

Negro Denies He is the Wanted Hatchet Man

Jake Bird States He Is Not Guilty; Mrs. Stribling Not Positive in Identification.

After nearly an hour's questioning by state and Douglas county authorities at the state penitentiary Friday afternoon, Jacob Bird, twenty-four-year-old negro, said to have been identified by Mrs. G. Harold Stribling as being the Omaha "hatchet killer" who last Monday and Tuesday slew three persons and severely injured two others, still maintained his innocence Friday evening and remained cool and visibly unaffected by the accusation.

The suspect was taken into custody by Douglas county deputy sheriffs, Dunn, Flannigan and Taylor, at 10:30 a. m. Friday. He was found asleep in his room at 2111 Clarks street, Omaha. He was first taken to the Lister hospital where police say he was identified by Mrs. Stribling as the man who held her for nearly three hours after he had hacked herself and her husband with a small axe.

During a mob violence, Bird was loaded into an automobile and brought hastily to the state penitentiary for safe keeping. The deputies were accompanied to Lincoln by Douglas County Sheriff McDonald. The suspect was manacled to two of the deputies.

After he arrived at the penitentiary, Bird was photographed and the officers were questioned in regard to his capture. Bird was then removed to the criminal identification department of the institution, where finger prints and photographs were made.

He was later questioned. His questioners included the Douglas county sheriff and his deputies, State Sheriff Condit, Deputy State Sheriff V. Condit, Chief of Police Johnstone, Warden Fenton, Deputy Warden Kavanaugh and William Foster, Lincoln commissioner of public safety.

Mrs. Stribling Hysterical.
Deputy Sheriff Flannigan said that Bird was taken to the hospital dressed as was the "hatchet killer." He stated that Mrs. Stribling watched the negro closely for a few moments, and, after lifting the bandage from his injured eye, cried out hysterically: "That's the man. Take him away."

Mrs. Stribling was so hysterical after the suspect had been taken from the room that her screams could be heard throughout the large hospital building, officers said. The bandage was similar to that worn by her assailant and that Bird's belt buckle was identical to the same as worn by the killed, according to Deputy Flannigan.

At no time did Bird offer any resistance, the officers said, but instead was a good prisoner. En route to Lincoln the suspected man mumbled over a number of times that he did not know "what it was all about," and that he "couldn't do such a thing." Bird insisted that Mrs. Stribling must have been mistaken, owing to the fact that the wanted man wore his hair slicked down to his head, that he was much younger, and smaller.

Was Nattily Dressed.
When he arrived at the penitentiary, Bird was wearing a light checked cap, a light gray-green overcoat and a brown suit. His clothing was tailored in the latest fashion. He wore a bright colored tie and scarf, and his shoes had been very recently polished.

The officers found a number of spots on his clothing, which, the authorities say, Bird did not explain satisfactorily. Bird declared the spots were from medicine he had taken. The suspect's clothing was taken back to Omaha for further examination and identification.

The Douglas county authorities left at about 4 p. m. on their return journey. Sheriff McDonald said shortly before his departure that he is reasonably sure that the right man has been captured. He based his conclusion on the fact that Bird was almost positively identified by Mrs. Stribling.

Not a Mulatto.
Altho his complexion is light, Bird declares he is not a mulatto. The suspected man has very pronounced cheek bones and his lips are large. He is of medium build, stands five feet ten inches tall, and weighs 155 pounds.

Bird came into more or less prominence a few months ago when he was the principal witness for the state in its case against Conrad Barth, Burlington special agent, who was charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Gordon Grigor, wealthy Cleveland, O., youth, who lost his life beneath the wheels of a Burlington train at Ashland. Bird claimed that he was a companion of Grigor and that he saw the railroad officer push the man from the train. Bird was held in jail for some time in Omaha, being a material witness in the case.

Bird has served two years in the Utah state penitentiary for burglary.

Suspect's Own Story.
Seating with his chair tilted back and with a large black cigar in his mouth, Bird was unemotional and seemed unconcerned when questioned by newspapermen at his cell in the new jail house at the penitentiary late Friday afternoon.

When one of the reporters inquired, quite bluntly, "What's the dope?" Bird replied in a voice hardly audible, "Ask the sheriff; they seem to know more about it than I do. I don't know what it's all about. I couldn't do such a thing and don't know what makes them think I did."

When asked how he had been

Farmers Recommend Co-Operative Agency Plan

Convention Asks Congress for Help—Incipient Revolt of Nebraska Stemmed.

Denver, Nov. 22.—The co-operative agency as a means of solving the "farm problem" was commended to congress today by the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union of America in the final session of its annual convention as a basis on which to work in the designing of any relief legislation.

