

End state evidence in Smidt trial

Testimony from state witnesses at the trial of Paul Smidt for the murder of his mother was completed Wednesday in District Court.

Dr. Robert Brindley, Mason City psychiatrist, and a psychiatrist from the State Psychopathic Hospital in Iowa City, were to testify first for the defense.

In their testimony, Homerding and Jewell said the Smidt boy told them he had left school at Nova Springs Ill the morning of March 15 and had called his mother, Amelia Smidt, at the First National Bank in Mason City where she was employed.

They related that the boy said he took a stomach medicine upon her advice and later had taken his rifle and went to the barn to shoot pigeons.

They further testified the boy told them he had cleaned his desk when he returned to the house and in so doing accidentally tore up a check which was to have been used to pay his club dues.

The officers said the boy told them the torn-up check caused a quarrel between him and his mother after she arrived home and that when he went to get tape to repair the torn check he remembered the tape was used up.

According to the testimony of the officers, the boy said he took the rifle from a pantry and shot his mother while she was standing near a refrigerator in the kitchen. The boy said he went blank after the first shot and fired four or five times more.

Homerding testified that the boy said he had a warm feeling prior to the shooting.

The officers said the boy told them he had driven his mother's car to the police station to report the incident and that he told them he did not know if she was dead.

Sheriff Jerry Allen, who was called to the scene of the shooting, testified that he took photographs which were introduced as evidence in the court. He said he found a .22 caliber rifle inside the house and several spent cartridges.

He testified that the rifle, slugs and cartridge cases were sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., for examination.

Robert Frazier, special agent for the FBI in the firearms identification section, testified in court that he examined the materials sent by Allen and said that in test firing the single-shot rifle he found the shell ejector to be broken, making it necessary to remove spent cartridges manually.

Dr. Paul H. Potter, who performed the autopsy on Mrs. Smidt, said he discovered seven bullet wounds in her body, five of which entered from the front and two from the back.

He said that in his opinion, no one of these shots would have caused death.

Dr. Jerry J. Herlitzka, county medical examiner, and Dr. John MacGregor, assistant, testified they were at the scene of the slaying and examined the body of Mrs. Smidt.

"Vote ..." (From Page 1) him to take the lead," Ellender said.

And he charged the Supreme Court, by applauding Johnson's March 15 voting rights appeal to a joint session of Congress, gave "handclap approval" to the measure.

"We have witnessed the spectacle of the President of the greatest nation on earth turning our assembled leaders into an incited throng," Ellender said.

He said Selma, Ala.—the cauldron in which the voting rights controversy boiled into violence—was a peaceful southern town until "Negro agitators" arrived.

But Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., said the Senate was at last invoking "the majesty and power" of the nation to guarantee Negroes the right to vote. "Do it we will," he said, "do it we must."

Actually, there were three Senate votes on the measure. All three were on the same terms. First, the Senate adopted, 78-18, the amended version it has been considering, and substituted it for the measure recommended April 12 by its judiciary committee.

Around the country Weather details

Iowa: Mostly cloudy Wednesday night with showers and thunderstorms affecting 30 to 50 per cent of the state but mostly in the east; cooler west and central, lows in mid 40s northwest to near 60 southeast. Thursday variable cloudiness and cooler, highs in mid 60s northwest to near 80 southeast.

Minnesota: Considerable cloudiness with scattered rain north Thursday. Cooler extreme east Thursday, highs 45-52 north, 52-60 south.

Globe-Gazette weather data up to 8 a.m. Wednesday. Maximum 82 Minimum 58 At 8 a.m. 62 Precipitation .88 Sunrise 4:40 Sunset 7:41

YEAR AGO: Maximum 78 Minimum 59

Well driller is poisoned

ESTHERVILLE (AP)—A well driller died in a well pit Tuesday of apparent chlorine poisoning after saving a young helper who became ill of chemical fumes.

Killed in the accident on the John Grieg Hilltop Farm was Eldon Bonnicksen, 45, of Estherville.

Bonnicksen fell from a ladder back into the 10-foot well pit after showing John Jerome Reinhardt, 19, high enough for others to reach in and pull him out.

