

# County Man Jailed In Kidnap, Rape Of Tulsa Women

A 22-year-old man was being held without bond in the Mayes County jail today in connection with the alleged kidnap and rape of two young Tulsa women early Saturday morning. The women, 18 and 19 years old, were able to give authorities a description of both the man and his car.

County Attorney Carl Longmire identified the man as Gene Leroy Hart, living near Locust Grove, and said he had made a statement corroborating the women's story in all points except their claim that he threatened them with a pistol.

Sheriff Joe Faircloth quoted Hart as saying he did not use a gun, and that he had never owned a pistol.

Hart was brought before County Judge Creekmore Wallace this morning to be arraigned on a charge of first degree rape of one of the women, but told the court he wanted an attorney, and the case was pushed until 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Longmire said Hart would also be charged with two counts of rape with the second woman, and indicated that a charge of robbery and kidnaping would also be filed.

The women said he had taken a total of \$30 from them.

Faircloth said Tulsa County has placed a hold-order on Hart, apparently with the intent of possibly filing a kidnap charge there, since that was where the abduction took place according to the statements of both the women and Hart.

Faircloth also said Hart had charged one minor point in his original statement. He first said he had thrown the women's undergarments and purses into Grand River from the bridge on SH 33, but today told where they had been thrown.

"We went out there and found them," the Sheriff said.

In their statement the young women said they came out of the Fondalite Club in Tulsa about 2 a.m. Saturday and noticed a man sitting in a car parked near by. One of the women later identified the man as Hart from a photograph.

They said the man came over to them and forced them at gunpoint to get into the trunk of his car and they drove for some distance. When they stopped the man opened the trunk and ordered one of them to get out and get into the car with him. A few minutes later he stopped again and at this time the first rape took place.

Checking events with Hart's story, Faircloth said this was apparently somewhere near India.

The women said he then bound their hands with friction tape and both gagged and blindfolded them and drove on for some distance. This time when he stopped both women were taken out of the car and still blindfolded they were marched through a plot of muddy ground and up onto a rocky hillside where both were forced to submit.

He then taped their ankles and left them bound hand and foot,

as well as gagged and blindfolded. Sometime later one of the women managed to get free and released the other. They made their way down the hillside to a highway and were picked up by two Tahlequah men enroute to work in Tulsa. The men took them into Chouteau and turned them over to Marshal Raley Wishard, who notified Sheriff Faircloth.

Following their description of their travel from the hillside to the point where they were picked up, Faircloth and Wishard retraced the route and found the tape used to bind the women lying in a thicket where they had left it.

The location was on the hill back of a pond at a point where a barbecue stand had burned a few years ago. An unused road leading from the highway to the

small lake provided concealment for the car while the man was up on the hill.

When questioned by the Sheriff, both women bore cuts and bruises apparently from contact with the undergrowth and the rocks in the area where they had been left.

After taking their statement a description of the man and his car was broadcast and a few hours later a man and car answering the description was spotted in Locust Grove by Trooper Don Hall. A call to Faircloth sent Deputy T. J. Summerlin and Trooper Charles Newman to the scene and Hart was taken into custody.

A short time later Faircloth arrived from Pryor and presided at the taking of Hart's statement.



**AIRPORT MARKED** — After more than two years of operation the Pryor Municipal Airport has been marked with the identifying name of "Pryor". Members of the 99's Club of Tulsa, an organization of women pilots, have been working on a project to properly mark all airports. Painting the "Y" in Pryor's name on the taxi strip Saturday are: Mrs. Betty Nation, left; Mrs. Nancy Cain, both of Pryor; Mrs. Lea Baker, Tulsa, chairman of the 99's; and Mrs. Colleen White, also of Tulsa. Mrs. Nation and Mrs. Cain are members of the Tulsa chapter of the 99's.

— Times Staff Photo

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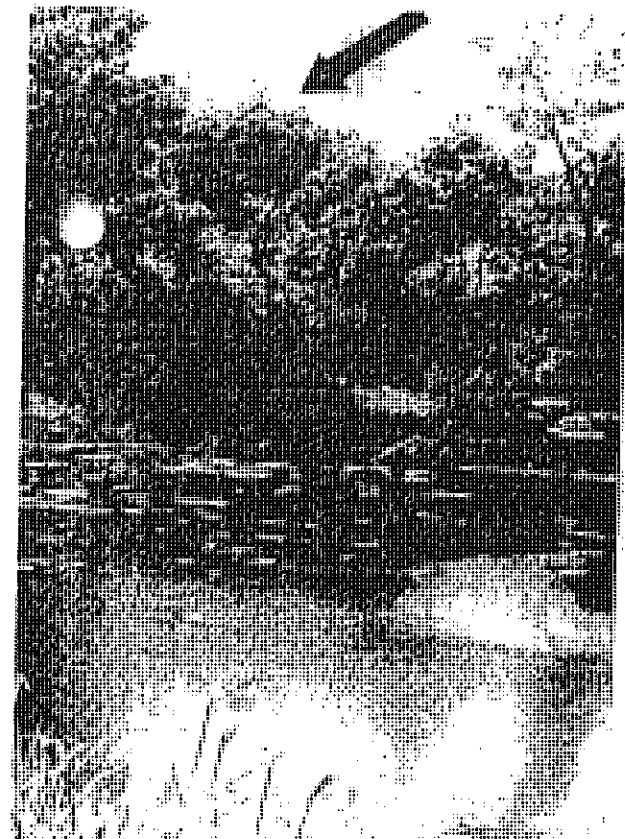
### OKLAHOMA

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; widely scattered thunderstorms southeast tonight and Panhandle Tuesday afternoon. Cooler east and south tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight 50 northwest to 65 southeast. High Tuesday in 80s.

### PRYOR AND VICINITY

Cloudy to partly cloudy and cooler today and tonight. Fair and mild Tuesday. Highs today mid 80s; Lows tonight near 60.

PRYOR		GRAND LAKE	
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**VICTIMS WERE LEFT** — Two of the hill where two Tulsa women were left bound, gagged and early Saturday after alleged kidnaped in Tulsa and driven away by a man later identified as Gene Hart, 22, of near Locust

Grove. The hill, just off SH 33 between Chouteau and Locust Grove, is scene from the south bank of a small pond around which the kidnaper led his victims. Arrow points to tree under which the pair was abandoned. They charged their abductor with raping each of them.

— Times Staff Photo

## Twisters Hit Enid Area

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The three persons were hospitalized for observation, but not considered seriously hurt.

The late-spring funnels up-scutched an area of six blocks wide and 40 or 40 blocks long, said Chief of Police Dale Moxley.

Moxley said "people were alerted by radio warnings and were standing in their yards and saw the storm approaching. This probably saved a lot of lives because they had time to get into protected areas."

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Moxley, who lost the front part of his own home in the sudden storm, said about "500 homes were damaged to some extent and about 100 persons had to be relocated during the night."

Witnesses said more than a dozen homes were demolished. Those who were injured were not believed in serious condition.

The storm-wrecked area, in northern and eastern sections of this wheat-rich growing area, was cordoned off by state highway patrolmen and Enid police while firemen carried out their chores.

There were dozens of eye witnesses to the storm.

Terry Christian said he saw the storm pass two blocks from his home. He said it laid on the floor and put a pillow over

my head while all that debris was whirling around."

An unidentified youth told a newswoman his father was caught in the tornadic winds "but held onto a tree and got nothing but a slight cut on his arm."

"It was kind of like a dream," an excited teen-age girl told a reporter. "We just stood there in the yard looking at the tornado in the distance."

One woman related she and her friends were outside their apartment building as the storm approached.

"We ran inside, opened all the windows and then huddled in a hallway," she said. "We could hear the roar outside. Our carport was ripped apart and several cars were smashed."

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Other funnels were reported in northern and central Oklahoma. Twisters touched the ground in rural areas outside Enid, Nardin, Blackwell, Drummond, Tonkawa, Hennessy and Guthrie but no injuries were reported. There was some damage to farm homes.

Four persons in a pickup truck, parked adjacent to a barn southeast of Enid escaped injury when the barn was blown atop the truck.

Reported injured at Enid were Mary Helen Smith, 13; Glen Anthony, 41; and Walter Hal-

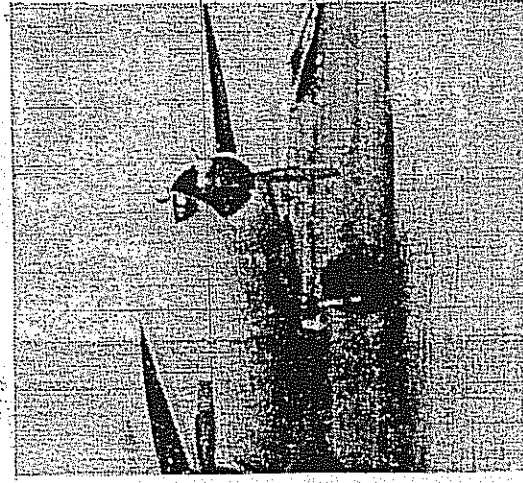
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Florence member of volunteer blood unit on June 14 residents. Staff Photo

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Okla. Historical Society  
Attention: Mr. Carl Long

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ailed. The craft, weighing 22,000 pounds, led to this position on the hangar apron came to rest. — Times Staff Photo

## CAP Handling Fair Tickets

The Lakes Area Civil Air Patrol Squadron of Pryor is again selling tickets to the Tulsa State Fair under the half-price advance sale arrangement being advertised on Tulsa television stations. Squadron Commander Lt. Col. R. E. Scherrer said Monday the tickets could be bought either singly or in books; from any of the CAP Cadets or from most of the senior members.

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# Hart Pleads Guilty To Rape, Kidnaping In Surprise Move

Gene Leroy Hart, 22, Locust Grove, entered pleas of guilty in District Court today to a charge of first degree rape and two counts of kidnaping growing out of the June 4 abduction of two Tulsa women and driving them to a Mayes County hillside where they were left gagged and bound. Hart had been scheduled for trial Monday and a jury was selected to hear the case before Dist. Judge Joseph Breaune of Miami, assigned to assist in clearing an overcrowded docket. After the jury was selected and sworn in Monday afternoon, it was too late to begin the trial, and Breaune called a recess until 9 a.m. today. When jurors assembled today, however, the proceedings were delayed until nearly 11:30 when Hart and his attorney, William M. Bill Thomas, entered the courtroom and in a dramatic move asked to be allowed to withdraw his previous plea of innocent and to substitute the plea of guilty. County Attorney Carl Long

usually took place in another county while enroute to the Mayes County site, and hence no charge would be filed here. After accepting the pleas of guilty, Judge Breaune set sentencing for Friday Oct. 7 at 9 a.m. The date was requested by Longmire and Defense Attorney Thomas since it was a regular motion day in District Court here, and Judge John O. Adams would be on the bench. Hart was then remanded to the custody of Sheriff Joe Faircloth to be held without bond pending the sentencing on Oct. 7. Longmire said the penalty for each of the crimes to which Hart pleaded guilty can be anything from five to fifteen years, and added that he would recommend to the court that the three sentences be allowed to run concurrently. Hart was arrested on June 4 only a few hours after their two Tulsa women had managed to escape from the bonds in which their abductor had left them on a rocky hillside just off of SH33.

The women had been able to give Sheriff Faircloth a good description of the man who, they said, forced them into the trunk of his car outside a Tulsa nightclub, and drove them to Mayes County site. They also knew the make and model of the car and the first four digits of the license number. A few hours after this information was broadcast the car was spotted in Locust Grove by OHP Trooper Don Hall and Sheriff's Deputy J. L. Summerlin, and Trooper Charles Newton went to the scene where Hart was taken into custody. In another District Court action today Robert Henson, charged with two counts of Larceny by receipt, also changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced to two years on each count. Judge Adams said the sentences would run concurrently. Henson was accused of taking an automobile from a Pryor dealer, presumably with the intent of purchasing it but failed in

# Wise gives grim dec

By Associated Press Staff

President Dwight D. Eisenhower gave a grim decision today, ordering the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Soviet spies who had been sentenced to life in prison for espionage.

The president's decision was announced in a statement from the White House, saying that the Rosenbergs had been found guilty of espionage and that the government had no choice but to execute them.

The Rosenbergs, who were born in Hungary, had been living in the United States since 1941. They had been working on the atomic bomb project for the Soviet Union, and had been caught in 1950.

The president's decision was a surprise to many people, who had expected the Rosenbergs to be given a reprieve. The decision was also a blow to the civil liberties movement.

The Rosenbergs had been given a chance to appeal their conviction, but they had refused to do so.

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### Fireworks, other activities planned

## Pioneer Days draw C-C attention

Thousands of people are expected to attend the Pioneer Days celebration in Mayes County, Okla., which will be held from July 14 to 17. The celebration is one of the largest in the state and is attended by many out-of-state visitors.

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### Four accidents occur in Mayes County

## Tulsa killed in car wreck

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Advertisement for a local business, featuring a large illustration of a person and text promoting their services.



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## Search for leads cont in sex murder of 3 ch

By RON GRIMSLEY  
News Editor

Mayes County Deputy Sheriff Hugh Horton and three officers of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol questioned a 44-year-old Locust Grove man in Miami shortly after noon today about the sex murder of three young Girl Scouts.

Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver said the man was being held on a public drunk charge in the jail at Miami after being arrested early this morning on State Highway 19, seven miles north of Grove.

The man, who is unemployed, and listed his address as General Delivery, Locust Grove, was questioned for about thirty minutes. Officials at the Ottawa County jail would issue no comment, and shortly after 12:30 p.m., the questioning resumed.

Weaver said there was no hard evidence at this time to connect the man with the brutal slaying of the three young girls at Camp Scott just south of Locust Grove, and that the questioning resulted from a statement allegedly made by the man to the arresting officer, OHP Trooper Virgil McClain.

Weaver said the Locust Grove man told McClain that "he was wanted by the law in Locust Grove," and Weaver said, "That makes us very interested in what he has to say." However,

## Locust Grove man questioned on slim chance of connection

A reliable source close to the investigation said authorities were trying to link a "specific suspect" with new evidence found along a trail near where the bodies were discovered about 6 a.m. Monday.

The bodies of Lorrie Lee Farmer, 8, Tulsa, Michelle Guse, 9, Broken Arrow, and Doris Denise Milner, 10, Tulsa, were found about 120 yards from their tent.

The girls were slain on the first night of a scheduled two-week stay at the 410-acre camp. The site, along the edge of the Cookson Hills area of eastern Oklahoma, Locust Grove, about three miles north of the camp, is about 45 miles west of Tulsa in Mayes County.

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## BULLETIN

A source in Miami today said authorities there had concluded their questioning of the Locust Grove man, and that they had not made any request that he be held for further questioning.

Weaver added that the man was not listed officially as a suspect at this time, and that the only charge pending against him was that of public drunk.

The man was alone at the time of his arrest at 1:25 a.m. Wednesday.

The sheriff declined to disclose other details until the man was interviewed.

Earlier, officials revealed they had found bloody footprints, apparently left by large tennis shoes, which were found on the wooden platform of the tent in which the Girl Scouts were killed on the first night of a camping trip.

Authorities were reported to have lifted fingerprints from a large red flashlight that was left by the killer near the bodies of three girls found slain at the camp early Monday morning.

Officials also reportedly have taken fingerprints from the skin of at least one of the girls under a relatively new process, but it wasn't known if the prints belonged to the killer or the first officers on the scene.

The battery of crime technicians and forensic chemists, after working through the night Monday for clues, also had footprints in blood from the floor of the girls' tent. They appeared to be from large tennis shoes, much larger than any shoes the girls had left in the tent after donning bed clothes.

Investigators reportedly found more evidence early Tuesday about 200 yards from the tent where the girls were staying, but clamped tight security on the undisclosed evidence.



**MURDER SCENE** — It was in this tent that three young girls were sleeping when they were attacked during the early morning hours Monday.

News men were allowed on the scene for the first time today. (Times Photo)

## Arms race increases probability of war

**STOCKHOLM** Sweden (AP) — The nuclear weapons race and expanding international arms trade are increasing the probability of a general nuclear war, an international research body said today.

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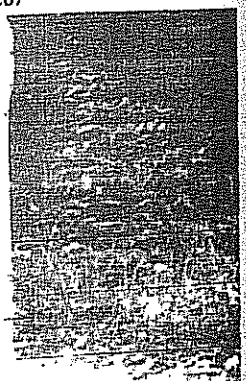
resources spent on arms races in the world today, particularly on the nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union, together with the uncontrolled international trade in arms and the proliferating capability to produce nuclear weapons will probably make the next decade an exceedingly dangerous period, said the eighth yearbook of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

Improved offensive and defensive strategic weapons and sizable nuclear arsenals could well lead to a situation in which adventurous

in one or both of the great powers may perceive a chance of winning a strategic nuclear war, the report warned.

SIPRI, which is funded by the Swedish government but has an international staff and governing board, said the United States admits having 1,054 land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), 650 submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), and 14 nuclear subs and about 9,000 independently targetable nuclear warheads.

The Soviet Union was reported to have about 1,500



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District Attorney Sid Wise said an autopsy report showed that all three of the Girl Scouts had been "sexually molested in some

form. Asked to be more specific, Wise said, "I can't say anything further out of compassion for the parents."

The autopsies showed that Lori and Michelle died from blows to the head while Doris died from strangulation.

Authorities who refused to allow their names to be used have disclosed that investigators believe the two younger girls, who had been sleeping on the same side of the tent, were slain inside the tent, while Doris was killed outside where the three bodies were found.

Wise said "logic leads us to conclude the murder is a man, a stealthy, physically agile man."

Wise also refused to be more specific on developments, but told newsmen that officers "fully expect to crack this case."

A wooden platform of the victims' 12-by-14-foot tent was airlifted to the state Crime Bureau headquarters in Oklahoma City, where exhaustive tests were being conducted on it and other pieces of evidence.

Authorities also were known to be tracing the source of the flashlight and two-inch wide black tape used to cover the girls' mouths and to bind their hands.

Twenty-four Girl Scouts who had been quickly removed from the area where the slain girls went to sleep Sunday night were allowed back into the camp area Tuesday with their parents to pick up belongings.

Authorities also were conducting an inventory to determine if the killer had taken any belongings. One investigator said it is believed at least one unspecified item was taken from the tent.

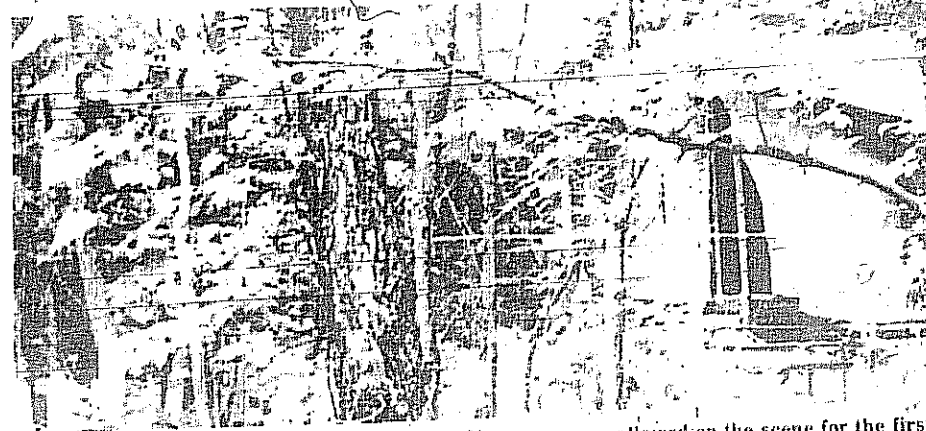
Several reward and memorial funds for the girls have been established at area banks and businesses.

The Farmer girl will be the first of the three to be buried. Services were set for 2 p.m. today at the Ashbury Methodist Church.

Her father, Dr. Charles A. Farmer, is head of the Eastern Oklahoma Emergency Physicians and heads the emergency room staff at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa.

Services for the Milner girl were scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday. Services for the Guse girl were set for 10 a.m. Friday.

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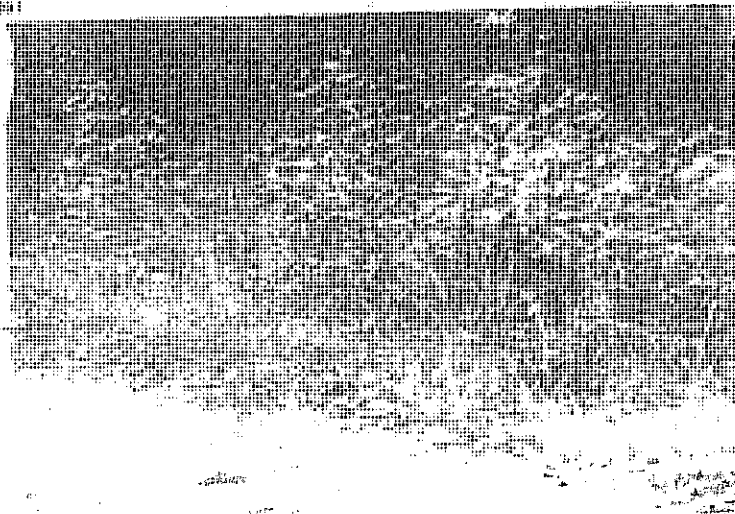
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## Deaths and Funerals

**COLLIER** — Grace V., 66, Collinsville, passed away Tues., member of the Rebecca Lodge, Muskogee. Survived by: husband, Robert Lee of the home; 1 son, Robert Lee Jr., Rural Route, Owasso; sister, Loreece Bruce, Ventura, Calif.; 2 grandchildren. Service 2 p.m. Thurs. Collinsville Funeral Home Chapel. Interment Ridgelawn Cemetery.

**KING** — Alfred, 67, North-west of Sapulpa, passed away Monday. Survived by: wife, Maudie King; daughters, Bonnie, Minney, Kathy Minton; son, Fred King; 3 sisters; 1 brother; 7 grandchildren. Service 10 a.m. Thursday, Mobley-Dodson-Lakeside Chapel. Reverend Roy Davis officiating. Interment Woodland. Mobley-Dodson Lakeside, 245-6644.

**FARMER** — Lori Lee, 8, passed away Monday. Survived by Parents, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Farmer; sisters & brother, Misti Lyn, Joli Ann, Kali Bliss & Chad Alton; grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. William David Millsapps, Benton, Ark.; Mr. & Mrs. C. Alton Farmer, Dumas, Ark. Friends are contributing to March of Dimes Foundation. Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Asbury Methodist Church, Moores Eastlawn, 622-1155.

**MILNER** — Doris Denice, 10, 320 E. Xyler. Passed away Monday. Daughter of Betty & Walter Milner, Jr. Survived by: 1 sister Kathleen Elizabeth Milner of the home; grandparents, Elizabeth & Walter Milner, Sr., Tulsa; Grandmother, Hazel Franklin of Mesa, Ariz.; 3 aunts, Ann Milner, Tulsa; June Collins of Tulsa; Doris Davenport, Los Angeles, Calif.; Service 11 a.m. Thursday at the Antioch Baptist Church. Interment, Green Acres Memorial Garden. Tulsa Whisenhunt.

