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Congress Probes E. P. Gas Price

Woman Charged With Slaying E. P. Husband Planned to Wed Again

Widow Held In Deaths Of Four

Arsenic Poisoning Blamed in Mysterious Killing of Mates

Special to The Herald-Post
MACON, Ga., May 7.—Pretty Annette Lyles, 32, was about to marry an Air Force major for her third husband when she was arrested yesterday on four warrants charging she murdered her second husband, Joe Neal Gabbert of El Paso, and three other persons.

The other three named in the warrants as murder victims—poisoned by arsenic—are Mrs. Lyles' daughter, Marcia, 9; her first husband, Ben F. Lyles Jr., and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ben F. Lyles Sr.

The word spread
The quadruple murder charges broke into the open with the arrest of Mrs. Lyles in Macon Hospital. She has been a patient in the hospital two weeks—which is from the outset of the investigation.

This Middle Georgia city has buzzed with rumors for 10 days that an investigation was in progress in the four deaths.
Word spread a week ago that arsenic had been found in the vital organs of little Marcia, who died April 5. Then came rumors that the probe into the other deaths had turned up evidence of arsenic in each of the bodies.

Coroner L. H. Chapman obtained the four warrants charging murder. Sheriff James Wood served the warrants and placed Mrs. Lyles under guard in the hospital.

Officials of the hospital and the attending physician have refused to give information on the ailment for which Mrs. Lyles is being treated. Unofficial reports say she is suffering nervous shock.

Bibb County Physician W. E. Pound said he would confer with the physician attending Mrs. Lyles today to determine whether she can be removed to the Bibb County Superior Court.

The coroner substantiated reports that arsenic was found in the vitals of each of the four persons Mrs. Lyles is accused of murdering.
Solicitor General William West, the public prosecutor, declined to make any statement except that the prosecution "will be handled in the usual order."

Annette Donovan Lyles Gabbert, Lyles—that is the order of her names, for she obtained a court order to resume the name Lyles after Gabbert died—is a one-time country girl from the Wadley, Ga., community. She moved to Macon with her parents while she still was a child.

She attended Macon grade and high schools, and became known as "one of the prettiest girls in Macon," a city known for beauties who have won both fame and notoriety.

Married Very Well
The Donovan family was of modest means and Annette's friends considered she "married very well" when she became the bride of Ben Lyles Jr., son of the owners and operators of Lyles Restaurant, a popular restaurant on Mulberry street in downtown Macon.

Annette and Ben became the parents of two daughters. Soon after the second daughter was born, Ben died on Jan. 25, 1952. His illness was brief. Annette went to work in the Lyles Restaurant.

It was in the restaurant that she met Joe Neal Gabbert of El Paso. (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

Family Here Suspected Something Was Wrong

Murder charges filed against the widow of Joe Neal Gabbert came as no surprise to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dozier Kirk Gabbert of 2317 North Piedras street, for they and other relatives had suspected foul play in his death on Dec. 2, 1955.

The family was informed last night that Joe's widow Mrs. Annette Lyles of Macon, Ga., has been charged with his murder, and the murder of her daughter, first husband and mother-in-law.

"We have suspected all along something was wrong that needed full investigation," D. K. Gabbert of 5100 Sierra Madre drive, brother of the dead man, said today.

Investigators in Macon told The Herald-Post today, because the Veterans Hospital at Dublin, Ga., where Joe died removed the vital organs from the body when an autopsy was conducted immediately after death.

It now develops the autopsy did not go far enough to discover arsenic. The arsenic in the vitals was found by a laboratory test within the last two weeks.

Joe Gabbert attended El Paso grade schools, Austin High School, New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio and Texas Western College.

She Was Attractive
He served in the U. S. Marine Corps in the Korean War. After his military service and his college days at Texas Western, he became a pilot for Capitol Airways, an air freight line serving Eastern cities.

"Joe was on his way up with Capitol Airways, and was to have been promoted to captain in three months," said his brother, D. K. Gabbert Jr.

The Gabbert family saw Mrs. Annette Lyles only once. Joe was engaged to be married to her, but appeared uncertain whether to take the step. He came home and discussed his prospective marriage with his parents. Mrs. Lyles followed him here, and was introduced to the family.

