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Hearings Ordered

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman McClellan (D-Ark) today ordered immediate public hearings by the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee on violence in the four-year-old Kohler strike.

Ike Defends Benson

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, defying Midwestern Republican demands that he fire Secretary of Agriculture Benson, praised the cabinet officer today as a man of courage and honesty.

Defense Spending

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense McElroy said today the administration soon will ask another step-up in defense spending. The Pentagon chief said plans for high priority military hardware will boost the initial 40-billion-dollar defense budget asked by President Eisenhower early this year.

Cut 'Possible'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today a tax cut is a possibility if, as he put it, there is a deepening of the business depression.

Price War Erupts

NEW YORK (AP)—A price war on small electric appliances erupted in the metropolitan New York area today after General Electric Co. scrapped its "fair trade" program. Leading retailers slashed prices by about 30 per cent in the morning hours.

Major Offensive

ALGIERS (AP)—The French announced today that the Algerian rebels have launched a major new offensive. The French admitted 62 of their men killed and 11 missing in four days of fighting, reportedly more than they have lost all winter.

Delay Questioned

CHICAGO (AP)—Stephen A. Mitchell, former Democratic national chairman, suggests a congressional investigation into the postponed appearances of four state officials in a federal grand jury probe of Illinois toll highway contracts.

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Our Weather

Rain and cool this afternoon and occasional rain tonight. Tomorrow, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, windy and warm.

High yesterday	72
Low expected today	52
High expected tomorrow	60
Low this morning	47
Low expected tonight	53
Sunrise, 6:37 a.m.; sunset 6:16 p.m.	

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MOTORISTS FINED

Snowbound, They Pay Up

EAST ORANGE, N. J. (AP)—A group of motorists fined for overtime parking when they couldn't move their snowbound cars had their day in court last night—and a hectic day it was.

The session started with lawyers for the defense claiming the 13.4 inch snowfall Feb. 15 was "an act of God" and that their clients had been "entrapped by nature."

Four hours, thousands of words and \$830 later, the scoreboard read as follows:

156 motorists convicted.
14 dismissed.
500 absented and subject to contempt of court charges.
1 lawyer evicted from the courtroom.

The motorists who jammed the 75-seat courtroom here were among 1,500 ticketed in the wake of the near-blizzard.

Seven of the 14 dismissals were on tickets issued by Patrolman Paul Hart, who admitted writing them at a time when he knew the cars were snowed in and couldn't be moved.

Attorney Thomas E. Kenny told acting magistrate Frederick Hook:

"East Orange was the only city from Maine to Florida to enforce parking regulations in the snowstorm."



Kline Is Comforted By Wife And Policeman

Cabbie Killed In Teen-Cop Battle

DES MOINES (AP)—A cab, noted guns in both the front and rear seats, and began grapping with Craig. "I yelled at Patrolman Steiner to take cover," Kline said. "O'Keefe also started for cover as shooting broke out between the officers and Craig and Westling."

Kline was wounded in the back as he sought shelter behind a utility pole. Steiner said he wounded O'Keefe and Craig for cover as shooting broke out between the officers and Craig and Westling.

Two companions of Westling and Craig—Beth Robinson, 18, and Larry Sheffner, 17, were held for questioning.

LOOTED GUN SHOP

Police said the teenagers admitted looting Parker's gun shop a short time before the shooting. They cut through a street barrier, gave a few bucks away and they called a cab.

Kline and Patrolman Raymond Steiner, who were on routine patrol, stopped at the scene of the damaged car and parked cab.

Kline said he walked up to the

'Moon Man' Once Had Earth Wife

TROY, N. Y. (AP)—Airman Donald Farrell, who made man's first "flight" into space, once was married and has a 4-year-old daughter, a Troy woman maintains.

Mrs. Norma J. Luraas, wife of a state trooper, said that she had sent a letter to the New York Daily News telling of her marriage to the 23-year-old Farrell, who spent seven days recently in a simulated rocket ship as part of an Air Force experiment.

The News said Farrell had admitted the marriage.

Mrs. Luraas and Farrell, who flew on a round of personal appearances in New York City, were married Jan. 26, 1952, in Glens Falls, when each was 17, she said, and their marriage was annulled in April 1954 on the legal ground that they were too young when married.

DAUGHTER BORN

A daughter, Heidi, was born Aug. 23, 1953.

Terms of her parting with Farrell provided that he pay \$10 a week for his daughter's support, she said. He paid \$30 about three years ago and nothing since, she added.

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Robber, Victim Hurt in Gastonia Gunfight



Youth, 18, Jailed As Plan Fails

GASTONIA—An 18-year-old unemployed boy who thought highway robbery would solve his financial problems, gunned down a 38-year-old night service station man early this morning, police said.

The victim, C. H. (Pop) Bostie, is in a Gastonia hospital in critical condition as the result of four bullet wounds in the abdomen which police said he received in a wild gunfight on Ozark Ave.

The boy, Billy Howard Baker, who lives on Railroad St. in Lorrell, is in police custody with a bullet wound in his own leg. Bostie had shot him before he was gunned down himself about 2:30 a.m.

