

Guilty plea in 1972 slaying

By JOHN PIAZZA
Thadus Alonzo Allen, 19, pleaded guilty Monday to second degree murder in connection with the 1972 slaying of a Des Moines gas station attendant, 29-year-old Gerald Koder.

Monday's action followed a series of legal maneuvers that resulted in the Iowa Supreme Court reversing a previous second degree conviction and ordering a new trial.

Sentencing is expected sometime today.

Another man, Robert Winfrey, 20, was convicted of first degree murder in the case. Both Winfrey and Allen have been held at the Iowa Men's Reformatory at Anamosa since their earlier convictions.

Both were charged and tried as adults in the first trials. Allen was 16, and Winfrey was 17 years old at the time.

Winfrey was sentenced to life imprisonment, and Allen was sentenced to 40 years in the reformatory. Both appealed their convictions and Allen's was overturned.

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Parliament phones tapped in Australia
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (AP) — An underground telephone system set up during World War II has been used to bug the phones of at least 30 members of the Australian parliament, a royal commission on security and intelligence was told Monday. Witness John Baker also claimed that through links with the American Central Intelligence Agency the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization was involved in a narcotics racket.



Larry Cheely, 21, of 1510 Twenty-third St., attempts to net a goldfish in a fountain at the parking ramp near Seventh Street and Grand Avenue in downtown Des Moines Monday night. Cheely netted several for his aquarium.

DENIES MOTION FOR SNETHEN

Polk County District Court Judge Anthony Critelli has denied a motion for a new competency hearing for Daniel Snethen, who faces a charge of murder.

Snethen was found mentally incompetent to stand trial by a jury last January, but was found competent by a jury at a second hearing last May. Snethen's attorney, Mike Wilson of Des Moines, asked for the third hearing in a motion filed June 13.

Critelli denied the motion, stating that the burden of proof required the defense to prove Snethen incompetent and did not require the prosecution to prove him able to stand trial, as Wilson's motion contended.

Critelli said he will set a date for Snethen's trial sometime this week.

Snethen is accused in the Sept. 4, 1974, slaying of Timothy Hawbaker of Adel, whose bludgeoned body was found in a cornfield south of Des Moines.

They're helping to solve goldfish problem at ramp

By JOHN PIAZZA
If Larry and Nancy Cheely and Bruce and Susan Pearlman have anything to say about it, Howard Leopold's goldfish troubles are about over.

The two couples spent a good share of Monday evening wading in the green slime of a fountain at the Des Moines parking ramp Leopold operates, trying to net the pesky goldfish that have been giving Leopold headaches the past few weeks.

Leopold said the Cheelys of 1510 Twenty-third St. and the Pearlmans of Mitchellville were among many persons who called him Monday asking permission to remove the goldfish. They telephoned him after reading a newspaper account of the problems the fish were causing.

He said the goldfish appeared one day in one of the four fountains at the new city parking ramp at Seventh Street and Grand Avenue.

The trouble was, such ponds fill with algae unless chemicals are added to the water. But the chemicals, while killing algae, also kill fish and Leopold didn't have the heart to do that.

More Than 35
So for some weeks he has had workmen emptying ponds and then cleaning and refilling them in an attempt to save the fish while keeping the ponds presentable.

Leopold still doesn't know where the fish are coming from. The original half-dozen or so have grown to upwards of 35.

Leopold said people called him all day Monday after reading the newspaper article about his plight. "Everybody and their brother seems to want some of these darned goldfish," he said.

Farm Pond
Monday evening Pearlman and Cheely rolled up their trousers and waded through the mire with nets. The Pearlmans said they wanted some of the fish for their farm pond; the Cheelys were trying to add to their aquarium stock.

"I expect people will be out there all week trying to catch some of those buggers," Leopold said. "It'll sure make it a lot easier for me if they get them all."

SUE CRESTON ON K-MART BOND ISSUE

By JOHN HYDE
A lawsuit asking that the city of Creston be prevented from issuing industrial revenue bonds to build a K-Mart discount store in Creston, and that the state law concerning industrial revenue bonds be declared unconstitutional, was filed Monday in Union County District Court.

Creston was one of several Iowa cities voting to issue industrial revenue bonds for retailers during May and June.

Bill Approved
The Iowa Legislature approved a bill forbidding the use of the bonds for commercial interests in the waning days of the legislative session. The bill is now pending before Gov. Robert Ray.