"That is the only time we saw her," the brother said. "She was attractive and friendly. We truly sympathize with her in her troubles, and as Christian people we hold no hatred of her."

That action will not be necessary.

Identified by Victim
Suspect in Robbery, Beating Under Arrest

Police today questioned a suspect in the April 19 beating and robbery of a filling station attendant.

Richard L. Chamberlain, the attendant who was beaten and robbed at the Bliss Chevron Service Station at 4800 Pershing drive, picked the man out of a police lineup.

Officer Seymour Babenco sparked the investigation today when he recognized the license on a Ford Thunderbird driven by the suspect in downtown El Paso.

Babenco notified the police radio dispatcher, Detectives G. Althoff, J. A. Perry, Joe Avalos and Paul Lopez and Radio Patrolmen J. Price and R. Ramirez made the arrest in a hotel at 503 North Oregon street.

Chamberlain told police the suspect was one of two men who entered the service station about 1:30 a. m., pulled a gun and demanded

Rebels Say They Will Hit Indonesia Ships

Ex-Gangster Must Tell What He Does

City Planner Outlines E. P. Face Lifting

Presents Analysis Of Urban Project Studied at Dallas

Urban renewal lays emphasis on improvement, conservation and rehabilitation before renewal, Jonathan Cunningham, City planning director, said today.

Mr. Cunningham was one of a 13-man delegation attending the Urban Renewal Clinic in Dallas which ended yesterday.

The cost of renewal of an area makes it less desirable than projects which aim to improve and conserve, he said.

Cities which elect to take part in the American Council to Improve Our Neighborhoods Inc. (ACTION) programs of urban renewal are required to meet certain standards, the director said.

Must Adopt Program
A workable program must be adopted by the city.

This program includes sound local and health codes which are enforced, a comprehensive plan for development of the community which is fully supported and participated in by citizens of the community, effective administration and financial capacity and a program providing for re-housing of all families displaced by the program.

Federal aid is available for cities which desire to take part in urban renewal.

Money for planning is available in the form of a Federal grant. The Federal Government will furnish two-thirds of the money needed for development with the city providing the remainder.

Little Rock Example
The city's one-third can be in the form of moneys spent for roads, schools or other buildings or facilities necessary for satisfactory development of the area.

Projects must be selective and the city is expected to follow its plan for urban renewal as submitted.

Special FHA loans, covering 40 years, may be obtained by low income displaced families. No family can be moved until suitable housing is obtained for it.

Of the 600 cities now taking an active part in ACTION's program in this country, between 30 and 40 are located in Texas, Mr. Cunningham said.

Humane consideration is now being stressed in dealing with housing problems connected with urban renewal, according to the Rev. James D. Loeffler, another delegate to the clinic.

Skyscraper housing, with its failure to provide facilities for children, is out, Father Loeffler said. New planning calls for the inclusion of neighborhood stores, taverns and other places of business and recreation in housing development, the priest said.

Honeymooning Dennis Silent About Stenographer's Baby



Dennis Crosby and bride.

Mrs. Marilyn Scott and baby

Wants to 'Get Things Straightened Out' Before Making Statement

By United Press
HOLLYWOOD, May 7.—Newlywed Dennis Crosby, accused by a divorcee of fathering her child out of wedlock, kept silent on the charge today until he could "straighten some things out with a few people."

The baldish 23-year-old son of Crooner Big Crosby was named yesterday by Marilyn Scott, 25, a switchboard operator and stenographer who had hoped for a show business career, as the father of her daughter, Michelle Denise Scott. The baby was born last Nov. 24 at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

Refuses Comment
Young Crosby, already in trouble over his Las Vegas marriage Sunday night to Showgirl Pat Sheehan, 26, held a new conference yesterday but refused to comment on Mrs. Scott's claim. He said he might have a statement in a couple of days after "straightening some things out with a few people."

Mrs. Scott, said to have used the name Miller in her efforts to become an actress, also had no comment after making her original charges.

The sensational claim brought no comment from Father Bing or the Crosby clan. Mum was the word from Dennis and Mrs. Scott after the original claim that a young Crosby was a father.