Reinhardt was reported in satisfactory condition Wednesday in Holy Family Hospital.

Suicide verdict in heiress' death

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, Mich. (AP)—The death of Mrs. Ethel du Pont Roosevelt Warren, heiress and former wife of Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., was ruled a suicide Wednesday.

Dr. Edward S. Zawadzki, Wayne (Detroit) County medical examiner, made the finding and fixed the cause of death as "asphyxia by hanging."

It was brought out at an inquest that she had been under psychiatric care and had threatened suicide in the past.

Foreign aid bill okayed

WASHINGTON (AP)—House passage of a one-year, \$3.37-billion foreign aid authorization bill has set the stage for a showdown with the Senate over the future course of the program.

Senate leaders said they will push for early passage of a different version — one which extends the program for two years, at \$3.35 billion a year — and calls for termination of foreign aid in its present form after that.

The House passed its one-year measure — with no provision for termination — by a vote of 249 to 148 Tuesday. It did so after rejecting, 219 to 177, a Republican attempt to cut \$131 million from the development loan section.

Murder ...

William L. Meadows, 36, marshal at Plainfield, was shot down as he investigated an attempted safe burglary Jan. 23, 1961, at the Hartman Packing plant there. The two men robbing the safe got no money, but escaped in a burst of gunfire.

Other recent unsolved murders in Iowa include several robbery victims.

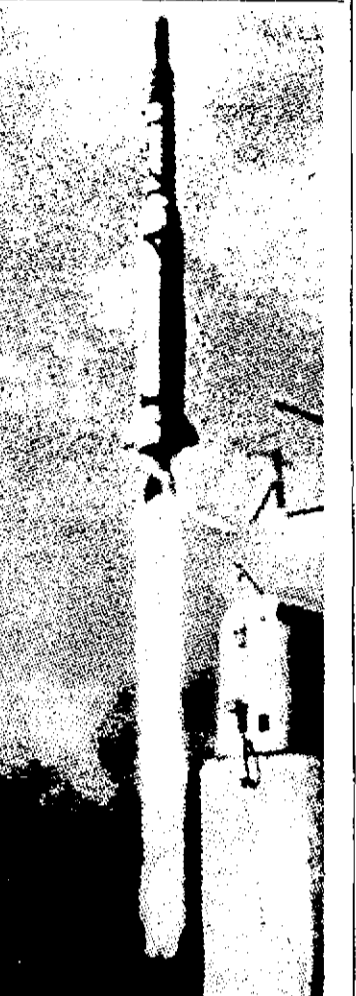
George H. Geary, 40, was slain in the office of a Des Moines service station where he worked as an attendant on Jan. 13, 1963. He was shot in the head at close range, and \$252.15 was missing from a cash drawer.

William H. Freimuth, 71, another service station attendant, was shot to death Feb. 16, 1961, in Fort Dodge. The gunman took \$140 from the cash register.

Frederick Coste, 47, manager of a Cedar Rapids finance company, was found dead in his downtown office shortly before noon on Oct. 16, 1959. The killer slugged and stabbed Coste and took \$258.85.

Melvin James Gallagher, 22, was killed by a shotgun blast Jan. 3, 1959, as he counted receipts at the Waterloo filling station where he worked. His killer took \$179 in cash.

WEATHER ELSEWHERE By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Albany, cloudy 83 61. Albuquerque, clear 72 41. Atlanta, cloudy 68 66 04. Birmingham, snow 59 35 04. Boise, cloudy 70 43. Boston, cloudy 62 66. Buffalo, cloudy 76 51. Chicago, cloudy 80 68. Cincinnati, clear 68 43. Cleveland, rain 68 61 7. Denver, cloudy 58 40 36. Des Moines, cloudy 85 60 39. Detroit, clear 83 62. Fairbanks, cloudy 59 42. Helena, cloudy 81 71 7. Honolulu, rain 83 73 07. Indianapolis, clear 82 72 13. Jacksonville, clear 83 61 13. Juneau, rain 53 40 15. Kansas City, rain 78 63 19. Los Angeles, clear 88 55. Louisville, clear 88 63. Memphis, cloudy 70 51. Miami, cloudy 81 76 26. Milwaukee, cloudy 83 59. Minneapolis, cloudy 78 58 12. New Orleans, clear 80 71 19. New York, cloudy 79 67. Oklahoma City, rain 81 61 21. Omaha, cloudy 80 61. Philadelphia, cloudy 77 51. Phoenix, clear 81 50. Pittsburgh, cloudy 83 63. Portland, Me., cloudy 82 51. St. Louis, T-Trace.



