

HINT FOUL PLAY IN BOY'S CASE

By William Simbro
(Register Staff Writer)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. — The possibility of foul play in the Feb. 3 disappearance of Guy Heckle, 11, was hinted Tuesday.

An official of the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) said the BCI will send an agent here to look into the disappearance of the Cedar Rapids youth from a Boy Scout campout along the Cedar River two miles northwest of Toddville.

Howard Heckle, the missing boy's father, said Tuesday he had been told by his son's scoutmaster that someone had shined a flashlight in the bedroom window of another boy in the troop on three nights after the Heckle boy's disappearance.

Heckle said these incidents hadn't been thoroughly checked out by local authorities.

The first clue to the missing boy's possible whereabouts came Sunday when a fisherman found a jacket in the river a mile south of the campout scene. The Heckles identified the jacket as belonging to their son.

Heckle said the jacket was partially zipped up and he couldn't understand how his son could have gotten out of the jacket.

The BCI entry into the case came after Heckle wrote a letter to Representative Rayman Logue (Rep., Marengo), who is a fellow employee at Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. Logue, along with Representative James Wells (Dem., Cedar Rapids) took up the matter with BCI officials, Heckle said.

Heckle said he didn't wish to criticize the Linn County Sheriff's office, which has been in charge of the case. But, he said, he thought there were matters that hadn't been checked out thoroughly, including the flashlight incident involving the other Boy Scout.

Heckle said that if he and his wife "have to mortgage our house down to the last dollar" to have every angle in the case thoroughly checked, they will do so.

The search for the boy was resumed after the jacket was found Sunday. Earlier searches had failed.

Will Rogers Show
Set for Thursday

Dr. John Nicholls Booth, a lecturer and explorer from California, will present a program, "The Amazing America of Will Rogers" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, at North High School. The program, part of the Travel Adventure Series, presents some of America's most spectacular sights and events as Dr. Booth follows the travels of Will Rogers.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, and 75 cents for students through grade 12.

Living Costs Hold
Steady in France

PARIS, FRANCE (AP) — The cost of living in France remained stable in January because of anti-inflation measures introduced in the new year, the government announced Tuesday. The increase in the cost of living had totaled 2 per cent over the previous three months.



Iowans Talk to Former Astronaut

John Mohr, 10, a fifth-grader at the John Glenn School at Donahue, talks over the telephone Tuesday with John Glenn, left the former astronaut for whom the school was named. Glenn, who made the first orbital flight aboard a Mercury spacecraft, Feb. 20, 1962, spoke from his home in Columbus, Ohio. Students at the school in eastern Iowa's Scott County have been attempting to talk to Glenn since Christmas. Glenn is no longer working for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Laird Elected to Park Unit Post

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Former Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird was elected Tuesday as chairman of the board of directors of the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts.

The foundation was created in 1968 as a nonprofit organization to contract, finance and develop programs produced at Wolf Trap Farm Park. It is the private half of a partnership with the federal government represented by the National Park Service which maintains the park, located in Virginia about 17 miles from Washington.

Two other new members of the board were elected at a meeting in the offices of Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton. They are singer Beverly Sills and Robert W. Wilson, of Washington, D.C.

Credit Card Bill On Traffic Fines

Persons convicted of minor traffic violations could pay their fines by credit card under a bill introduced Tuesday by State Senator Gene Kennedy (Dem., Dubuque).

The state safety commissioner would be ordered to make agreements with credit card companies to insure reimbursement to the courts of fines paid by credit cards.

The bill would alter rules for court appearances.

Long Arm of Law Catches A Trespassing Squirrel

By Thomas Ryder
(Register Staff Writer)

DUBUQUE, IA. — Two Dubuque policemen outfoxed a large grey squirrel trapped in a home here Tuesday but not before the frightened animal chewed up a window frame in the bedroom of the house.

Officer Gerald Herburger said he and Officer Paul Neyens answered a call at the residence of Mrs. James Kean at 1120 Nowata St. about 1 p.m. Mrs. Kean said she had a squirrel trapped in the bedroom of her house and requested help in getting rid of it.

