WPA Crossing Guard and Aged Man Held for Morals Trials

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meaning of truth in her answers.

"Little girls who tell lies get a licking," the witness, who is in the first grade in school, said. Daigh's wife was in court during the hearing and his mother was there before the examination started. She left at the opening of the session after telling the deputy district attorney that her son may have been mentally unbalanced.

"She claims that Daigh, besides having his left hand shot off when a boy and being seriously injured about his body by gunshot wounds in an accident, fell down 14 feet into a cellar and suffered a skull fracture," Whichello said later. "This may indicate that when Daigh is placed on trial he will plead guilty by reason of insanity. We will keep him under close observation at the county jail from now until his case is to be heard."

A few minutes after Daigh and his wife left the courtroom, the aged Hollingshead was brought in. Nearly stone-deaf, he had to have questions shouted to him by Capt. Stroh. As each of his five little accusers, three of them sisters, ended her testimony he was asked if he had any questions to ask.

"I don't want to ask any—how could I when I couldn't hear what she said," he responded querulously. Hollingshead was informed that a complete transcript would be furnished him for study in the county jail. He is charged with indecent actions and making an obscene remark to a 10-year-old child. At the conclusion of the hearing, the prosecutor declared that he would file three separate felony charges against Hollingsworth.

At Whichello's request, Judge Lessing increased the aged man's bail from $1,500 to $5,000 when the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. The prosecutor said that he had reason to believe that Hollingshead's relatives, a son being mentioned, might succeed in getting him released for the lower bail.

Occurred At City Park

The gray-whiskered oldster's alleged disgusting actions and foul remark were declared by the little girls, 13, 11, 10, nine and seven years of age, to have been made at the city park playground on Sunday, June 27. The children were playing in the sand pit and on the Maypole swing when he appeared and made his indecent advances, the youngsters testified.

Each of them, save one who cried when first placed on the witness stand, recounted the same stories they had previously told police officers when the authorities were called to investigate the old man's actions about the park. The father of one of the youngest children attended his daughter in court but neither parent of the three sisters was present.

Denies Evil Intentions

Sergeant Ernest M. Ashton, the last to be examined, testified that he was one of the investigating officers and that Hollingshead made this comment when he was being booked at the police station last Saturday morning:

"He said he had no evil intentions against the girls. He said that his actions may have looked bad to an adult but that he had nothing of that nature in mind," the officer reported.

Two of the little tots, a 13-year-old, said that the defendant had given them candy before making his advances, which occurred as he pushed them around on the Maypole swing. All of them said they didn't "like to have him around."

Left Hand Shot Off

Ralph Daigh was arrested by Captain John Stroh Saturday morning. The complaint was signed by the father of the six-year-old girl whom the WPA crossing guard is alleged to have molested in the back yard and garage at his home, 1413½ Madrid avenue.

He had been stationed most of the time at the Cota avenue and Torrance boulevard crossing, altho at times he worked the Cedar avenue-boulevard intersection. Daigh had been employed with the WPA for more than a year. He has lived in and near Torrance nearly all of his 37 years, his mother residing in Gardena. He is married and has two daughters, about four and eight years of age.

When he was a small boy his left hand was shot off by accident. A man of small stature, sharp pointed nose and black hair, he was regarded as a quiet, self-contained man by his fellow WPA guards here. The alleged offense that resulted in his arrest and detention in lieu of $1,500 bail, is said to have occurred last Friday afternoon.

He is reported to have offered the child a few peaches to keep her from "telling her mama."

Two Sisters Involved

The aged Hollingshead was picked up as he was leaving his room at the Brighton hotel on Cabrillo avenue an hour after Daigh was arrested. Sergeant Ernest Ashton and Officers Perkin and Bennett brought him to the city jail where he, too, was held on $1,500 bail. In addition to the morals charge placed against the grey-whiskered, shabbily-dressed oldster, he is accused of making lewd remarks in the presence of two sisters, 13 and 11 years old, and two other little girls, eight and six years of age.

All four and Mrs. Anna Wilson, 2922 231st street, a WPA supervisor at the city park playground, where Hollingshead is alleged to have committed his indecencies, positively identified him at police headquarters here Sunday morning. The recreation supervisor reported Hollingshead's activities about the park to police Saturday.

