

NO ARRESTS IN GIRL'S SLAYING

By a Staff Writer
WAVERLY, IA. — One month ago today, the partially clad body of 14-year-old Valerie Lynn Klossowsky of Waverly was found beneath a bridge on a lonely country road near Denver, Ia.

Since that time, investigators have interviewed some 150 persons — some of them as many as five times — and spent many hundreds of man-hours probing the strangulation murder of the girl.

There have been no arrests, and apparently no clear-cut suspects.

"Things don't look too bright. I guess a month sort of speaks for itself," Bremer County Attorney Richard Kemming said here Wednesday.

"We're not at a dead end, though. We're still checking information given to us and we still have some lab reports to come yet," he added.

In addition to the county attorney, the slaying has been investigated by agents of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Bremer County sheriff's office, Waverly police department, and the Iowa Highway Patrol.

They have established that the girl was choked to death sometime late the night of June 13, a Sunday, after she was last seen in the vicinity of the Waverly swimming pool.

She had gone to the pool with a girlfriend. The friend said, however, that Valerie stopped outside the pool entrance to talk with some people and said she would be at pool side shortly.

Her friend went inside, but Valerie never appeared. Later, when the friend left the pool, she found Valerie's swimming suit and towel outside, but the girl was gone.

Her body was found two days later by two young boys as they were tramping along a small creek in a rolling area about three miles southwest of Denver.

An autopsy disclosed that the girl, described by her relatives as "tall and strong for her age," had been strangled with such force that her larynx was fractured.

The body, when it was found, was clothed only with the girl's upper garments, which had been pulled up around her shoulders.

Evansville, Ind., where electrical storms knocked out many phones as repairmen walked out.

Expected to Slow
Telephone installation and repair was expected to slow or stop in strike-affected areas, but Bell had no immediate estimate of those troubles. It said calls would continue to go through for some time, at least until lack of maintenance begins to cause breakdowns in switching gear.

The effectiveness of the strike appeared to vary through the diverse Bell System, which includes a number of different operating companies, Bell Labs, Western Electric manufacturing facilities and American Telephone & Telegraph Co. long lines division, which handles interstate calls. Some non-strikers were picketed off the job.

The union estimated 400,000 of its members were out, along with 100,000 members of other unions that struck simultaneously or honored



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The Voice With a 'Smile'

Joseph Friedman, foreground, a Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., engineer, is at the end of a long line of supervisory and administrative personnel filling in on the firm's switchboard in Des Moines. Friedman has been serving as a long-distance operator since members of the Communications Workers of America went on strike Wednesday morning.

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some delays reported in long-distance calls through independent exchanges.

The independent companies are connected with the Bell System for long-distance service, and most small independents have all long-distance calls handled for them by Bell System operators.

CWA pickets were on duty outside the Northwestern Bell offices in most Iowa cities.

"To Hell with Ma Bell," said a sign carried by one young telephone operator picketing the phone company offices in Des Moines.

Construction of an \$8-million, 12-story addition to the building, at Ninth Street north of High Street, was halted when construction workers refused to cross CWA picket lines.

Inside the building, non-union workers struggled to master their temporary assignments and keep the phones ringing.

"The problem right now is that these people aren't as ef-

ficient or productive as our regular operators," said Mason.

Get Better
"But every hour they work, they get better. In a week or so we'll be doing pretty well."

Mason said most management workers — but not executives — will earn "premium pay" for working 12-hour shifts during the strike.

Some 200 supervisory workers from Des Moines and another 140 from Omaha were dispatched to other Northwestern Bell offices in Iowa to help maintain service, he said.

Bill Dugan, general traffic manager in the Des Moines office, said service was "a little rough — we're not perfect yet."

"We have plenty of people, but we're a little short of experience," said Dugan. Many of the supervisory workers now serving as operators handled similar jobs during an 18-day strike in 1968, he said.

Don Fleege of Des Moines, a traffic department supervisor, said for him learning to be a phone operator was not difficult

"because I installed this equipment."

"Picking It Up"
"I've had some problems, but mostly I'm getting along pretty well," said Fleege, filling out a card for the bill for a person-to-person call.

Friedman said he worked on the switchboard during the strike three years ago and was "picking it up pretty fast" Wednesday.

"But about my third call this morning was to Oddan, Denmark, and I didn't know how to handle it."

Chief operator Marie Gazes said the substitutes "are doing a pretty good job — considering."

"The callers realize the situation and most of them are cooperative and patient," she said.

Mrs. Charlene Parr, the general chief operator in the directory assistance division, said the large number of calls for information Wednesday morning "pretty well swamped us."