Mrs. Kean reported that the squirrel had come down the fireplace in the living room and was making so much noise that she thought it was a burglar. She told police the squirrel hopped around the living room and then into a bedroom of the bungalow and that she shut the door.

Herburger said he spotted the squirrel from the outside sitting behind a window shade on the ledge of the window formed where the double window converged.

Herburger said Neyens hurriedly went into the bedroom opened another window and left.

"I then attempted to pry open the window the squirrel was on from the outside," Herburger said. "Then suddenly the shade zipped up and rattled around, startling me as well as

ORDER TESTS FOR PATIENT

By Charles Harpster

A 62-year-old patient at the Knoxville Veterans Hospital has been ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation in connection with the death of an 81-year-old patient following a beating Jan. 13 in the hospital's dining room.

Harry B. Burns, 81, who had been a patient at the hospital since 1939, died in an Iowa City hospital Jan. 14 of a skull fracture and brain hemorrhage suffered in the incident, U.S. Atty. Allen Donielson said Tuesday.

Burns' alleged assailant, George Gillis Howery, 62, a patient there since 1961, was charged with manslaughter last Wednesday by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In a complaint in U.S. District Court in Des Moines, FBI agent Cecil D. Esslinger said Howery and Burns were passing through the food serving line about 5:10 p.m. when "Howery struck Burns in the face and then kicked and stamped Burns' face and head with his feet, knocking him unconscious."

The outburst came after a "sudden quarrel" and in "heat of passion," Esslinger said.

Donielson said the FBI entered the case because the incident occurred on property under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

lowan Convicted In Brazil Action

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL (AP) — An American has been convicted in absentia here on charges of attempted extortion that included a murder threat.

The defendant, Bradford Scott Smith, 36, a native of Mitchellville, Ia., was sentenced Monday to four years and five months in jail. The U.S. consulate said Tuesday that Smith was "apparently out of the country."

Smith was convicted of trying to extort \$25,000 in 1970 from Kenneth Patton, an executive of Banco Lar Brasileiro, a bank affiliated with the Chase Manhattan Bank of the United States. Smith allegedly threatened to kill a grade school-age son of Patton if the banker did not pay.

2 SENTENCED

NICE, FRANCE (AP) — Turkish Senator Kudret Bayhan and his chauffeur, Ibrahim Iktir, were sentenced to 15 years in prison Tuesday and fined \$662,222 for trying to smuggle 321 pounds of morphine.

ASKS STANDING APPROPRIATION

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goes far beyond Ray's suggestion to repeal the personal property tax on livestock, which would cost the state about \$8 million a year.

Shaff said Monday he thinks repeal of the tax on livestock is a likelihood even if the rest of the tax remains on the books.

But the Camanche Republican has a difference with the Ray administration on how to go about it. Ray proposed that the \$8 million to replace the lost local revenue be appropriated by the Legislature every two years.

Automatic Step

Shaff said he wants the replacement bill to be a standing, limited appropriation that would automatically send the cash back to the local governments unless it were repealed by a future Legislature.

Three years ago, the Legislature repealed the personal property tax on breeding cattle exceeding 3 years of age, and a year later neglected to appropriate the \$6-million that the repeal took from local government revenues.

The repeal, therefore, added about \$6 million to the real estate taxes in the state.

The decision not to appropriate the \$6-million was engineered by former State Representative John Camp of Bryant.

Shaff said Monday that making the replacement of the livestock tax repeal a standing appropriation will avoid the possibility of the replacement fund being accidentally left out.

"Conscious Decision"

"This way it would have to be a conscious decision of the Legislature," he said.

The personal property tax is levied on inventories, equipment and goods exceeding \$2,700 in taxable valuation.

Utility, Civil Rights Body Meet on Hiring Practices

DAVENPORT, IA. — Attorneys for Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Co. will meet again today with officials of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission in an effort to resolve a dispute over the company's hiring policies.

