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Baby Mystery Murder Stirs Los Angeles

FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHILD STRANGLER TO DEATH

Child of Prominent Family Found Under Box Car With Rope Around Neck.

City Offers Reward

FATHER IS HELD FOR QUESTIONING.

Los Angeles offers \$250 reward for capture of little Carol Stapler's murderer.

Who Killed Coral Stapler?

That is the question that has baffled investigators of the county sheriff's department.

At a corner's inquest here Monday, May 20, a jury declared that the child, Coral Ellen Stapler, aged 5, died of strangulation at the hands of a person unknown.

Her father, Henry Stapler aged 35, former star trackman of Lincoln High school, held by police on suspicion of murder after the discovery of the body of his daughter in a vacant lot at One Hundred and Third street and Alameda boulevard last Friday was released for lack of evidence.

Two other suspects have been questioned.

It may rest with an unknown Mexican "woman in red" and the 3-year-old brother of the girl to identify the man who stole the child away from her yard where she was playing and later strangled her to death with an eight-foot laundry rope.

Stapler and his wife have been divorced three years. He was called by the sheriff's office after Mrs. Stapler said that he had kidnapped his eldest daughter, Ada, aged 7, and kept her several days in a shack. He also took the wife and child away on a previous occasion.

Prior to the child's disappearance, she was seen playing with her brother Eddie, about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Near that time, the baby ran into the house screaming that "a man with eye-glasses" was after him to take him away. He went to sleep immediately.

An old laundryman, white, who wears eye glasses, had just called at the Stapler home. The mother did not answer his knock. He went away. He did not return the next day to pick up his bundle. Investigators declared the rope found around the girl's neck matched the rope found in the laundry bags where the driver under suspicion worked.

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Rumor! Rumor! Rumor!

Dr. Wesley Jones, president of the N. A. A. C. P., was a caller at The Omaha Guide office Tuesday afternoon. He stated to Mr. C. C. Galloway, acting editor of The Omaha Guide, that it was rumored that some of the ex-officials of the local branch N. A. A. C. P. were planning on organizing a new organization to do the work that the N. A. A. C. P. did during their administration.

Rev. Adams Returns For Graduation of Youngest Son

The Rev. John Adams, president of Greater Payne University, located at Birmingham, Alabama, came to his old home place, bringing a fine spirit of cheer. He is visiting with his son, Attorney John Adams, Jr., and will motor with a few friends early Monday morning to witness the graduation of his youngest son, Ralph, from the Law Department of the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Adams left Omaha several years ago to assume the presidency of one of the largest colleges controlled by the A. M. E. church. He will speak Sunday morning at St. John's A. M. E. church and Sunday evening at Quinn Chapel, A. M. E. church, Lincoln, Nebraska. Dr. Adams will also address a group at the Elks' oratorical contest Friday night.

Bishop Gregg Holds Presiding Elder's Council

\$2,000 Collected For Western University.

By R. A. Adams

The Presiding Elders' Council of the 5th Episcopal District was held in Trinity A. M. E. Church, 5th and Greeley, opening at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning, with Bishop J. A. Gregg, presiding. Religious exercises were conducted by R. H. Harbert, F. D. L. McDonald and I. S. Wilson. The annual sermon was delivered by F. F. Moten, who served in the stead of R. S. Everett, who was late because of flood conditions.

Presiding elders present were, L. H. Smith and R. H. Harbert, Colorado Conference; R. A. Adams and W. B. Brooks, Nebraska Conference; R. S. Everett and H. W. King, Kansas Conference; Wm. H. Burnett and S. R. Stanley, Missouri Conference; I. S. Wilson and F. D. L. McDonald, Southwest Missouri Conference; F. F. Moten and J. A. Chandley, North Missouri Conference.

The presiding elders made their reports of money collected for Western University as follows:

Colorado Conference: Rocky Mountain District, L. H. Smith, \$213.50; Albuquerque District, R. H. Harbert, \$95.50; total, \$309.00. Nebraska Conference: Kansas City District, R. A. Adams, \$144.00; Omaha District, W. B. Brooks, \$106.00; total, \$250.00.

Kansas Conference: Topeka District, R. S. Everett, \$117.50; Wichita District, H. W. King, \$95.00; total, \$212.50.

North Missouri Conference: St. Joseph-Moberly District, F. F. Moten, \$81.00; Hannibal-Columbia District, J. A. Chandley, \$207.95; total, \$288.95.

Southwest Missouri Conference: Kansas City-Springfield District, F. D. L. McDonald, \$155.50; Kansas City, Lexington District, I. S. Wilson, \$117.00; total, \$272.50.

Missouri Conference: St. Louis-Cape Girardeau District, Wm. H. Burnett, \$368.00; St. Louis-Booneville, S. R. Stanley, \$119.00; total, \$487.00.

