

ESTHER AND JUNIE ARE FOUND

GRLS FOUND IN JAP ROOMING HOUSE NOT HARMED AND HAPPY

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PORTLAND, Ore., July 16.—(United News)—The Bradshaw girls, Junie, 14 and Esther, 12 are safe. The two girls, who have been missing from the ranch of father, A. W. Bradshaw, in the Tule lake district, were by Sheriff Sharp of Modoc county and Constable Garry of Klamath Falls, in a cheap, but respectable Japanese rooming house on the Portland west side, late Thursday afternoon. The officers were led to the rooming house by Warnie Rhodes, a former employe on the Bradshaw ranch, who confessed to Sharp and Cozad in Klamath Falls late Wednesday night he had brought the girls to Portland. At the time of the girls' arrival at the two room apartment, pointed out by Rhodes, the girls were not at home, and the officers sat down to wait.

Sheriff Sharp and Constable Cozad went out to reconnoiter during their absence, Esther came into the room. "Hello, Warnie," she said cordially to Rhodes. "Then the reporter she asked: 'Who's this party?' Sheriff Sharp came back at this juncture. 'Who's he?' demanded Esther. 'He's Mr. Sharp from Modoc,' Rhodes replied. 'Come to take you back with me,' the California man said to her. 'Right,' Esther said. 'But I'm not going to stay with him. If you send me back to him I'll vamoose right over my head.'"

Then described to the sheriff dealings which she had over and over again had been given to both her and her father. She told the sheriff that her father on one occasion had Junie down with a stick, rendering her unconscious. "I told Esther's story, as her sister lay prone upon the floor, her father repeatedly struck her over the head. 'I love my mother, but I'll not have anything more to do with her,' Esther declared. She then told of the hope and herself that they might be able to earn enough in Portland to send for their mother and have her live with them."

They did not appear at the rooms for two hours. Esther came at 4 p. m., but Junie did not appear until nearly 6:40. She was at the foot of the stairs by Sheriff Sharp and Constable Cozad. She was kindly and endeavored to reassure her. She seemed to burst into tears, but when she was asked to come to the rooming house, she laughed with the officers and her sister had given her the effect that they were law and that Junie's husband had just recently died.

During their week's stay in Portland, the girls went by the names of Roma and Noma. Their rooms were in a building on the back of a lot where Junie had made out a budget for household expenses and a record of her expenditures.

Both girls declared they thoroughly enjoyed their bustle and gaiety of the Oregon metropolis and relished city life as a change from the bleak existence of herding sheep in the Tule lake country.

Esther declared she was worried about her mother and had planned to write Mrs. Bradshaw today telling her both she and Junie were all right and happy. Both girls admitted they "got quite a kick" from reading about themselves in the Oregon Journal and piles of Portland papers in their rooms testified to their interest in following the course of the investigation.

Rhodes, the former Bradshaw hired man, admitted that he had helped the girls escape only when he realized they would run away by themselves. The girls corroborated his story of ill treatment at the hands of their father and it is unlikely that any criminal action will be taken against him.

K. F. Sweltered In Hottest Of Year Yesterday

With rain predicted for the entire northwest some time today, Klamath hopes to get some relief from its most intense "heat wave" of the summer. Yesterday was the hottest day recorded for 1925, the thermometer at 4 p. m. reaching the day's maximum heat at slightly more than 98 degrees. But the entire day was not so hot. At 7 o'clock last night the little red mercury was still hovering around the 90 to 91 mark. At 10 o'clock it was falling but slowly.

While dry farmers in the Klamath country have had all the best of it this year in rain, considerable gloom was manifest last night as to the outcome of crops not irrigated. Should the scorching heat continue for a much longer period without rainfall, the crops, which have all the chances to land in the "lumper" category will be seriously impaired.

Ft. Klamath Signal Man Back After 30 Years—A New Land

Interest is always found in the return of an old resident, one who has made an impression during his residence years ago. That distinction may be claimed by G. H. Wilson of San Francisco who is this week visiting with his niece Mrs. James Driscoll.

