

Hogdens Gone From Valdese Residence

Missing Witness Muddles Kidnaping Case

TAYLORSVILLE — Prosecution and defense attorneys waited anxiously today to see if Kenneth Jerome Hogden, star witness in an alleged kidnaping case, will show up for the trial here tomorrow. Hogden, whose tip led to the cracking of a million dollar liquor ring last August according to Alcohol and Tobacco Tax agents, disappeared last Sunday along with his wife and three daughters.

Since last Sunday no word from Hogden, or of his whereabouts, has been heard by attorneys or officials.

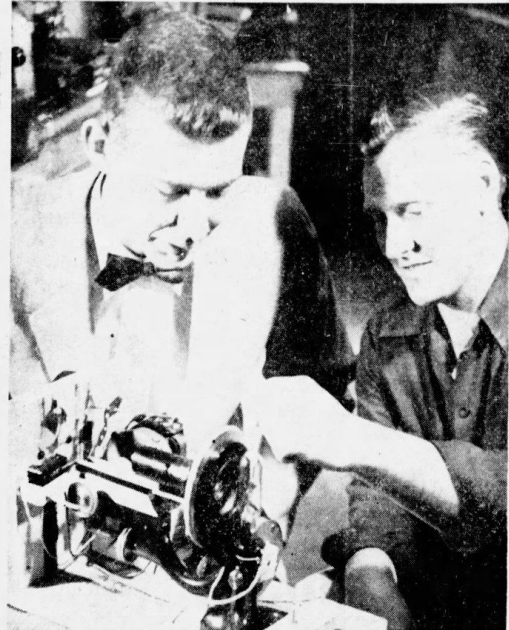
A&T agents and Valdese police both said today they know of no morning. However the only persons actively seeking Hogden are his three attorneys, Ray S. Farber, Marvin Lee Ritch and James

B. Ledford.

Hogden went to the A&T with a padlocked roadhouse near here; his tip after he claimed that members of the ring had kidnaped him in August and tortured him in a cabin in Alexander County.

He said they accused him of taking money belonging to the firm. Based on his testimony, an Anderson County grand jury indicted

Ralph Burgess, alleged operator of a padlocked roadhouse near here; Wayne Watson, Neal "Fat" Davis, Clerk of Court Charles R. Watts and Frank Martin, all of Caldwell County. Attorney Farris said that tomorrow, the next step will be to go to 15th District Solicitor Zeb Morris and Superior Court Judge Sisie Sharp. They will have three choices, he added, postpone the matter, and said "We are grave-ly concerned about his safety and the safety of his family."



THE COMPONENT PARTS of a home-made device used to create a startling illusion in the current Morehead Planetarium show are examined by James Gates (right) of the staff, and Raymond L. Graham Jr. of Lincolnton. (UNC Photo)

PARALLEL CAREERS CONVERGE AT ALTAR

STAMFORD, Vt. (P)—Alice Jane Cronin of Clarksburg, Mass., and Lawrence David Hobson of North Adams, Mass., both were born in North Adams Hospital the same day, June 28, 1931.

Both were graduated from Drury High School, North Adams, June 19, 1949.

Both received engineering degrees in June, 1953, he in the electrical field at the University of Massachusetts, and she in chemical engineering at Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass.

Both went to work, as engineers, for the Sprague Electric Co., North Adams.

They both went to a wedding Saturday at Stamford's Methodist Church.

They were married to each other by the Rev. George A. LaMore, the pastor.

Adoption Conference Action Is Reported

Mrs. Elizabeth McCubbin, executive director of the Family and Children's Service of the United Appeal, today reported some facts regarding the adoption of children, which were presented at a recent National Conference on Adoption.

The conference, sponsored by the Child Welfare League of America Inc., was conducted at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Jan. 26 through 29.

It was agreed by the group that early adoptions of children is advisable, because many emotional problems stem from maternal deprivation. Mrs. McCubbin said early placements of children tend to establish the necessary parent-child relationship sooner.

She said the advantage of adoption through a licensed social agency offers greater protection for the child, the natural parents and the adoptive parents.

"Also emphasized was the advantages of having professional groups to evaluate the potentialities of a child before placement," said Mrs. McCubbin.

The Child Welfare League of America is a national federation of child care agencies. Accredited members include private agencies, both non-sectarian and those sponsored by religious groups; and public child welfare agencies.

Anniversary Plans To Be Discussed

Plans will be made for a 10th anniversary celebration of Beckwith School of Music at the school's Parents Club meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

The program tomorrow will consist of music and dramatization. The anniversary celebration will take place March 7, at the McLurey Branch YMCA. Elberta Gordon and Robert Flewe will give piano recitals on Mar. 13 and 27, respectively.

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Formosan Line Drawn, Says Senator Of GOP

Youthful Sen. Barry M. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) says that Republicans have drawn a line in the Formosa Straits that Democrats "should have drawn long ago."

Century Company To Build Houses

Plans for the building of 16 additional homes in Selwyn Park No. 6, representing expenditures of approximately \$225,000, have been announced by D. C. Gibson of Century Construction Co.

Prices of the brick homes will range from \$13,000 to \$15,000, with the first six expected to be completed in April and the rest in May.

Mr. Gibson said his company is now completing four homes in Selwyn Park No. 6 and three in Homestead Park.

He predicted that his firm will construct close to 100 houses in Charlotte this year.

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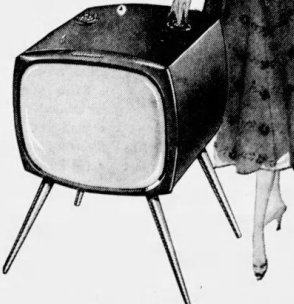
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