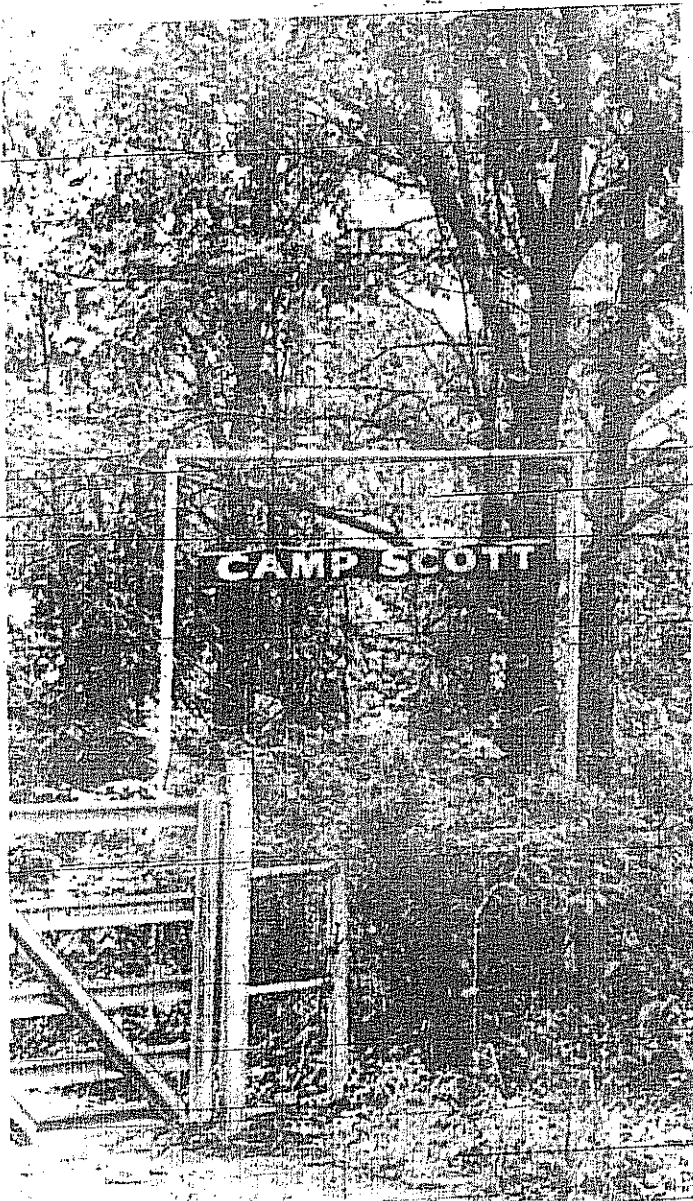
**GLADSON** — Leona F., 80, of 1025 N. Adams St., Sand Springs, passed away Monday in a Tulsa hospital, preceded in death by husband Don Gladson, survived by: daughter, Mrs. Jean Ann Wallace, Tulsa; Son; Paul E. Harding, Tulsa; brother: Homer K. Giegler, Sand Springs; 6 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; Service 2 p.m. Friday, Tulsa Whisenhunt Chapel. Interment Woodland. Sand Springs. Tulsa Whisenhunt.

**SMUCK** — Abby H., 65, former Tulsa, passed away Monday in Oceanside, Calif., survived by 3 sisters; Mrs. Lee Ewing, Oceanside, Calif.; Selma Gilmour, Tulsa; Ruth Blaise, Springfield, Mo., several nieces & nephews. Service Thursday 10 a.m. Memorial Park Chapel. Interment Memorial Park. Moores, 583-6148.

**HASELL** — Elva, age 80, passed away Mon. She is a long time resident of Sperry. She is survived by her

**SWEENEY** — Paul Newton, 70, 4608 S. 30th W. Ave., passed away Monday. Survived by: wife, Ruth of the home. Funeral service, 10 a.m. Thursday.

these where clusters of the tent structures are located. It is believed that the killer silently crept into the tent of the three girls and killed two there. A third was probably killed somewhere away from the structure. Two of the victims were beaten to death, the third strangled. Complete details on Page One. (Times Photo)



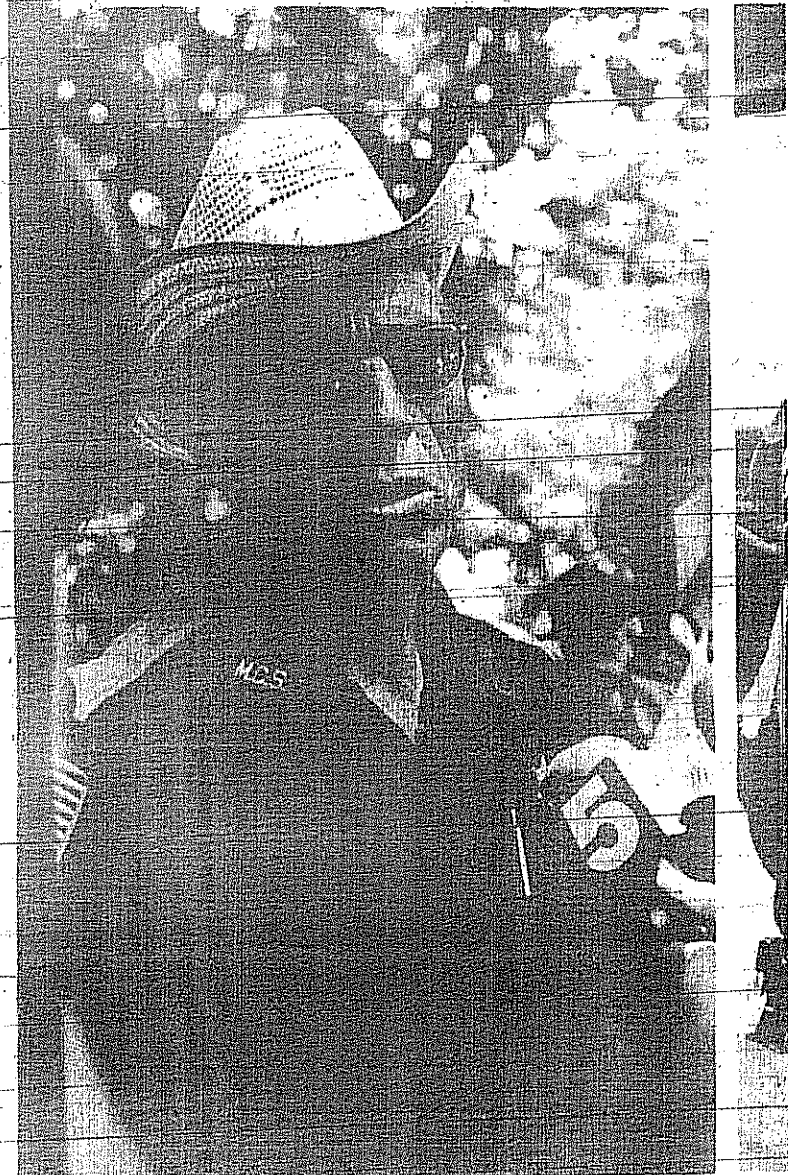
CAMP SCOTT sign was a familiar landmark to newsmen this week since it was at this gate that most waited for scant details of the triple slaying which had happened inside. (Times Photo)

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TRAGEDY became a familiar word this week to Mayes Countians as three young Girl Scouts were beaten and murdered at Camp Scott in a tent just like this one. The tents are located in a

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QUESTIONS — Sheriff Pete Weaver talks to newsmen about the details of a tragic multiple slaying at Camp Scott early Monday. (Times Photos)

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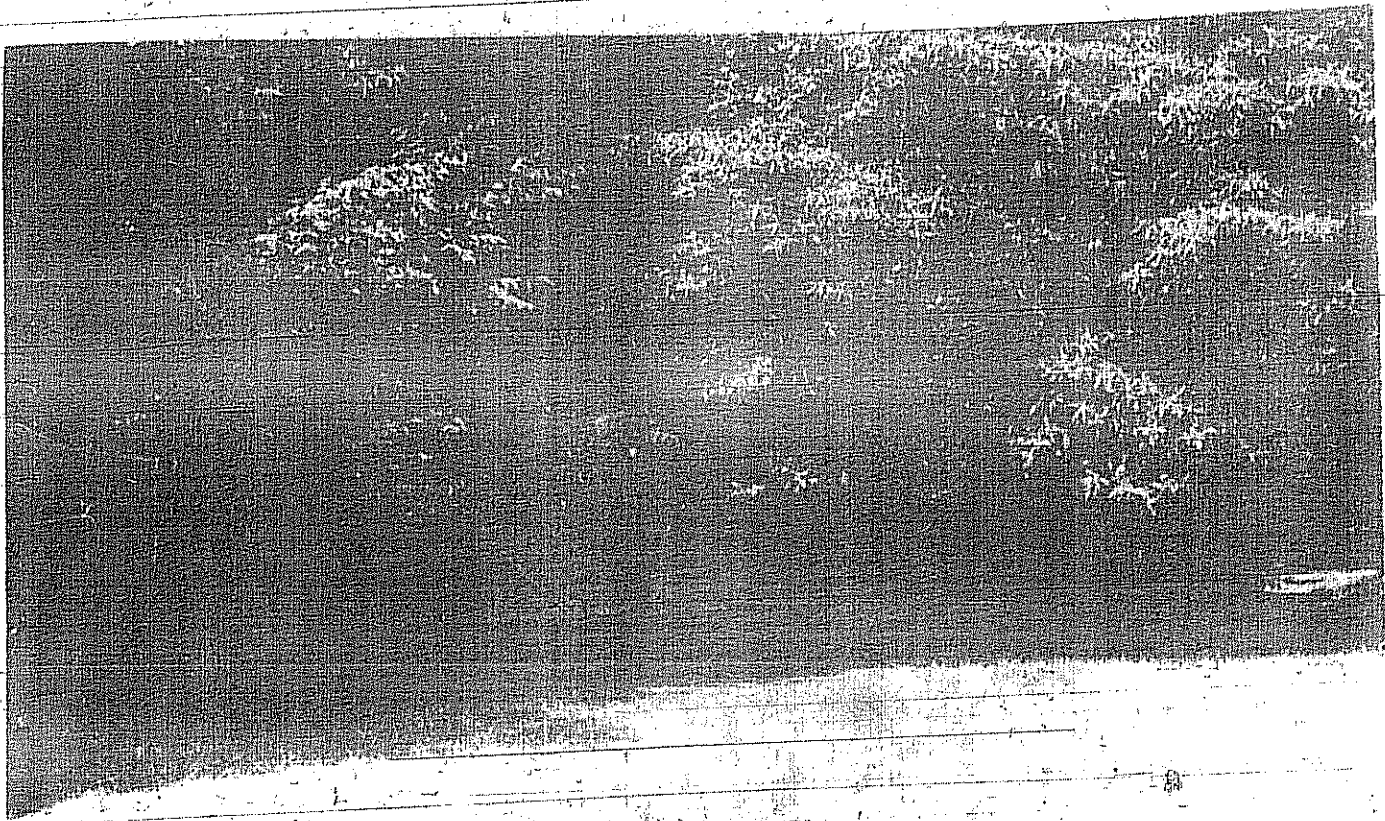
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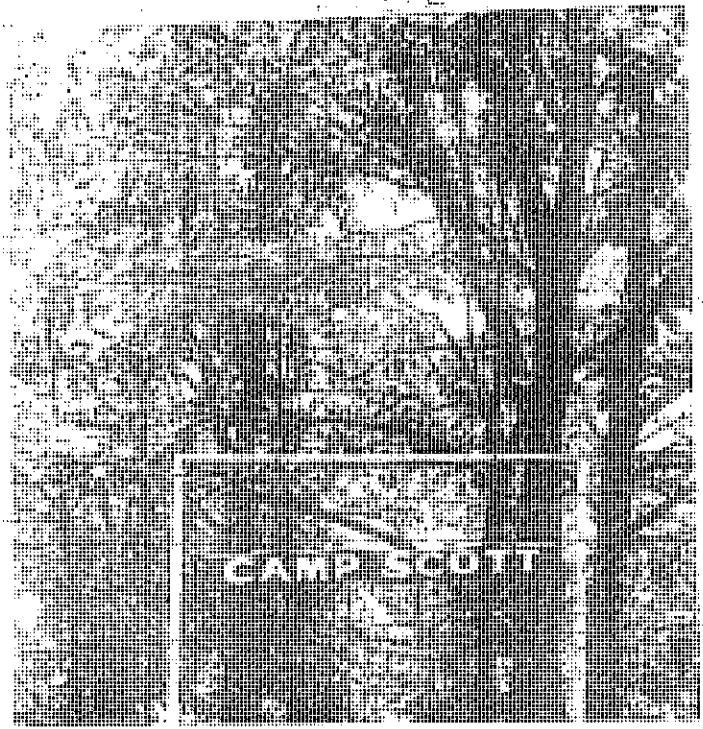


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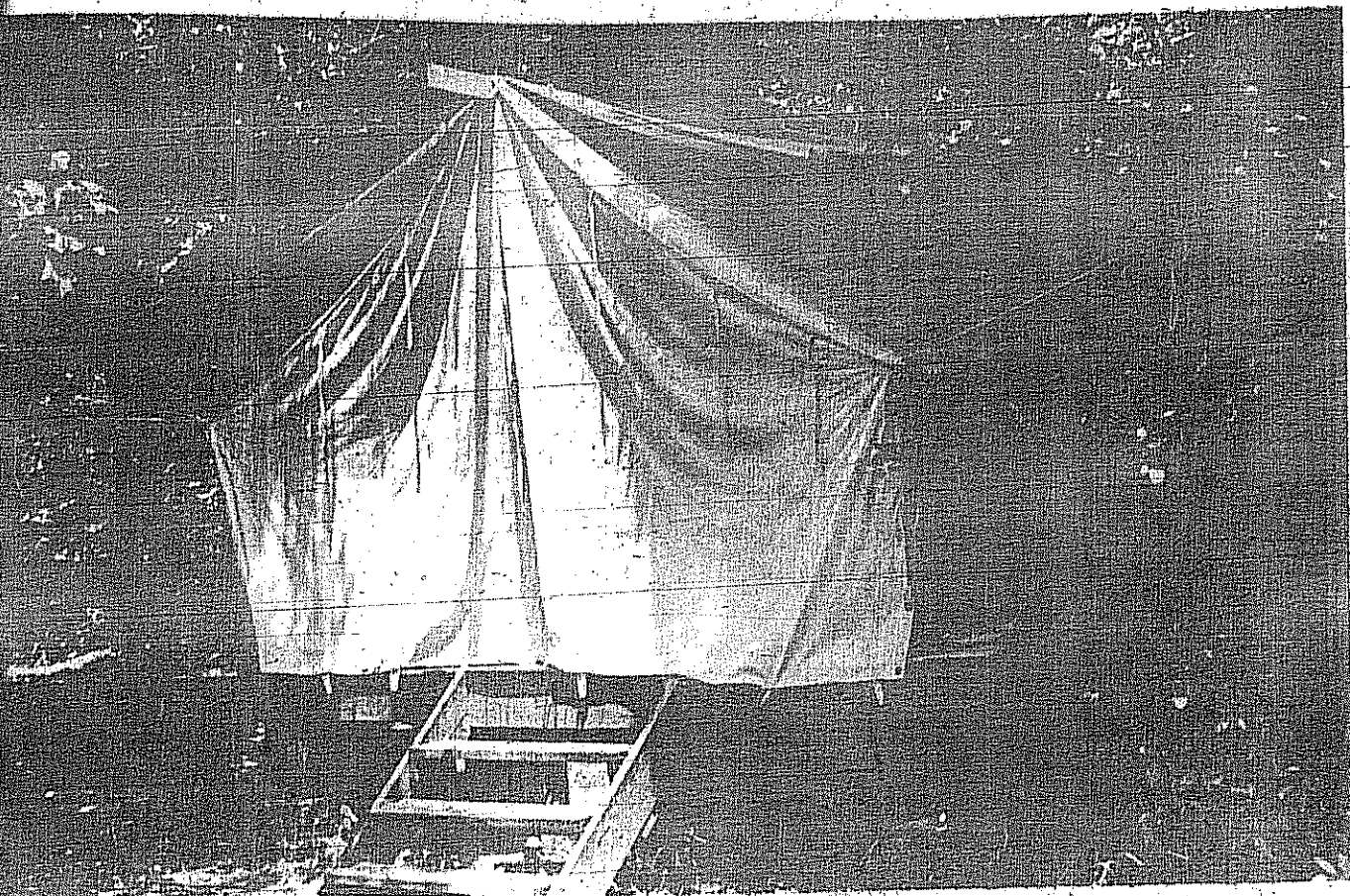
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INSIDE THE CAMP are several areas such as these where clusters of the tent structures are located. It is believed that the killer silently crept into the tent of the three girls and killed two there. A third was probably killed somewhere away from the structure. Two of the victims were beaten to death, the third strangled. Complete details on Page One. (Times Photo)





# A week of tragedy...



TRAGEDY became a familiar word this week to Mayes Countians as three young Girl Scouts were beaten and murdered at Camp Scott in a tent just like this one. The tents are located in a

compound, and the victims were in the most isolated one. Full details appear on today's front page. (Times Photo)



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LOCUST GROVE, Okla. (AP) — Authorities hope that three fingerprints and a footprint will lead them to the person who killed three Girl Scouts on a camping trip at Camp Scott here.

The girls were beaten, strangled and molested. The first of the girls was buried

Wednesday and the second was to be buried today.

Investigators have been close-mouthed about developments in the case, but there were reports that three excellent fingerprints had been obtained from the victim's bodies.

Authorities also were

looking into several more clues.

Lori Lee Farmer, 8, of Tulsa, was buried Wednesday. Doris Denise Milner, 10, also of Tulsa, was to be buried today. Michelle Guse, 9, of Broken Arrow will be buried Friday.

The bodies of the girls were

discovered early Monday at Camp Scott, a 49-year-old, 410-acre camp site owned by the Magic Empire Girl Scout Council based in Tulsa.

The camp is in the heavily wooded area on the fringe of the Cookson Hills of eastern Oklahoma, about 45 miles from Tulsa.

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By RON GRIMSLEY  
News Editor

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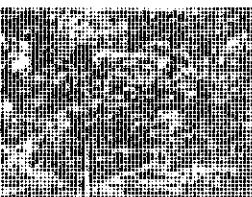
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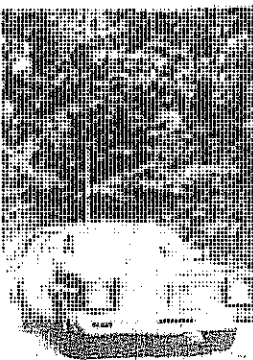


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governors. The jet landed in Pryor late Wednesday evening. (Times Photo)

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Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation crime lab in Oklahoma City.

"It's getting beyond the point of patience," Wise said. "They were the first ones on the scene, and this is Thursday."

The wooden base of the 12 x 14 tent was airlifted to the lab Tuesday. Authorities were also checking out a 6-volt lantern and footprints believed, belonging to the killer, along with three clear fingerprints obtained from the victims' bodies.

Officials were hoping for a light rain early today to help the dogs by bringing any scent back to ground level, but there was no rain in the area by late Thursday.

Ironically, an evening rain may have helped whoever slipped into the victims' tent. The night before the bodies were found, rain had caused tent flaps to be tied down, shutting off the view of camp counselors to the girls' tents. Sometime between about 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., authorities believe, the killer entered the camp, went to the tent and killed the three girls. He carried their bodies some 150 yards away where they were found at 6:23 a.m. Tuesday by one of the staff.



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## Memorial funds set

Three new memorial funds have been announced for persons who wish to contribute money in memory of Lori Lee Farmer, 8, Doris Denise Milner, 10, and Michelle Guse, 9, who were murdered Monday at a Girl Scout Camp near Locust Grove.

According to Karen Burkhardt, Pryor Girl Scout leader and fund organizer for

the Pryor area, the parents of the dead girls have requested that anyone wishing to make donations contribute to the following funds:

Lori Lee Farmer Memorial Fund for St. John's Medical Center, Pediatrics (Send in care of Medical Staff Office.) Also contributions to the March of Dimes in Lori's name were suggested by her parents.

Michelle Guse Memorial for the Vanliver Elementary School Remedial Center Library in Broken Arrow.

Doris Milner Antioch Baptist Church Memorial Fund. Address to 2121 N. Frankfort in Tulsa.

Parents of the three girl scouts also named the First National Bank of Tulsa General Memorial Fund as (Continued on Page 2)

## In the darkness they still stay

A TIMES EXCLUSIVE  
By RON GRIMSLEY  
News Editor

It is night now, nearly 11, and the darkness which has settled over these 400-plus acres is absolute. Only the distorted blur of a carried flashlight pierces the surrounding grounds and hum of radio equipment inside the small house.

And the never-ending ring of telephones.

The man places a boot on the railing outside, his arms on the banister and leans forward. "Sure I'm tired, but I get paid to be tired. I asked for this job."

The man is Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver. Since early Monday morning, he can count the hours of sleep he has had on the fingers of his hands. That is when the battered bodies of three young girls were found here at Camp Scott, the first night of a summer Girl Scout camping trip.

Weaver has called the triple slaying the worst incident of crime in the county's history.

He has just returned from the first outing with a specialty dog, flown here from Pennsylvania for tracking. He is pleased.

"I've been calm and collected through this whole thing. Now, for the first time, I'm excited about it, of solving it. When we do, this thing is going to be a solid case."

The slight break is over now, as someone from inside the command post shouts a question. It's back to business.

Inside, those manning the telephones try to answer questions from news media all over the country. There has been a call from Australia, another from London, Dallas, Chicago, Kansas City... these are routine by now.

"Yes, the dogs are here. No, there isn't much we say now. No, he's in a meeting with the OSBI at the moment." In the span of an hour, the phone has rung perhaps 40 or 50

times.

Inside the command post, three telephones are going at once. The radio carries traffic from all over the area.

A flurry of excitement. Someone has called the sheriff's office in Pryor to "surrender." But the caller hangs up. A trace is tried. Maybe a crank. Maybe the real thing.

The deputies, the OHP personnel, the OSBI... all of them are here. Inside, out in the yard, sitting on the porch eating the sandwiches brought in by the Red-Cross or, drinking canned pop, to fight the heat and exhaustion, or using spray uselessly against the bugs and ticks.

The night contingent has been assigned, but the day crew, some of them here for 12 hours, 24 or even 36 straight, are off, but still they stay. There may be a break, they may be needed. Or there may just be some more dirty, ground crawling, leg work to do, and there isn't enough manpower to do it all. So they wait, due back in the morning, but they wait.

Why? The pay isn't that good. There's no glory in watching a gate, or trying to hold off newsmen who have more questions than there are answers. And the only fringe benefit—is enough exposure to human weakness and human misery to last an ordinary man a lifetime.

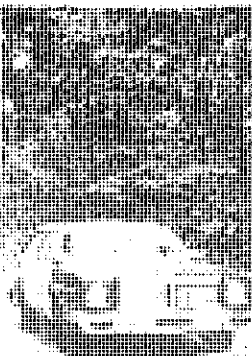
But there is a presence that can literally be felt. A few hundred yards from this house, in the same kind of darkness, an atrocity took place. It was an affront to every decent man and woman. It was the threat that small children cannot in safety enjoy the air, the water, the trees and the companionship of summer camp.

Pete Weaver can't live with that. Neither can the deputies. Neither can you and I.

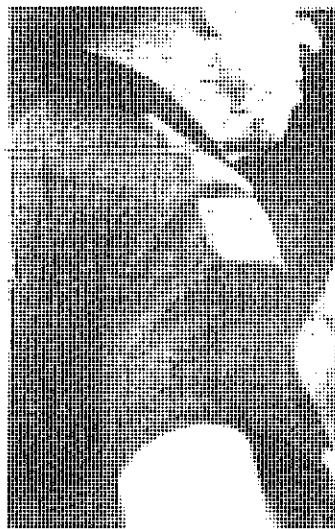
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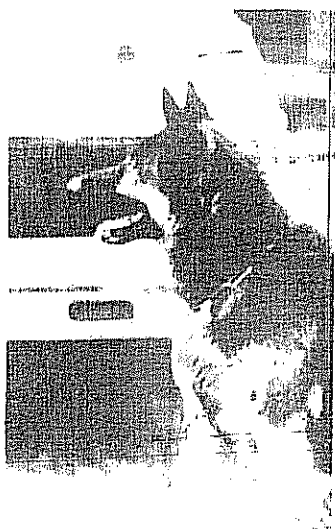
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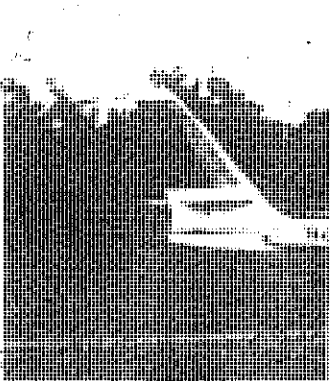
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# Search continues-

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in Broken Arrow

Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver said late Tuesday that a team of three bloodhounds that cracked an 8-month-old murder case in Pennsylvania would be flown to Oklahoma Wednesday to assist in the search for the killer.

