

Mother Appeals To Hickman To See Benefactor

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21. (AP)—An appeal to William Hickman, sought as the slayer of Marian Parker in Los Angeles, to communicate at once with him, was issued today by Colonel Charles E. Edwards, Kansas City, the youth's closest friend and advisor.

The appeal was made on behalf of the boy's mother, Mrs. Eva Hickman, who is prostrated with grief. Hickman was paroled to Colonel Edwards, former chief of police, after he had confessed to forgery in Los Angeles several months ago. The appeal follows:

"To William Edward Hickman, "Your mother is prostrated. Brothers and sisters wish you to get in touch immediately with your friend 'Cap' Edwards, who you know will see that you are justly and fairly treated. Wire, telephone or write me at my expense at my home, 3418 Bellefontaine Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., day or night, or at my office, 201 Bryant building. (Signed) "Cap Edwards."

CROWDS VISIT PARKER RESIDENCE



The Parker home in Los Angeles, with curious crowds gathered about.

"Fox" Won't Come In Alive, Belief

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Ward Hickman could be alive and free. He is the most publicized and widely hunted criminal the world has known. We have watched every outlet from the city and we know he was here after we had established his identity.

In the belief that "the Fox" convinced every avenue of escape was closed, might have taken his own life. Cline ordered a house to house search of all residences within a mile of the Bellevue Arms apartment.

Accomplices Suspected

The prevalent report that two youths of good families and close to the Parker household were accomplices of "the Fox" gained momentum today.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stearls, tenants of the Bellevue Arms, told police they saw "the Fox" and two young men leaving the apartment about ten o'clock Saturday night. "The Fox" was carrying a suitcase and several newspaper bundles, and one of his companions also had some bundles, they said. The third youth was seated in the murder car outside.

The time indicated by the Stearls was just two hours after the kidnaper turned the disemboweled and dismembered form of the girl over to her father, Perry Parker, in exchange for \$1500 ransom.

A few hours after the incident reported by the Stearls the missing members of the girl's anatomy were found wrapped in newspapers in Elysian park.

Youths Questioned

The two unnamed youths have figured in the case from the start. It is known that they have been questioned by headquarters, although authorities refuse to admit this.

Similarly it has been reported they are both under close guard, and that one of them has confessed to his portion of the crime. This asserted confession lacks official confirmation.

Certainly Los Angeles has never been so intensely interested in any case since the Almeda Semple McPherson kidnaping, and this interest is reflected in the wild rumors that add confusion to an already harassed police.

At the identical moment that a man, "positively identified" as "the Fox," participated in an automobile crash near Redlands, he and his car were "irrefutably identified" by witnesses in a downtown crash in Los Angeles this afternoon.

These identifications by zealous citizens have led to no little embarrassment among persons who resemble Hickman in a general way.

Must Carry Card

Mickey O'Neil, a motion picture extra, after being arrested four times as "the Fox" appealed to police for aid in getting to and from work. He now carries a letter from Chief Cline which assures whom it may concern "that the bearer is Mickey O'Neil and not 'the Fox.'"

A garage keeper in Culver City reported that "the Fox" in company with a woman companion, entered his garage the day of the kidnaping and traded his overcoat for gasoline.

Another report had it that Hickman was a noted impersonator of women, and that he might have evaded the nation-wide search by appearing as a "flapper."

WRITER GETS POSITION.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 21. (U.P.)—J. W. Strode, of Miami, has been appointed to succeed John Henry Whyte, as secretary to Governor George W. P. Hunt. It was announced today at the capitol.

Strode is the chief editorial writer on the staff of the Miami Silver Belt and is considered one of the best informed political writers of Arizona.

Morbid Crowd Inspects Slaying Scene



A morbid crowd gathers around the lawn in front of the Los Angeles Manhattan street house where the slain and dismembered body of Marion Parker was thrown from a car by the kidnaper.

Sleuths View Gruesome Bundle



Detectives examine the parcel in which Marion Parker's torso was returned to her father after he had surrendered \$1500 to kidnaper.