But the bill, even if signed, would not apply retroactively to Creston, Carroll, Oskaloosa and other cities which have already approved the use of the bonds for retailers.

The Union County suit was filed by Des Moines attorney Harris M. Coggeshall on behalf of Robert Christy, who is identified as a Creston taxpayer, and Easter Enterprises, Inc., which operates a supermarket-department store complex in Creston.

Suit Argues
The suit argues that the law should be found unconstitutional because the title of the act "makes no mention of and fails to refer to the permission to issue industrial bonds for commercial development purposes."

The suit also says that the law should be found "void and against public policy in that public funds are thereby devoted to private purpose."

The petition also states that the City of Creston did not conform to laws requiring public notice. The notice published by Creston, the petition states, "did not specify whether the project was to be leased or sold nor by or to whom, and did not specify with any certainty the purpose of the project."

Objects of Suit
The suit was filed against the city, the mayor and members of the Creston city council, the S.S. Kresge Co., and C. and W. Manhattan Associates, a limited partnership that would build the K-Mart store and lease it to Kresge.

The industrial revenue bond law allows Iowa cities to issue tax-free bonds on behalf of firms wishing to build or expand in the area. Traditionally, the law has been used by factories and industrial firms, but in 1974 the law was expanded to include commercial interests.

Capital is raised through the sale of the bonds on the open market. The bonds are retired through annual payments by the firm, in this case the Kresge Co.

Such bonds do not incur local taxpayers, even in the event of a business failure. However, since the bond holder does not pay taxes on the bonds, the private firm can frequently obtain a lower rate of interest through industrial revenue bonds than would be possible with a bank loan.

Fishing at the ramp

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GTE ACCUSED OF 'UNFAIR' MUSIC RATES

By DENNIS CORCORAN
WMT Music and Sound, a division of WMT, Inc., of Cedar Rapids, has charged General Telephone Company of the Midwest with unfair competitive practices in the rates it charges for background music in stores, offices and factories.

In an informal complaint on file with the Iowa Commerce Commission, WMT alleges that General's rates for background music, paging, time-clock tones and other sound systems are too low to cover the costs of supplying these services.

Ask Probe
According to the complaint, General's rates undercut WMT's business and the Cedar Rapids firm has asked the Commerce Commission to investigate General's rates.

The complaint was filed after WMT learned last March that its bid on a sound system for the Ertl Toy factory in Dyersville had been rejected in favor of a bid submitted by General.

WMT says its bid on the contract was a monthly charge of \$141.15 and an installation fee of \$1,500. The General bid, the complaint says, was \$122.70 a month and a \$223.50 installation fee.

Cost vs. Charges
WMT says that General's rates "in no way" could cover the cost of providing the equipment.

Michael May, a staff attorney with the Commerce Commission, says the issue is whether General has been subsidizing its sound system rates with revenues received from its telephone customers.

If so, he says, the commission may order General to raise its rates on sound systems.

May said the commission is investigating General's sound system rates by computing the cost of the service versus General's charges to its customers.

He does not know when the commission will make a ruling.

Hear D.M. slaying victim was free-lance masseuse

By NICK LAMBERTO
The investigation into the slaying of Diane Marie Schofield, whose body was found in a car trunk here Thursday, continued Monday without any new clues despite numerous tips, investigators said.

At least one suspect has been questioned and released, officers said.

Police have received information from a source that Mrs. Schofield, 21, kept a list of "permanent clients" that she gave massages to on an outcall basis.

The source said the woman kept records of names, dates and services rendered in a diary of her activities as a free-lance outcall masseuse.

Asked to Be Informant
Attorney William Kutmus, who represented her in her trial on a concealed weapon charge early this year, said Miss Schofield told him several months ago she had been asked "to be an informant on drugs."

"She did not specify who had asked her to be an informant other than it had something to do with drugs," Kutmus said.

"I advised her definitely not to become an informant. I told her she did not have enough emotional stability to do so and would just wind up in prison if she did."

On Probation
"I don't think she became an informer, but she could have ignored my advice and could have done so anyway," Kutmus said the woman had pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and had been placed on probation for two years.

Part of the condition of her probation, Kutmus said, was that she not be employed as a masseuse. She had told the court the reason she had carried a gun was to protect herself on outcall massage appointments.

Kutmus said Miss Schofield last consulted him several months ago about "some 10 traffic tickets — Clive, Urban, Dale, Des Moines — that she had accumulated."