Dennis' troubles started a few hours after his Sunday night marriage to Miss Sheehan, a divorcee and mother of a 6-year-old son, when the couple learned they had been married by a Protestant minister at the Gretna Green Wedding Chapel instead of a justice of the peace.

'Sorry' for Mistake
Dennis, a Roman Catholic like his father, his twin, Philip, and brothers Lindsay and Gary, issued a joint statement with his bride, an Episcopalian, saying they were "sorry" for the mistake, that they had intended to be married by a justice of the peace.

The bridegroom said he would attempt to reconcile the wedding to Miss Sheehan with the Catholic Church. He had no sooner said it than Mrs. Scott made her claim.

California state health records show that the blue-eyed Denise was born to Marilyn Miller and Dennis Michael Crosby, identified as a UCLA student.

Records at UCLA disclosed that young Crosby enrolled as a business administration student last September but dropped out after one class.

Surrenders Credentials
In Kansas City, Mo., meanwhile a spokesman for the Church of the Nazarene said the minister who had married Dennis and Miss Sheehan, the Rev. James A. Herndon, had surrendered his credentials a year ago.

The spokesman said the minister took the action after a disagreement over observance of the church's wedding manual.

But Las Vegas authorities said Herndon was licensed to perform marriages.

Passenger Train Cuts Asked by Rail Chief

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The New York Central Railroad urged Congress to give financially pressed railroads authority to threaten to discontinue passenger service as a weapon against "discriminatory state and local taxes."

Central President Alfred E. Perlman told the House Transportation subcommittee New York state officials were boosting railroad taxes and using the money to aid the railroad's competitors.

He also urged Congress to give the ICC authority to permit railroads to abandon passenger service completely under certain circumstances.

Ike Names New Health Secretary

WASHINGTON, May 7.—President Eisenhower today accepted the resignation of Marion B. Folsom as secretary of health, education and welfare. He named Dr. Arthur S. Flemming to succeed him.

Flemming, now president of Ohio Wesleyan University, will take over from Folsom late in July if confirmed by the Senate.

The President sent Flemming's nomination to the Senate at the same time that Folsom's resignation was announced.

Flemming, 52, previously served in the Federal Government as director of the Office of Defense Mobilization and a member of the Civil Service Commission.

Flemming was a civil service commissioner from 1933 to 1948 and defense mobilizer from 1953 to last March when he returned to his post as university president at Delaware, Ohio.

Girl Is Questioned In Juror Threats

City Detectives today questioned a girl in connection with the threats to jurors and a witness in the Ruben Cobos murder trial.

Detectives acted on a tip that the girl was involved in the threatening calls.

The girl admitted to police that she attended every session of the Cobos trial and that she remembered the names of all the jurors. But she denied making the calls. She was released after questioning.

Moscow Calls Molotov

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Former Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has been recalled to Moscow from his obscure diplomatic post as ambassador to Outer Mongolia, a Soviet affairs writer reported today.

Five-Day Weather

DISTRICT 12
Temperature slightly above normal in Texas coastal plains and near normal elsewhere. Normal minimum 63-70 in extreme south Texas and near coast. Warmer, but turning cooler on Saturday. Precipitation locally heavy in north. Moderate thunderstorms mainly tomorrow and Friday.

DISTRICT 13
Temperatures near normal. Normal minimum 45-55 in the north, 55-67 in south. Normal maximum 74-86, turning cooler tomorrow and Friday. Warmer on weekend. Mostly moderate precipitation today and tomorrow and possible thunderstorms on Monday.

DISTRICT 26
Average temperatures from 2 to 7 degrees above normal in southwest, to near normal in north and east. Cooler tomorrow, warmer over weekend. Cooler again next week. Scattered showers mostly in north portion tomorrow and early next week. Normal maximum around 70 in northeast, low 80's in southwest. Minimum 38-52 in north.

DISTRICT 31: Little or no precipitation. Temperatures averaging above normal.
DISTRICT 32
No precipitation. Temperatures averaging above normal.