Undersea Craft Most Hazardous Submarine Men Get Low Salaries

By Alfred P. Reck United Press Staff Correspondent (Copyright 1927 by United Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The men who "go under the sea in ships" are the greatest gamblers in the world, in the opinion of navy men. They have to be. Every time the submarines on which they are stationed takes a dive, they bet their lives against one dollar that they come up again.

The extra pay for enlisted men is \$15 a month—providing they make 15 dives. The officers receive no additional compensation.

Walter Bishop, post-radio operator on the S-4, now resting on the ocean bottom off Provincetown, penned bitter words on submarine life just a few days before his ship was hit by the coast guard cutter Paulding. He said:

"Yes, daily we make a risky dive while Uncle Sam, with his brilliant eye, watches us. He bets on a dollar, while we're alive.

A dollar to nothing we don't come up."

Very few men in the naval service seek duty aboard sub-

marines. They are ordered and they go. When the submarines were first made part of the navy's equipment, volunteers manned the undersea craft. Now both officers and men are assigned.

Classified advertising in a morning paper proposition always. Use the News.

LITTLE JOE  
MAYBE WHAT'S ON THE PUMPKIN NOWADAYS IS WHAT MAKES SOME DIES TURN OUT TO BE FROSTS.



COLLEGE GIRLS HURT IN CRASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21. (U.P.)—Five University of Washington students, visiting in Portland during the holiday season, suffered injuries today when a car crashed into a telephone pole.

Miss Nina Linnell, 29, driver, and Sylvia Samby were taken to a hospital. Miss Linnell said she struck the pole when she swerved to avoid hitting an auto which failed to give right of way.

FIVE WASHINGTON PLAYERS LEAVE FOR L. A. BIG GAME

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—Five of the Washington Huskies football team left here today with Coach Emory Bagshaw for Los Angeles, where they will participate in a charity game Dec. 26 between teams composed of southern and Pacific coast players.

Those who left with Bagshaw today are: Louis Terrance, Romeo Lenson, Doug Beaumont, Gene Cook and Bob Shaw.

Pat Wilson, LeRoy Schuch and Bill Wright will leave Tuesday for San Francisco to help a western team defeat an all-star eastern team in the 26th charity game there, Dec. 26.

EARTHQUAKE HITS BURMA

RANGOON, Burma, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—Reports of casualties from oiling districts are beginning to come into Rangoon in the wake of last night's ten second earthquake—the most severe in Burma in years. The panic-stricken inhabitants of Rangoon rushed into the streets and remained outside of the buildings during the night. All of the large buildings in Rangoon have reported damages. Many Indian and Burmese dwellings were destroyed and the Central Pagoda, venerated by Buddhists, was badly cracked.

ALIEN BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (U.P.)—By a vote of 223 to 25 the house today passed the alien property bill providing for ultimate return of all German property seized during the war and settlement of all war claims held by American citizens against Germany. The house adopted an amendment to prevent any payment to Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious draft evader, now a fugitive in Germany for property seized during the war.

ASK INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (U.P.)—Investigation by a house committee of the sinking of the navy submarines S-4 and S-51 was asked today by Representative Griffin, democrat, New York.

Medford Employees Believe Hickman Stopped for Meal

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 20. (AP)—Ebel Davis, Dollie Carey and Tom O'Neil, employed in a local stage (terminal) cafe, reported this morning to the police that a young man came into the place and ordered his breakfast about 6:30 o'clock. The customer appeared worn and nervous, and attracted the attention of the waiters. While the trio were studying a newspaper description of William Edward Hickman, suspected Los Angeles kidnaper, and killer, the youth left hurriedly. Later the three were shown pictures of Hickman, and O'Neil said: "If our patron wasn't Hickman, he's his twin brother." The two women and O'Neil were positive that the diner was the fugitive.

Local authorities wired Roseburg authorities to search search stages this afternoon. A guard is searching all automobiles leaving the Bellevue from the south.

