said the youth "slept like a baby" after the confession.

Pistol Push Kills Reds

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Provincial guardsmen, in a bayonet and pistol assault, have killed 46 members of a Communist battalion southwest of Saigon in the swampy Mekong Delta, the government announced today.

The battle, Wednesday, was the latest in a series and brought the total in Viet Cong reported killed in the past 10 days to above 250.

It seemed another indication that while there was concern about the threat from the Laotian border to the north—most of the actual fighting is still in the delta region.

The communique said civil guardsmen and militiamen, not regular army forces, fought in the latest battle in Kien Hoa Province, about 60 miles southwest of Saigon.

Government losses were listed at three killed.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

Big game put his foot down—his outfit wasn't throwing any convention parties! None at all!



But he visits all the other parties—let the corks fall where they may....



Mill Strike Vote Eyed

GARDINER, Ore. (AP) — A proposal for settlement of a strike at International Paper Co.'s Gardiner plant was made by the firm Thursday a union official said.

Don Farrier, business agent of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union local, said the local would vote on the proposal Sunday.

The strike started Wednesday when an employee was fired after he went hunting. Farrier said about a dozen men asked the company for time off to go hunting, and only one man's request was denied.

He went anyway, and was fired when he returned.

Farrier said the union would picket the Gardiner plant until the proposal had been voted on.

Earlier, Farrier had announced that the union would picket International Paper plants in Chelatchie, Wash., Weed, Calif., and Vaughan, Ore., but officials at those plants said everything was normal Thursday.

Portland Suspends Agent In Probe Of Shortages

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland city officials suspended the city purchasing agent Thursday and ordered an audit of the Purchasing Bureau after a shortage was reported in receipts from the sale.

Leonard W. Rayner, 62, the purchasing agent, was suspended pending the results of the investigation to determine how much, if any, shortage there was.

City Commissioner of Finance Ormond R. Bean said the audit would be made by City Auditor Ray Smith and an outside auditing firm.

The city council still must act formally on the suspension, said Mayor Terry D. Schunk, even though it may be temporary.

Other members of the council said they would have no comment until the investigation was completed.

Bean said no definite amount had been determined for the shortage. He said Rayner told him he had no idea how the shortage came about and that he "just didn't know how it could have happened."

Soviet's Scheme Seen Threat To Paralyze UN

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Soviet diplomats today interpreted the block election of Dr. Sigvard Eklund, Western-supported Swedish scientist, as the new IAEA director general.

The American envoys said they felt this was made apparent by heavy-handed tactics of the Soviet delegates to the 76-nation meeting of the U.N. atoms-for-peace body which ends today.

Constitution Aide Picked

SALEM (AP) — Forrest W. Amsden, former executive editor of the Coos Bay World, was named executive secretary of the Oregon constitutional revision commission Thursday.

Amsden, 35, will go to work for the commission Tuesday. Rep. George Layman, R-Newberg, commission chairman, said.

Amsden, who has a wife and two children, was graduated from the University of Colorado in 1949. He worked on Colorado and Nebraska newspapers, including the Denver Post.

He came to Coos Bay as news editor in 1955, becoming managing editor in 1959-60. He was in Washington, D. C., under an American Political Science Association Fellowship. At that time he worked on the staff of Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn.

Amsden will be paid \$10,000 a year by the commission, which was created by the last legislature to draft a revision of the Oregon Constitution.

Con Labor Draws Slap

SALEM (AP) — State Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen said Thursday a decision to use prison labor to build state buildings violates the spirit of a state law requiring that prevailing wage rates be paid by contractors on public works projects.

The State Board of Control is not legally obliged to pay the prevailing wage rates to construction works because it is not a private contractor. Nilsen told the Kennedy Club of Salem.

"However," Nilsen said, "I feel that the State Board of Control might voluntarily accept the same obligations that state law requires of private contractors on public projects — to pay decent wages to workers in the private labor market."

Divorce Law Ails Told

PORTLAND (AP) — A legislative interim subcommittee was told Thursday Oregon's divorce laws do not protect families, which should be the laws' purpose.

Circuit Court Judge Joseph B. Felton of Marion County told a subcommittee studying the divorce problem many persons in divorce court actually would like help to save their marriages, but the only marriage counseling service in the state is in Portland.

The provision in state law that divorced persons must wait six months after receiving a divorce decree before remarriage is a "farce," Felton said.

"It promotes disrespect of the law, court orders and decrees," he added. Many persons just cross over into the state of Washington and get married soon after their divorces, he said.

Berserk Man Stabs Three

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — An 85-year-old man went berserk aboard a crowded San Diego-bound Greyhound bus today and stabbed three persons with a pocket knife before he was subdued by passengers.