The convention resolved that congress should effect legislation providing for the control of all contract grain markets together with the supervision of all grain weighing, inspection and laboratory testing, to come under the authority of the secretary of agriculture.

The McNary-Hougen bill, the principles of which were endorsed by the union convention a year ago, was not mentioned in the resolutions adopted. The committee on legislation, of which Governor Walter J. Maddock of North Dakota, was chairman, recommended to the union the attitude that the incoming national administration "comes solemnly pledged to a study of the agricultural problem and an adequate treatment of it, insofar as legislation can serve. We express confidence that the administration will keep its pledge to the American farmers."

Report Is Adopted.
The committee's report was adopted by a unanimous vote. Among the other resolutions adopted was one favoring tariff protection of the home market for all farm products on which the tariff is operative, and making effective the tariff on such farm products as have exportable surpluses, "to the end that the farmer may have a market as well protected as industry enjoys at all times."

"Others endorsed the work of the 'corn belt committee,' urged on congress the reduction in the rate of federal farm loans to 3 per cent per annum, urged immediate ratification of the Kellogg anti-war pact, approved the principle of Norris Muscle Shoals bill, and favored the "lessening of emphasis on military training in high schools and colleges and the complete abandonment of the principle of compulsory military training in any public school."

Succeeding C. S. Barrett of Union City, Ga., for twenty-two years head of the organization, C. E. Huff, Salina, Kas., was elected president for the ensuing year. Joseph Atkins of South Dakota, was elected vice president, and James O'Shea of Roberts, Mont., secretary-treasurer. O'Shea succeeds A. A. Davis of Springfield, Mo., who held the office of secretary-treasurer twenty-two years.

An incipient revolt on the part of the delegates from Nebraska and Oklahoma was stemmed after several conferences yesterday and today. The bolt involved matters of policy which were of a purely public, and not of a party, nature, while sitting in the regular sessions, declined to pay their dues and take part in the balloting.—State Journal.

BARRYMORE NOT DIVORCED
Los Angeles, Nov. 22.—Things happened here today that threatened to delay the projected third matrimonial venture of John Barrymore, the actor. Barrymore announced the other day that he and Dolores Costello, motion picture actress, would wed soon. Miss Costello confirmed the announcement, but no date was set.

Today there was excitement. An attractive young woman, identity unrevealed, informed the marriage license bureau that "you can't issue a marriage license to John Barrymore." Reporters who asked the actress about the projected wedding were told that "it's none of your business."

Another woman telephoned the license bureau and also said that Mr. Barrymore could not get married. The reason both women gave was "because he is already married and has never been divorced."

TUKEY GETS CONTRACT
Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 22.—State Treasurer Stebbins stated today that his million dollar bond for the next two years will be written jointly by a group of 75 agencies in six Nebraska cities through Allen A. Tukey, Omaha, and the Metropolitan Casualty company of New York, which he represents.

Tukey's company will retain 100 thousand dollars of the total risk and three other Omaha agencies will carry 350 thousand dollars more. Seven Lincoln firms were allotted a total of 350 thousand dollars and the remainder, 200 thousand dollars, was divided equally among York, Fremont, Grand Island and Alliance farms.

GASOLINE REVENUE STEADILY INCREASES
Lincoln, Nov. 21.—Gasoline tax collections during October totaled \$357,746.95, as compared with \$355,536.28 in September, and \$303,130.92 in October, 1924. T. W. Bass, chief of the gasoline tax bureau, announced Wednesday.

Last month's collections were an increase of \$153,652.30 over those of April, 1925. The first month under any dog or cat law which totals \$199,094.65. Collections since the law has been in effect now total \$12,376,002.82.

ENGLAND PUTS BAN ON CATS AND DOGS
London, Nov. 20.—Neither dogs nor cats will be permitted to land in Britain from overseas after January 1 unless authorized by license of the ministry of agriculture. The ministry further decreed today that any dog or cat imported under its license must remain under control of a veterinary surgeon at "a place of detention" for a certain length of time.

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Highway Commission for Good Roads Movement

Omaha Meeting Urges Appointment of Commission—S. S. Davis, H. A. Schneider, Delegates.

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BUSINESS BOOM FORESEEN

New York, Nov. 22.—The visit of President-elect Hoover to South America will bring about an increase of billions of dollars in United States trade and investments with Latin America, John Barrett, former director general of the Pan-American union, said in an address tonight.

Speaking at a dinner of the New York Young Republican club, Mr. Barrett declared the tour of the president-elect would solidify political, economic and social relations between the United States and South America, with subsequent growth in trade to \$4,000,000,000 annually and investments to \$10,000,000,000 or a two-fold increase over present figures.