—AP Photos

The French Army Wednesday released this photo of the launching in the Sahara of their three-stage rocket "Emmeraud." The Defense Ministry reported the rocket reached a height of about 110 miles in just over four minutes. It is part of the nation's program to develop missiles which eventually would carry nuclear warheads.

Viet Cong catch Yanks in ambush

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — One American was killed, another was wounded and a third was missing Wednesday following a Viet Cong ambush 60 miles northwest of Saigon.

In the air war, U.S. warplanes battered military installations and transport facilities in North Viet Nam on a round-the-clock basis.

The Americans were ambushed Tuesday as they were traveling in a jeep from the Special Forces camp at Ben Soi to Tay Ninh.

An irregular South Vietnamese strike force made contact with the Viet Cong, and a regional company accompanied by two American advisers was sent into the area.

In the firefight that followed 41 Viet Cong were reported killed. South Vietnamese losses were four killed and four wounded.

The American who was killed, an enlisted man, was the 386th American combat death in South Viet Nam since December 1961. This is one more than the American battle dead in the Spanish-American war.

Twenty F105 Thunderchiefs hit a radar site at Hon Mat Island and a petroleum storage area at Vinh, 130 miles south of Hanoi, a U.S. spokesman said. Pilots reported they damaged four buildings at the radar site, and destroyed four buildings at Vinh.

Four U.S. Navy Skyraiders and two F8 Crusaders from the carrier Midway damaged or destroyed 16 buildings at the Phu Van supply depot, 150 miles south of Hanoi, the spokesman said.

Frank Eckels, 73, owner of an Oakland motel, regained consciousness long enough to tell police he was shot by a man as he locked his cafe-motel office about midnight Dec. 4, 1958. He died of a gunshot wound three days later.

Iowa's most famous unsolved murders are the Villisca ax murders of 1912, in which a family of six and two neighbor children staying with them were brutally hacked to death while they slept.

Sales tax extended to services

House approves bill by barest minimum

DES MOINES (AP) — One of the bills designed to provide funds to support the \$225 million-plus budget being fashioned by the legislature squeaked through the Iowa House Tuesday night by the barest necessary minimum.

The bill, to extend the sales tax to hotel and motel bills, beauty and barber shop and laundry and dry cleaning services, scraped through by a 63-52 vote. The bill now goes to the Senate.

The bare constitutional majority, mustered for the bill only after a Democratic caucus to whip the House members into line, boded ill for other similar bills to provide the money for support of spending plans. One less vote for the bill would have sent it to defeat.

Complete action on pay hikes

DES MOINES (AP)—The legislature's bill to increase the salaries of future legislators from \$30 to \$40 a day while in session was on its way to Gov. Harold Hughes Wednesday.

The House completed action on the revised measure Tuesday, 79-41. Legislators have not received a pay boost since 1957 when the pay was changed from \$2,000 a session to \$30 a day.

The bill does not apply to incumbent members because the Iowa Constitution forbids legislators to raise their own pay.

Agree on bill for system of schools in state

DES MOINES (AP)—A Senate-House committee reported agreement Wednesday on a bill to open the way for a system of colleges and vocational schools over the state.

It is similar to the bill first passed by the Senate, limiting the number of schools to about 20 and allowing a voter-approved levy of three-fourth mill against property for operation of a school.

A Senate bill to establish minimum standards for public and private schools went to conference when the House insisted on its amendments.

House okayes measure on dairy marketing

DES MOINES (AP) — A bill which the sponsors said is intended to curb unfair practices in the marketing of dairy products went to the Senate Wednesday with a 93-16 passage vote in the House.

Rep. Walter Cochran, D-Eagle Grove, who led a House fight for the measure Tuesday, said that large national dairy firms are threatening to drive small Iowa dairies out of business through price competition.