The victims, two sailors and a woman, were taken to Orange County Hospital for treatment along with the elderly man, who, officers said, would be held for psychiatric examination.

Treated for stab wounds of the neck were Gwendolyn C. Copeland, 19, of Los Angeles; seaman Charles J. Johnson, 18, attached to the USS Thomaston at San Diego; and seaman Lawrence Robert Serna, 21, Port Huemene, Calif.

Taken into custody by highway patrolmen was Thomas C. Buchanan of Mineral Bluff, Ga. Officers said he told them he was despondent over leaving his home.

Smith River Road Planned

PORTLAND (AP) — Plans for improvement of the Smith River Road, a timber access road project in Douglas County, have been announced by B.M. French, regional engineer for the Bureau of Public Roads.

French said bids will be received in the Portland office of the bureau until Oct. 27. The project includes the finishing of six miles of previously constructed road bed and base course surfacing to single-lane width with turnouts, French said.

Range Land Cash Ready

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., said Thursday \$562,000 has been allocated by the Interior Department for restoration of burned-over federal range land in Oregon.

Congress appropriated \$1.25 million for Western range land damaged by fire. Oregon's share was a little less than half of the amount.

Morse said: "The allocation of substantial funds for prompt use in restoring productivity of range lands which were burned during the extremely serious fires of this summer is good news for those in Oregon who use the Bureau of Land Management grazing lands."

Plane Forced Down At Eugene

EUGENE (AP) — Engine trouble forced an Air Force transport plane with 23 men aboard to make an emergency landing at the Eugene airport Thursday.

A fire truck was standing by, but the twin-engine T-29 made the landing without incident.

Rayburn's Unchallenged Tenure Paves Road To Easy Succession

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sam Rayburn's long, unchallenged reign as speaker of the House of Representatives apparently has cleared the way for an orderly succession by Majority Leader John W. McCormack to Rayburn's seat of power—at least temporarily.

The grip of the strong-willed, but kindly Texan on the speakership has been so strong no rival faction ever developed. And his tenure has been so long the am-

important committees: the party whip, Rep. Carl Albert, D-Okla.; his assistant, Rep. Hale Boggs, D-La.; the astute and greatly liked Rep. Francis E. Walter, D-Pa., who has indicated he may retire; Rep. Albert Rains, D-Ala., a Southerner with strong Northern backing; and Rep. Richard Bolling, D-Mo., widely regarded as Rayburn's choice for a successor. One of the committee chairmen considered a possibility is Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark.

Whether McCormack can be toppled, however, is another matter. To his basic training in the tough school of Boston politics he has added 33 years in the House, two-thirds of them as his party's floor leader, and whatever happens he won't be taken by surprise.

No predictions of harmony and order would be valid beyond the next session, however. McCormack, despite 21 years as Rayburn's lieutenant in the House Democratic leadership, has nothing like the solid support that made Rayburn speaker more than twice as long as any other man.

The dreams of power so long suppressed by strong and capable members of the House while Rayburn ruled the roost seemed bound to burst into reality. And a many-sided struggle for the job whose holder is third in line for the presidency should soon develop.

A possible obstacle to McCormack may be supplied by the White House. But, the possibility of President Kennedy intervening is considered a long-shot possibility at this point.

Kennedy and McCormack have been at political odds in the past in Boston, their home city. And, in the last session, McCormack antagonized the administration by insisting that parochial schools have some share in proposed federal aid to schools.

McCormack's view, shared by some other congressmen, was a key factor in helping cut the heart from Kennedy's ambitious school aid legislative program.

McCormack's chief challengers at the moment would appear to be the handful of men who help run the House—the chairmen of

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SHASTA VIEW GRANGE, 8 p.m., Shasta View Grange.
RAILROAD EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION, 7:30 p.m., City Library.
MERRY MIXERS SQUARE DANCERS, 8 p.m., Pelican City Hall. Business meeting. Women bring cookies or doughnuts.
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S autumn tea, 3 to 6 p.m., 220 Conger Avenue.

SATURDAY
ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, Rummage sale, 8 a.m., Clyde's Towing Service.
NAACP, 7 p.m., County Library Lecture Room.
MERRY MIXERS rummage sale, 8 a.m., Piggly Wiggly Building, Seventh and Pine. All clothing cleaned by professional firm.
KLAMATH COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS, 1:30 p.m., YMCA. Travel program and refreshments. Members and interested persons.
FASHION SHOW-LUNCHEON, 12:30 p.m., Reames Country Club. Soujourners. Call TU 4-639 for reservations.
BAKE SALE, 9:30 a.m., Big Y Market, South Sixth. Pentecostal Church of God Women.
RAMBLIN' SQUARE DANCE, 8 p.m., 4663 Frieda.
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