Hearings Planned By Solons Here

House Committee Asks for Record Of Local Charges

By NEIL McNEIL
Herald-Post Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON, May 7.—A House subcommittee, whose investigations already have resulted in the indictment of several major oil firms for gasoline price fixing in Indiana, will take a look at El Paso's gas prices, it was revealed today.

Representative James Roosevelt, California Democrat, chairman of the group, a subcommittee of the Select Committee on Small Business, said he has asked Texas Attorney General Will Wilson, as a first step, to provide him with a transcript of the hearings held in January in El Paso on gas pricing.

Requests for Inquiry
The group may send investigators to El Paso later and possibly hold hearings on the situation there.

The State investigation was started after The Herald-Post showed gas prices in West Texas were much higher than in other parts of the State.

Roosevelt, son of the late President, said his group has received "a number of requests that we look into the situation at El Paso," citing it as "possible area of congressional inquiry."

The California congressman pointed out his subcommittee, in recent years, has conducted "hearings in the field of gas distribution and retailing" attempting to find out where legislative action could remedy price fixing and price discrimination.

"We have developed a series of legislative proposals," Roosevelt said. But action on these have been postponed for a while.

Report on Conference
"We have agreed to watch developments on individual situations, like El Paso's," he said, for the time being.

Roosevelt said he has asked Wilson for a transcript of the El Paso hearings to see whether the State has covered the necessary investigative ground. He also asked Wilson for a transcript or information about conferences which Assistant State Attorney General J. W. Wheeler had with oil industry executives in El Paso last month.

If his subcommittee finds it needs more information than has been developed by the State officials, it will seek such information on the spot, Roosevelt said.

In any event, the El Paso situation will be under the "review" of the House group from now on.

U. S. Nuclear Blast Set Off April 28

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Representative Charles O. Porter, Oregon Democrat, said today the Atomic Energy Commission launched the first of a series of 30 nuclear test explosions at Eniwetok April 28.

Porter who returned yesterday from the Pacific atoll, said he did not witness the test but his speech to the House had been cleared by the AEC. He said he was not at liberty to disclose the nature of the April 28 explosion.

Porter said the original plan of the AEC was to announce the dates of about one-half of an estimated 30 test explosions to take place during May and June.

Porter coupled his report with a renewal of his demand for an end to such tests.

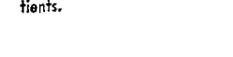
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LITTLE LIZ

A practical nurse is a gal who marries one of her wealthy patients.



Back Yard Wading Pool for Kids Is Prize In Sizzler Heat Contest

A back yard wading pool with slide for the kiddies. That's an additional Herald-Post Sizzler Contest gift. Saul Kleinfeld of the Union Furniture Co., an annual Sizzler Contest booster, offers the prize.

When will El Paso have 100-degree temperature for the first time this year? The Herald-Post offers \$100 cash to the person who guesses the exact time, or to the closest guesser. Watch for more prizes.

May 15 is the deadline. High temperature today: 92. High forecast for tomorrow, 90.

Name the exact date and minute at which the official temperature at the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Municipal Airport will first reach 100 degrees.

Use the accompanying entry blank. Only Herald-Post entry blanks will be considered. Mail blanks to the Herald-Post Sizzler Contest Editor, or drop them in the Herald-Post Sizzler box on the first floor of the Newspaper Building at Kansas and Mills. There is no limit to the number of Herald-Post blanks a contestant may submit.

Herald-Post Sizzler Contest

The 100-degree temperature will be reached for the first time this year:

Month Date Time A. M. P. M.

Name

Address

May 15 is contest deadline.

Mail to Herald-Post Sizzler Contest Editor, or bring to Newspaper Building at Kansas and Mills.

In case of ties the prize will be divided equally.

Newspaper employes are not eligible to compete.

All entries must be received by The Herald-Post not later than 3 p. m. on May 15.

winner. Exact time was at 1:05:07 p. m.

Earliest 100-degree temperature was recorded on May 20, 1886.

Other first 100-degree temperature days in El Paso: June 24, 1945; June 8, 1946; June 13, 1950; May 26, 1951; June 9, 1953; June 17, 1954; June 8, 1955; and June 3, 1956.