Local police place little credence in the identification of O'Neil and assistants.

Search for "Fox" Covers All West

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for a thorough identification, however, and there was no definite clue to the boy's whereabouts.

Chicago police thought it entirely possible that Hickman would reach there Wednesday night or Thursday, but admitted he may still be in California or hiding near the scene of the Parker murder.

An unidentified youth, bound from Los Angeles to Chicago, was reported to be under surveillance of special agents on Santa Fe train No. 4, which left Topeka for Kansas City. The youth, suspected of being Hickman, will be held for questioning in Kansas City, police said.

Lindy To Start Flight Dec. 27

GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 21. (U.P.)—The war department was informed today that Charles A. Lindbergh would leave Mexico City December 27 on his first Central American flight, the trip to Guatemala. He is expected to hop off at 9 a. m. from Valbuena field, arrive here at 1 p. m.

The war department is preparing a brilliant program for his reception.

NORMAN BAKER GUILTY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21. (U.P.)—Norman Baker repudiated the action of a wealthy Boston family, was found guilty today of murder of Paul Colham, gunman.

According to evidence presented at the trial Baker shot Colham during the course of a holdup in which they were said to be companions.

MUSSOLINI SENDS GIFTS

ROME, Dec. 21. (U.P.)—Three hundred persons, who had been sentenced to enforced domicile, meaning exile, have received a Christmas present from Premier Mussolini. In the past few days, the dictator has conditionally pardoned these men, who had been sentenced for political offenses.

SAVE MATCHES FROM FIRE

MUSSY-BER-SEINE, France, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—A grocery store here was entirely destroyed by fire today. Firemen, digging through the charred ruins, were able to salvage only one object. That was a box of matches, absolutely untouched by fire or water.

Come on, Santa!



A hopeful pair, these two French kiddies? While their friends are putting out shoes for Santa Claus to fill, as is the French custom, they are polishing up riding boots in preparation for Christmas eve.

Wanted: A Santa-Pal



Do you know of any stockings that are likely to be empty Christmas morning? Do you know of any childish hearts that will be saddened on childhood's day of days? If so, are you going to do anything about it? Be a Santa-Pal and help boost the community Christmas cheer.

Searchlight On Taxation

The Klamath News invites any communication or extract from any periodical bearing on the present serious tax situation. This department will appear from time to time as worthwhile material is offered for the taxpayers' perusal and consideration.

(From Portland Oregonian)

Little leaks and extravaganzas, small in themselves, but bulking large in the aggregate, are an important factor in the tax situation in Oregon, with respect to local taxation. This much has been developed by the local taxation committee of the property tax reduction commission authorized by the legislature.

It is said that about 40 per cent of local taxes goes for educational purposes and from expressions made by members of the committee there are considerable leaks which could be plugged and save many a tax dollar without impairing the educational system. A study of school districts will be conducted by the committee and some interesting revelations are expected.

Competition among districts for bigger and better schools and all the trimmings is believed to be responsible for much of the tax for education. There are splendid school buildings being erected or in contemplation; the most up-to-date gymnasiums, and these in rural districts.

Owners of one body of timber in Tillamook county have been very-narrowed into one school district after another until the timber has been taxed to build six different school houses, according to a statement made to the committee.

A district not far from the metropolis had a good school, but an additional school was erected about a mile and a half away so that a half dozen children would not have to walk that short distance. The teacher of the second school does the janitorial work in addition to teaching and draws pay for both jobs. The criticism in this case is that the second school was unnecessary.

Only One Taxpayer Votes

In an eastern Oregon county a good school building was erected for some 50 or 60 pupils. This was paid for in two years. Then there was a demand for a gymnasium and a bond election was called. There were 16 votes cast, but only one taxpayer voted. A dandy gymnasium has been built.

In southern Oregon a school board started to build a \$20,000 building. They have already spent \$28,000 and plans call for at least another \$10,000.