The aged man, who is almost deaf, declared that he did not "do anything that was agin the law," when arraigned before Police Judge Lessing Tuesday morning. At that time he was given the complaint to read—because of his lack of hearing—and also a statement informing him of his constitutional rights to retain an attorney and cross-examine witnesses. He was returned to jail, as was Daigh, to await the preliminary hearing.

Hollingshead has lived here for ten or 12 years, making his living by doing odd jobs for residents.

More Whales Off Hawaii

HONOLULU (U P) — Whales have recently been on the increase in Hawaiian waters.

Building-Loan Association's Funds Now Insured By Fed. Corporation

W. E. BOWEN, Assistant Secretary
. . . his accounts are federally-insured now

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ing & Loan Association's application for insurance was approved on July 3, 1937, according to word received from Washington, and the insurance protection is effective on that date for all present and future accounts deposited by individuals, partnerships, associations or corporations.

"Naturally the officers and directors of the local association are pleased to learn that the insurance application has been approved in Washington," said W. E. Bowen, assistant secretary actively in charge of the association's affairs. "We are glad of the added protection to be enjoyed by our present patrons, and we are sure that the knowledge that all accounts up to $5,000 are insured will encourage others to invest their funds at the higher rate of interest paid by the building and loan association."

Assists Home Building

The current rate of interest now being paid by the local institution is four percent, and it has never gone below this rate during the 15 years since it was founded. Thruout all these years, including those of the depression, the local association has never failed to pay interest on its deposits.

Last September the association moved into its modern new building at 1335 Post avenue. The association serves a wide area including Torrance, Lomita and adjacent districts outside the city of Los Angeles. Its policy has always been to encourage building of its home community. With the additional funds which the insurance protection will attract, it is hoped to add to its enviable record of civic development, particularly in the field of home construction, Bowen states.

Officers of the association are: Torrance C. Welch, president; James W. Post, vice-president; C. T. Rippy, secretary, and Bowen, assistant secretary. These four officers, with Henry March and Arline Welch, comprise the board of directors.

Aide to Rojo Dies Suddenly

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leave the chapel for the concluding obsequies.

Mrs. Allen, who was a member of the laundry firm with William Rojo, its president, had been with the company since it started here. She was survived by her husband, Charles Allen.

Dog Keeps Ellwoods From Enjoying Trip

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellwood, accompanied by their son, motored to La Jolla anticipating a pleasant week-end at the beach city. But because of their dog they were refused admission to every hotel they sought for accommodations. Similar refusals were encountered in San Diego. Returning to Laguna they attempted to seek rooms at auto camps but found them all full. The Ellwoods came home Sunday night considerably disgusted but still championing their pet dog.

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New Well On Banks of Slough East of Lomita

A new oil well was spudded in this week by the Carson Oil company, a Buckeye Union concern from Santa Fe Springs, about two blocks south from Highway 101 and at the intersection of the unimproved extension of South Figueroa street, three and one-half miles east of Lomita. The site is also on the watery, muddy banks of Bixby Slough.

It is reported at the field of the company, headed by Fred Delaney, that the Carson unit has leases on 80 acres in the immediate vicinity of the new well. All indications point to a thorough test of the location. The derrick is of steel, all four boilers are new and all construction work is extremely heavy and substantial.

'Alfalfa Bill' May Try 1938 Comeback

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 8. (U.P.)—Fiery William Henry (Alfalfa Bill) Murray, Oklahoma's former governor-author, has launched what his friends are convinced is his first of a series of battles to return to the governorship in which he made Southwest history for four years from 1931 to 1935.

Murray has left his rural retirement on his frugal 70-acre farm at Broken Bow, deep in the heart of the Kiamichi mountains, and is taking an active interest in public affairs.

INTEND TO WED

Marion J. Holloway, 28, of San Clemente, and Lona Piper, 37, of 1344 Post avenue, had notice of intention to marry on file at the county marriage license bureau in Los Angeles this week.

Laundry Strike Near Solution

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pared to hold out until victory is won.

"I believe the plant is running at about 20 percent of capacity and plans are being worked out by our union to stop that too. We were deeply touched by the untimely death of Mrs. Carrie Allen, secretary at the laundry plant. Although she did not join us in our move for better conditions, we tried to show our respect by attending the funeral last Friday and calling off the picket line for the rest of the day."

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