The civil rights commission has been trying for several months to get the company to change its "pre-employment tests," contending the tests are inherently discriminatory.

Iowa-Illinois officials were to present their case to the commission at a formal hearing here Monday, but the hearing was postponed at the request of commission director Alvin Hayes of Des Moines.

W. B. Waterman, general counsel for Iowa-Illinois, said Tuesday the company and the commission "have not yet reached an agreement that could be used as the basis for a final settlement" of the dispute.

Waterman said the company feels its pre-employment tests, which are given to all prospective employees, do not discriminate against non-whites as the rights commission contends.

Waterman said Iowa-Illinois asked a professional psychologist from Chicago, Ill., to study the questions asked on the pre-employment tests and "the psychologist told us that the test is not discriminatory."

Waterman said the company is considering beginning a pilot project to bring larger numbers of minority groups into training programs. He said he is hopeful the civil rights commission will consider this, as well as the psychologist's findings, as evidence that Iowa-Illinois is making efforts to employ and retain members of minority groups.

Waterman said the negotiations with the civil rights commission are still in the "conciliation stage." He said company officials were hopeful of resolving the matter without going to court.

Utility, Civil Rights Body Meet on Hiring Practices

Iowa-Illinois has about 1,300 employees, most of them in Iowa. The company provides gas and electric service to Davenport, Iowa City and Fort Dodge, and gas service to Cedar Rapids and Ottumwa areas.

Waterman said today's meeting, at commission offices in Des Moines will not be open to the public.

Eye Overpricing On Auto Parts

Leased Wire to The Register
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has started a nationwide investigation to determine the extent of overpricing on the sale of auto parts and accessories.

The Cost of Living Council said Tuesday that an IRS spot check of dealers in the Nashville, Tenn., and Richmond, Va., areas indicate overcharges of \$176,000 resulting from repricing of inventory items in January, 1972.

The council indicated the overcharging arose after General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. gained Price Commission approval for auto parts and accessory increases in December, 1971. The council indicated auto dealers then repriced their inventories to reflect higher prices even though price guidelines then required that inventory supplies must be sold at the low prices.

Back End to Ban On Alcohol Sales

NORMAL, ILL. (AP) — Residents have voted by almost a 3 to 2 margin in an advisory referendum to end a 105-year prohibition on the sale of alcoholic beverages. Although the referendum was not binding on the city council, leaders said they will draw up a new alcohol ordinance and put it to a vote.

Claims Rule on Free Attorneys Clogs Courts With Appeals

By Richard Doak

Providing low-income persons with court-appointed attorneys when they are accused of crimes is helping to clog Iowa courts with appeals, a state senator complained Tuesday.

Senator Richard Ramsey, a Republican from Osceola, said that when a person is provided with a "free" attorney there is nothing to keep the person from appealing to the Supreme Court, even when the appeal is without merit.

Why Not?

"Why shouldn't he appeal? He's got nothing to lose," said Ramsey.

Ramsey made the remarks at a joint meeting of the Senate and House judiciary committees with C. Edwin Moore, chief justice of the Iowa Supreme Court.

Ramsey asked if there isn't a way the Supreme Court could quickly dismiss appeals with no merit without taking up the court's time.

He said such appeals are especially common in cases involving drunken driving.

"I know. I spend a lot of nights reading those cases," said Justice Moore.

Cites "Avalanche"

Moore said U.S. Supreme Court rulings on the rights of defendants in criminal cases have contributed to what he called an "avalanche" of appeals to the Iowa Supreme Court.

Moore said the Iowa court is taking steps to handle more cases quickly and to dismiss some cases with short opinions.

"Everybody is entitled to a review of his case, but he's not entitled to an essay to be written," said the chief justice.

Moore informally discussed the "state of the judiciary" in Iowa with the legislative committees Tuesday and described steps the court has taken to deal with a steadily increasing case load.

Moore said the increasing complexity of life has led to an increase in civil litigation while recent U.S. Supreme Court opinions on the rights of the accused have brought more criminal appeals.