Officers connected with the investigation of her death say they have no knowledge of her being an informant.

Lt. Dick Lamb, head of the Metropolitan Area Narcotics Squad, could not be reached for comment.

Detective Clarence Jobe, Sgt. William Fitzgerald, Lt. Charles Swartzfager and Asst. Chiefs Thomas Fente and Billie B. Wallace all denied any knowledge of the woman being a police informant. Chief Wendell Nichols could not be reached for comment.

Said Assistant Chief Wallace: "She could have been an informant, but I don't have any knowledge of it. Neither do Teale or Nichols that I know of. Now we have 320 officers and it's still a possibility that she could have been an informant for one of them."

Five charged after raid

Three Des Moines men and a woman were charged Sunday night with resorting to a disorderly house and another Des Moines man was charged with bootlegging following a raid by members of the Des Moines Police Department vice squad and agents of the Iowa Liquor Control Department.

Police said Rosebud Biggles, 45, of 829 Seventeenth St. was charged with bootlegging, Ronald Moore, 34, of 717 Seventeenth St., resorting to a disorderly house; Robert Mash, 51, of 830 Sixteenth St., resorting to a disorderly house; Ken Wease, 45, of 840 Sixteenth St., intoxication and resorting to a disorderly house; and Lucinda Clark, 40, of 926 Oakridge Drive, resorting to a disorderly house.

Police said the arrests were made about 11:15 p.m. Sunday at the 829 Seventeenth St. address.

All those arrested were released on bond Sunday night. Traffic tickets — Clive, Urban,

'Fledermaus' to be last summer opera for Stark at U of I

By JOAN BUNKE
IOWA CITY, IA. — Prof. Herald Stark may be a bit prejudiced, but he thinks Iowa is "right in the middle of the greatest musical talent area in the world." The Mississippi River Valley has talent as fine as anywhere, he says.

Herald Stark ought to know; he's been dealing with musicians, primarily singers, since 1932 in the University of Iowa's School of Music.

This week's "Die Fledermaus" (The Bat) — scheduled for performances at 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday in Hancher Auditorium — will be the last of 23 summer operas Stark has conducted for the university.

Winter Opera Theater
Although Stark, 67, is signing off with Johann Strauss's melody-filled Viennese comedy of mistaken identities and temporary jailbirds, he will continue as head of the voice department through next May, and he'll train the singers for next winter's Opera Theater.

Stark has been deeply involved in the opera program, but it is the voice, that resonator of the soul, that really fascinates him.

"I love to teach voice," he says. "If there's a passion in my work, that's my passion. The development of voices is fascinating. When you develop a voice, you develop the person." Besides, he says, "I love the vocal sound."

Times of Stress
Enrollment in the voice department has been "close to 100," and Stark expects that number to increase this fall. "I think this happens," he says, "in times of economic stress; the kids start coming to the state schools or their own state schools" to meet money problems.

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Herald Stark Loves Teaching Voice.

his singing life on oratorios. He sang the tenor role in more than 100 performances of "The Messiah" around the Middle West and also did many recitals. The voices he has developed include those of Iowa City soprano Costanza Guccaro; the 1967 Metropolitan Opera Auditions winner, now with the Deutsche Oper-Berlin; Davenport's Margherita Roberti, who made her career in Europe; and tenor Howard Hensel, who sang Tamino in the Des Moines Metro Opera's "The Magic Flute" last month.

The summer operas began in 1950, with Bedrich Smetana's Bohemian folk opera, "The Bartered Bride," in English in Macbride Hall's limited quarters. Now the opera producers — stage director Cosmo Catalano and Professor Stark, the musical director and conductor — have to contend with the opposite challenge.

"Fledermaus," in Garson Kanin's English version, will use a 50-foot proscenium stage instead of the 70-foot one used for last winter's "Marriage of Figaro." That will cut down on staging problems in Hancher.

Chair of Opera
In addition to being head of the vocal department, Professor Stark also holds the Fisher Chair of Opera at the U of I. He credits the considerable financial aid of William Fisher and the Gramma Fisher Foundation of Marshalltown with helping make the university's opera productions possible.

Stark has conducted "Fledermaus" twice before, in 1951 and 1967, and doesn't regard this greatest of all operettas as easy to do. For one thing, "it's very high style," he says, and it has a "genius score."

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