Weaver said authorities here at Camp Scott expected to pick up trainer Don Laker and the dogs, which are owned by Pennsylvania State Trooper John Preston, at 1 p.m. today at the Pryor airport.

"We're leaning on Mr. Laker's judgment on the ability of these dogs," Weaver said Wednesday morning.

He said they would be picked up at the Philadelphia airport at 9:30 a.m. by an aircraft arranged for by the offices of Gov. David Boren and state Safety Commissioner Roger Webb.

Weaver said Laker told him the dogs picked up scents from a murder eight months after it happened and picked out a defendant twice at a police lineup as the person who committed the murder.

The sheriff said he didn't know any other details or the name of the defendant.

Weaver said that although the counselors at the camp had left after they had been interviewed, authorities still had not ruled out the possibility that one of them could be a suspect in the case.

But he stressed the investigation hadn't reached the point of centering on any particular person.

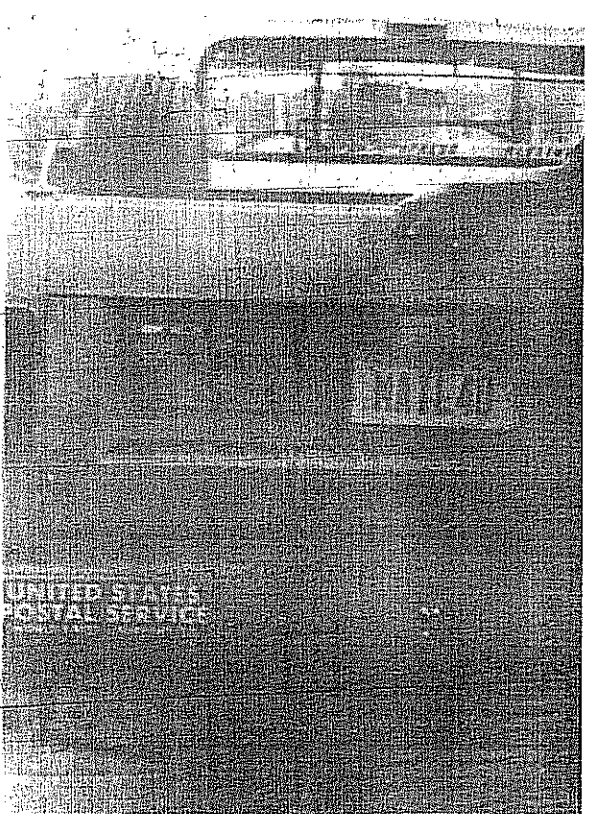
Other reliable sources close to the investigation said at least one suspect was being checked out against the traces of physical evidence.

"We still haven't reached the point of putting anyone in a lineup," Weaver said.

Anything is a possibility and we're not passing up any possibilities. We've just pushed all the stoppers on this one," Weaver said.

Weaver said the camp site had been thoroughly combed by investigators near the death scene. The evidence was sent to a laboratory operated by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation at Oklahoma City.

"We hope to have some returns today, Wednesday, from the lab on what our evidence means," he said.



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## Worsdorfer funeral set

LOCUST GROVE — Anton  
J. Worsdorfer, 74, died today  
in a Pryor hospital. Services  
will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the  
Hogan Cemetery with Rev.  
Bill Grass officiating.

Mr. Worsdorfer was born  
Nov. 2, 1902 at St. James, Ind.  
and had lived in this area  
since 1958. He moved to  
Locust Grove seven years  
ago.

He was a member of the  
Little Rock Free Will Baptist  
Church.

Survivors include his wife,  
Francis of the home, one son,  
August of Baton Rouge, La.,  
two brothers, John of  
Evansville, Ind. and Matt of  
Dallas, Tex., one sister,  
Loreta Bartlett of Evan-  
sville, Ind. and three  
granddaughters.

Funeral arrangements are  
under the direction of the  
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Funeral Home at Locust  
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## Letter

Dear Editor and  
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# CALLER ADMITS HE IS

By RON GRIMSLEY  
News Editor

Officials at Camp Scott, where 11 young Girl Scouts were slain early Monday morning confirmed that there is a probable link between the burglary of a nearby farm house and the slayings.

The farm house is located west of the camp grounds and is owned by a Tulsa man who apparently uses it as a weekend retreat. Officials knew of the burglary earlier this week but spent the last two days analyzing evidence and using a special dog team to verify that.

One of three dogs flown here from Pennsylvania to join in the search was taken out early this morning to again work the area around the encampment where the

## Please call again!

By BOB COLVIN  
Managing Editor

This is an urgent, personal letter to the person who killed the three Girl Scouts last Monday morning.

Two phone calls were made to the Daily Times about noon Friday, asking for the manager. If those phone calls were made by you and not by some deranged prankster, please call again. I want to talk to you.

You said you wanted to surrender, that you were the one who killed the three girls. If, in fact, you do want to surrender, I will meet with you anywhere at anytime under any conditions you want.

If you are afraid for your life, I promise I will do everything to help you in your surrender.

Please call me Saturday morning at the Daily Times. The phone number is 825-3292.

It's up to you.

The dog today worked around a pond on the farm and was taken out at one point in a boat. Later officials here

called in a diver and this afternoon were in the process of searching the lake and dragging it for what they

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Laken explains to Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver (right) the dogs tracking procedures.

## Until Labor Day, that is

# Bridge to stay open

Three Mayes County towns, Spavinaw, Langley, and Disney, have reached an agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in a dispute over the closing for repairs of a bridge on State Highway 82 between Spavinaw and Langley.

Cledis Arnold, mayor of

Langley, announced today through Pryor attorney Ernest Brown that the three communities have agreed the bridge will remain open until after the Labor Day weekend. The bridge will then be closed to all vehicular traffic for a period of six to eight weeks. The three towns had filed a court action against the state

and obtained a temporary restraining order in District Court here after the state issued a press release and map announcing the repair work and the bridge closing.

The work was to begin June 6 and the bridge was to be closed for about 60 days. The court here granted the temporary order and set a

hearing on the action of July 19.

In the action filed by the towns, one of the provisions points out that the communities involved are particularly adapted to recreational business and notes "That said recreational business reaches its peak during the summer months."

The action claimed the towns' economies would suffer from closing the bridge.

A parking ordinance?

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# REWARD FUNDS

Authorities investigating last week's slaying of three Girl Scouts attending summer camp at Locust Grove gathered this morning to tally the reward fund and to consider a "news blackout" because of incorrect statements printed by some newspapers.

Those who have been on the scene for most of the investigation were surprised late last week and over the weekend by reports of "internal strife and disagreements" among the various agencies investigating the tragic and brutal slaying of the young girls.

Meanwhile, the reward fund, being offered by several groups in and out of the area, is growing by leaps and bounds. As of this morning, the total was nearly \$14,000 and getting larger.

"It's hard for most people to visualize that kind of money," Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver told The Times. "But when

you think of it as a bright, new car, or even big down payment on a home, then it becomes easier to see what we're talking about."

## Who to call...

Anyone with information who wishes to qualify for the reward monies may contact the sheriff's office or district attorney's office in Mayes County, or you may contact Ron Grimsley, news editor of The Daily Times at 825-3292 or 825-3548 evenings. Information will be taken down and forwarded to the proper agency.

Weaver said he has received contributions from as far away as Washington state for the reward fund.

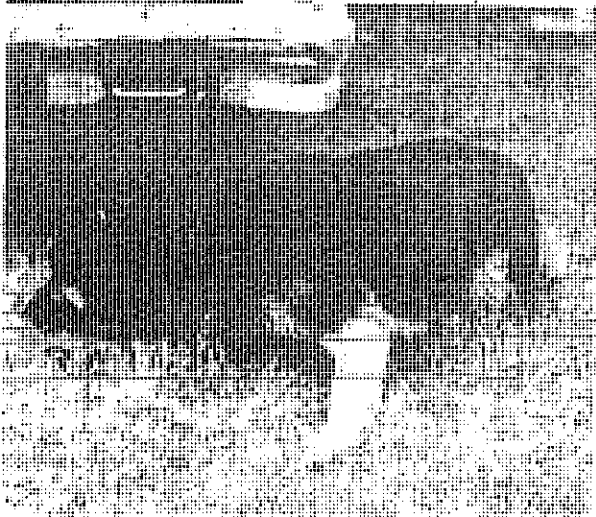
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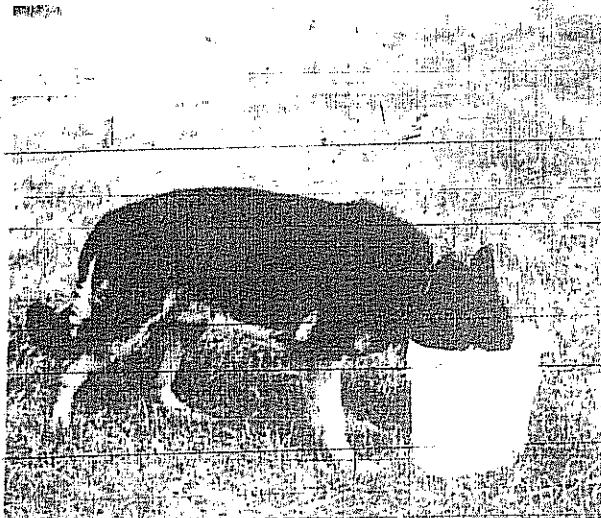
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(Editor's note: When the order to start the trans-Alaska pipeline was given, AP Fairbanks Correspondent Ward Sims was in the Valdez control room. This is his report.)

By WARD SIMS  
Associated Press Writer  
VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) — "Oil in" hardly got in the way of routine here Monday, as the trans-Alaska pipeline began filling with crude. A few chuckles, a lone handclap and the traditional

thumbs up signal heralded the birth of the line.

Valdez is home for the southern control room of the 800-mile pipeline, and from there, the signal to put oil into the line was given.

Eleven Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. workers manned the facility, part of the \$1.25 billion oil storage and tanker terminal here.

Don Gray, an Alyeska official, received word to flash the "oil in" order from Henry Mowell, the firm's vice presi-

dent for operations.

A big smile on Gray's face as he entered the terminal control room.

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# House sets for vote to revoke pay raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives is preparing to vote on an amendment that would have congressmen give back the \$12,900 raise they got in March.

Congressmen hoping to repeal the pay raise maneuvered toward a vote today that would focus only on the pay of House members and would not tamper with increases given at the same time to some 20,000 top level federal employees.

Funds to continue the pay raise into the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, are in a legislative appropriation bill before the House. It is these funds the amendment would cut.

An extremely close vote was predicted.

If the House members delete the funds to cover the pay raises for the next fiscal year, the Senate would not have to go along. Senators could vote to put the money for their raises back into the bill. Then the measure would be sent to a conference committee, which would try to reach a compromise

agreeable to both chambers.

The March pay raise went into effect automatically without the need for a vote. It raised the salaries of congressmen and senators from \$44,600 to \$57,500 and included pay increases for the vice president, Cabinet members, other high officials and top civil servants and federal judges.

The House Democratic leadership, fighting to preserve the pay raise, sought approval of procedures that would make any amendment to roll back the increase apply to all recipients except the judges. The Constitution protects judges against having their pay reduced during terms.

Many congressmen indicated that if the congressional salaries could be linked to those of the federal employees who received raises at the same time, the House members would find it easier to justify a refusal to give back their raises. They could say they were simply thinking of all those deserving federal executives.

Members of the House were

also in line for another pay hike, a cost of living increase, on Oct. 1. But on a 397-20 vote Tuesday, the House sent to President Carter a bill denying the cost of living raise to anyone who received the big March increase.

Locust Grove schools since 1959, has or may resign that position could not be confirmed by The Times.

Contacted at his office today, Yarborough at first laughingly replied, "Not yet", to questions regarding his possible resignation, then in a more serious vein told a reporter that he had "no further comment" on the matter.

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"Our committee is making plans for several contests including one to determine the best skateboarders in Pryor. All events will be based on size of the entrant, rather than by age groups and we will award ribbons to winners of first, second third and honorable mention," said Mrs. Cole.

Working with her will be Frank Burrus, Merrill Stott, Doris McPherson, John C. Wilkerson, Jr., and Charles Townsend of the committee.

Time for the event is 10 a.m. and the place will be along the north side of Dillon's

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Federal officials, alarmed by grim new reports from Canada, are considering tougher sanctions against saccharin but will allow more time for scientific reviews before banning the artificial sweetener.

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Donald Kennedy said Monday he is

comment on the proposed government saccharin ban until Aug. 31.

This will allow the public and scientists time to go over new evidence linking the artificial sweetener with bladder cancer in males.

The FDA had originally proposed banning saccharin (Continued on Page 2)

something sources said they have not yet succeeded at.

If the amendment survives the rest of the legislative process, the annual pay of representatives and senators would be cut from \$57,500 to \$44,600.

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NASHVILLE (AP) — The Maury County Jail, scene of the cyanide-laden fire that killed 42 persons, lacked a sprinkler system and had no smoke alarms. The state fire and jail codes didn't require them.

An automatic locking system that could have opened all cells at once was not required. Instead, seven keys were needed to free 56 prisoners trapped inside their cells Sunday afternoon as the toxic fumes traveled through the jail's air ducts.

Thirty-four of those inmates and eight visitors died.

The 12-year-old jail underwent a routine inspection only last Friday and met all necessary state standards, including the proper number of fire extinguishers, state Correction Department officials said.

"This is really one of the better jails in the state," Thomas Woodson, director of the state jail inspection division, said Monday. The current jail inspection report ranks the facility 18th in a field of 102, he said.

Woodson said his agency does not require a sprinkler system for county jails. One

reason, he said, is that "you could have the problem of prisoners constantly setting off the sprinkler system."

"All jails are potential firetraps due to the fact that you're keeping people under lock and key. This could happen in any given facility," Woodson said.

At Gov. Ray Blanton's urging, a five-member committee was named by Correction Commissioner C. Murray Henderson to see if a similar disaster could occur at any of the state's 14 adult and juvenile institutions.

# Ground search for Hart

LOCUST GROVE, Okla. (AP) — The organized ground search for a 33-year-old escapee charged in the grisly sex murders of three Girl Scouts near here 15 days ago was called off today.

The 5-day-old search was abandoned for Gene Leroy Hart "primarily because there hasn't been any productive information to indicate that we know what specific geographical area he is in," said Lt. Kenneth Vanhoy of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

"Right now, our critical shortage is in information and the FBI, Oklahoma State

Bureau of Investigation and the Mayes County Sheriff's Office are getting that information," Vanhoy said.

The contingent of federal agents here rose to about 40 with the arrival today of about 10 agents from Tulsa and other parts of the state. The FBI said it will continue to interview relatives and friends of Hart's, including questioning persons in nearby Tahlequah and Muskogee.

Three infrared heat-detection devices, pressed into the search Monday along with a National Guard helicopter and airplane, were called off the search late this

morning.

Vanhoy said the detection devices "added some information to what we knew about this area," but they never spotted Hart, a Cherokee Indian and expert backwoodsman, in the rattlesnake and tick-infested woods and hills.

The OHP spokesman said about dozen state troopers would remain in the area at least through the day.

Earlier, FBI agents checked out a report that a cabin had been broken into three miles outside the search area, but it turned out to be a false alarm. The infrared

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Wrds of the departments of mental health and corrections are running up medical bills of \$1,100 per day, said Bob Nichols, hospital director of institutional development.

Refusal by the state to accept financial responsibility for the patients has forced the hospital to pass the costs on to paying patients, Nichols said.

The extra charge per patient depends on what services a paying patient receives at hospital.

The extra charges can run as high as \$2 per day for a hospital room to about 40 cents for each laboratory X-ray, Nichols said.

A patient requiring a bed and several tests might pay an additional \$5 to \$6 per day, he said.

Nichols said the practice began about two years ago when a state attorney (Continued on Page 2)



**STARTING WITH A BANG** — The Pryor Jaycees will be selling fireworks on the Wal-Mart parking lot July 1 through July 4. Starting the big sale are (from left) John Crockett, member of the Jaycees, Lew Skelton, manager of Wal-Mart; Karen Morgan, Miss Pryor, and Ivan Williams project chairman. The money will be used to fund projects throughout the year.

## Panel gives nod to Carter's tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key congressional panel has approved President Carter's proposed new oil tax, along with a provision that would divide the money it raises

among all American adults. Under the new crude oil tax-and-refund system approved Tuesday by the House Ways and Means Committee, each adult American would get about \$22 next year as a share of the money to be raised by this levy.

Beginning in 1970, and ending Sept. 30, 1981, this tax would hike the government-controlled price of U.S.-produced crude oil, which now sells for from \$5.25 to \$11.20 per 42-gallon barrel, to the uncontrolled world market price currently averaging about \$13.50 a barrel.

Government experts expect this to boost the price of a gallon of gasoline by three to five cents and the price of a gallon of home heating oil by three to four cents between 1970 and 1980.

But by making fuel more expensive, it is expected to produce savings of 200,000 barrels of oil daily by 1985.

Earlier this month, the panel killed Carter's proposal of a special benefit, ultimately averaging about \$80 annually, for people who heat their homes with oil. But the panel reversed itself Tuesday.

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Laken who was owner and trainer of Butz brought in another dog, Dutch and the investigation continued. Last week Kevin Simpson was asked to bring his dog Schafer and join the search. Simpson is a dog trainer for the Delaware County Police in Pennsylvania.

"In my estimation Dr. Wilson, of Pryor was super. The fact that he did not leave the dog for the five hours he was there shows the quality of a true veterinarian. People of Pryor certainly should be proud to have in him the area."

Thursday, when the farmer spotted the believed suspect, Gene Leroy Hart, hiding in a cave, the dogs Dutch, Spartan and Schafer were called in.

"With the help of the OHP and OSBI, Schafer was able to locate a clear footprint that was cast in plaster," Laken said.

"We were on the next ridge over from the area where the suspect was spotted and Dutch was scented. He made a direct move to the tree line and I heard something running. As the dog pulled forward I saw something over the hill. We found fresh foot prints not more than 5 or 10 minutes old. They were still wet. This gave us the direction that he was headed in a south-westerly direction."

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**FAMILIAR SIGHT** around Chouteau is Taft Justice who travels at a leisurely pace in his mule-drawn wagon. Justice uses the miles, 'Tobe' and

'Kate', to pull a plow during gardening season. The mules are three-year-olds and Justice says he "broke them out" himself. — Times Photo

## Nazi angered by reports tracing Jewish heritage

SKOKIE, Ill. (AP) — Frank Collin, who plans to lead a July 4th Nazi march through this, heavily Jewish community, enjoys publicity, but not stories tracing his background to a Jewish father who survived a Nazi death camp in World War II.

Collin calls the writers of the stories, one of them Pulitzer Prize winner Mike Royko of the Chicago Daily News, "gutter journalists."

"If the Police Gazette said something about me, I wouldn't respond, so why should I respond to gossip from people who lower

themselves to using gutter sources for their stories?" Collin said in response.

Royko and Jack Mabley of the Chicago Tribune published columns on Monday and over the weekend tracing Collin's background.

Royko and Mabley said Collin's father, Max Simon Cohn, came to Chicago after surviving the Dachau concentration camp, changed his name and became a successful businessman. Last fall Collin helped organize the National Socialist Congress because, he said, the

American Nazi party is "treasonous to the cause of Hitler's principles."

Collin, 32, the national coordinator of the NSC, has called for a national convention this weekend in Chicago. He said "up to 100" members of the NSC from eight states plan to march Monday in Skokie; if legal disputes are settled in time.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, has promised to bring supporters to Skokie. "There will be no Nazi march in Skokie. We intend to bloody the Nazis should they try. I

am not predicting violence, I am promising violence," Kahane said.

A suit was filed in Circuit Court Monday saying that the planned march would be torture for survivors of Hitler's concentration camps.

The suit was filed by Sol Golstein, a Jewish chemist who said his mother was buried alive by German Nazis.

The Illinois Appellate Court had banned the Nazi march on grounds that it threatened to cause violence, but the U.S. Supreme Court has ordered the court to review its ban.

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have resorted to a phalanx of searcher, tracking and attack dogs, aircraft and stake-outs by sharpshooters in the snake and tick-infested woods and hills.

"He (Hart) may be here and he may not," Vanhoy said.

Officials have admitted that the charges against Hart have not slowed their investigation of other possible suspects. However, they refuse to name any others under investigation.

Some officials contend Hart probably is still in the area, despite a letter his mother received which had been dated

Nov. 25, 1973, within a month after Hart had escaped from the Mayes County Jail. It was postmarked from the town of Calgary, in the Canadian province of Alberta.

"He's related by blood to half of the county," one officer said. "He has a lot of relatives in the area and some of them might have hidden him in the past."

Officers believe Hart, 33, a convicted rapist, fled to the same hill country in 1973 after he escaped from the Mayes County Jail in nearby Pryor.

Hart is accused in the deaths of Doris Milner, 10, Lori Lee Farmer, 8, and

Michelle Guse, 9. Doris was strangled and the other girls were beaten on June 13.

Mayes County Dist. Atty. Sid Wise said the autopsy report showed that all three had been "sexually molested in some form ... I can't say anything further out of compassion for the parents."

Hart was linked to the slayings when investigators at the camp site found two tattered photographs of women who attended a 1968 wedding. Authorities believe Hart printed the photographs in a prison darkroom after working as a photographer's assistant for the wedding.

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# Lie detector test is given here in Girl Scout slayings

By DON HAYDEN  
and GUSAN WITT

A lie detector test was being administered today in Tulsa to the owner of property near the Locust Grove campsite where three Girl Scouts were slain last Monday.

The owner of the land, Jack Shroff, 58, had reported following the slaying that his farm home had been burglarized.

Expert tracking dogs, searching for the trail of the killer, were taken to the farmhouse Thursday, and officials said they were checking to see if there was any connection between

the burglary and the murders.

A check of records at the Mayes County Courthouse showed the land was owned by a Jack Shroff who listed his address as 5039 E. Fourth Place in Tulsa.

Agents of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation were administering the polygraph test. It was not known whether Shroff requested the test.

An assistant in the Mayes County district attorney's office, when asked if Shroff was undergoing a lie test, first gave a "no comment" answer. He then said, "What you are asking may possibly be occurring, but it

does not necessarily mean anything. We are looking at everything."

Several persons who lived at random in Locust Grove said they did not know Shroff, but said they believed he purchased the property only recently.

MEANWHILE, the trainer of the tracking dogs said the animals must find some scent of the killer today if they are to crack the case.

Trainer Don Lake of Philadelphia praised one "superdog" German Shepherd's capabilities, claiming the dog has "batted a thousand" in solving 100 criminal cases he has

worked on, but added that if the dog does not show a reaction within hours of the time he starts a case, it probably will not find anything.

Mayes County officials were still evaluating evidence gleaned from the campsite where the bodies of the three girls, ages 8, 9 and 10, were found Monday.

The Shepherd dog and two others worked the rugged, scenic area 4 miles northeast of Tulsa most of the day Thursday, beginning at 5 a.m.

Mayes County Dist. Atty. Sid Wise expressed some impatience at the pace of the investigation, particularly

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ly at evaluation of evidence at the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation crime lab in Oklahoma City.

"It's getting beyond the point of patience," Wise said. "They were the first ones on the scene, and this is Thursday."

Sources said Gov. Boren is also impatient with the pace of the investigation, and had ordered crime bureau "brass" to the area to step up the search.

The wooden base of the victims' 12-by-14-foot tent was airlifted to the lab Tuesday. Authorities were also checking out a 6 volt lantern and footprints believed belonging to the killer, along with three clear fingerprints obtained from the girls' bodies.

Sometime between about 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., authorities believe, the killer entered the camp, went to the tent and killed the three girls. He carried their bodies some 150 yards away where they were found at 6:23 a.m. Monday by one of the staff.

An autopsy of the victims, Lori Lee Farmer, 8, and Doris Denise Milner, 10, both of Tulsa and Michelle Guse, 9, of Broken Arrow, indicated they were sexually abused either before or after they were killed.

Two of the girls were beaten to death and one was strangled.

A private funeral was scheduled today in Broken Arrow for the last of the victims to be buried, Michelle Guse.