All about Iowa FROM GLENN WIER, DES MOINES

WASHINGTON — A special summer Youth Corps project for Iowa City, Iowa, has been approved by the Labor Department. The department said Tuesday the government would pay all except \$4,000 of the \$31,100 cost and summer work would be provided for 40 persons.

FORT DODGE — A county grand jury has refused to return an indictment in the death of Harold A. Hade, 62, of Fort Dodge, a county jail prisoner. Hade was found on the jail floor May 13 and died later in a hospital. The sheriff's office said Earl E. Black, 21, of Fort Dodge, who also was in jail, admitted striking Hade but claimed he did so in self defense.

WASHINGTON — Three Iowa Republican members of Congress were among others from 37 states receiving distinguished awards Tuesday night from Americans for Constitutional Action. They are Sens. Bourke Hick-enlooper and Jack Miller and Rep. H. R. Gross.

CEDAR FALLS — Edward Ryan Saul, 5, drowned Tuesday while wading in Snag Creek here. Authorities said he wandered off and apparently stepped into a pot hole. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Saul of Cedar Falls.

WASHINGTON — Iowa Republicans Sens. Bourke Hick-enlooper and Jack Miller voted against cloture on the civil rights bill Tuesday. They had favored cloture on the 1964 bill.

CORNING — A construction worker was killed Tuesday when dirt caved into a 10-foot ditch when he was helping lay pipe. He was Gene Popp, 36, of Atlantic. The accident occurred at the building site of the new Colonial Manors nursing home here. Popp is survived by his wife and three children.

Approve bill to rewrite state laws on juveniles

DES MOINES (AP) — After strong criticism and equally spirited defense of the press, the Iowa House passed Tuesday night a bill to rewrite and recodify the state laws dealing with delinquent, dependent and neglected children.

The bill, which became embroiled in controversy over language excluding newsmen from most juvenile court proceedings, passed on a 101-11 vote.

The measure now returns to the Senate for consideration of numerous House amendments. Rep. Lee Gaudineer, D-Des Moines, commented sarcastically:

To strengthen laws on pollution control

DES MOINES (AP)—A bill designed to strengthen Iowa water pollution control laws and their enforcement passed the Senate 44-5 Tuesday. It returns to the House for action on Senate amendments.

The bill would create a nine-member Iowa Water Pollution Control Commission to enforce anti-pollution laws by working through the State Health Department.

The commission could order the department to investigate alleged pollution if requested by any state agency, city or county government or any 25 citizens.

It could direct the department to issue, revoke, modify or deny permits for installation or modification of sewage or industrial waste disposal systems.

It could attempt to end pollution problems by persuasion but failing this, could conduct a public hearing and then order pollution abated.

A commission order could be appealed to District Court. Disobedience of a court order enforcing a pollution directive could be punished by a fine of up to \$100 for each day the offense continues, under the Senate version of the bill.

Inspection bill okayed

DES MOINES (AP)—The Senate gave 47-1 approval to a House-passed meat inspection bill Tuesday night after striking from it provisions dealing with humane slaughter of animals.

The measure calls for state inspection of meat which is slaughtered in Iowa and kept within the state where it is not subject to federal inspection. The bill appropriates \$250,000 to finance the inspection program starting July 1, 1966.

The measure returns to the House for action on the Senate amendment. Its sponsors said most plants slaughter by humane methods, anyway, and that some small plants could not afford it in the way required under the bill.

ly that newsmen covering the legislature should be "proud of themselves" because, he said, they had in effect "killed something that is badly needed."

He said his remarks criticizing the press would "never appear in newspapers anywhere in the state," and added:

"More than ever I resist this untold pressure brought against this bill by the press."

Rep. William Wilson, D-Cedar Falls, like Gaudineer a first session legislator, declared that "never have I seen such intensive lobbying activity as the press has put on against this bill."

He said he was "unhappy about legislation by the press." The bill, which Rep. Tom Renda, D-Des Moines, said was a product of four years of study, sets up procedures for the handling of cases involving neglected, dependent and delinquent children.

It provides for court investigations and hearings of cases involving children, and sets forth the procedure to be followed by the court, investigators and others to follow in disposing of such cases.

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