STOLE PISTOL

The Baker boy told police he stole an automatic pistol from a lounge on Art Clark Rd. which he was visiting Tuesday night.

"I left the house," he said, "and got to thinking I was broke and I wanted some money."

He said he walked to the Kayo Service Station at Ozark Ave. and entered the building and pulled the gun on Bostie, announcing, "This is a holdup."

According to Baker, Bostie gave him three one-dollar bills and a quantity of coins in wrappers.

At that point, Baker told the older man he would have to drive him out of town. As they started to get into a service station truck outside, Bostie suddenly pulled a hidden gun and fired, said Baker.

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Can Spring Be Far Behind?

The warm sun that bathed Maryland yesterday brought out the birds as well as sneaky photographers to catch this sign of spring in a Baltimore park.

Rebels Raid Havana Bank

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Cuban rebels made a daring raid on the National Bank of Cuba in the heart of Havana today, tied up the banks employees and set fire to thousands of checks. They made no effort to scoop up the bank's cash.

From four to six men mingled with about a score of employees and businessmen entering the bank at 8 a.m., opening.

Once inside, they brandished pistols and entered the bank's clearing room where they herded the employees into a room, tied them up and proceeded to set fire to freshly delivered pouches containing the checks.

The rebels then fled without attempting to grab any money.

Police on patrol in the street noticed smoke pouring out and called firemen. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

One report said most of the checks were destroyed. The bank said there was no damage to the premises.

Evening Prayer

Our Father, Thou hast taught us to love one another. We are weak and need Thy love in us in order to carry on. Thou art all compassion, forgiving and helping us to know Thee and Thy children better. In Christ's name. Amen.

TOULOUSE, France (AP)—It took a 10-ton tank, land grenades and squads of French police to finish off Pierre Mennet, a 36-year-old bachelor who refused to quit his barricaded farmhouse.

The police drove the tank through the house, and Mennet, then lobbed in hand grenades, ending Mennet's four-day fight to stay the farm he had sold last December. One policeman was killed and another seriously wounded.

Mennet refused to leave the farm when the new owner showed up four days ago. He barricaded himself in the kitchen and threatened anyone who came near. Attendants sent to take him to an insane asylum fled when he waved one of his three rifles out the window.

The police charged into the house Monday, but Mennet's first cut two of them down, killing one. The police commander ordered the men to retreat, leaving the body of the dead policeman inside. Mennet now had a submachine gun.

Then the police tried grenades, but to no avail. They fired bursts of submachine gun fire. Last night, the commander ordered the tank to smash through the house with grenade-throwers following.

The police waited until daylight before returning inside the wrecked house. They found Mennet's body.

FIRST MEETING

The Paw Creek School meeting is the first he has heard of.

Calif. Girl Slain

He Had An 'Urge' And Shot To Kill

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—A Stanford University sophomore shot to death a 17-year-old Palo Alto high school girl "to satisfy an urge" last night, he told police.

The victim was Deena Bonn, only child of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bonn.

Police desk Sgt. Gilbert Chatterton said Thomas Wallace Cordry III acted as if he were reeling from a minor traffic accident when he walked into the Palo Alto police station shortly before midnight and said:

"I want to report a killing. I shot a girl and she's out in the car."

SINGLE WOUND

The girl's body was in the seat of Cordry's car, a single bullet wound in the head.

Capt. William Salt of the inspector's bureau, Santa Clara County sheriff's office, declared:

"The boy has told us an incredible story. He said he bought a .22 caliber rifle yesterday afternoon for the express purpose of killing a girl, killing her, raping her, and leaving her body in the foothills."

Cordry, 18, told police he "just had the urge, o-o-o this" and had had the urge before, Salt said.

Salt quoted the gooselike, nervous son of a San Francisco insurance man as saying he bought the rifle and ammunition at a Palo Alto sports shop yesterday afternoon.

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Mr. Rowe in early February told members of the County PTA Council.

"The county system cannot continue to operate on a high level without the perimeter area. There is some possibility that in time the county could

reel and drove around at random, looking for a girl. Unsuccessful, he went home.

At about 10 p.m., Salt continued, Cordry telephoned Deena, told her he had to take a trip and asked her if she would drive him to the station and bring his car home. She agreed.

He said after picking her up and sliding over to the passenger's side, he told her he had to change of heart and drove directly to the police station after a few minutes.

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Deena's parents said she and Cordry had dated only once but it was some time back and they were considered just neighborhood acquaintances.

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—THEY'RE READY, BUT WANT SOME ANSWERS—

Consolidation: What County Folks Say

By ANN SAWYER

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can we consolidate to the best advantage?

"I'd like to see it stay put, like it is, but we can't stop progress. Let's understand how we are going to consolidate."

Several other school leaders urged an understanding of consolidation before agreeing to it.

Mrs. Jeanne Crawford, long a "No" to the Oakdale School community, said all the answers "may not be to our satisfaction, but we will know what we are getting into."

"BLACK & WHITE"

Specifically she was interested in having in black and white the answers to such questions as the county's unique reading program, its cafeteria system.

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