He said the increased case load affects both the district courts and the Supreme Court. "A judgeship in Iowa is no longer semi-retirement as it was before," said Moore.

Handle More Cases

He said most Iowa judges are handling more cases than ever before. Most Iowa judges are doing a "fine job," he said, and Iowa courts "have the confidence of the people."

Justice Moore said the steps taken in recent years to modernize the Iowa court system have included changing the judicial districts to distribute the work load more evenly among judges, hiring a Supreme Court administrator and staff to handle administrative chores and screen cases before they are argued before the court, cutting the time for arguing some cases and dividing the court into two divisions.

Moore said there has been a steady growth in the number of cases heard by the court. He said 33 opinions were issued last month, compared to 27 the previous month and 22 to 23 normal in the past.

Fair Board Studies Exclusive Contract for 'Discover Hawaii'

By Jerry Szumski

The State Fair Board is considering a Hawaiian firm's request for exclusive rights for Hawaiian concessions and entertainment at next summer's "Discover Hawaii" fair.

The board has told Fair Secretary Kenneth Fulk to check the financial condition of the firm, Hawaii Marketing and Management Services of Honolulu.

Rejected Earlier

Fulk said the board had rejected the offer a month ago — he had scribbled "No" on his copy of a letter containing the proposal — but member C. C. Wagler of Bloomfield revived interest in the proposal at an unannounced board meeting last week.

Wagler urged investigating because he said the deal could save the fair some money.

The board has budgeted \$25,000 for a "Hawaiian Village" at next summer's fair in Des Moines. Fulk said that would cover mainly the cost of Hawaiian entertainment if the state had to buy it.

At Wagler's insistence, Fulk said Tuesday he plans to check the firm for financial responsibility.

Fulk said, however, "We don't grant exclusives on anything." He also said the board

isn't interested in bringing in Hawaiian beer, as the firm suggested in its letter.

Firm's Offer

Besides, Fulk added, he doesn't need or want the items that the firm has offered in exchange for its request. The firm wants exclusive rights for distribution of Hawaiian goods and beer, 2,000 square feet of free space and rights to produce a Polynesian Review and several luaus — all to be offered to fairgoers who'd pay for them.

The firm's letter to Wagler, signed by Robert F. Schriver, said:

"In return for these rights, we would agree . . . to become liaison and co-ordinators for any activities you or any member of your board feels necessary to have accomplished in Hawaii."

Fulk interpreted the offer to mean Schriver and the firm would locate and sign up Hawaiian exhibitors for the fair.

"I have no interest in that," said Fulk, adding that the Hawaiian Visitors Bureau already has offered to help him find exhibitors if Fulk would come out and visit with prospects.

D.M. Aide

Schriver's letter contained one puzzling paragraph, say-

ing: "I have employed the services of Miss Nancy Adams of 2765 Grant Street for representation in Des Moines. Any questions she is not able to answer she may secure by telephone here."

A board member at last week's Fair Board meeting asked Fulk what Miss Adams had to say about the firm's offer.

"She's not interested in it," replied Fulk. "She just met him on the trip. She's with the telephone company. He just thought she would help him out."

Miss Adams, interviewed Tuesday, said she is not representing the firm "at this point" but if the fair hires the firm there is a possibility she may perform services "more or less as a go-between."

She was not optimistic, however. She said: "There was just talk. I'm sure there's a lot of people who would like to have this kind of thing, in addition to Mr. Schriver."

One of 304

Miss Adams, who was among 304 persons on the New Year's holiday "Discover Hawaii" tour that has been under study by

the Iowa Senate, was listed as a member of the State Fair Parade Committee on Fulk's list of tour "ambassadors."

Fulk said Schriver is the only person interested in rights to the complete "Hawaiian Village" next summer. He said other firms have shown interest in individual items, such as food, merchandise or entertainment.

Fulk said the board's policy has been to charge no admission to foreign cultural events, such as the "Mexican Village" in 1971 and 1972.

The meeting last week was unannounced to the press and public, he said, because that duty has been handled by the long-time fair publicist, R. J. Truppe, who has resigned.

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