MORE THAN 300 mourners, some of them draping newspapers over their head to stay dry, slowly filed into the sanctuary of Antioch Baptist Church Thursday for the funeral for Doris Milner. The seats filled rapidly, with uniformed police officers and nurses taking up some of the front benches near the family.

Denise' father is a policeman. Her mother is a nurse.

The Rev. C. L. Potter, pastor of the church, expressed the emotion evident on many of the faces when — his voice breaking — he said, "Our minds are clouded by questions that have not been answered."

The flower-draped casket remained closed.

"Death is a silent messenger," said the Rev. C. Potter, assistant minister of the church and brother of the pastor. "It sounds no alarms. It makes no great noise. It comes up and catches us unaware."

Meanwhile, members of the Ok-



JACK SHROFF

sorrow House members feel at the brutal slayings."

He said House members hope to raise at least \$500. The money will be placed in a special account, he said, and if the case is solved by law enforcement officials who cannot accept rewards, it will be paid to the families of the slain girls.

Several other organizations also have offered rewards for information in the case.

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# Shroff passes test

## Tribune State Staff

LOCUST GROVE — A Tulsa man who owns property near the campsite here where three Girl Scouts were slain said today he will discuss at a press conference this afternoon recent burglaries at a farmhouse on his property.

This development came after Jack H. Shroff, the property owner, successfully passed a lie detector test Friday in Tulsa.

Crime bureau agents administered the test to Shroff, 58, after authorities and Shroff "mutually agreed" he take the examination, according to Dick Wilkerson, the Crime Bureau's coordinator for investigative operations.

Sources said the polygraph examination revealed "no deception" in Shroff's answers to questions.

"In any criminal investigation, it is just a process of elimination. Mr. Shroff did subject (himself) to a polygraph examination for that reason," Wilkerson said.

The agent said others — "not more than a half dozen" have taken similar examinations.

"I DON'T WANT to attach any stigma to an individual because an investigative tool has been used," Wilkerson said.

Shroff had reported his house on the 110-acre ranch west of Camp Scott was burglarized Sunday or Monday. The bodies of the three girls, Lori Lee Farmer, 8, Doris Denise Milner, 10, and Michelle Guse, 9, were discovered early Monday morning.

Shroff, who lives in Tulsa, has owned the property nine years and is building a cabin-type home at a leisurely pace as a "hobby," he said.

Wilkerson said agents had determined that a burglary in fact did occur at the house, but refused to comment when asked if items reported stolen were found at the crime scene.

A SPOKESMAN for Shroff said today that the home was broken into again late Friday and that there is evidence of "disturbance" Friday night. He said a heavy screen door that was locked Friday night was found open this morning.

These are the matters Shroff will discuss at the press conference, the spokesman said.

Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver said he learned this morning of a break-in at the home Friday night or this morning.

The spokesman for Shroff said investigators were the ones who discovered the second burglary late Friday. He said a door was broken down and the furniture in the house was rearranged.

He also said there was a campsite nearby.



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## 'Possible slaying weapon' tested at Crime La.

By SUSAN WITT  
and JERRY WEBER

Lawmen looking for clues in the savage murder of three Girl Scouts found "a heavy, blunt instrument" Friday that may have been used to kill the girls. Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver said today.

The sheriff said the possible death weapon was probably taken in a burglary of the nearby Jack Shroff cabin sometime during the night the girls were slain. Weaver wouldn't describe the instrument but said field examination of it did not reveal bloodstains or fingerprints. He said Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agents took it to Oklahoma City Friday night for laboratory tests.

United Press International reported some "good" fingerprints had been found on the instrument, but this was not confirmed. Weaver said he was hopeful test results would be available today.

THE SHERIFF said the instrument was found "discarded" at Camp Scott near where the bodies of Lori Lee Farmer, 8, Doris Denise Milner, 10, and Michelle Guse, 9, were found. Two had been beaten to death and one was strangled, authorities said.

Dist. Atty. Sid Wise, however, disclaimed knowledge of the instrument described by Weaver. OSBI officials also denied any such instrument had been found.

Weaver said the instrument was found by authorities re-searching the camp grounds.

"It was overlooked in earlier searches," the sheriff said. He added that the instrument did not appear to have been purposely hidden but was just "tossed aside."

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# The Tulsa Tribune

## 'Possible slaying weapon' tested at Crime Lab

By SUSAN WITT  
and JERRY WEBER

Lawmen looking for clues in the savage murder of three Girl Scouts found "a heavy, blunt instrument" Friday that may have been used to kill the girls, Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver said today.

The sheriff said the possible death weapon was probably taken in a burglary of the nearby Jack Shroff cabin sometime during the night the girls were slain.

Weaver wouldn't describe the instrument, but said field examination of it did not reveal bloodstains or fingerprints. He said Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agents took it to Oklahoma City Friday night for laboratory tests.

United Press International reported some "good" fingerprints had been found on the instrument, but this was not confirmed.

Weaver said he was hopeful test results would be available today.

THE SHERIFF said the instrument was found "discarded" at Camp Scott near where the bodies of Lori Lee Farmer, 9, Doris Dennis Milner, 10, and Michelle Guste, 9, were found. Two had been beaten to death and one was strangled, authorities said.

Dist. Atty. Sid Wise, however, disclaimed knowledge of the instrument described by Weaver. OSBI officials also denied any such instrument had been found.

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Shroff's wife said a crowbar was apparently used to pry open the front door to the house sometime after Shroff left the farm Sunday afternoon.

Shroff is a millwright and carpenter and subcontracts work for construction firms here. His wife is a medical secretary for a Tulsa doctor.

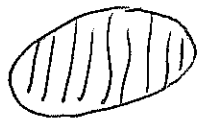
WEAVER SAID THE instrument "is something you would find around any residence. It is readily available."

Shroff reported the house burglary when he went to the farm Monday to take two head of cattle to a slaughterhouse. His wife said.

About 25 state and area law enforcement officers are involved in the investigation.

"We just keep going back over the ground again and again," Weaver said. "Looking for evidence and any possible clues."

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**Possible murder weapon**

## Second killer call

By RON GRIMSLEY  
News Editor

For the second time in as many days, a caller to the Daily Times identified himself as the killer of three girls and indicated he was willing to surrender.

This time the call came on Saturday at 11 a.m., and the caller said he would surrender to Times Manager Bob Colvin and Sheriff Pete Weaver at the city park in Chouteau at 11:30 a.m.

Colvin and Weaver made the trip, but no one made any contact with either.

On Friday, the same man called three different places, one of them The Times, and said he would surrender to Weaver at a railroad and highway junction south and west of Chouteau. Weaver also made that trip, but without contact.

In the meantime, crime laboratory technicians were checking a blunt instrument believed to be a crowbar found near the scene of the crime to see if it is possibly the death weapon in the unsolved slaying of the three girls.

Weaver said he hadn't actually seen the instrument.

A crop-dusting plane sprayed 500 gallons of water over the site of Camp Scott near here early Saturday to help hold possible scents down to the ground so three highly-trained tracking dogs could work better.

The dogs were being used again to seek clues in the killings. They were flown here earlier in the week from Pennsylvania at the request of Gov. David Boren.

A search by divers and of a farm pond on a farm adjoining the camp produced no evidence Friday, Dist. Atty. Sid Wise said. The district attorney had hoped that the pond would produce evidence, such as clothing, that might have been left behind by the killer. A "huge magnet" was also used in the pond but failed to produce any evidence, Wise said.

Wise said the dogs have traced the killer of the girls, ages 8, 9, and 10, to a farm house that was burglarized about a half-mile from the murder scene.

"The dogs have established to our satisfaction that the intruder was the same person who committed the tragic triple murder," he said.

Earlier Friday the owner of the farm house was given a lie detector test as a routine matter, and was cleared of any connection.

Sources said the polygraph examination revealed "no deception" in his answers.

Several persons in the area have been given polygraph tests since the slayings but none of the persons were held.

The slain girls, Lori Lee Farmer, 8; Doris Denise Milner, 10; and Michelle Guse, 9, were killed before dawn Monday morning in their first night at the annual two-week camp. Their bodies were carried about 150 yards from the tent where they had been sleeping.

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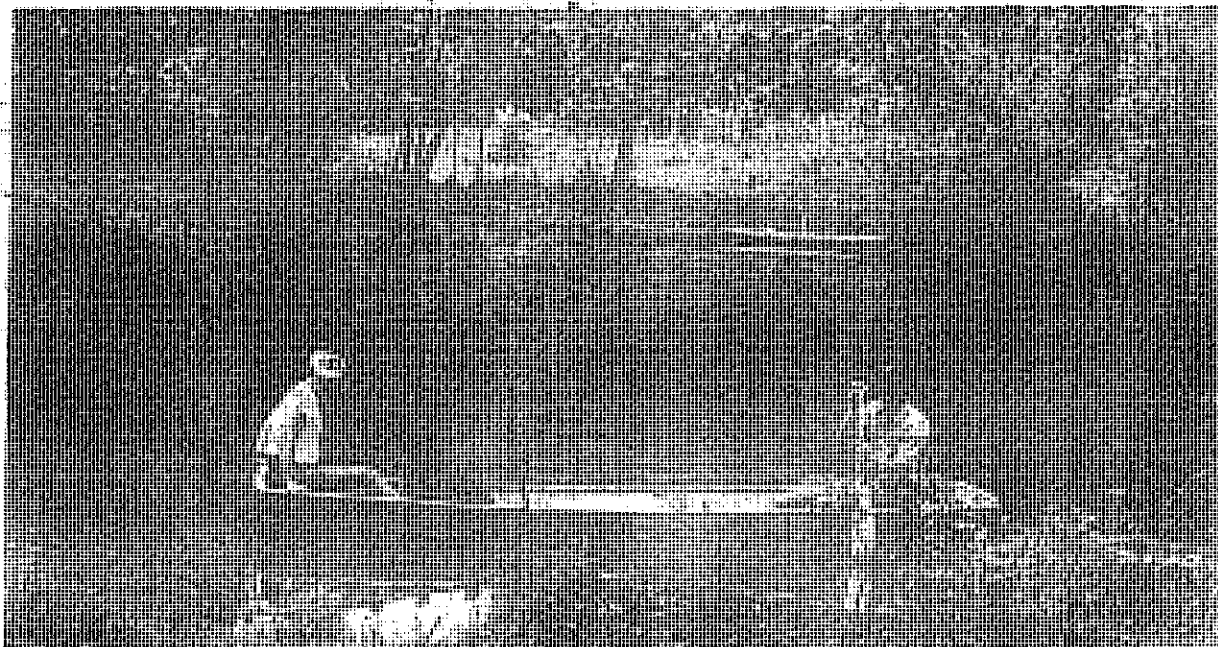
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nesday, helped police link the two incidents. Divers were  
brought in Friday to search a pond near the house for a possible  
murder weapon. The farm is used by a Tulsa man as a part-  
time residence.

— A lantern and a roll of black tape were found near the  
bodies.

— The back flap of the 12-by-14 tent in which the victims slept  
was partially torn.

— No scouts or counselors reported hearing any screams or  
unusual noises during the night.

— The bodies were not dragged away from the campsite into  
the thick woods behind, but rather across the campsite, at one  
point passing within 20 feet of the counselors' tent.

— There is a possibility that the counselors' tent had been  
burglarized the night of the slayings. While investigators  
tracked the direction in which the bodies were dragged, they  
found a pair of glasses and a glasses case belonging to one of  
the counselors. A Kiowa counselor's purse also was reported  
missing.

While Mayes County Dist. Atty. Sid Wise says confidently  
"We fully expect to crack the case," he refuses to confirm that  
any serious suspects are in mind. "This is one of those in-  
vestigations that could break wide open in five minutes, or  
could go on," remarked Dick Wilkerson, head of investigative  
operations for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Meanwhile, local residents recoil at the national horror asso-  
ciated with their community. One woman who lives alone  
across a narrow blacktop road from Camp Scott said: "It was  
so nice having the girls there. I used to sit on my porch and lis-  
ten to them carry on until late at night." The woman, obviously  
terrified over the incident, declined to identify herself. She has  
moved out of her house and in with relatives in a nearby town.  
"I don't know when I'll go back; but not for a while, that's for  
sure."

The 140-acre Camp Scott has had its share of petty thefts and  
pranks in its 49-year history, "but nothing serious," according  
to Sheriff Weaver, a softspoken man with a suncracked face  
and straw cowboy hat.

The camp has been closed for the summer. The scouts were  
sent home the afternoon the killings were discovered, greeted  
by tearfully thankful parents. Many scouts spent what should  
have been their first days at camp attending funerals.

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## Small buzz, big fun with model car hobby



By PAT MORGAN  
Staff Writer

A quiet street on the east  
side of Pryor has lately begun  
to buzz occasionally with  
what sounds like a bevy of  
chain saws.

The buzzing is coming from  
small model cars and is  
usually accompanied by  
clusters of neighborhood  
children gathered to watch as  
a group of young adults race  
gasoline-powered model  
dragsters.

One of the young men,  
Stuart Horton, says several  
model dragster enthusiasts.

# 600 SEARCHERS BUT SUSPECT ST

By RON GRIMSLEY  
News Editor

More than 400 civilian volunteers and another 200 or more uniformed and armed law enforcement officers searched two large areas in and around Camp Scott today, the site of last week's slaying of three Girl Scouts.

The civilian volunteers gathered with police officials at the Locust Grove football field at 11 a.m. and were briefed as to the purpose of their search of the 410-acre camp site.

The armed officers, working under the command of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, combed a different area west of the actual camp site, a four-by-four square-mile terrain where suspect Gene Leroy Hart was believed spotted yesterday afternoon.

Hart, who was charged with three counts of first degree murder in connection with the slayings, is an escaped convict serving 40 to 140 years for kidnapping, burglary and rape.

He is a native of the Locust Grove area, and is said to be an exceptional woodsman and very familiar with the rugged terrain in the area.

Early yesterday afternoon, a farmer spotted what is described as "a pair of legs" in a cave or ledge north and west of the camp. Later, the same man was spotted, and apparently broke and ran.



**Thanks  
for the  
food,  
drinks**

Several fast food businesses from Pryor donated food and drinks to volunteers who manned their radios and helped surround an area near Locust Grove being searched for a murder suspect last night.

CB operators and other volunteers asked the Times to express their thanks to the businesses and their employees.

Donations were received from the Dairy Stop, Thomas's Restaurant, Dairy

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Several hundred volunteers, most of them equipped with citizen band radio units, answered a call for help to contain the perimeter of the area while special teams of dogs from the state prison system and the OHP were brought in to search the area with Mayes County Sheriff's personnel.

The dogs and the search team chased a scent for most of the evening, alternating north, and then southwest over a large ridge.

OSBI investigators who processed the cave where the first

spotting was made was believed that at least two were taken from a local store the week.

Nothing but food and burglary.

There was also an attempt to bury some of the evidence.

The volunteer search worked with sheriff's personnel.

Forming a huge line moved into the camp I scene of the murder.

The search of both areas.

In a late development and two others were arrested early this afternoon were about.

The hilly area is near the camp where three dragged from their tent.

"If he gets into that miles," said Doug Lit "You can't hardly hit right past you just a corner."

More than 150 volunteers in the search area at the ready.

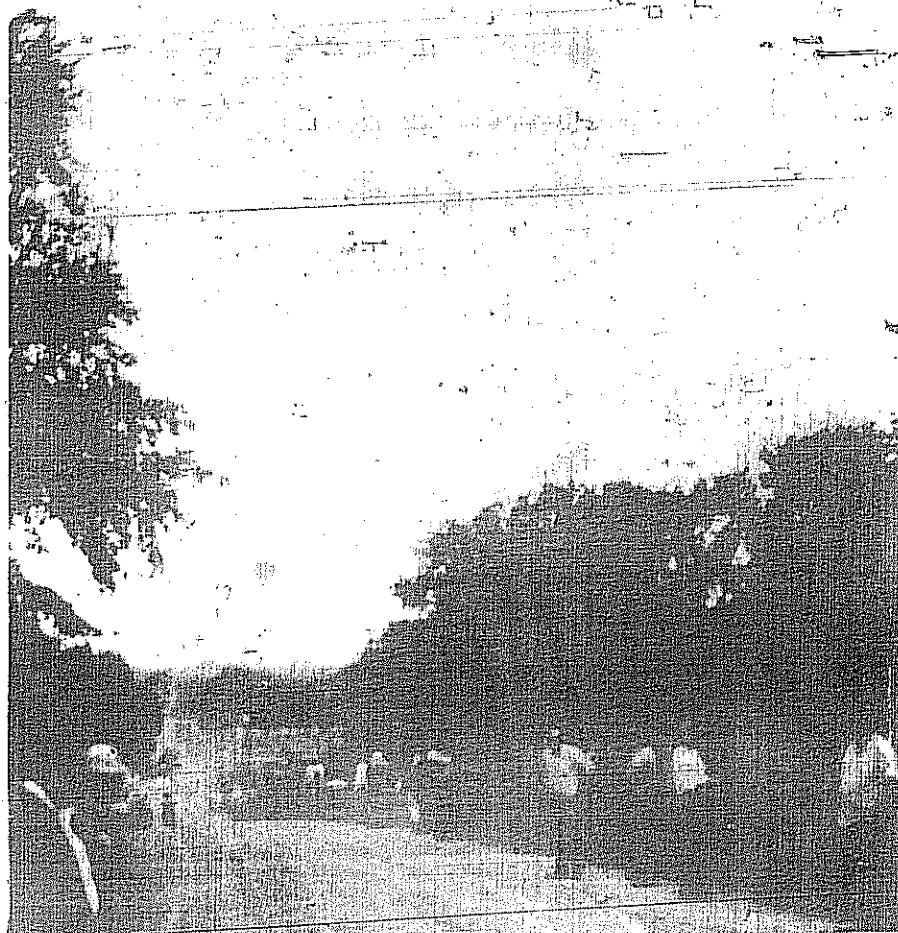
The brown fatigue after the search began could have been taken following the slayings.

State Bureau of Investigation prints found on a ridge.

Lt. Kenneth Van Hoy said one of the trackings with wounds which appeared welding a branch or similar could have confronted.

The man spotted running reportedly carrying a Sheriff Glen "Pete" W a 20-gauge shotgun a house in the area.

Searchers caught to search was called off.





State Bureau of Investigation agents took plaster casts of foot prints found on a ridge ahead of the line of searchers.

Lt. Kenneth Van Hoy, state police public information officer, said one of the tracking dogs being used in the search returned with wounds which appeared to have been inflicted by someone wielding a branch or small club. There was speculation the dog could have confronted the man being sought and been beaten.

The man spotted running across an open field Thursday was reportedly carrying two weapons, police said. Mayes County Sheriff Glen "Pete" Weaver said the weapons could have been a 20-gauge shotgun and a .22-caliber rifle taken from a farmhouse in the area a few days ago.

Searchers caught two glimpses of a running figure, but the search was called off at about 10 p.m.

Weaver told volunteers in a 6 a.m. briefing to form lines one to three miles in width, and be on the lookout for any fresh evidence of living sites.

"Don't only look for this, but watch those trees," Weaver said. "He will damn sure climb a tree and let you walk under him."

Weaver warned searchers that the man they were looking for could be armed and dangerous.

Mayes County Dist. Atty. Sid Wise emphasized to searchers that they leave any potential evidence for technicians to process.

About the same time the man was sighted Thursday, Wise was filing three charges of first-degree murder against Hart, 33, a convicted rapist and kidnaper who has been at large since he escaped from the county jail in 1973.

Hart was convicted of the rape of a Tulsa woman shortly before he broke out of the County jail at nearby Pryor in 1973. He has remained at large.

Tattered photographs of three women found near the death scene provided the break in the case after authorities linked them to Hart, who has pending sentences for rape, two counts of kidnapping and four counts of first-degree burglary.

Hart's name had surfaced earlier and the decision to issue a warrant came after it was reported he may have developed the photographs of the women.

tences to run concurrently after pleading guilty in Mayes County to two charges of kidnapping and one of first-degree rape.

He had forced two pregnant women, ages 18 and 19, into his car outside a Tulsa night club. He drove them to a point near Locust Grove where they were bound with friction tape, blindfolded, gagged and raped.

Before being sentenced, Hart was committed to Eastern State Hospital at Vinita for observation. Physicians found he "was not suffering from a psychotic disorder."

March 19, 1969 — He was paroled on the 1966 convictions after spending 23 months in prison. His parole recommendation was unanimous.

June 7, 1969 — Hart was arrested at a Tulsa apartment complex after allegedly breaking into the apartment of a Tulsa police woman. While being held on that, he was convicted of burglarizing four Tulsa homes earlier.

Oct. 14, 1969 — Hart received 30-90 years for first-degree burglary, the first of the four sentences stemming from his activities earlier that year.

Nov. 6, 1969 — He was sentenced to 40-120 years for first-degree burglary.

Dec. 19, 1969 — He was sentenced to 15-45 years for first-degree burglary.

Feb. 2, 1970 — Hart received a 50-year term for first-degree burglary.

April 25, 1973 — Hart was transferred from the state penitentiary at McAlester to the Mayes County jail to appear at a post conviction relief hearing involving the rape-kidnaping sentences imposed in 1966.

May 20, 1973 — Hart and another inmate escaped from the Mayes County jail by sawing through bars.

May 25, 1973 — Two second-degree burglary charges were filed against Hart, who is still at large, for break-ins at homes at Salina and Locust Grove.

May 31, 1973 — He was captured and charged with second-degree burglary for a robbery at Strang in Mayes County. He was also charged with possessing a sawed-off shotgun.

Sept. 16, 1973 — He sawed his way to freedom again from the Mayes County jail.



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It is now estimated that the person or persons who give authorities information which would lead to the arrest and conviction of the killer could net as much as \$15,000 to \$20,000 for that information.

At present, the fund consists of the following:

Drug Awareness, Pryor, \$2,220.00, which includes a \$1,000 donation to the reward fund from the MARFAB Plant, a division of Marley Cooling Tower Co.

First National Bank of Pryor, \$3,108.22.

Tulsa Fraternal Order of Police, \$5,000.00

Fourth National Bank of Tulsa, \$3,016.30, which includes donations from the bank and The Magic Empire Girl Scout Council.

A new fund has been started at the Union Bank and Trust of Bartlesville, and stands at \$340.00.

Ginny Young, public relations director for the Girl Scout Council said, "I am pleased and heartened by the many con-

cerned citizens who have exhibited the interest toward the successful conclusion of the investigation. The several existing reward funds, and the monies contributed to them, point out that this tragedy has touched us all. I hope that the funds may provide any incentive needed for the facts to come out."

The three girls, ages eight, nine and ten, were members of the Council and had come to the camp for the first night on Sunday. Sometime early Monday morning, the three were sexually assaulted, beaten and killed. Two were beaten to death, the other strangled.

Since then, members of the sheriff's office, district attorney, Oklahoma High Patrol and a 15-man team of experts from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation have been at the camp scene.

Fingerprints were lifted from the body of one of the girls, and

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## Boys up! There's oil in Alaska Pipeline

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A big smile on his face, Gray gave an arms raised thumbs up signal. Oil had entered the trans-Alaska pipeline.

Gray's engineering advisor U.J. Baskurt slapped his hands together.

"So much for overt displays of emotion."

The control room atmosphere underwent only a minor change from its businesslike mood. There were some smiles, some

shared chuckles.

Ninety minutes after oil first moved into the pipeline, Gray commented, "It's going real good. There are no bumps or grinds."

Controllers sit in a room which overlooks the tanker terminal. Two monitoring consoles, and a bank of communications equipment are inside.

At one console, a controller monitors oil movements from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez. At the other, one person has the

ability to move oil throughout Valdez.

The Operations Control Center also is linked by voice and teletype communications to all pipeline oil transmission facilities.

"The controllers make sure that all equipment is operating safely and efficiently," said Gray. "They react to every type of situation that develops."

Each controller, he said, has had at least 1,100 hours of classroom or on-the-job ex-

perience in handling the trans-Alaska system.

Gray, on loan to Alyeska from Mobile Oil Co., said that when the pipeline reaches 1.2 million barrel daily flows, there will be 8.8 million barrels of oil in the line at any given time.