In the far away years of 1894, when the old Fort Klamath stronghold was still being used for more than one good reason, Wilson was employed in the Signal Service. Through recognition of his work, several years later, he was given a position with the Weather Bureau department of the Pacific coast and has been for many years interested in that work.

As to the growth of Klamath Falls, Wilson can not say enough and between appreciation and calling on the "old-timers" who enjoy the memories produced by the visitor, he is exceptionally busy. This is his first visit to the city since his departure more than 30 years ago.

FOREST FIRES IN MONTANA WORSE

More Than 100 Blazes In Mont. and Ida., Custer Nat'l Forest Ablaze

MISSOULA, Mont., July 15.—(United News)—Forest service officials here today reported the worst fire situation throughout Montana and in northern Idaho, the most menacing in a number of years. Two new blazes were reported this morning from the Custer national forest in eastern Montana, previously thought fireproof, and for that reason without experienced fire fighters.

More than 100 fires were reported last night in western Montana and Idaho panhandle.

Many of these have been extinguished, but others have spread together, until scores of dangerous blazes are now burning in the Kootenai, Pend Oreille and Kalkanen national forests.

Crown fires have prevented checking with back fires in a number of places, and it is feared a recurrence of high winds of the past few days will blow flames into a number of small villages in the heavily timbered sections.

MEN PLAY IMPORTANT PART IN VANCOUVER, B. C., July 16.—"Men and not airplanes, nor tanks, nor gas, is the prime factor in the scheme of modern warfare," Field Marshal Earl Haig declared here Wednesday before his departure to the east.

BOY WHO KILLED HIS SWEETHEART MUST SERVE LIFE

Killed Her "Because She Asked Me To" Was Lad's Only Excuse; Girl Was In "Serious Plight"

WATERTOWN, S. D., July 15.—(United News)—"You have violated not one but more of the ten commandments, and you shall answer not only to the state of South Dakota, but to the Almighty!"

With this text from court, 21-year-old Winfred Meeks was today sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor for the confessed murder of his 17-year-old sweetheart, whom he killed, "because she asked me to."

The youth, who had maintained a stoical calm since his arrest, burst into tears as Judge W. N. Skinner quoted "thou shalt not kill."

Working with swift justice, and while threats of mob violence against the boy swept through his home town of Garden City, the court passed sentence, and the youth began his journey to the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls.

The murdered girl, Byrle Healey "was in serious trouble," according to the confession signed by Meeks. The confession told in detail of how the girl had said that her father would harm some one, if he learned of her condition, and had pleaded with Meeks to kill her.

Meeks, the confession says, drove the girl out into the country and stopped his car at a haystack, a location named by the girl. At her request, he said, he struck her over the head with a tire iron, wound a scarf about her throat and strangled her and left her body in the haystack.

He was arrested due to his erratic actions, while serving as a member of the posse seeking the girl's murderer.

Before being sentenced, Meeks repudiated a previous confession in which he had implicated Robert Depeel, a young friend.

Growing Klamath Is Noted By Telephones

A very good indication of the growth of Klamath Falls is shown by the number of telephones that have been installed in the city by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company from January 1 to June 1. There has been a net gain during this period of five months of 98 telephones, making a total of 1813.

Klamath Falls shows the largest percentage of gain for its number of telephones than any other city in the state, and is now in sixth place.

California Drill Team Wins Elks Competition

PORTLAND, July 15.—With swords flashing in perfect precision, the Bakersfield, Calif., drill team took the championship from the Washington Zouaves here in the Elks national drill competition tonight.

Eugene Boy Shows Up Well In Gold Tourney

PORTLAND, July 15.—Roy Moe, Eugene, who turned in the low medal score in yesterday's qualifying rounds for the Oregon state golf championship, today eliminated C. A. English, Portland, 4 and 3 in the first round.