During the last strike, she said, customers within a few days began looking up numbers themselves when they found that information calls took longer than usual.

Two Hurt Here In 2-Car Crash

Two persons were injured in a two-car crash Wednesday at S.W. Ninth Street and McKinley Avenue, police said.

They were identified as Judith Rios, 28, and Rhonda Rios, 6, both of 2321 S.E. Sixth St. Both were treated at Mercy Hospital — Mrs. Rios for leg cuts and Rhonda for head cuts — and were released.

They were passengers in a car driven by Raymond Rios, 32, also of 2321 S.E. Sixth St., when it collided at the intersection about 4:20 p.m. with an auto driven by Gary Jahnke, 17, who police said lives at 1600 S.E. Diehl Ave. Jahnke was charged with failure to yield the right of way, police said.

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CHARGE BIAS ON NEWSMEN

(The Register's Iowa News Service)
DAVENPORT, IA. — A \$25,000 suit alleging that city officials discriminate against reporters for an underground newspaper here by refusing them access to police reports was on file Wednesday in U.S. District Court.

Quad-City Community News Service, Inc., publishers of the newspaper "Challenge," filed the suit against the city of Davenport and Mayor John Jebens, Police Chief Gil Kooos and City Attorney Dick Larson.

No Press Cards
Harold Vannier, president of the corporation, said the suit was filed because Challenge reporters have been denied access to police reports since "we lack the press cards they refuse to give us."

At the same time, he said, reporters from other Quad-Cities news outlets have been allowed to inspect police records without press cards.

The suit seeks \$5,000 in actual damages and \$20,000 in punitive damages. Also sought is an injunction ordering the city to stop barring Challenge reporters and the issuing of press cards by the Davenport police to six Challenge reporters.

Street Sales
The newspaper has published six bi-weekly issues of about 20 pages each since its inception in early May. The newspaper carries national and local stories and advertising. It is sold on the streets for 25 cents a copy.

Vannier said about 1,000 copies of each issue were printed at Rantoul, Ill.

Education Grant Given to Iowa

Iowa has been awarded a \$435,000 federal grant for special programs for educationally deprived children, the U.S. Office of Education announced Wednesday.

The money will be distributed through the Iowa Department of Public Instruction to local school districts most in need of additional funds to aid children from low-income families.

Iowa's grant is one of 28 special incentive grants available for the first time this year.

Amounts awarded range from \$7,730 (to Maryland) to \$945,696 (to Michigan, Minnesota and New York).

Two Dissent to Southern Portion

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for another freeway in Des Moines.

Robert Boyt, a commission member from Urbandale, said that the transit study "doesn't make any difference in the need for a north-south freeway."

"What'd we make it for, then?" Christiansen asked. "Because we need both a transit system and a freeway," Boyt replied.

Christiansen voted against approving plans for the portion of the freeway from Interstate 35-80 at N.W. Beaver Drive south to the downtown area near Des Moines Technical High School. All other members present voted for it.

William Leachman, a Des Moines representative to the commission, said he opposed the southeastern direction of the freeway proposal on the south side. He asked why the freeway plan doesn't follow S.W. Ninth Street where traffic is heaviest.

Mickle said the Ninth Street route would wipe out everything on the east side of S.W. Ninth so it was decided to move the route several blocks to the east where more open space is available.

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Cost-Cutting Plastic Pipes Approved in Plumbing Code

Plastic pipe, a construction cost-saver in certain uses, was given official state approval Wednesday when the State Health Board adopted revisions to the Iowa Plumbing Code.

The revisions, hammered out over the past year by a study committee, clear the way for using pipes and fittings made of plastic instead of the conventional, often more costly, metal fittings.

A State Health Department engineer on the committee, Harry Grant, said plastic plumbing costs "close to the same" as metal fittings but builders can reduce some labor costs because plastic is lighter and easier to join.

But Grant said costs of larger plastic pipes are "a little higher" than metal and present

some problems. He explained that a plumber bonds plastic pipe with a glue-type sealer and "he can't take it apart if he makes a mistake." Metal joints can be unscrewed.

Dr. Arnold Reeve, health commissioner, said the plastic pipe provisions were adopted "under considerable pressure from HUD," the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Reeve described the Iowa code as "much more liberal" with the revisions but said HUD still considers it "too restrictive in some respects." He said limits of 35 feet on plastic pipe used in vertical stacks and 15 feet on horizontal installations are still at issue with HUD.

HUD also insists on a right-

of-entry clause allowing government officials to inspect plumbing installations, said Reeve, but the board said this should be left to local officials.