To date, said Gray, there have been no troubles of any kind. He said startup of the pipeline has proceeded exactly on schedule.

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Wednesday, June 22, 1977 Pryor, Oklahoma

## Search of camp first possible su

LOCUST GROVE. Okla. (AP) — Mayes County Dist. Atty. Sid Wise hopes to muster 400 citizen searchers for evidence left behind by the killer of three Girl Scouts here last week.

Wise has refused comment on many details of the search, but the Associated Press has learned from sources close to the investigation that one of the items searchers will be looking for is bloody clothes that may have been left behind by the killer early the morning of June 13.

Wise issued a public appeal for volunteers at a news conference here Tuesday, releasing three telephone numbers for "adult males" to register for the search.

The appeal came after hours of conferences with the state Bureau of Investigation, the Mayes County Sheriff's Department and the Highway Patrol. The officers decided to use fewer than 50 National Guardsmen plus the volunteers to start the search at 6 a.m. Friday in the hilly terrain around Camp Scott.

Area residents have been pressing for such a search since

Sunday, believing, along with some investigators, that the killer may still be in the area.

Wise also declared a news blackout on further developments in the case, adding that no reporters would be allowed inside the 410-acre camp with the searchers.

With few exceptions, reporters have been kept outside the camp from the start of the investigation.

It also was learned that investigators believe there was probably no way the killer could have avoided getting his clothes bloody while he killed the girls and carried their bodies 150 yards from their tent. The searchers will be looking for any discarded bloody clothes.

Jeff Laird, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation director, announced today three women whose likenesses appeared in photographs found near a cave about two miles from the camp site had been identified.

"The women in the pictures have been identified," Laird

said. "A man called all the people and we

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He refused to identify their names. He did from the immediate

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The football field is located just north of the intersection of State Highways 33 and 82. The school system of Locust Grove will provide busses to get volunteers to the camp site.

Weaver asked for volunteers yesterday to join law enforcement officers and military personnel in a general foot search of the camp, and additional volunteers are still needed.

However, officials have asked that those who are willing to join the search pre-register so that there will be some control of who enters.

The Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce is taking pre-registrations during business hours at 825-0157, and evening registration may be done at 825-3548 or 825-5006. Only those registered will be allowed inside the camp, and news coverage of the event is to be limited to the outside area.

Searchers will be supervised by armed law officers or military personnel, and volunteers are asked to bring a canteen of water, sack lunch and insect spray. The terrain is rough and hot, and volunteers are being restricted to male adults over 18-years

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There had been some mention of bringing in units of the National Guard, but Guard officials told the investigators that such a move would involve thousands of dollars, prompting the public appeal for volunteers. There will be a contingent of National Guard men involved in the search.

Those manning telephones to register volunteers have been surprised by the number of calls, and the distance involved. Volunteers have registered from as far away as three surrounding states and almost every area of Oklahoma.

Floyd Harrawood, a representative of the Stokley Van Camp Co., working out of Broken Arrow, has volunteered to furnish 6-gallon containers of Gatorade and 1,000 paper cups.

Last week, four grocery stores in Pryor, including Horner's Foodliner, Dillons, Thrift-T-Wise and one anonymous store, along with the American Bank of Oklahoma, donated steaks and other food so that some 40 officers who were at the scene could have their first hot meal in some four days.

The food was taken to the camp and served by volunteers, and Keith Ball cooked the steaks.



**IDENTIFIED** — The women in these photographs, released yesterday by Oklahoma Crime Bureau, have now been identified, according to officials. The photos found at the scene of a triple slaying of young Scouts at Camp Scott early last week. Investigation continues.

### Parents keep vigil

## Karen Quinlan

MORRIS PLAINS, N.J. (AP) — Karen Anne Quinlan, whose two-year coma sparked nationwide debate over the right to die, is hovering closer to death 13 months after her life-supporting respirator was turned off under a court order.

Her parents, Joseph and Julia Quinlan, today kept vigil at her bedside at the Morris View Nursing Home.

The family priest, the Rev. Thomas Trapassa, said he

administered the Catholic last rites Tuesday. Quinlan Tuesday said something he said done periodically during illness.

"Karen is experiencing difficulties," Pat strong, the spokesman and attorney Tuesday. But he refused comment on reports death was imminent. "We don't want the work the bedside. We do

## City votes to finish Park St. drain plans

Pryor's City Council agreed at last night's council meeting to underwrite completion of the Park Street drainage project on the city's south side.

Funds for a portion of the remaining work will be available from an EDA grant the city expects to receive.

The city of Pryor will have \$214,000 available from EDA (Economic Development Administration) for use in the project estimated to cost

meeting included a report from fire chief Bennie Donahou who said Pryor citizens are complying with the city's request to keep grass and weeds cut.

Donahou also criticized the city which, he said "needs to clean up its own mess" and keep weeds mowed on city right-of-ways.

Pryor Stone Co. owner, Bill Kemp, at the request of councilman Dr. G. E. Moots, addressed the council

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Thursday, June 23, 1977 Pryor, Oklahoma

## MURDER SUSPECT SEARCH IMPORTANT

By RON GRIMSLEY  
News Editor

District Attorney Sid Wise announced at noon today that a first degree murder warrant is being issued against Gene Leroy Hart for the murder of Lori Lee Farmer, one of three Girl Scouts slain at Camp Scott near Locust Grove a week ago Monday.

Sheriff Pete Weaver requested the warrant, and was quoted as saying that he believed there was probable cause to issue the warrant at this time.

Wise, and OSBI official Ted Lemke agreed with that position.

Hart, described as an Indian male, born Nov. 27, 1943, is an escapee from the state penitentiary where he was serving 40 to 140 years on separate convictions of first degree rape, two counts of kidnapping and four counts of first degree burglary.

"We would urge all citizens who may have information about the whereabouts of this suspect to contact authorities immediately," Wise said. "Under no circumstances should anyone in the general vicinity pick up hitchhikers, and any suspicious activity should be reported."

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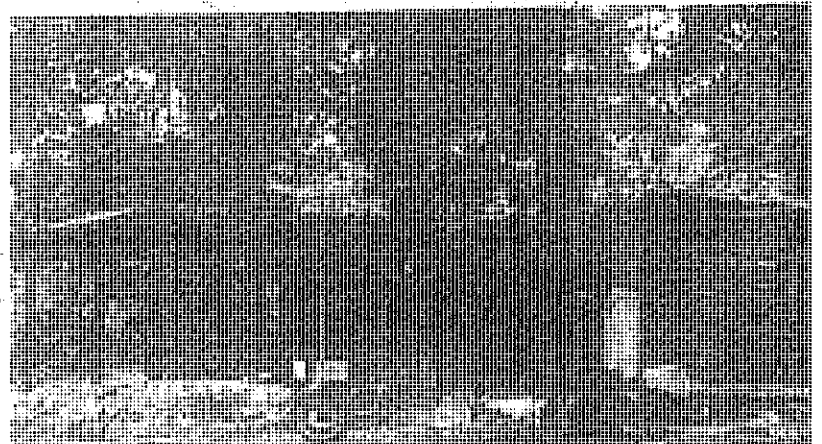
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## Day camp off due to deaths

Mayes County Girl Scouts have cancelled a scheduled day camp to have started next Monday, it was announced today.

The camp is staffed by volunteer workers who made the decision to close the camp. Karen Burkhart, counselor with the local group of scouts, said the volunteers have decided to close the camp because of "the situation."



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A briefing of the searchers will be at 6 a.m., then they will be bussed from the stadium to the camp for the foot search of the area.

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Meanwhile, state crime bureau agents say two pictures of three women found near the bodies of the three slain girls "gave us a substantial lead."

The women in the pictures, from Weatherford and Mangum, were identified Wednesday after television stations and newspapers throughout the state published the photos released by the crime bureau during a news conference Tuesday in Oklahoma City.

Crime bureau Director Jeff Laird was quick to emphasize that the three women "are totally innocent" of any complicity in the slayings.

The pictures were taken in 1968 in the Granite-Mangum area at the wedding of a couple now living near Moore, an Oklahoma City suburb, said John Donley, a Weatherford attorney.

Donley, a spokesman for the Weatherford woman, said the women were "totally shocked" that their pictures had been found at Camp Scott near here where three girls, aged 8, 9 and 10, were found slain and sexually abused June 13.

The groom in the wedding spotted the photos and identified the women.

## Bulletin

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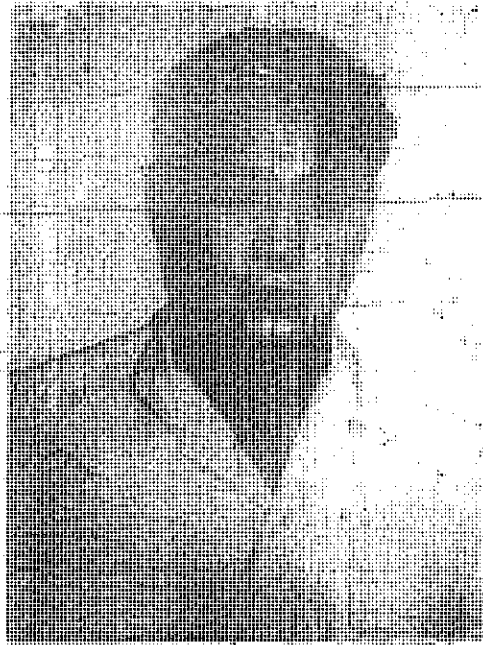
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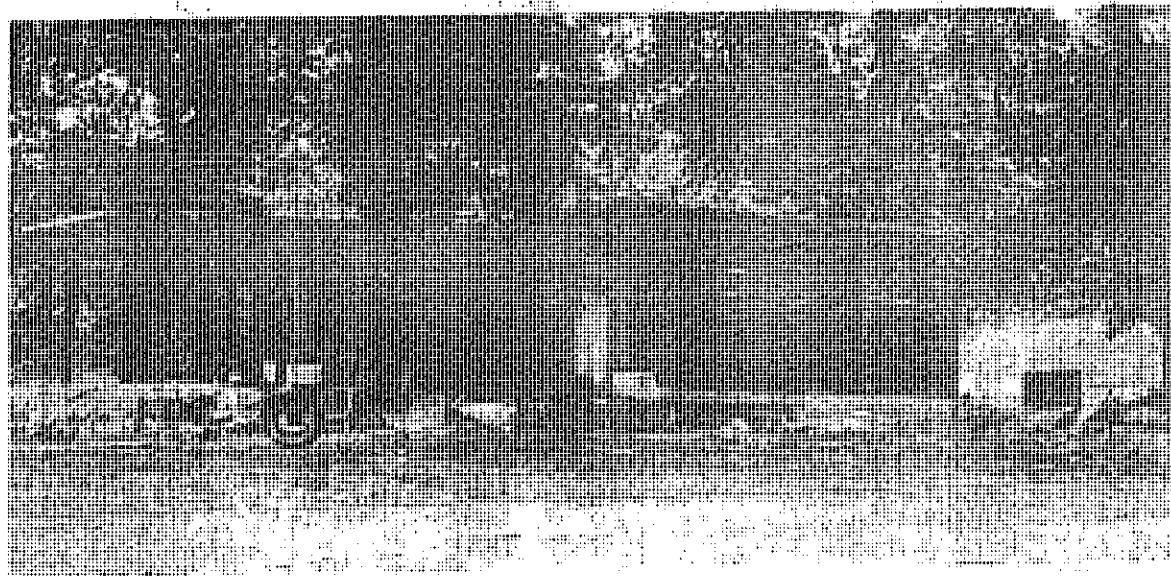
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Freda Atkins, a secretary at the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, was taking telephone calls from volunteers for the search. Women are being searched because officials said there were weapons available.

Dogs, guns and any other weapons



FARMHOUSE NEAR MURDER scene outside Rust Grove. Authorities believe Hart was responsible for a burglary which occurred at the

farmhouse the same night three girl scouts were murdered at Camp Scott. The house belongs to Jack Shroff of Tulsa.

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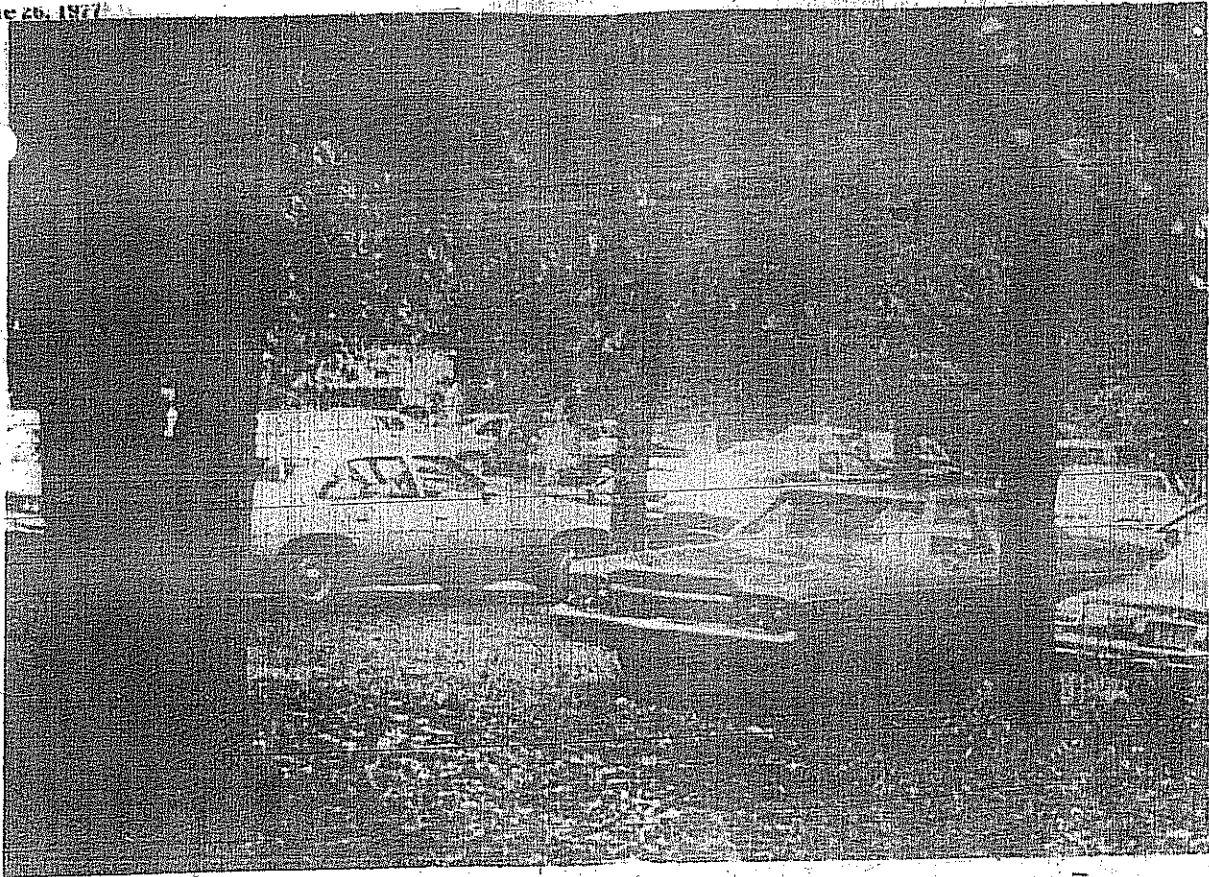
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**TRAFFIC JAM** in an unusual place. Law enforcement vehicles crowded into the area outside the command post at Camp Scott Friday as a heavy rain delayed a search of the area where a

suspect in the slaying of three Girl Scouts—was seen the day before. Clearing skies allowed the search to continue Saturday. — Times Photo

# Age agency out of business

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration is going out of business this week with the request that at least the 1987 bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution not be neglected.

Because the government agency which orchestrated the 200th Independence Day festivities last year closes its

doors Thursday, there will be no national coordination or promotion of the bicentennial dates of the many important events in the nation's early years.

The 200th anniversary of the United States flag already has passed this month virtually unnoticed. Coming up

later this year with local preparations at best are the bicentennials of Washington's encampment at Valley Forge, the arrival of Lafayette, and the battles of Saratoga which were among the most important of the revolution.

Later are the bicentennials

of the exploits of John Paul Jones and Molly Pitcher, the perfidy of Benedict Arnold, the diplomacy of Benjamin

Franklin, the victory of the backwoods patriots at Kings Mountain and the final victory at Yorktown, to name just a few.

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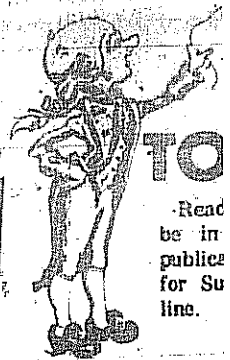
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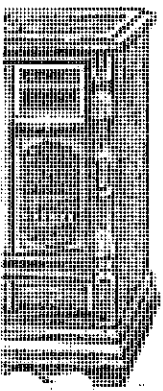
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More than half an inch of rain fell late Friday, washing out old tracks but also helping by making new ones more visible.

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Hart, 33, was linked to the case through two tattered photographs found near the death scene, an annual retreat for hundreds of Oklahoma Girl Scouts.

"You don't know what to do. There's nothing really you can do ... But we keep our pistols on the bar all day and a shotgun by the bed all night," said Mrs. Wayne McCartney.

Not far away, at the R. L. Stamper quarterhorse ranch, Randy Stamper said several families gathered in his father's house and kept an armed radio vigil deep into the night.

"There are a lot of people sitting up at night listening to their CB radios. They've got their doors locked and their guns loaded. The women are afraid to go into the yards by themselves."

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"Listen, around here, in these times, if you want to come up to my house, you honk first, step out of the car and wave your hands so I can see what you got."

Mayes County Dist. Atty. Sid Wise vowed to continue the hunt.

"First, we're going to catch Mr. Hart, and then we're going to determine to our satisfaction whether he killed the girls. And, if not, we'll look for somebody else."

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## More Alaskan

TULSA (AP) — With oil finally coming through the transAlaska pipeline, operators are expanding to other parts of Alaska to seek more oil, the Oil and Gas Journal said Saturday. Original North Slope

producers, as well as companies, are far along some projects, the magazine said in a report for its edition Monday. One major project, a pipeline to carry natural from Prudhoe Bay southern markets, may e a new spurt of constructi early as next year, Journal says.

"Within the giant Pru Bay field itself, developi drilling and produc facility construction ne to increase daily ou beyond the 1.2 million-b mark is on schedule. trans-Alaska pipeline wi flowing that much c early in October. capacity being boosted between 1.5-1.7 mi barrels soon after,"

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ed with spotting was made would not comment on their findings, but it is believed that at least some of the items found in the area were taken from a local rural store during a burglary earlier in the week.

Nothing but food items and tobacco were taken in that burglary. There was also an unconfirmed report that there had been an attempt to bury some of the items left behind.

The volunteer searchers, who came from a four-state area, worked with sheriff's deputies in combing the area of the camp itself.

Forming a bugle line, almost two-miles long, the searchers moved into the camp from the north, and worked down to the scene of the murder.

The search of both areas continued into the afternoon. In a late development, one man was detained for questioning, and two others were also being interrogated, but there was no word early this afternoon as to what either of those incidents were about.

The hilly area is near Skunk Mountain, just three miles from the camp where three Girl Scouts were sexually molested and dragged from their tent June 13.

"If he gets into that area, there's no section lines for five miles," said Doug Littlefield, an area resident for 25 years. "You can't hardly block those woods...that a man can't get right past you just a couple of feet away."

More than 150 volunteers and a police aircraft were also involved in the search as helicopters and tracking dogs were kept at the ready.

The brown fatigue-type jacket and T-shirt were found hours after the search began at 6 a.m. Officials speculated the items could have been taken in burglaries reported in the area following the slayings, but that connection had not been made.

State Bureau of Investigation agents took plaster casts of foot prints found on a ridge ahead of the line of searchers.

Lt. Kenneth Van Hoy, state police public information officer, said one of the tracking dogs being used in the search returned with wounds which appeared to have been inflicted by someone wielding a branch or small club. There was speculation the dog could have confronted the man being sought and been beaten.

The man spotted running across an open field Thursday was reportedly carrying two weapons, police said. Mayes County Sheriff Glen "Pete" Weaver said the weapons could have been a .20-gauge shotgun and a .22-caliber rifle taken from a farmhouse in the area a few days ago.

Searchers caught two glimpses of a running figure, but the search was called off at about 10 p.m.

The pictures were taken at a 1968 wedding of a couple in the Granite-Mangum area in southwestern Oklahoma.

Hart attended the wedding with amateur photographer Lewis Lindsey, who at the time was a clerk and photographer at the Granite State Reformatory, officials said.

Hart was serving three concurrent 10-year sentences for rape and kidnapping.

Lindsey, now retired in Santa Ana, Calif., said Hart went to

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## Gene Hart: A picture of a man on the run

LOCUST GROVE, Okla. (AP) — Gene Leroy Hart, charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of three Girl Scouts earlier this month, has been having trouble with the law since he was 22 years old.

Hart, now 33, is the object of a search in this wooded, hilly country of eastern Oklahoma. Here is an account of his legal record.

Oct. 14, 1966 — Hart was sentenced to three, 10-year sentences to run concurrently after pleading guilty in Mayes County to two charges of kidnapping and one of first-degree rape.

He had forced two pregnant women, ages 18 and 19, into his car outside a Tulsa night club. He drove them to a point near Locust Grove where they were bound with friction tape, blindfolded, gagged and raped.

Before being sentenced, Hart was committed to Eastern State Hospital at Vinita for observation. Physicians found he "was not suffering from a psychotic disorder."

March 19, 1969 — He was paroled on the 1966 convictions after spending 28 months in prison. His parole recommendation was unanimous.

June 7, 1969 — Hart was arrested at a Tulsa apartment complex after allegedly breaking into the apartment of a Tulsa



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# Posse hunts suspect in Scout murders

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**LOCUST GROVE** — An army of armed lawmen, aided by hundreds of volunteers, began tramping through rocky, thick-forested wooded hills two miles west of here at dawn today in search of a Cherokee Indian charged with brutally molesting and murdering three Girl Scouts in a crime that shocked the nation.

Shortly before noon today, one of the 40 specially-trained bloodhounds released in the area limped into the main camp where his trainer is staying. The black dog had been bleeding on the back and legs and was bawling from the pain.

Authorities believe the animal probably was clubbed by fugitive Gene Leroy Hart, the 22-year-old prisoner-captor charged with killing the Girl Scouts and believed to be hiding in this area.

**FOLLOWING ORDERS** of some of the state trooper officers (from left) volunteers formed a human chain around a two mile area Thursday night and today to prevent Hart from escaping.

Other volunteers searching a five-mile area near the camp site this morning found a man's jacket, a small blouse of white under-shirt, some magazines and food. It is not known if any of these items belong to Hart. All were gathered for checks. The late Thursday after a farmer checked a man fitting Hart's description hiding along a cliff overhang. The man ran and eluded more than 400 searchers who chased him from close to Camp Scott where the three Tulsa area girls were slain June 13 to an area about two miles west of there, known as Sam's Corner.

The man believed to be Hart — hiding in the woods — was spotted a few hours after May 24 by County Dist. Atty. Sid Wise announced three

killed in one of the tents, was found at the camp — sometime in late April — more than a month before the murders.

The note was discovered by Girl Scouts at the camp for the weekend. Whoever left the note also ate about half a package of apples, the girls told their leader. The note after destroyed the note, thinking it was a joke.

A light rain slowed the search this morning as volunteers and lawmen walked the rugged terrain. Police say reached as high as the searchers' waists and several snakes were spotted.

Officials said the rain may have handicapped searchers but it will help bloodhounds pick up new scents.

**AT NOON**, AN Indian man was seen hitchhiking about a mile from the search area. He was immediately

arrested, but officials said he is not Hart and is not the man who has been hiding.

At least 200 lawmen — local, county, and from throughout the state — came to the Locust Grove area.

## Market strong

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Prices on the stock market advanced broadly today buoyed in part by what investors saw as a favorable report on the nation's money supply.

The 2 p.m. Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was up 4.07 at 929.44 after slipping 34 the previous day.

Gainers outnumbered losers by more than two-to-one among issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Horticulture, off 13 to 10 1/2, was the most active issue on the NYSE.