TOTAL for all conferences, \$1,819.60. The annual conference schedule was agreed upon as follows: Colorado Conference Shorter Chapel, Denver, September 11; Nebraska Conference, First Church, Kansas City, Kansas, September 25; Kansas Conference, St. John, Topeka, October 2; North Missouri Conference, Ebenezer, St. Joseph, October 23; Southwest Missouri Conference, Ebenezer, Kansas City, Missouri, October 30; Missouri Conference, St. Paul, St. Louis, November 6.

The council passed resolutions reaffirming support of the course by Bishop Gregg in regard to Western University controversy, expressing the confidence of ministers and laymen in the Bishop's integrity, commending the ability, the dignity and the absolute fairness with which he has performed his duties as bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District, and instructing the delegates to be elected to use every legitimate means to secure the reassignment of Bishop Gregg to this district.

Miss Ruth Jones, daughter of Mr. Alfred Jones, who is a teacher in a public school in Atchinson, Kansas, is at home for the summer.

Creighton Graduate



Oscar D. Washington

Mr. Oscar D. Washington graduated from the Creighton university College of Arts and Sciences, Thursday morning, June 6, at 10 o'clock, the only colored student in the graduating class. Commencement exercises took place in the University Gymnasium.

Mr. Washington has been prominent in literary circles and has made quite a name for himself as an orator, having placed second and third respectively in two Creighton College Oratorical contests, 1932 and 1935, and twice he has won first place in oratorical contests sponsored by the Interstate Literary Association.

Young Couple Open Coffee Shop

On Thursday, May 30th, the New Black and White Coffee Shop was opened at 2210 N. 24th, Street by Miss Doris Martin and Mr. Tommy Holbert, the youngest couple in the restaurant business on North Twenty-fourth Street. The place has been completely remodeled, and the color scheme is carried out in black and white. They have an efficient staff of young people who are very courteous and anxious to serve the public.

Their head cook is Mrs. Mildred Martin, and the waitress is Miss Minnie Littlejohn. The management deserves the support of all its many friends and will be glad to serve the public.

They are specializing in salads and good coffee. Try our food sometime.

Bandits Fire on Oil Station Owner

Two armed bandits fired two wild shots at W. H. Jackson, 66, who lives at 3532 N. 29th Street, and owns the oil station at the North-east corner of 24th and Grant. The bandits drove away after they had robbed him, he told police.

Mr. Jackson had just closed the door of his filling station, and entered his car when the robbers confronted him, and robbed him of \$18.

Injured in Car Accident

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, were injured Wednesday night, when their car collided with another motorist. The accident happened about 33rd and Spaulding Street. Mr. Clark was knocked unconscious, and had to have several stitches taken in his head. Mrs. Clark suffered bruises about the arm and shoulder.

White Woman Draws Ire of Southerners

Calling General Robert E. Lee A "Traitor"

Boston, Mass., June 5, (ANP)—Miss Susan Glover Macomber, white, former legislative chairman of the Massachusetts Women's Relief Corps pinned the label of "traitor" on Gen. Robert E. Lee, southern Confederate hero, here last week, and precipitated thereby an issue which threatens to become national.

The discord aroused between members of the D. A. R. and the United Daughters of the Confederacy was brought about when Miss Macomber made the following statement after a movement was begun to have a statue of the Civil War figure erected in Arlington National Cemetery.

"If there should be some movement started to have a statue of Benedict Arnold erected on the campus at West Point, so that the young soldiers there could see it during their sunset drill every night, what a shout the patriots of the country, especially the women of the D. A. R. would raise.

"Well, I feel the same way about a statue of General Robert E. Lee in the Arlington National Cemetery at Virginia, where so many Union Soldiers are buried. Benedict Arnold and General Lee were no different to my mind. They were both traitors of the same ilk."

Information received here after Miss Macomber had made the above statements, showed how her stand was taken in the South. The United Daughters of the Confederacy at Mobile, Ala., adopted a resolution "Protesting against the protest of the Massachusetts Relief Corps of the G. A. R. against erection of a statue of Robert E. Lee or any other traitor in Arlington National Cemetery."

Celebrates Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. John Voner, partner of the Voner-Houston Grocery at 2114 N. 24th Street, entertained with a birthday party for their little daughter, Betty Jane, on June 1, her 8th birthday. The party was held at their home 2537 Binney. The guests were: Junior Beckman, Nathalie Pettiford, Mary Marion, Wilma Louise Fisher, Mary and Dorothy Larson, Dorothy Mae Smith, Jessie and Grace Turner, Betty Jean Geron, Jean and Jacqueline Fisher, Bobby Chambers, Rose Mary Harper, Bottles Borders, Alberta Henry, Doris Mary Manley, Alfred and Janis Elliott.

Hunt Hit Run Driver

Police today were hunting a hit-and-run driver who injured Mrs. Rosalie Montgomery, 19, in front of 2037 N. Twenty-fourth Street, on Memorial Day. Mrs. Montgomery, 2014 N. 14th Street, was treated at Lord Lister hospital before being taken home. A witness told police the car which struck the woman was racing with another.