There is a district in the coast range which has \$50,000 in bank, but the district cannot decide whether it wants a solid concrete building or one of stucco. All but about 12 per cent of the taxes for the district are paid by timber owners. Although a small district, it intends having a gymnasium. Another district in a coast county built a splendid building, then took its share of the Oregon and California grant land money appropriated by congress and built a gymnasium.

GI Bill Cost \$35

The Union Pacific railroad is a heavy contributor for school houses. It paid most of the taxes on one building where there were scarcely a dozen pupils. Then a shed was built for automobiles. As an instance of how money leaks away, he it known that the gift ball on top of the flagpole,

Santa Claus Letters

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ask. Would you please leave a note and tell me how long it took you to come down from the north pole. That is all Santa I will tell you.

Norman Rape, 359 N. Tenth.

HELLO SANTA

Hello dear old Santa, Just a few lines to let you know To be sure and bring your reindeer.

For you have lots and lots of snow, My name is Ruby Bridges, And I go to Mills Addition school, I try to be a good girl And never break the rule. Of course this isn't a letter But won't you let it do? For I've thought and thought so very hard, Of something just for you, Oh now dear old Santa If you will be so kind, Bring me a nice new wrist watch That will keep the best of time, Good by dear old Santa With your hair of silver white, Hoping I will see you soon I bid you a fond good night, Ruby Bridges, Box 34.

DRESSER SET FOR MOTHER

Dear Santa—I'm fine. How are you? I like Christmas better than any other holiday. Don't you? I would like to have an embroidery set for Christmas. My little brother Jimmie would like a football. Mother wants a dresser set. A set of comb, brush and mirror. Well I guess I will close. Vivian Powell, 923 Jefferson.

BEHIND THE WOODBOX

Dear Santa Claus—I am sitting down here behind the woodbox where know one can bother me. I think dad is making fun of me because he said he didn't think Santa would bring me much. Dad said I wasn't much good anyway but I think he was just joking because I saw him wink to Ma about something. I will tell you what I want you to bring me. That is a Jack 'n' knife and a bag of marbles. I don't see how you can go to all the places. But I guess you do because my Dad has been everywhere and he says you were everywhere he was at. Please don't forget the poor children and especially the crippled ones. As if it isn't asking to much I would like very much to have a bebe gun. I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade. I guess that is all Santa so I will close. Clifford Rape, 352 N. Tenth St.

LEAVE NO SWITCHES

Dear Santa Claus—I'm going up to the theater on Saturday morning with all the other little girls and boys to meet you so please don't forget to come. If you break down or your reindeer get tired, send word to Klamath Falls and lots of people will go out to help you and bring your reindeer out to my ranch and give them some hay and get some coffee and mince pies yourself and get all warmed up. My mamma says I've been a good girl lately so you needn't leave any switches at our house but I want a dolly with blue eyes and light hair. I'm going to call her Mary Ellen. Be careful when you come over the mountains you don't fall into Crater Lake and bring Mrs. Santa Claus too if you have room. Don't forget to hurry up Santa dear so you won't be late. And be sure and leave some toys at the Jones there are lots of them. Mildred Pearce, Martin Street.

BRING THEM TO GRANDMA

Dear Santa Claus—I am 8 years old I have two brothers my oldest brother started to school this year. My other brother is 4 years old. We are going to our grandmother Decker's for Christmas. We will stay one week. Please Santa bring our toys to her house. My brother wants to have a shooter. And I want a sewing machine. Please Santa bring these things we ask for. I hope you and Mrs. Santa a happy Christmas and a happy new year. Leona Decker, 2240 Applegate.

SOME CANDY, TOO

Dear Santa—I want you to bring me a wagon and a gun I want you to bring some candy. Omer Ball, 11, Braymill.

Dear Santa—I want some nails and a hammer I guess that all.

Steve Stewart.

FREE TO FIND WORK

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 21. (U.P.)—Philip Fain, confessed liquor law violator, was given "100 days" in which to secure "honest" employment here today. When Federal Judge F. C. Jacobs learned that Fain was the father of eight children under 17 years of age, he decided to withhold sentence 10 days.