Thursday after hearing that a man thought to be Hart had been seen. Bloodhounds from state prisons at McAlester and McAlester were rubbed to the scene and from 300 to 500 volunteers came to help find Hart.

**OFFICIALS** believe Hart has been hiding in the Locust Grove area since 1973 when he escaped with two other prisoners from the Mayes County Jail in Pryor.

"He's crafty," Mayes County Sheriff Glen (Pete) Weaver, who was the first to suggest Hart was in the area, said. "He's a real smart one."

"We're going to get him and if he's

the one who did it will see him punished.

"The whole community is involved in this thing. Everyone here wants to see the killer of those little girls brought to justice," those little girls' mother said.

Scout leaders and searchers came to the area armed and ready to shoot if necessary, Weaver says. Deputies confiscated a half dozen weapons and six persons were arrested for possession of marijuana.

But most of the searchers were welcomed by Weaver and others, and the volunteers — mostly citizen band radio hobbyists — maintained an all-night vigil — listening to their radios and trying to aid lawmen.

**RUMORS AMONG** the searchers in that Hart is armed with a .20 gauge shotgun and a .22 caliber rifle and, shortly after 9 p.m. Thursday, two shotgun blasts about two minutes

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# Dust, fear, sweat mark midnight search

**By E. N. EARLEY**

Dust from police cars speeding down rural roads burned your eyes, the yelping of specially trained bloodhounds and the humming of a helicopter overhead filled your ears, and the night's light rain felt good as it trickled down your sore muscles.

Everywhere, it seemed, excited — lawmen, searchers, and forth from around carrying shotguns; volunteers in pickup trucks with waving citizen band radio antennas pulled into the area eagerly wanting to help; and countless news reporters

huddled near police monitors and questioned anyone who would stop to talk about what was happening. Camp Scott was the scene of a farmer's hideout, a man who authorities believe could be the killer of three little Girl Scouts whose bodies were discovered June 13 about 160 feet from their tent.

Hours before few people had been at the entrance of the camp, police officials said. After the bodies were discovered since the bodies were discovered.

But now everyone was here and

everyone was excited. And everyone was waiting for the next sign of the killer. The 33-year-old Cherokee Indian was the killer, why had he been hiding in the area all this time, watching investigators trying to track him down.

These conversations went unheeded and by April 14, the eager searchers were starting to leave.

It was raining and the dogs were not yelping anymore because they had lost the scent and the lawmen were weary.

The volunteers were asked to form a human fence to leave their camp on all night, if necessary, to light the area and keep the suspect from slipping out.

**"He's crafty,"** Mayes County Sheriff Glen (Pete) Weaver cursed eternally, "and he's dangerous. He's a real smart one. He's a real smart one."

What would you do if you were in his shoes?

And the answer scored you.

You didn't mind it even though it was keeping you awake. You knew that somewhere out there a possible killer was hiding, perhaps watching you... desperate... wanting to escape.

And as you sat in your pickup truck without a weapon with only that CB radio blaring out, you reached over and locked the door and looked out at the dark, rainy night.

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apart were heard. No comment about those shots was made.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol's special weapons team — which successfully conducted the last major search in Oklahoma for two deadly prison escapees near Stigler — was called in today to begin the search.

Dressed in full battle gear, those officers and other lawmen began walking through the sealed off area which resembled a box that will get smaller and smaller as the searchers close in.

Wise and Weaver were confident early today that the man they were chasing Thursday still is hiding in the area and, they say, "it's almost certain he's Hart."

But some volunteers left the area in the early morning hours, causing some officers to begin to worry if Hart might have slipped out.

**HART IS BELIEVED** to have been hiding in the area for four years. His ex-wife, his mother and grandmother reportedly live in the area and searchers have found cans of food and other supplies in caves where they believe Hart has hidden.

A cave about two miles south of where the dead Girl Scouts were found is where two tattered photographs were found — those pictures "cracked the case", according to Wise, after investigation learned that Hart was at the wedding where they were taken.

Even though he was serving three 10-year sentences at the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite, Hart was assigned to help a prison photographer and was taken to a wedding in 1968 in far western Oklahoma.

**TWO PHOTOGRAPHS** taken at the wedding nine years ago were found in the eastern Oklahoma cave.

"It looks like he has been staying in this area quite a long time," an investigator said. "He's an accomplished backpacker, a real backwoodsman type."

"He's related by blood to about half the county. He has a lot of relatives in this area and some of them might have hidden him in the past."

The dark haired, 33-year-old Indian was convicted in 1968 of rape and kidnapping. Hart admitted forcing two Tulsa women into the trunk of his car, driving them to an area near Locust Grove, where he gagged them, bound their hands with tape, and raped one.

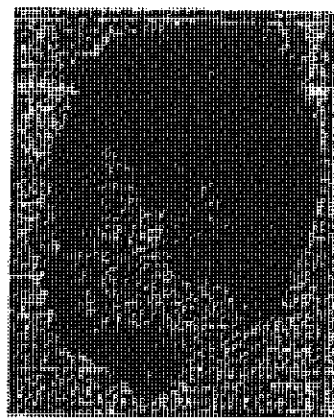
All three of the Girl Scouts who were murdered June 13 at Camp Scott were molested, one of them was bound with tape, and the hands of two of the little girls were tied with tape.

Hart admitted stealing the women's underwear in the 1968 rapes. He tossed them off a bridge later.

**INVESTIGATORS REVEALED** Thursday that in one cave where they believe Hart might have been hiding a pair of girl's underwear was discovered.

Hart served 28 months in prison — during that time he worked in a labor gang at the prison and later as the photographer's aide. He was examined by doctors at the Eastern State Hospital in Vinita at that time and they said, "he is not suffering from any psychotic disorder."

Hart was paroled in March, but by June he had been arrested in Tulsa while trying to break into an apartment owned by a Tulsa policewoman. He was later tied to four other break-ins, and by 1970 he had been sentenced to nearly 840 years in pris-



**GENE LEROY HART**  
... object of manhunt

on for the burglaries and the old charges of rape and kidnapping.

Hart was transferred from the state penitentiary at McAlester to the Mayes County jail in 1973 so that he could appear at a post conviction relief hearing about the rape and kidnapping sentences first imposed on him in 1968.

**WHILE WAITING** for that hearing, Hart and another inmate sawed through bars at the jail and fled.

Hart was still at large when two second-degree burglary charges were filed against him. He was accused of breaking into homes at Sallina and Locust Grove.

Within a week, Hart was captured while breaking into a home at Strang, a small Mayes County town. He had a sawed-off shotgun with him when he was arrested.

While awaiting trial on the new second-degree burglary charges, Hart escaped again on Sept. 16, 1973 with two other inmates by cutting through bars at the Mayes County jail. One of those men escaping with Hart was the same man who had escaped with him before.

The other two escapees were captured, but Hart has remained at large, even though Weaver has received numerous reports that Hart has been hiding in the Girl Scout

**ISSUING MURDER** warrants for Hart climaxed 10 days of painstaking investigations by Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigators, Mayes County officials, and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

Even so there still are several unanswered questions that Wise refuses to discuss. It was learned early this week that Hart was the investigators' main suspect, but that a fingerprint found on one of the dead girl's thighs does not match Hart's. No clues to whose fingerprint it might be have been released.

It also has been learned that investigators were puzzled about the manner in which the girls were molested. No sperm was found and there was some speculation that the attacker might have been a woman.

Investigators released information Thursday which showed that Hart has been sterilized which officials claim could account for there not being any sperm if Hart was the attacker.



Richard Guse...victim's father

## Father remembers details of death on search of camp

By RON GRIMSLEY  
News Editor

"I was told at 11:45 a.m. on Monday. The word came from my wife. Her voice was quivering, and all she could say was that Michelle was dead. My first question was 'how?', but all she could say was 'I don't know... they just say she is dead'."

That's how Richard Guse described the first word that he and his wife, GeorgeAnn, received that their daughter had been killed.

"I went home from work knowing that my daughter was dead. A few hours later we heard the news about the camp, and we knew," Guse told the Times.

Michelle was nine. The family had agreed that on her tenth birthday, July 22, they would buy her a 10-speed bicycle. Guse's

loved to read, and had just gotten glasses, and was very vain about her appearance in them. She wanted to be a math teacher like her mother, and used to help my wife grade papers. She played well with one person or ten."

Guse joined the volunteers who searched the camp area on Friday, and while there talked with the press and other searchers.

"I made the decision to join the search on Wednesday," he said, "after discussing it with my wife."

He said that he then cleared the time necessary with the Tulsa department store which employs him as a credit manager, adding, "I wanted to clear it with my employer because I think a man should do a day's work for a day's pay."

# Weaver by Hart

Relatives of Gene Leroy Hart Saturday said they were not convinced he had anything to do with the slaying of three Girl Scouts, and said the fact that he is an Indian may have prompted the charges against him. Mayes County Sheriff Pete

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something happens in this area, they always go to him."

Ruby Leach, a cousin, said, "I think they're after him because he's an Indian."

Meanwhile, law enforcement officials apparently operating under the theory that Hart, or someone,

is still in the dense woods of the Skunk Mountain area continued their search Saturday.

Police have advised residents of the farms, ranches and homes to stay in their houses and keep the doors locked. Many are

frightened.

"If they don't catch him, what's he going to do next?" wondered one housewife in this northeastern Oklahoma area. "What do we do next? Where do we go from here?"

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### Chouteau woman killed in wreck

CHOUTEAU — A young Chouteau woman was killed in an early morning traffic accident Saturday on US 60 one mile south of Chouteau, according to Oklahoma Highway Patrol offices in Vinita. Dead is Ester Evelyn Mynahan, 20, who had lived in Chouteau for two years and worked as a waitress in a local restaurant.

According to Oklahoma Highway Patrol reports from the Vinita office, Ms. Mynahan apparently went to sleep at the wheel of her

vehicle which crossed the center line and struck a semi-truck head on about 2:30 Saturday.

She suffered massive head and trunk injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene after, being pinned in the wreckage for one hour.

The driver of the semi, Wendell Murphy, 34, of Erwin, Texas, was not injured. Charles Rumble, OHP trooper with the Chouteau detachment investigated the accident.

Services for Ms. Mynahan

will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Chouteau Church of Christ with Evangelist Elvis Denney officiating. Burial will be in the Chouteau Cemetery under the direction of Buckley's Family Mortuary in Chouteau.

Ms. Mynahan was born Oct. 18, 1956. Survivors include her parents, Dan and Opal Mynahan of the home; her mother, Florita E. Howe of Colorado; one son, Chad Mynahan, Codrill, of Colorado; one brother, Danny J. and three half-sisters.

### Court opens route on church schools



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Michelle was nine. The family had agreed that on her tenth birthday, July 22, they would buy her a 10-speed bicycle. Guse's voice rises slightly when he says, 'She never got it'."

Michelle and two other girls, ages eight and ten, were attacked and killed on the first night of a camping trip at a Girl Scout camp just south of Locust Grove two weeks ago. All three were sexually assaulted.

"After we knew what had happened," Guse said, "the first thing I did was to contact the family. I called my brother-in-law, and then my brother who was working in Ohio.

"My parents were on a camping trip, and had been gone from their home in Illinois about two weeks. I told my brother to find them and tell them before they heard it on the news."

The brother, by contacting the police who entered the grandparents' home, determined their location in West Virginia. The brother flew there, and stayed with them.

"I realized I wasn't rational," Guse said, "so I called an attorney to help with the arrangements. We met with a minister here in Broken Arrow, selected a funeral home, made our wishes known as to the arrangements and decided to establish a memorial fund instead of flowers.

"I wanted to see the body. We were afraid we would never see our daughter again, and we knew about the sex thing, and all, but I kept thinking, 'My God, this is my daughter that this thing has happened to.' Always before, it was somebody else, but this time it was our daughter."

Guse, who is 42, has a son, Mike, 13. "I knew that we had to take care of the living first," he said, "which was my wife and son. The first night was very rough, but Mike had a baseball game, so I went with him. We are very proud of him, and the way he plays."

The medical examiner released the body early Wednesday morning, and Mr. and Mrs. Guse were able to see their daughter's body privately on Wednesday evening.

The family had arrived late Tuesday evening, and they also were able to view the body later.

"Somehow we had the inner strength, and I know there were many prayers for us. It certainly must have helped, because the strength was there. We had ten wonderful years with her, some people never have that."

Talking with Guse, the impression is very definite that it is the memory of those ten years which sustain him now. He speaks of his daughter in a very calm and gentle way.

"Michelle was a shy and retiring person. She never wanted to be a leader like stepping forward, but she was very motherly. I think she would have become a leader in time with very little trouble."

"I didn't think I'd make it through Mike," he grins, "but a daughter is different, she always just rolled with the punches. She

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On Saturday, after reading reports that the searchers were "ragtag", Guse reacted by saying, "I thought it (the search) was well organized. All these men may have been ragtag, but I'd sure hate to mess with any of them. They were serious and grim, and I felt that if they were doing this for me, the least I could do was to do it for myself."

"The hope was there that I could find something that could help. I don't think anybody there was looking for a killer... we were looking for evidence, something that could be of value to the investigation. You walk in those woods, and see how ragtag you are."

Guse also reacted to reports that some people in the Locust Grove community believe a suspect, Gene Leroy Hart is innocent of this crime, and is simply being "tagged" with it.

"This man is not to be admired," Guse said, "if he did this thing. No one is out to lynch anyone. We need to know about this person. He should be questioned by a professional law enforcement person. This 'Robin Hood' theory of 'protecting your own' won't stand up."

"The fact that he is an Indian doesn't mean a thing. If there is reason to believe that he is involved, everyone should be concerned and help as much as possible, whether he's red, black or Chinese."

"Why create a racial war? I don't care if the Cherokee Nation or the courts handle it, just as long as he is questioned... to determine his involvement."

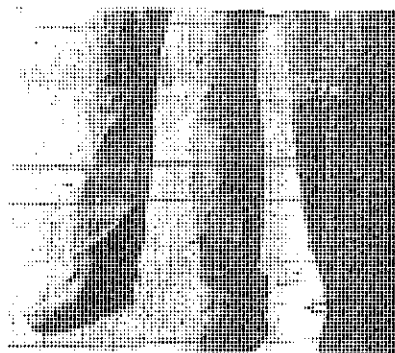
"When the people of Locust Grove want to find him, they will find him. Some people don't think anyone local can be hurt, that whoever the man is wouldn't do that. But when will he change his mind? In fact, who knows what's in his mind? And what does the future hold in store for the Guse family?"

"Time will tell," Guse said, "I have a wife and son, and they both have futures. We don't believe in emotionalism. We will continue to live in the Broken Arrow area. We have a strong attachment to the area and especially a strong attachment to the people of Pryor for what they have done to try to conclude this situation."

"I think through this thing that we have found out that we are strong people. We don't join just to be joiners. We believe in doing one thing, and doing it the best we can. You do what you can for what you believe in."

When Richard Guse, by his own choice, decided to inconspicuously join a line of 400 men to tromp through the insect-infested ground where his only daughter's life was taken perhaps in terror...

Maybe, just maybe, he told us something about what we all believe in.



**TIRED DEPUTIES** find a tear from a downpour during Friday's Scott. The two, Charles Floyd Braswell, worked with the search the night before, worked four h team in a search of the area w was seen.

## McAlester, Tulsa low on water

Residents of Tulsa and McAlester were asked Saturday to curb their water usage as effects of the long dry spell increased.

In Tulsa, Water Commissioner John P. Thomas, Jr. urged residents to voluntarily delay watering lawns and gardens until after 9 p.m.

He stopped short of rationing, but said residents could ease the strain on the delivery system during periods of hot weather by changing their habits.

This week, Monday through Thursday, had the heaviest usage in city history with Wednesday's consumption of 123 million gallons a record.

McAlester residents were told that a "fairly serious" shortage exists in the city's two towers.

City Manager Gene Walker asked citizens to refrain for watering lawns and gardens and washing automobiles over the weekend to allow water in the towers to build up to normal.

"Normally we replenish the two towers' supply of water during the night, but too much water is being used during the day and night," he said.

Thursday night the water in the towers was "about the lowest in several years," he said. "By pumping all night we only got the towers back to 30 feet which is 22 feet below what they should be."

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By RON GRINSLEY  
News Editor

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Yarborough said he had no reason to believe the Locust

had heard the rumor, far as he knew the superintendent had not resigned.

Asked if the school members were clamoring Yarborough down, Gwartney would say, "I can't speak for the whole board."

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**SUSPECT** — Gene Leroy Hart, as depicted by an OSBI composite, is being sought for questioning in the sex slayings of three Girl Scouts. Information leading to Hart's arrest and conviction carries a reward of an estimated \$16,000. (Times Special Process)

## House sets for vote to revoke pay raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives is agreeable to both chambers. Members of the House were also in line for another pay hike a cost of living increase.

## Large FBI contingent

# Confident with new direction

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District Attorney Sid Wise was in Oklahoma City today awaiting the processing of a large amount of physical evidence gathered at the scene. Wise said on Tuesday that many answers to the case would have to come from that evidence, and that he wanted to be on hand as some of the key elements were being processed.

In a last-ditch effort to locate the elusive suspect, authorities had employed three infrared heat-detection devices, carried by a National Guard helicopter and plane, but they were unable to detect any movement by Hart Monday or Tuesday morning in the rattlesnake and tick-infested woods and hills.

Authorities said probes now will concentrate on interviews of friends and

relatives of Hart, a Cherokee Indian and expert backwoodsman.

"Right now, our critical shortage is in information and the FBI, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and the Mayes County Sheriff's Office are getting that information," said Lt. Kenneth Vanhook of the Highway Patrol.

Mayes County Dist. Atty. Sid Wise also announced a reward fund for information leading to the killer's arrest and conviction has risen to \$16,000.

Hart, a convicted rapist who escaped from the Mayes County jail in nearby Pryor in 1973, is accused in the deaths of Doris Milner, 16, Lori Lee Farmer, 8, and Michelle Guse, 9. Doris was strangled and the other girls were beaten to death on June 13.

the first night of an outing at Camp Scott.

Wise said they all were "sexually molested in some form...I can't say anything further out of compassion for their parents."

Hart was linked to the killings after two tattered photographs of women who attended a wedding in 1968 were found near the camp. Authorities believe Hart printed the photographs in a prison darkroom after working as a photographer's assistant for the wedding.

Some officers think relatives of Hart may be hiding him. "He's related by blood to half of the county," said one officer.

But a number of persons in the Locust Grove area suggested Hart might be no more than a scapegoat in the case.

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Asked if the school board members were considering asking Yarborough to step down, Gwartney would only say, "I can't speak for the whole board."

Gwartney did confirm that

the superintendent had not been formally asked to leave the Locust Grove school system.

The next scheduled meeting of the school board is July 5 and Gwartney said he had no reason to call a special board meeting before that time.

## State refuses



# Comment.....

By Michael Wheat

## HEAP BIG POSSE

District Attorney Sid Wise and company couldn't find fugitive from justice Gene Leroy Hart last week. Now the Big Boys from J. Edgar Hoover land have come, like the Seventh Cavalry, to the rescue.

But while Sid and the OSBI and the Highway Patrol and the County Sheriff are charged with developing a case, searching for evidence and checking out leads, all the FBI has to do is find Hart.

## SHADES OF GARY GILMORE

Gene Hart plead guilty to two counts of first degree rape in the assault of two pregnant Tulsa women. He has a long record of arrests and convictions, and escaped from the Mayes County jail. Now Hart has been charged with three counts of first degree murder. If someone wants to make Hart a folk hero, that's their business. But if we see a Gene Leroy Hart tonight, we are going to throw up. Hart still owes society, as one agent said, forty to a hundred and forty years for his past crimes.

## GOOD JOB IN TOUGH GOING

Mayes County dispatchers Marine Randolph and Pat Cooper have been doing a fine job these past two weeks keeping the office running while most of the deputies were down in Locust Grove. "There would be no way we could carry on the investigation without them," Sheriff Weaver told us.

## THINGS HEARD ON THE CB

A truck driver said the other day that after Highway 69 gets a little bit rougher, the state will put up toll gates and charge everybody to drive on it. Ten-four.

## FINAL REPORT

All that District Attorney Sid Wise wants to say in his final summation to the jury is, "We seen him, we chased him, we caught him."



## Searchers Begin

Loaded with officers and tracking dogs, a four-wheel-drive vehicle begins a patrol near Skunk Mountain where authorities last week believed fugitive Gene Leroy Hart had been seen. Hart was charged in the murders of three Girl Scouts last Thursday. (Jeffersonian Staff Photo)

## GRDA—

September bill to their consumers. This is a normal period for billing.

Huddleston spent most of the three-hour meeting answering questions about GRDA's current operations and financial condition.

At two previous meetings, municipal customers have voiced concerns about recent rapid rate increases passed on to them by GRDA. They said they feared GRDA may ultimately be unable to compete with private investor-owned power suppliers. GRDA electric base rates were increased January and again in May.

"We should be able to do business cheaper than the investor-owned firms," Huddleston commented. "Both Public Service Co. and Oklahoma Gas and Electric have asked for rate increases. I think if you will compare the rates, you will be pleasantly surprised."

Huddleston said GRDA has been put at an extreme disadvantage in recent months because of very low rainfall in the Grand River basin.

Over the past 12 months, the state-owned public power agency has been able to generate only 14 percent of its system needs, forcing it to buy more and more power.

And at the same time, the

cost of purchased power has risen by 40 percent. In addition, GRDA's system load has outstripped the installed capacity of all its hydro-electric generating plants.

"This is why we want to build the coal-fired generating plant. We need to either get into the power production business or get out," Huddleston said. "When we have to buy most of our needs, we are only a middle-man to the consumer, and that just adds another layer of expense."

## CAREER—

projects: underway now, including a planned development on North Elliot street as well as a housing project near Highway 69 and 69A.

"I hate to quit the insurance business," Jackson said. "There's always something new."

"The insurance business is not what it used to be," Jackson said. "Years ago I could give somebody a quote on insurance without looking at a rate book. Now, there's fifty or sixty different rates for car insurance alone."

Jackson says his long interest in civic activities has helped not only his community but himself. "I was always under the impression that if you wanted something, you just went out and got it, not wait around for it to come to you."

"The problem with Pryor today is that there isn't enough interest in the town. If more people took an active part in civic affairs, we'd have a much better town."

Jackson cites several major problems in Pryor, including parking, housing and drainage.

What will Jackson do in his limited spare time? Travel, work in his lapidary shop and fish "a little". But mostly Jackson will be working.

## FESTIVAL—

oped in a scenic area surrounded by the finest recreational facilities in Oklahoma. Unlimited camping is available, with electrical hook-ups.

Park rules for the festival will be no alcoholic beverages, and pets must be on a leash. There will be full dress

police at the park. Admission for Thursday, Friday and Sunday's performances will be \$4. Saturday's performance will be \$5. Tickets are available for three days of music at \$11, and for four days at \$14. Children under 14 will be let in free if accompanied by parents.

The festival will conclude at 10 p.m. on Sunday night, and

## FACT—

other problems. As officers try to zero in on fugitive Gene Leroy Hart, investigators have been confronted with friends and relatives of Hart who are lying through their teeth, according to one source.

"The one thing I can't understand is why some people are putting a halo on Hart," said Weaver. "They should remember that Hart plead guilty to charges of first degree rape. Hart was charged with the rape of two pregnant women after he abducted them near Tulsa."

Weaver said that while Hart remains the prime suspect in the murders, authorities aren't ruling out other possible suspects. "But there is a difference between a lead and a suspect," he said. "First we get a lead, and then if it amounts to anything, we might have a suspect."

"We've got lots of leads," Weaver said. The investigation now into its third week, consists primarily in checking out those leads.

## FBI—

On Monday, aircraft equipped with heat sensing devices joined the search, but high ground temperatures prevented any success.

By Wednesday, a large number of FBI agents had entered the investigation. As many as 90.

Sheriff Weaver said the initial search phase of the investigation has ended, and now authorities are checking out the many possible leads in the case. Weaver said that although the most intensive investigation is taking place in the Locust Grove area, agents of the Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation and FBI are checking leads in several other cities.