Omaha Tigers to Play Louisiana Monarchs

The Omaha Tigers, under the management of Mr. Homer Curry, will play the Monroe, Louisiana Monarchs this week end at League Park. On Saturday night they will play their first game at 8:30, and Sunday they will play two games, the first starting at 2:30, also at League Park.

SEEK PROTECTION FROM KIDNAPPERS

Seriously Injured in Car Accident

Miss Marjorie Jo Smith, 2512 N. 22nd Street, formerly of Wichita, Kansas, who has been living here since January, was seriously injured in an automobile accident Thursday, May 30. She and three friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Adams and Mr. Jay Comer, were motoring to Missouri Valley, Iowa, when the rear tire of Mr. Adams' car blew out. He lost control of the car, but Mrs. Adams had enough presence of mind to snatch the wheel, steering it into an embankment. Otherwise, they would have gone over the other side of the road into a deep ravine.

Miss Smith was the most seriously injured. The others received cuts and bruises. She was taken to Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where X-rays revealed fractures of the left arm and pelvis.

She was later removed to a local hospital, where she was placed in a cast. Her condition is good.

Miss Smith, since her arrival here, has been employed at Willa's Beauty Shop, 24th and Grant Streets.

Organized Effort May Get Results

It is reported to The Omaha Guide office through the Protective Order of Dining Car Waiters, Local No. 465 that the U. P. waiters in the entire system will get reduced working hours. A conference was held in regard to this matter with the U. P. officials on May 24th until June 4th. This conference was supervised and conducted by United States Mediator G. Wallace G. Hanger, who came here to settle the dispute between the company and the employees.

Mr. Clarence R. Johnson represented the employees in this conference. It is reported that a verbal agreement had been reached to draw up and sign a contract on June 17th, to give the employees 240 hours working. Employees asked for time and a half for overtime. It is supposed they will not get pay for overtime, but they will get pay for all over 240 working hours in one month.

Elks' Oratorical Scholarship Contest Postponed; June 7th.

The Elk's Oratorical Scholarship contest which was to be held on June 4th, was postponed to Friday night, June 7th, at 8:30 p. m. at the Elks' Hall, 2420 Lake Street.

Popular contestants are Misses Madree Jackson, Althea Franklin and Mr. Ralph Alexander.

Roland Hayes in Benefit For Friends

Boston, Mass., June 7, (ANP)—Roland Hayes, the famous tenor gave a benefit performance Tuesday at the John M. Green Hall on Smith college campus which 800 persons attended. Twenty years ago many of the friends and fellow artists for whom Mr. Hayes gave the concert, helped him to secure engagements in his early career.

FLED FROM TEXAS FORTY YEARS AGO FEARING HE HAD COMMITTED MURDER.

Missing Heir Identified

REFUSES TO RETURN TO TEXAS TO CLAIM ESTATE.

The efforts of four Negro clergymen and a white "estate prospector" from Texas to convince an Omaha Negro that he is heir to a quarter million dollar fortune were reported today to have met with success.

The heir is Daniel Young, 60 an itinerant Negro preacher who is living at 2818 Seward street. The four clergymen and the white man claim he is actually Gabe McElroy and owner of oil land in Texas. Young, until today, has flatly denied it.

According to the story told by the white prospector, George D. Pollock of Dallas, a young Negro named Gabe McElroy left Texas hurriedly about 40 years ago believing he had shot a white man during a political dispute.

Say None Shot. Actually, according to Pollock, nobody had been shot, but McElroy didn't know that.

About 12 years ago McElroy's mother died, leaving a 16-acre farm to the missing Gabe. Oil was found on the land soon after and wells drilled by promoters who got and assignment from Gabe's two children who still live in Henderson, Texas.

Numerous persons who make a business of checking titles to oil land and finding missing heirs tried to find McElroy. Through the relatives, with whom he had corresponded furtively, they learned he lived in Omaha and had assumed the name of Daniel Young.

Fled Inquiries. A half dozen times various estate prospectors came here, trying to locate McElroy. Whenever he heard inquiry was being made for him he left town.

Last January Pollock came to Omaha on the same trail. He was referred by police to Rev. Z. E. McGee, 2512 Blondo street, pastor of the Negro Church of New Hope. McGee knew McElroy well, knew he was in jail in Oklahoma at the moment. Pollock went there, got McElroy, or Young, out of jail.

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Injured in Fall Downstairs

Mr. William B. Holt, 2507 Indiana Ave. was seriously injured when he fell down stairs at 2327 1-2 S. 16th, Street, Tuesday evening, June 4th. He was taken to the office of Dr. G. Lennox, 2314 1-2 N. 24th, Street, by Mr. Oliver Welch, and left there to await the doctor's return.

When Dr. Lennox returned to his office, he found the man there, unable to identify himself. He called the police, and Mr. Holtz was taken to Lord Lister Hospital and treated by Dr. Atwood.

Mr. Holt has a wife and seven children and has been employed at the Union Outfitting Company, for the past three years. Mr. Holt is still at the hospital.

Rev. Adams To Speak at St. John A. M. E. on June 9th.