Officials said the state code must be obeyed in cities of less than 6,000 population unless they have optional codes that are stricter. Larger cities are required to have local codes that must be at least as strict as the state's, said Reeve.

Innovations such as plastic in plumbing have been the subject of long controversy, according to building industry officials. Resistance reportedly has been strong in some unions. Some communities ban plastic in local codes.

D.M. BICYCLIST IS SHOT IN LEG Rules Require One Phone For Each 1,000 Persons

A bicyclist suffered a gunshot wound in his left leg while riding Wednesday afternoon, police said.

The injured boy was identified as Larry L. Ponx, 15, of 4275 N.E. Twenty-eighth St. He was listed in satisfactory condition Wednesday night at Iowa Lutheran Hospital.

Police said the youth was riding near the intersection of E. Douglas and Colfax avenues about 4:20 p.m. when struck by a .22-caliber bullet.

Officers said the boy apparently was the victim of a stray shot fired by one of three youths who were target practicing nearby.

The three boys fled when they saw Ponx fall from his bike, police said.

License Firm's Rubber Process

LONDON, ENGLAND (REUTERS) — A division of Lord Corp. of Eric, Pa., has been licensed to develop a new process for producing heat resistant and longer-life rubber for truck tires, it was announced Wednesday.

The license was granted by the London-based Natural Rubber Producers Research Association, which is backed by Malaysian rubber growers.

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are "certainly not luxurious," Reeve said, citing more stringent rules that apply to military bivouacs.

Reeve said he has been unable to answer requests from potential rock festival promoters asking, "What do I need to have?" He said, however, he knows of "no serious proposals" for another Wadena-type festival in Iowa.

The commissioner said he has received complaints from citizens "about organized events that occur year after year such as the Old Threshers Reunion." The complaints involve such things as inadequate toilets, he said.

Reeve said the health board's rules will take effect if they are approved by the attorney general and the Legislative Rules Review Committee.

Advance Notice

Under the rules, sponsors of mass gatherings must notify the health commissioner 30 days in advance. Violations "shall be ground for immediate closing" by order of the commissioner or through the courts, he said.

One full day before the mass gathering starts, the sponsors

must provide the following minimum facilities:

Water supply — Five thousand gallons for each 1,000 persons a day. The water must be certified pure and "continuously available" from at least eight outlets per 1,000 participants.

Washing facilities — Equipped with soap, water and towels, these must be "located conveniently to each food concession and kitchen."

Toilets — Separate facilities for each sex, "conveniently located," must be provided on a scale of 20 seats for each 1,000 persons. In addition, urinals for males must be provided "at the rate of eight linear feet of trench per 100 men." Toilets must be at least 200 feet from food service outlets.

Solid waste — Receptacles for trash and garbage must be conveniently available and readily accessible to collection vehicles for at least daily pickup.

Medical facilities must be "adequately staffed" for the crowd size and ambulances must be within easy reach.

Food service facilities must be cleared by State Agriculture Department inspectors.

Telephones — At least one per 1,000 persons.

Board member Charles Mullinex of Waterloo said the new state rules closely resemble what he arranged in 1940 for the national crowd husking contest that attracted 135,000 persons to a farm north of Davenport.

Reeve said Mullinex's 31-year-old report of that gathering was consulted in drafting the new rules.

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Little Bother Yet to Public In Telephone System Strike

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The public was hardly bothered as up to half of the one million employees of the highly automated Bell Telephone System struck Wednesday over a variety of issues.

But both sides said it is only a matter of time before phone service begins to deteriorate, and the union says its complicated strike-ending procedures guarantee the walkout will last at least two weeks.

"Service Good"

"Picketing is light and service is good," a Bell spokesman said at midday after the AFL-CIO Communications Workers of America (CWA) struck at 5 a.m. (Iowa time).

Spot checks by the Associated Press showed little public inconvenience.

A Detroit, Mich., caller had to wait six minutes while an operator looked up a new listing. Getting a long-distance operator was a chore in Columbus, Ga., which has no direct-dialing.

A Minneapolis, Minn., caller was unable to get an operator for a credit card call after two tries. A male information operator in Washington didn't know the area code for Denver, Colo. Miami, Fla., callers sometimes waited as long as 50 rings for long-distance operators.

But callers who dialed for themselves continued to find service normal in most cases.

This is because the Bell System's switching equipment is mostly automated. Furthermore, a high proportion of Bell's employees — 40 per cent according to the union, or 22.8 per cent according to the company — are supervisory personnel who do not belong to the union and who can be pressed into service in a strike.

"We have bosses up poles and men on switchboards," said a Bell spokesman in

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