District Attorney Wise went to Oklahoma City Wednesday to check on reports from the various agencies.

Although Hart has been described as the prime suspect, authorities aren't ruling out other suspects. Some investigative sources believe that an arrest may take place before this weekend.

Old Building Reconstructed  
The reconstruction of a plantation style two story house, built near Fort Gibson about 1822 and believed to be the earliest permanent family home in Oklahoma still in existence, is underway by the Muskogee County Historical Society. William M. Kelley is president of the Society.

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# 3 caves figure in Scout case

Tribune Staff

**PRYOR** — Three caves south of Locust Grove near Camp Scott have figured in the Girl Scout murder case.

Cave 1, about 3 miles from the camp on Spring Creek is about 100 feet from a cellar and foundation that was the boyhood home of Gene Leroy Hart, charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Lori Lee Farmer, 8, Michele Guse, 9, and Doris Denise Milner, 10.

It is at this cave, discovered by squirrel hunters about four days after the murders, where authorities found evidence linked to the crime scene.

A COUNSELOR'S sunglasses, masking tape and green plastic similar to that on a flashlight found near the bodies, and newspaper from the same edition as newspaper inside the battery compartment of the flashlight, were found here.

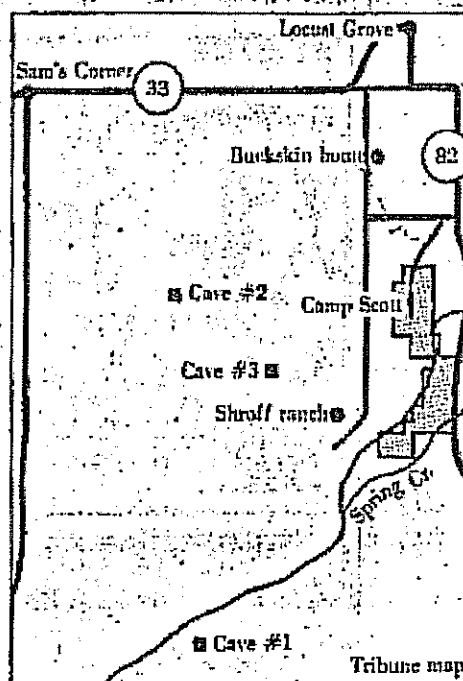
Hart was linked to the cave when a former convict said he and Hart hid in it in 1973 after they escaped from the Mayes County jail.

Authorities also found two wadded-up wedding photographs which Hart apparently developed in 1968 while at Granite State Reformatory, at Cave 1.

Cave 2, a ledge along Skunk Mountain about 2 miles from the camp, is where farmer Victor Auxier reported he saw a man he thought was Hart, about a week after the murders.

**THE CAVE IS** on a ridge overlooking the home of Eula Mae Buckskin, Hart's mother.

Authorities discovered a boot print at the cave which matched boot



prints found in the death tent, outside a farmhouse linked to the death scene, and outside a grocery at Sam's Corner that was burglarized shortly after the murders.

A cigarette butt taken from Cave 2 was tested for saliva and chemists determined that it had been smoked by a person with type O blood, the same type blood Hart has.

A hair removed from a bandage found at this cave was found to have the same microscopic characteristics as Hart's.

**AUTHORITIES** also linked a Vienna sausage can, taken from a pond on Auxier's property near Cave 2, to the burglarized grocery at Sam's Corner.

The price marking on the can reportedly matched price markings on items at the grocery.

Cave 3 is about 1 mile from the camp, located on property owned by Jack Shroff, who reported his farmhouse burglarized and black duct tape, like that used to bind one of the girls, stolen.

A young jail inmate led authorities to this cave in late July, saying he had met with Hart at the cave after the murders.

It was here where officers found a taunting message: "The killer was here. Bye Bye Fools. 77-6-17."

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## Hart still in the area?

near here, believe he still may be in the area, sources close to the case have disclosed.

An organized ground and air search that stretched five days ended on Tuesday

because authorities said they had a "critical shortage" of information that Hart still was in the area.

The FBI, however, has concluded that Hart was in the area the day before and

several days after the killing at the Girl Scout camp three miles south of here, it was learned Wednesday.

The sources said FBI agents placed Hart in the area through questioning of local residents.

Many residents had told reporters they had either seen Hart or knew someone who said they had, but when authorities checked those statements out, they discounted them as baseless.

The new FBI information, however, was said to have been developed through scores of interviews with residents, sources said.

Hart was charged with three counts of first-degree murder after two photographs found near a cave near the camp were linked to him.

Authorities have refused to discuss what other evidence they have collected.

Mayes County Dist. Atty. Sid Wise has said other persons have been questioned in the case, but Hart still is the strongest suspect.

Local authorities believe Hart has lived with relatives off and on since he escaped the Mayes County jail at Pryor, 10 miles from here, in September 1973. They said they believe he took to the woods after the killings.

Hart, a 33-year-old Cherokee Indian, is an experienced woodsman. A numbers of residents have said they were surprised authorities had charged Hart because they believe him to be innocent of the slayings.

Sources also said Wednesday that the FBI contingent assigned to the case

numbered 90 to 95. An FBI spokesman has challenged that report, however, saying that only about 40 agents were working here on the case.

Several area residents have room in their homes for agents during their assignment here.

Oklahoma Atty. Gen. Larry Derryherry flew into the area Wednesday afternoon to offer encouragement and express his pleasure over the state's

role in the investigation.

He visited with state officers at Camp Scott, site of the search command post.

Sheriff Glen "Pete" Weaver and Ted Limke, an Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agent, returned to the cave where a man was seen fleeing on Thursday. The sighting kicked off the five-day search.

But they found no more evidence, sources said.

## Florida Scout taken; Parents await word

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Charlotte Grosse's parents waited for a second telephone call today, hoping it would bring word that the man who dragged their 15-year-old daughter from a tent at a remote Girl Scout campsite had kept his pledge to free her.

But there was no word throughout the worried night and into the morning, more than nine hours after the abductor allowed the girl to call her parents at home in nearby Nokomis to tell them she was all right, and that he promised to set her free.

"I'm baffled," said Sarasota County Sheriff Jim Hardcastle. He said he couldn't understand why the man had allowed her to call

home and speak with her father, Richard Grosse, but then didn't release her.

Hardcastle said he wasn't giving up. "There was no indication when she would be released," the sheriff said. He said that Charlotte told her parents the man was "going to get rid of her at a telephone booth."

Charlotte, clad only in underclothes and a Mickey Mouse shirt, was dragged by the hair by a heavy-set man at dawn Wednesday as her sister and a friend looked on in horror.

Her sister ran from the tent screaming, "Charlotte's been stolen!"

Sheriff officers and volun- (Continued on Page 2)



Surprise! Surprise

A Pryor man, Charles Odle, 42, was transferred to Hillcrest Burn Center yesterday after he received electrical burns while working.

Odle was using a metal pole to clean cement from a truck at Chemical Express Co. east of Pryor.

According to Charles Wood, terminal manager at Chemical Express, the metal pole Odle used came in contact with electrical highlines carrying an estimated 115,000 volts.

Another employee, 36-year-old Gerald Livingston, was also burned by the high voltage. He was touching the outside of the trailer that Odle was standing on.

Livingston is in the intensive care unit at Grand Valley Hospital but his injuries are not believed to be critical.

Wood said Odle has worked at Chemical Express for five years and is a mechanic with the company.

Chemical Express is a trucking firm which hauls cement for the Oklahoma Cement Co. east of Pryor.

accepted at last night's meeting also, Burdick said. Marry Barrick, a half-time kindergarten teacher at Lincoln resigned because her husband, a soil conservationist at Vinita, has been transferred.

Bruce Parker, wrestling coach and teacher at Pryor Junior High, resigned to take a similar position at an Ardmore school.

Two teachers were hired last night, also. Harry Henderson was employed by the Board as business teacher at Whitaker and Gladys Booher is the new first grade teacher at Lincoln.

Ms. Booher is a graduate of the University of Kirksville, Mo. and has taught one year in Missouri.

In additional action the school board approved encumbrances for \$104,459.54 and requisitions for materials for the coming year in the amount of \$4,700.

\$5,607.06 from the bond school's bond fund was approved to pay for work just completed on the junior high grounds, including the paving of a section near the old gymnasium.



**NO, NO, NOT YET!** Greg Thurman, son of Frankye and Billy Th Pryor, get in practice only in lighting fireworks. Pryor Fire Chief Donahou reminds Pryorites that fireworks are only permitted in c from July 1 through July 4. Parents of small fireworks enthusiasts Greg are advised to supervise their youngsters' fireworks fun. Photo

## Suspect quickly caught he

A team of Pryor policemen, officer Jim Rush and Police Chief Wiley Backwater, demonstrated how quickly suspects are sometimes apprehended when law enforcement agencies combine efforts.

A suspect wanted in Claremore for questioning in an attempted rape case was

taken into custody two minutes after Claremore officials radioed to the Pryor PD for assistance.

The suspect, Gary Steven Zane, 26, driving a "shiny blue van" as described by the Claremore PD, was arrested near the Pryor Methodist Church at 11:40 a.m.

Claremore had radioed

Pryor at 11:38 to watch for "a shiny blue van" heading toward Pryor and being driven by a suspect.

An Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper, Joe Inman, monitored the call on his radio; then advised Rush and Backwater that he had seen a similar van in Pryor just a minute before.

Rush and Backwater stopped the van, arrested Zane and held him in the Mayes County jail until Claremore authorities picked him up around 12:30 p.m.

Zane is being held at the Rogers County jail today, according to a dispatcher there.

The attempt allegedly took place in Claremore just outside city limits. A girl reportedly that a victim of an attack and managed authorities the a blue van drive assailant.

## Intensive cancer treatment set for

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — Doctors have found four cancerous lesions in the right lung of U.S. Sen. Dewey Bartlett, who had a malignant tumor removed from the lung last January, New York hospital officials said Wednesday.

A spokesman for Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City said the small lesions were removed from the 58-year-old Bartlett's lung during exploratory surgery June 23.

The analysis of the lesions was completed Wednesday and the diagnosis released.

"The pathology report indicates these lesions are malignant tumors consistent with the previous lung tumors," the spokesman said in a statement released to news media here by telephone.

"Special X-rays also indicate that there may be two very small lesions in the left lung."

The Republican senator's

doctors have recommended an intensive program of chemotherapy.

"Drs. Edward J. Beattie, and Robert Golbey have recommended, and Sen. Bartlett has agreed, on the following course of therapy," the spokesman said.

"Sen. Bartlett will leave the hospital this weekend for approximately one week of additional convalescence. He will return in seven to 10 days for an intensive three-day course of chemotherapy."

The course includes a combination of three drugs that was developed within the past year — cytoxan, adriamycin and cis-platinum.

"This particular drug protocol has been developed within the past year and has been used on lung cancer patients for the past four months," the spokesman said.

"The drug protocol was recommended because of the extraordinarily good results that have been obtained on

other lung cancer. "After the third of chemotherapy Bartlett will be but will return weeks for recovery. The doctor's tests for tumor negative, and there is no sign of cancer in the lungs.

Bartlett is well from the and is "in good" spokesman said. Tony Garrel



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# Governor swapped parole for Hart

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## Ex-cellmate freed for helping locate slaying suspect

BY RALPH MARSH  
Of The Tribune Staff

PRYOR — Gov. David Boren and state crime agents traded a parole to a convicted car thief and jailbreak artist in exchange for help in the manhunt and trial for accused child-killer Gene Leroy Hart.

Boren denied trading the parole, but conceded, "we certainly traded 60 days leave" for the convict.

"They asked me if I thought I knew where he (Hart) was," said 30-year-old Larry Dry from a jail cell in Delaware County. "They told me I would get a parole if they were able to catch Gene Hart."

"I came through on my end as best I could." Dry, who escaped jail twice with Hart and lived with him for four months in a cellar in the woods, said, "I knew just about where Hart was and then they got the rest of the information from another person."

Boren said he "was very aware that they (state agents) wanted him out to track Gene Leroy Hart."

However, the governor said he handled the parole "routinely" and was not even aware when he signed it that Dry was involved in the Hart case.

Later, Boren said, "I remember somebody saying this is the guy that helped find Hart. It was an added plus for him."

Boren said Dry met all requirements for parole and "I would probably have paroled him irrespective of this."

"I certainly think my action was appropriate."

RECORDS SHOW DRY was signed out on leave from the state reformatory in Granite on March 23 by Boren and put in the custody of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

The initial leave was for 30 days and Boren later extended that to 60 days at the request of OSBI agents who told him Dry "was providing helpful information."

Boren said he was told that Dry "would be 24 hours a day in the custody of an OSBI agent, except when he needed to be alone to gather information."

Hart was captured on April 6. Dry was recommended for parole April 26. The parole was signed by Boren on May 18.

There is no indication in the records that Dry ever went back to prison to complete his term after the leave was signed by Boren.

"This is, to the best of my knowledge, the guy who

gave the information that led to the capture of Gene Leroy Hart," said one source close to investigators.

Dry, whose frequent escapes reportedly inspired remodeling of the Mayes County jail, sawed his way out of that jail in 1973 with Hart as an escape partner. Both men were caught a short time later.

THE TWO ESCAPED again, however, and Dry said they fled to an old woodlands cellar about three miles from Camp Scott where they lived for four months in 1973. Dry was captured in 1974. Hart remained at large until nearly a year after three Girl Scouts were found slain at Camp Scott.

Since his parole, Dry has been arrested and charged with robbery with firearms and larceny of some cabins near Grove, but there is no indication of any move to revoke his parole.

Dry shrugs off the charges and contends he is merely being held by authorities until he can testify in the preliminary hearing for Hart which is being conducted in Pryor.

Dry, who says he is a longtime friend of Hart's, said he saw a change in Hart during the time Hart was in

prison and after his wife divorced him and forbade him to see his young son.

"WHEN HE SAW A KID, he resembled the fact other people were able to be with their children and to send them off to camp and things like that. His wife had divorced him and he had lost his kid forever."

"When I first knew Gene, he was a completely different person. He was always kind of easy come, easy go. And, he was lovable with kids."

Dry said Hart's attitude changed after he returned from prison.

According to sources close to the Hart probe, Hart's wife, Patricia, told authorities when Hart was sentenced to prison for rape that the two were getting along fine and that they divorced by mutual consent to try to avoid a long series of Gebbs.

During Hart's stay in prison, however, his wife changed their son's name from Donald Gene so that he would share no part of the convict's name.

She then forbade Hart to see the boy when he came home from prison. Shortly after an emotional session in which Hart's wife reportedly threatened to take the

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# Parole...

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child and leave, Hart was arrested at a Tulsa apartment complex and sentenced to prison for 306 years for a series of burglaries.

Dry said that he saw the pictures that originally connected Hart to the slayings of the Girl Scouts. Dry said he saw them while the two men were living together in the cellar in the woods.

**THE CONVICT SAID HE** was able to pick the pictures out of a stack of about 50 pictures handed to him by OSBI agents.

The pictures were of a wedding in Mangum. Hart assisted a photographer from the state reformatory. The pictures reportedly were found in a cave about 300 yards from the woodland cellar as investigators probed the woods following the slaying of the three little girls.

The OSBI originally wanted Dry assigned to a community treatment center at Muskogee so he would be

available to help them. The Granite classification committee refused, however, because he had three times escaped from custody and was considered too great a risk.

The OSBI then appealed to Boren and the process was set in motion that led to Dry's parole.

Dry would not say exactly what he would testify to in the Hart preliminary hearing.

"A lot of people like around Locust Grove just see one side of Gene Hart," he said. "If he was in a certain mood...he changes his moods."

**"I'VE SEEN THAT.** One time we were down there in the woods and we got to talking about my wife and my kid and his wife and his kid and he just flipped out."

Dry says he believes his life is endangered because he helped authorities.

"I figure," he said, "that I stand about a 75 percent chance of getting killed when I walk out of that courthouse."

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# Ex-Newsman Grimsley Sorry He Got Into Hart Case

By DOUG HICKS  
Of the World Staff  
PRYOR — Sitting in the law library of the Mayes County Courthouse, 37-year-old Ron Grimsley looked like a defeated man. He wasn't shaking as badly now as he had been when he was on the

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witness stand a few minutes earlier. But he was still shaken by what his life had become.

Only eight months ago, Grimsley was editor of the Pryor Daily Times. An 11-year news veteran, he turned down chances to move to larger papers.

Then, on April 6, Gene Leroy Hart was unexpectedly captured in connection with the sex slayings of three Girl Scouts some 10 months earlier. Grimsley quit his job the next day.

There were two reasons: To devote more time to a book he was to co-author with District Attorney Sid Wise, and to become Wise's full-time, \$1,000-a-month campaign manager for Oklahoma Attorney General.

For awhile, things were looking bright. Then the world began falling in on Grimsley.

"MOST OF IT WAS MY OWN fault," he said Tuesday in an interview with the Tulsa World.

There were some bad checks. In addition, Grimsley's wife, Jolene, recently had been fired by an Enid bond company in connection with the loss of more than \$4,000.

Wise fired Grimsley. At about the same time, Grimsley ran an ad in a Tulsa paper in an effort to sell \$500 shares in the book. He didn't have a home phone, so he listed Wise's campaign headquarters number.

"I was trying to buy some time," he said. "I was trying to get something started in the book."

Grimsley, who had just moved to Claremore in order to run the Wise campaign, landed a job on a Drumright newspaper. He moved his wife and their three children to a small, rental home in nearby Cushing.

TEN DAYS LATER, HE WAS ARRESTED in connection with a post-dated check. He lost his job.

Down and out, Grimsley sold confidential Girl Scout murder reports he had obtained while working with Wise to Gary Pitchlynn, one of Hart's attorneys, in late July. For his trouble, he got \$545.

Grimsley said it seemed like a fortune at the time. He used the money

coming from the Hart Defense Fund, to pay off bogus checks.

He had several other meetings and conversations with Hart's attorneys and associates, who allegedly pressed Grimsley for more of the reports. He had given them only 25 and had an untold number more.

THE LAST MEETING HE HAD with Hart's attorneys was on Sept. 8,

He told them he could not, or would not, produce any of the reports — which apparently have since been destroyed.

Pitchlynn threatened to kick in Grimsley's head, according to the ex-newsman's testimony.

Grimsley gathered with his family at his mother's home in Sapulpa and headed for Kansas City in a "bro-kend-down Olds."

"We had no place to stay, no food, and a dollar and thirty cents," Grimsley said.

"For two days we lived in a parking lot," he recalled. "My wife got a job as a waitress and finally got enough in tips so we were able to get a motel room. A motel room for five in Kansas City costs \$25.00 a day. We stayed there for 29 days."

"I am sorry that I got as involved in the case as I did," he said. "I wish I

would have stayed on the periphery."

IT WAS ALMOST TIME FOR Grimsley and his wife to be ushered away from the courthouse. It remained uncertain what exactly would become of them. There was a warrant on a bad check in Lawrence, Kan., and there still remained the unresolved business of the bonding company money.

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porter with whom Wise later signed the book contract.

While Wise still had his headquarters at Camp Scott, rumors began circulating that he would run for state attorney general.

Wise "refused to comment" when reporters asked if he was planning the race, but later announced he would seek the state office after only one term as district attorney.

Earlier this year, when a New York Times reporter came to Pryor to write about the murders, Wise's chief assistant reportedly told the newsman, "this case is his ticket into the AG's office and I'm going with him."

Wise came in last in a field of six candidates.

AN OSBI OFFICIAL said he was "very upset" when he learned that Grimsley had copies of their investigative reports in the case.

Wise admitted Grimsley helped him make copies of the reports in a late-night photocopying session, but claimed he did not realize Grimsley was making copies for himself and placing them in a briefcase.

Grimsley said Wise knew he was reading the reports, but said he didn't know if the prosecutor realized he was making copies for himself.

Wise said he thought he could "show them to anyone he felt appropriate" when the OSBI loaned them to him for one night.

District Judge William Whistler chastised Wise, told him he used "poor judgment in allowing Grimsley to view the reports and said Wise didn't have the right to treat state files "as though they were his personal property."

Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver said he "didn't appreciate" the way the reports were handled by Wise.

WISE DEFENDED his actions in signing the contract claiming he was a "dormant figure" in the investigation at the time he signed it.

"At that time (October 1977) I had nothing further to do in the investigation.

"I had no idea Hart would ever be captured," he said.

"It was something at the time that seemed appropriate.

"Mr. Grimsley approached me. He brought the proposal.

"At the time I questioned him about the unequal percentages because it disturbed me and he indicated to me this was not only equitable but an advantage to him," Wise said.

"He told me 'If anything I'm taking advantage of you, Sid.'

"He told me a normal split might be 90-10 and I, not being acquainted with anything like this, took his word for it," Wise said.

"As I look back on it now I still don't feel I did anything inappropriate," Wise said.

# Book was way to aid author, Wise claims

By SUSAN WITT

Mayes County District Attorney Sid Wise says he was "only trying to assist a young man who wanted to be an author" when he signed an agreement with a Pryor newsmen to co-author a book about the grisly Girl Scout murders in his county.

But to many observers, the provisions of the contract, with Wise to receive 75 per cent of the proceeds from the book, and the prosecutor's actions during the investigation of the shocking crime, indicate he had visions of personal gain soon after the young girls' bodies were discovered.

And Wise's handling of Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation reports about the crimes has angered law enforcement officers and the parents of the slain girls.

WISE BOWED to critics Wednesday and said he would have no further involvement in the case, after court hearings disclosed that Wise had signed the book contract four months after the June 1977 murders, and then allowed the newsman to view secret OSBI and FBI investigative reports about the crimes in May 1978.

The prosecution now will apparently be led by Tulsa County District Attorney S. M. Fallis Jr.

Formally, District Attorney-elect T. Jack Graves will lead the prosecution, but he has asked Fallis to continue to assist him, and the successful prosecutor likely will direct the case.

Fallis has assisted Wise in the case since June 1978, when the Mayes County prosecutor asked him to join his team on the eve of the preliminary hearing for Gene Leroy Hart, the man charged with first-de-

gree murder in the sex slayings of the three Tulsa County girls at a camp near Locust Grove.

ODDLY, FALLIS had offered his assistance the day the young girls' bodies were found, but Wise never acknowledged the offer.

Fallis, who has a staff three times the size of Wise's, reportedly offered prosecutors, investigators, sheriff's deputies, secretaries, errand runners — whatever Wise wanted — to help in investigating the murders.

Wise never returned Fallis' calls.

Several law enforcement officers reported fighting between Wise and investigative agencies shortly after the murders.

One seasoned law officer reported that different agencies were meeting in separate rooms at the camp office where headquarters were set up and the investigation was directed.

"I said why don't we all get together around a big table and talk this out and see what we've got, but no one seemed to want the other to know what they were doing," the officer said.

WHEN NEWSMEN REPORTED the apparent friction between the agencies, Wise called it "yellow dog journalism" and immediately called a "news blackout" and for a while, refused to release news on the investigation's progress.

He named Pryor newsmen Ron Grimsley "press liaison" and the reporter was privy to privileged information and helped decide what would be released.

The newsman who helped guard the information was the same re-

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# Wise bows to critics, pulls out of Hart case

By SUSAN WITT  
Of The Tribune Staff

PRYOR — Sid Wise, the embattled Mayes County district attorney who has been criticized for signing a contract to co-author a book about the sex slayings of three Girl Scouts in his county, today withdrew from the case.

Wise said "physical and mental" pressures put on him by "ridiculous collateral issues" raised by Hart's lawyers prompted his withdrawal.

However, the withdrawal will have little effect, because a legal controversy over the book contract and Wise's allowing his co-author to view confidential investigative files on the triple murder has delayed the trial past the end of the year, when Wise's term of office ends.

WISE SAID HE has talked to District Attorney-elect Jack Graves and that Graves has indicated he will ask Tulsa District Attorney S. M. Fallis Jr. to help with the case.

Fallis has been helping Wise since earlier this year.

Wise said he will help Graves, if he asks, but hopes his removal will stop Hart's attorneys from pushing their attacks against the prosecuting team.

Besides the disclosure that Wise had sought to profit from a book about the grisly slayings, testimony Tuesday revealed that Hart and his attorneys had been offered as much as "\$250,000 up front" for an interview with Hart and the rights to his story.