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Spinach, Libby's No. 2 1/2 can - - - 22c
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WHERE YOU SAVE ON EVERY PURCHASE

SOUTH BEND

Miss Carrie Kleiser spent Tuesday in Lincoln.
Joe Knecht spent Sunday evening at the Oscar Dill home.
Glenn Armstrong has been quite sick with a sore throat.
George Vogel was a business visitor at Plattsmouth Saturday.
Don and Clara Thornton called on Sunday afternoon at the Frank Ross home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Armstrong spent the week end with relatives at Haystack.
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Kuhn spent the week end at the E. Hendrick home in Ashland.
Albertina, Ruth and Esther Kupke spent Sunday at the Herman Gakemeier home.

Mrs. Fay Nelson was a supper guest Thursday evening at the Bert Winget home.
Robert Long shot a coyote Sunday that was prowling around on his farm south of town.
Mrs. Henry Stander and son, Herbert, spent Sunday afternoon at the L. J. Roebber home.

Mrs. Viola Long and son, Harry, had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham.
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wallinger spent Sunday and Tuesday evening at the J. H. Welch home.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kuhn spent Sunday with Mrs. Kuhn's father, Mr. L. R. Ward, of Ashland.

Mrs. Ellen Berge went to Dewitt Tuesday evening to visit her daughter, Mrs. Elda Richardson.
Vernon Welch, of Kimball county spent Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Vernon Wallinger.
Mr. and Mrs. George Wallinger and daughter, Ila, spent Saturday evening at the Vernon Wallinger home.

Mrs. John Grabow spent from Thursday until Saturday evening with her sister, Mrs. Tina Schlueter, in Omaha.
Walter Towle who works on the Rock Island bridge gang is home on a forced vacation on account of a sore throat.
Mrs. Vyrle Livers has been very sick for several days but is reported some better. Mrs. Emma Calder is taking care of her at present.

Mrs. Emma Calder spent from Thursday until Monday with her sister in Ashland, and while she was gone someone stole about half of her chickens.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haswell are rejoicing over the arrival of a nine pound baby boy born Monday, Nov. 22. Mrs. Howard Johnson is the nurse in charge, and all are doing nicely.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long and sons drove to Lincoln recently to get acquainted with Mrs. Long's nephew, man. Coffey was clubbed to death and his body thrown in a home October 16. He was named lake. The negroes were taken to the jail today to show officers where they hid the body, but no trace of it was found.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien and Mrs. Mary Ann Straight went to Wichita, Kansas, Monday evening to attend the funeral of Mr. Smith. Mrs. Smith, whose maiden name was Steric Sellers, is well known in this community, having visited here often with her aunt and cousin, Mrs. Straight and Mrs. O'Brien.
The Poverty Point Woman's club of the county Extension Service held an all day meeting with Mrs. Virgil Besack Wednesday, Nov. 14. Making sandwich spreads was the work for that meeting. One new member joined. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Charles Thornton and making candy will be taught that day.

CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW READY
The Bates Book and Stationery Store have the largest line of Christmas cards this season that we have ever stocked, and most of them are now ready for the early purchaser, especially those that want the name printed or engraved thereon. We will appreciate your calling at the store and look over the line as soon as possible, allowing us ample time for the engraving or printing. Please call sometime during the coming week if possible. We would like for you to see this wonderful line before it is broken. They are a beautiful line of cards and priced right.

Edgar Wescott, who is attending the University of Nebraska, is home for a visit over the week end with the relatives and friends.



Big Turkey Dance!

AT THE Legion Community Building Plattsmouth Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, Nov. 28

FREE-Turkey-FREE

MUSIC BY Doc Cook's Novelty Orchestra

One of Lincoln's hottest—featuring two Accordion Soloists. Turkey given free to holder of lucky dance ticket. Come and enjoy this big Feature Dance.

ADMISSION Dancers, \$1 Spectators, 35c Unaccompanied Ladies, 10c

HUMAN TIGERS RAVAGE SOCIETY

In 1916 a criminal was sent to a western penitentiary for robbery and attempted murder. Shortly afterwards he was transferred to an asylum for the insane.

He was promptly returned to the prison, as being the proper place for him. Here he proved himself so "hard boiled" that he was again transferred, this time to another penitentiary designed for the most recalcitrant and dangerous criminals.

A short time ago he was released, having served his sentence. He had, in the eyes of the law, "paid his debt to society."

Now he is again in a jail for shooting a druggist during a hold-up he committed. When arrested, he was in possession of a stolen automobile, and he "shot it out" with the police.

In commenting on this, the San Francisco Chronicle says: "Society has no means for identifying and heading off in advance the human tigers as it has for the jungle beasts. But once the felons have disclosed themselves it is neither humane to the criminal nor fair to decent people to take all restraint off one who has proved himself too tough for prison."

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