"Jack", Hero Dog, Saves 3 Year Old From Drowning—Human "Jack" Rescues Tot

"Buddy" Cornish Falls 15 Feet Down Embankment Into Canal Waters, Dog Struggles With Drowning Lad Until Human Help Dives Off Bridge And Swims Safely To Shore With Unconscious Burden

Two "Jacks" saved the life of Mrs. Uhl. Little three-year-old "Buddy" Cornish yesterday, while a mother, Mrs. R. C. Cornish, 412 North 11th St., frantically looked on. One of these "Jacks" was a man, the other a dog.

"Buddy" a mighty little fellow, whose first name is Raymond, (although he seldom hears his mother, or anyone else call him by that name) was playing along Eleventh street in front of his home. The main irrigation canal is just across the street.

"Buddy" and another little neighbor fellow were having a race in their two coaster wagons. "Buddy" was in the lead when the wagon skidded and went speeding through a hole in the canal fence, down a 15-foot embankment and into the water.

"Buddy's" friend screamed for help and Mrs. Cornish rushed out of the house to see her infant son struggling in the swift current of the canal.

A dog "who lives next door" dashed out from the back yard to see what all the excitement was. "Jack" is a Belgian police-English bull breed, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Uhl.

That Cattle Thief Was Some Slicker

Harry Gooderham, the Ball ranch cattle rustler, is a new hand at the livestock business, according to Secretary A. M. Thomas of the Klamath Irrigation district, who has known Gooderham in northern California and southern Oregon.

Gooderham is a skilled logger, Thomas declared, and at one time was foreman in charge of over 100 men for the White Cloud Lumber Co.

Thomas met Gooderham in Klamath Falls a couple of weeks ago. At that time Gooderham said he was going to work for the Pelican Bay Lumber company and on the strength of this prospect "borrowed" \$10 from the irrigation secretary.

Thomas has now reconciled himself to the loss of the \$10 loan.

Malin Health Clinic Will Be Held Today

Dr. Newsom and Miss Fricke of the county health unit, will leave today for Malin, where they will conduct the second baby clinic to be held in Klamath county this week. The Malin clinic will be held this afternoon and it is expected that today's clinic will be as successful as the one conducted at Merrill Tuesday.

Movie Actor Given Roasting By Judge

SANTA MONICA, Calif., July 15.—(United News)—When Marshall Neilan, film director, paid a fine of \$500 here for reckless driving, he was made the victim of a severe lecture as to just what constitutes a gentleman.

"I am surprised that a man of your position should debauch himself with liquor to the extent of becoming abusive and obnoxious," Police Judge Webb told Neilan. "If you can act like a gentleman when you are here again, we will welcome you, otherwise you will be dealt with severely."

LONG FIGHT LOST SCOTT WILL HANG

One Time Millionaire To Die On Gallows For Holdup Slaying

CHICAGO, July 15.—Russell T. Scott, one time millionaire, must die on the gallows Friday morning for the murder of a drug store clerk in a hold-up staged when, impoverished, he sought to obtain a few dollars as a bandit.

Scott lost his long fight for life today, when Gov. Len Small of Illinois, refused a last plea for commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment. Thomas W. Scott, the slayer's father, and Scott's young wife, joined in begging the state executive to spare the condemned man's life. Mrs. Scott based her plea on the fact that Friday, the day Scott is to die, is the seventh birthday of her son Bobby.

Scott had a spectacular career as a broker and promoter in his days of prosperity. He was the organizer and head of large enterprises in Canada when he suffered a breakdown, brought on by dissipation, and dropped from sight. His business ventures collapsed and his wife left him. His career ended when he staged the drug store hold-up, seeking funds for a meal, and shot and killed Joseph Maurer, a clerk.

It was then that his wife and family rallied to his defense. The case has dragged through the Illinois courts in lengthy legal battles. Gov. Small's action came after the state supreme court had refused to review the case at the last term of court.

It Will Go Hard With Traffic Violators Who Fail To Heed Summons

Joe Foster, arrested for driving without a tail light and with only one license tag, failed to appear for hearing in police court yesterday. Judge Gaghagen declared that auto violators who fail to appear will be fined for contempt of court in addition to the penalty for the original violation.