Defense attorney Garvin Isaacs said today "no agreements have been made with anyone to write any books, or make any movies of that nature."

HE DID SAY that Hart and his attorneys have received "numerous" offers for the rights to Hart's story.

Isaacs said he does not intend to write a book and said he would consider it unethical conduct for him to do so.

"Any agreement that might be made would be made by Hart," Isaacs said.

He said Hart has made no such agreement.

Ron Grimsley, the newsman who had agreed to co-author a book with Wise, testified Tuesday that Isaacs had told him Random House Publishing Co. had offered Hart "\$250,000 up front" for an interview.

GRIMSLEY SAID Isaacs told him earlier that Hart would grant Grimsley an interview if he agreed to turn over copies of Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation files about the Hart case.

Hart's attorneys Tuesday were denied access to secret investigative files in the murder case when District Judge William J. Whistler ruled

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they waited for long to ask for them after the lowest bidder yesterday had signed the request.

The administrator had asked the agents to take the items to the ground and give them to the contractor in a closed box.

The district judge, who said that was a violation of the contractor's privilege to keep the documents in his hands.

Wise, in a statement that criticized both sides and others, said that both "a case of the contractor" and the "case of the contractor" should be treated, but that the contractor should have noticed the court, which had ordered to stop that the contractor had copies of the reports.

WISCONSIN, Wis. - In the meantime the contractor had delayed the report to make it clear the contractor, which was submitted to the court.

The court has indicated its approval of the contractor's decision and the trial of the contractor's decision to the court.

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# Ex-newsman, wife surrender in Hart case

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By SUSAN WITT  
Of The Tribune Staff  
**PRYOR** — A former Pryor news-  
man and his wife surrendered to  
Mayes County authorities early  
today after a judge ordered them  
arrested to testify about an agree-  
ment the newsman had with Mayes  
County District Attorney Sid Wise to  
co-author a book about the 1977 Girl  
Scout murders.

Wise said Ron L. Grimsley and his  
wife, Jolene, "came forward volun-  
tarily" today after District Judge  
William Whistler Monday ordered a  
warrant issued for their arrest as  
material witnesses in the Gene  
Leroy Hart case.

A motion hearing in the Hart case  
was scheduled to resume this  
afternoon.

The murder case, set for trial  
Monday, was thrown into a tailspin  
Friday when defense attorneys pre-  
sented an affidavit purportedly  
signed by Grimsley which stated  
Wise had turned over Oklahoma  
State Bureau of Investigation re-  
ports on the case to the reporter for  
use in the book.

THE EVENTS HAVE effectively  
delayed the trial and may mean that  
Wise, who has been criticized pri-  
vately by law enforcement officials  
for his handling of the case, may not  
be involved in the trial.

Surprise testimony Friday re-  
vealed the agreement to co-author a  
book by Wise and Grimsley, former  
news editor for the Pryor Daily  
Times.

Under the five-year contract, Wise  
is to receive 75 per cent of any pro-  
fits from any book.

In the affidavit purportedly signed  
by Grimsley, he claimed Wise had  
given copies of all OSBI memos and  
reports to Grimsley for use in writ-  
ing the book.

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ing the book.

THE REVELATION of the book  
contract drew criticism from the  
parents of one of the slain girls, and  
OSBI Director Tom Kennedy said he  
is "very upset" that Grimsley re-  
portedly had copies of the bureau  
files.

Mrs. Charles Farmer, mother of  
Lori Lee Farmer, one of the slain  
Girl Scouts, said the news that Wise  
had signed a contract to co-author  
the book had caused her to lose "all  
confidence" in the prosecutor.  
Wise earlier had denied he was a  
partner in Grimsley's book, and had  
testified in an earlier hearing that he  
had given copies of OSBI reports  
only to law enforcement and investi-  
gative agencies and his staff.

HART'S ATTORNEYS have tried  
to prove Wise had made a "deal"  
with Grimsley to defer prosecution  
against Grimsley's wife, Jolene,  
who was accused of embezzling  
money from an End bonding com-  
pany, in return for work on the  
book.

"No one man does all the work in a  
book for 25 per cent," defense attor-  
ney Garvin Isaacs said, referring to  
the contract which set out the 75-25  
split in profits.

A representative from the bonding  
company testified Monday that they  
had agreed with Wise's office to  
defer prosecution if the woman  
made \$4,800 restitution at the rate of  
\$100 a month.

The representative said the  
woman paid only \$200 and the com-  
pany asked Wise's office to proceed  
with prosecution in the case last  
August.

He said the woman mailed in a  
second \$200 check Oct. 30.  
Isaacs is asking the judge to order  
Wise to turn over all investigative  
reports to the defense.

Under Oklahoma law, prosecutors  
are only required to turn over tech-  
nical reports and sworn statements,  
with other reports considered "work  
product."

The work product rule is waived,  
however, if a substantial portion of  
the reports are shown to a third  
party.

Grimsley and Wise had been close  
friends, and the newsman quit his  
job at the Pryor newspaper the day  
after Hart was arrested and became  
campaign manager for Wise, who  
made an unsuccessful run for state  
attorney general.

Wise later fired Grimsley, claim-  
ing he had no funds for a campaign

manager.

Grimsley's dismissal came  
shortly after the newsman ran a  
classified advertisement in newspa-  
pers for \$500 shares in the book. "By  
the only newsman who covered the  
Hart case continuously from the  
inside."

Wise received widespread criti-  
cism when it was learned the tele-  
phone number listed in the  
advertisement was for the Wise  
campaign headquarters.

The telephone was disconnected  
shortly thereafter, and both Wise  
and Grimsley denied they were part-  
ners in the book.

Grimsley was charged with ob-  
taining money by false pretense in  
Mayes County last May for allegedly  
writing hot checks.

According to testimony, Grimsley  
met with Hart's attorneys July 17  
and turned over copies of reports he  
said Wise had provided him.

Hart's attorneys claim they hired  
Grimsley as an investigator and  
paid him \$800 to turn over the rest of  
the OSBI reports.

The following day, according to  
Mayes County court records, Grims-  
ley appeared in court, made restitu-  
tion on the check charges and the  
charges were dismissed by Wise's  
office.

Hart's attorneys say Grimsley  
told them that when his wife learned  
he was planning to turn the OSBI  
reports over to them, she mailed  
them back to Wise.

Isaacs claimed Mrs. Grimsley  
feared Wise would prosecute her in  
the embezzlement case if her hus-  
band turned over the files to  
Isaacs.

District Attorney-elect Jack  
Graves of Claremore, who replaces  
Wise Jan. 2, said he is making plans  
to try the Hart case and considers it  
a "real possibility" at this point.

Graves said if he prosecutes the  
case he probably will ask Tulsa Dis-  
trict Attorney S.M. Falls to assist  
him.

Falls has assisted Wise in the  
case since Wise sought his help  
shortly before the preliminary  
hearing. reportedly has considered  
getting out of the case after the con-  
troverly involving Wise developed,  
but apparently has decided to re-  
main in the case after conferring  
with the parents of the slain girls.

Mrs. Farmer said Monday she  
considered Falls "the only stabiliz-  
ing force for the prosecution."

# Hart denies killing girls

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ALESTER — A stole Gene y Hart, charged in the grisly slayings of three Girl Scouts at a northeastern Oklahoma summer camp last June, denied to author- that he killed the young girls, it learned today.

was one of few statements the blooded Cherokee made to a delegation en route to the state in were he was being held under guard after eluding for nearly months the largest manhunt in home history.

it, with a woodsman's knowl- of eastern Oklahoma's rugged law agents who quietly sur- ded an isolated residence in the brush country of the Cooksco

HART WAS transported to the lester prison by OSBI agents the Highway Patrol in a three- cle caravan that entered the gate shortly before 9 p.m.

ed by a small horde of news- who had kept vigil since news of capture, Hart was walked from inside the gate nearly 100 yards to main entrance steps. "Hart, Us a pretty big crowd," Hart,

told lawmen when he saw the newsmen.

Except for the constant whir of TV cameras and murmuring of reporters, the journey was silent. Hart raised his head to look into the mob of reporters before him only once.

Dressed in tattered cutoff jeans, a ragged tank top, socks and shoes, Hart was bound by ankle chains and handcuffs, making his parade before the cameras agonizingly slow.

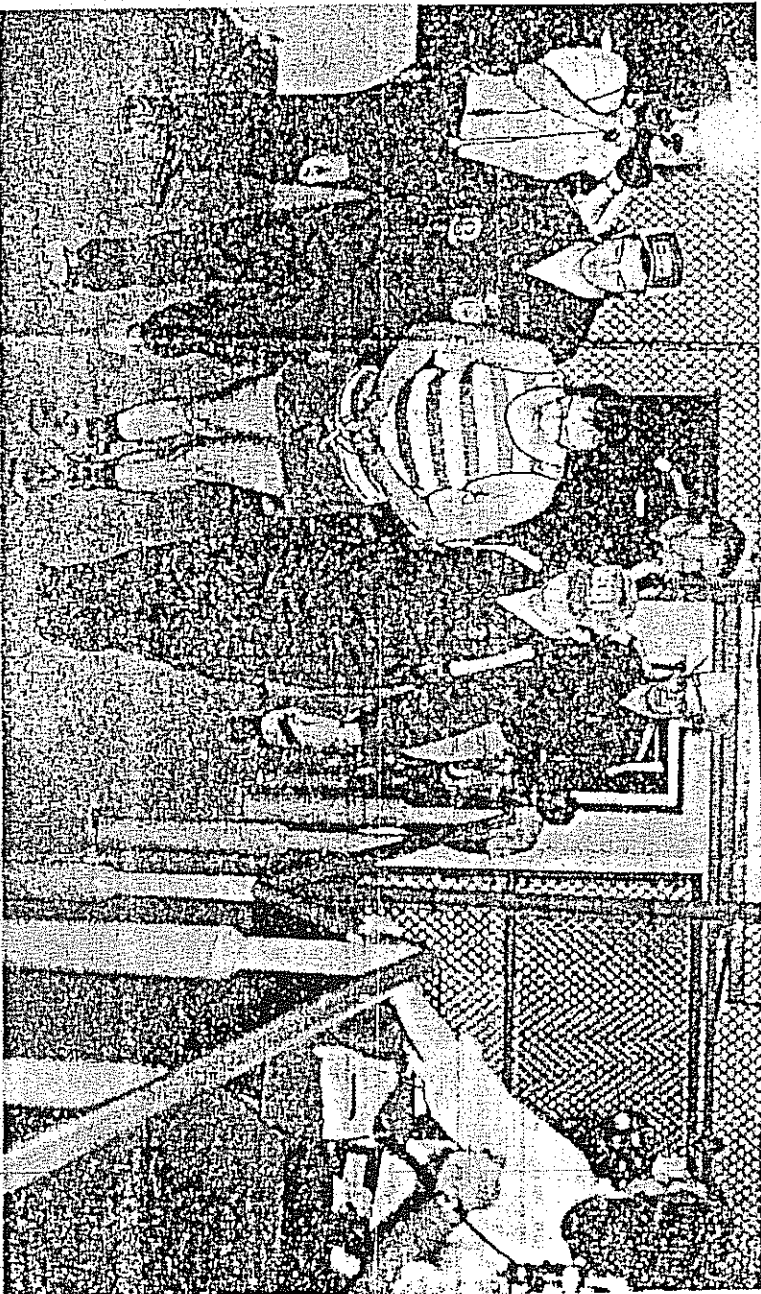
The procession moved up the prison steps and into the lobby where Hart shed his noisy following and proceeded alone with prison guards into the rounda area.

BILL ARENDS, deputy warden at the state prison, said Hart was pro- cessed as "a returned escapee," then given a shave and haircut.

Arends said that after a physical examination, he was taken to a cell on Death Row for safekeeping. Later today, Hart will be removed from the prison and taken under heavy guard to Fryer and arraigned on the triple murder charges.

Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver said today he will have extra deputies on duty and arrange special security when Hart is

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**CAPTURED FUGITIVE**—Gene Leroy Hart, accused of killing three Girl Scouts, struggles with heavy wrist and ankle shackles as he inches his way up the front steps of the state prison between Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agents Larry

Bowles (left) and Bud Ousley, followed by Mayes County Sheriff Pete Weaver (behind Ousley) and Deputy A. D. David. Agents caught Hart late Thursday in a shack near Stilwell and took him to prison for safekeeping. (Tribune Photo By Ben Newby)



# Hart jury completed

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By SUSAN WITT  
Of The Tribune Staff

PRYOR — Six men and six women are seated today, ready to decide the fate of Gene Leroy Hart, the man accused of murdering three Girl Scouts at a camp a few miles from his mother's Locust Grove home.

Anticipation filled the courtroom late Thursday as the last juror was selected — spectators suddenly realizing the group of men and women soon would begin hearing the case so many had been waiting for.

Jury selection had dragged on for 10 days of tedious questioning.

Hart, 35, is charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Lori Lee Farmer, 8, Michele Guse, 9, and Doris Denise Milner, 10.

The small girls were raped and beaten or strangled, and dragged from a tent where they were sleeping.

THE CRIME SHOCKED the na-

tion and haunted people in this small rural county.

For nearly two years, people here have talked and wondered and thought about the murders.

"I think it was the brutality of the thing that stood out in my mind," said one prospective juror when defense attorney Garvin Isaacs asked him what he remembered most about the reports of the crime.

"The fact that they were small, totally defenseless children," he continued.

All of the 113 persons questioned as jurors said they had followed news accounts and talked about the case with friends and neighbors.

Many of them were excused after admitting they had fixed opinions about Hart's guilt or innocence that would be nearly impossible to change.

All of those persons called as jurors who lived in Locust Grove were excused.

Most of them knew Hart, a former high school football star.

Others knew members of his family.

Testimony in the case is expected to begin Monday after alternate jurors are selected today.

THE JURY PANEL will be housed at a Pryor motel for the trial, which is expected to be lengthy.

The jurors are mostly housewives and blue collar workers. Their ages range from about 30 to 55.

There are no Indians on the jury, or none who are recognizable as Indians.

Hart is a Cherokee Indian, and his attorneys concentrated on that point when questioning jurors.

They objected when two Indian women tentatively seated on the panel were excused.

One woman was challenged by prosecutor S.M. Fallis Jr., the other

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## Hart jury completed

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was excused when she said she learned after being tentatively seated that she was distantly related to Hart.

The jurors include six Pryor residents, five Adair citizens and a woman from Spavinaw.

Each one was questioned by District Judge William Whistler, Fallis and Isaacs.

Isaacs often questioned them for nearly an hour.

In addition to the tedious and often prying questions by Isaacs, the defense team had about a dozen law students crisscrossing the county, checking out jurors.

THE LAW STUDENTS questioned townspeople about many of the prying, angering many of the residents they approached.

"I don't appreciate some of the things they were asking," one woman said.

"They were pushy, and I won't let them come in here again," she said angrily.

The jurors include a fourth-grade science teacher at Adair and a basketball coach who was a former Cub Scout master and camped at Camp Garland, adjacent to Camp Scott, where the crimes occurred.

Other jurors from Adair include a housewife, an airline structural mechanic who works in Tulsa, a former waitress and antique store owner, and an electrician for the Grand River Dam Authority.

A Spavinaw housewife also was seated on the jury.

Jurors who live in Pryor include a housewife and grocery store checker, a utilities foreman who works for the city of Pryor, and a New York native who moved to Pryor five years ago to manage a manufacturing plant. The juror once played baseball in the New York Giant organization.

OTHERS ARE a department store worker and has children who were active in scouting; a grocery store employee who had sons and daugh-

ters in scouting, and a welder and former truck driver.

Whistler asked newspapers not to publish the jurors' names at this time.

"One telephone call to any one of them could torpedo all the work we have accomplished," the judge said, and urged jurors to notify authorities at once if anyone attempts to contact them.

Both the prosecution and the defense voiced satisfaction with the jury.

"We're happy. Gene is happy. We feel comfortable with the jury," Isaacs said.

"We're glad we got to this point," Fallis said.

"I think they are going to do a good job. They all sounded sincere and that is about all you can ask," said Mrs. Charles Farmer, mother of one of the slain girls.

She had sat through all 10 days of questioning and had taken careful notes on each and every juror selected.

State of Oklahoma

vs.

Gene Perry Hart

Case No. CRF-77-131

JURY LIST

Plaintiff's Challenges For Cause

1. Darcy Keel
2. Linda Kay Jumper
3. Mr. Frank Burnett
4. Willie Lee Rex
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Defendant's Challenges For Cause

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Number of Jurors Passed for Cause

Plaintiff's Peremptory Challenges

1. Josephine Baker
2. James W. Rowbottom
3. James L. Blackwell
4. Donnie Ray Johnson
5. Almada L. Hurley
6. Virginia L. Brannon
7. James E. Womeldorf
8. April Okerie Bailey
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Defendant's Peremptory Challenges

1. Hilda Marie Spencer
2. Karen R. Denimore now Gura
3. Deborah Kaye Foster
4. Cornelia Floyd
5. Robbie Gail McLoie
6. Daniel L. Proctor
7. Owen Eugene Petus
8. Marie A. Stang
9. Thelma Brewer

The following are a true and correct list of jurors in the above styled and numbered cause, to-wit:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leota Mae Jackson</li> <li>2. Vanda Vugle Shipp</li> <li>3. Lela Fern Ramsey</li> <li>4. Jack R. Mitchell, Jr.</li> <li>5. Okey D. Skamblen</li> <li>6. George C. Kelly</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Marion L. Richard</li> <li>8. Lawrence G. Berry</li> <li>9. Sadie Louie Young</li> <li>10. Wanda Ruth Hale</li> <li>11. Sandra Jean Ganett</li> <li>12. Cecelia Joan Littlefield</li> </ol> |
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JURY LIST

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## Plaintiff's Challenges For Cause

1. Nina Lorraine True
2. Warren G. Whitely, Jr.
3. Lenni Stafford
4. Iola Mary Beaver
5. Otto Cogger
6. Rocky Littlefield
7. Conmoleen J. Luskam
8. Naomi R. Craig
9. Charles D. Bowling
10. Johnny D. Holman

## Defendant's Challenges For Cause

- 26x. Rosella Mae Perkins
- 27x. Darlene Rowland
- 28x. Barbara Allen
- 29A. Gloria D. Weaver
- 30x. Barbara Garner
- 31x. John M. Carter, Jr.
- 32x. Henry Le Roy Bucky
- 33x. Leslie Leroy Arnold
- 34x. Kenny L. McHair
- 35x. Ronald Lynn Dryden

## Number of Jurors Passed for Cause

## Plaintiff's Peremptory Challenges

1. Donald Ray Murphy
2. Clepton W. Allen
3. Betty Lou Brown
4. Pauline S. Epps
5. Martha Joan Koch
6. Donald Daily
7. Donald D. Watt
8. Johnnie Junior Fletcher
9. Wayne Frank Brady

## Defendant's Peremptory Challenges

- 36x. Della Flora McLaughlin
- 37x. J. T. Northcutt
- 38x. George Penter Reese
- 39x. Carmie L. Cauthron
- 40x. Leroy Reed
- 41x. James Courtland
- 42x. Lynda Cheryl Irwin
- 43x. Debbie Ruth Miller
- 44x. Glena Allen McMillin

The following are a true and correct list of jurors in the above styled and numbered cause, to-wit:

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| 20x. Mary Bell Anderson       | 45x. Loni Odell Daugherty |
| 21x. Sheri Lee Irwin now Wood | 46x. Willie Lee Herman    |
| 22x. Dodson L. Burk           | 47x. Cleophas Lee Simon   |
| 23x. Calvin Ernest Correll    | 48x. Allen Francis Simon  |
| 24x. Ida Mae Cooper           | 49x. Alan Dale Shrum      |
| 25x. Kelly Gene McTenny       | 50x. Lucille L. Balenti   |

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State of Oklahoma, Mayes County, ss.

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Court Clerk of Mayes County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct list of jurors in the case of

State of Oklahoma

vs.

Gene Leisy Hunt

Case No. CRF. 77-121

## JURY LIST

## Plaintiff's Challenges For Cause

51. Carl W. Propp
52. William Hoden Long
53. Hazel Moore Russell
54. Ruby Mildred Davis
55. Bob E. Roberson
56. Herbert Weaver
57. Homer L. Dunipkin
58. Wanda D. Stipic
59. Joan A. Sellers
60. Rozella Paulsen

## Defendant's Challenges For Cause

- 70A. James L. Gibbs
- 71A. Curtin W. Sharp
- 72A. Jimmie S. Cavalier
- 73A. Albert W. Castoe
- 74A. Sandra Ann Guffa
- 75A. Van R. Stipic
- 76A. Jeffrey L. True
- 77A. Walter Dry, Jr.
- 78A. Ralph M. Linville
- 79A. Gerald S. Gerondale

Number of Jurors Passed for Cause .....

## Plaintiff's Peremptory Challenges

61. James W. Gray
62. Johnny Nichols
63. Louis R. Caldwell
64. Carman E. Justus
65. Alta Bernice Mitchell
66. Jerry Stites
67. Kenneth B. Pritchett
68. William W. Crawford
69. Bobby Jean Harris

## Defendant's Peremptory Challenges

- 80A. David B. Harris
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State of Oklahoma

vs.

Gene Leroy Hart

ALTERNATE

Case No. CRF 77-131

## JURY LIST

## Plaintiff's Challenges For Cause

1. Billy R. Kerns
2. Bobby Powell
3. Henry J. Mestzger
4. Ron C. Reider
5. Leroy Lee Pritchett
6. Billy Joe Kirby
7. Frank J. Kludovsek
8. Carl Ward Osborne
9. Gary L. Trout
10. Bob Curtis Sholar

## Defendant's Challenges For Cause

1. Eva Laine Ramsey
2. Danny Lee Rosebrough
3. Billie R. Haley
4. George W. Lauremore
5. Shelby L. Hicks
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Number of Jurors Passed for Cause

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## Plaintiff's Peremptory Challenges

1. Helen G. Loev
2. Steven Ron Osage
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## Defendant's Peremptory Challenges

1. Charles Davis Boer
2. Johnny L. Mitchell
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The following are a true and correct list of Jurors in the above styled and numbered cause, to-wit:

13. Jerald W. Mead
14. Nellie Bell
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brought to his county today for an appearance before a judge.

"We eliminated one problem (capturing Hart) and created another one," Weaver said, explaining that special precautions would be taken to assure security in the county jail from which Hart twice escaped.

Weaver said he expected Hart to stay only a few hours today before being returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester.

"But looking at the future, I'm sure there will be times when Hart will be staying here (in jail) again," Weaver said.

"It's 100 miles between here and McAlester," he said.

The arraignment is to be held before District Judge Edwin Moore.

Sheriff Weaver said his office has received anonymous information "which could possibly be considered threatening" on Hart's life and he is beefing up security in an attempt to prevent the suspect's injury or death.

UNDERSHERIFF Al Boyer said he fears three primary elements in a possible attack on Hart — the radical wing of the American Indian Movement, an area individual "with a grudge" or one of the slain girls' close friends or family.

Boyer said Hart, suspected of being hidden by the AIM until last November, would be under 24-hour surveillance by two deputies while he is here.

It is not known whether Hart will be kept here after the arraignment or will be returned to the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester, District Attorney Sid Wise said.

"We've already had phone calls from people concerned about Hart's safety," Boyer said. "You can't tell, there are some radicals who would like nothing better than to see Hart hurt or killed and to make it look like it was our fault."

"There are a hell of a lot of people who don't think he did it and are scared something will happen to him."

"And the worst thing...the last thing we want...is for something to happen to him," Boyer said.

Weaver said he has information that Hart had sought assistance from several "radical members" of the AIM and that he had been "hiding out" near White Oak.

White Oak, the once-proposed scene of an AIM rally, is located between Chelsea and Vinita.

Weaver said several steps are planned to aid in providing security for Hart.

They include: Two deputies watching him at all times, the non-disclosure of exact arrival times, "unobtrusive" police transportation between jails, additional Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers and possibly guard dogs.

The mother of one of the victims said she hoped the arrest would answer questions that have plagued the families since the June 13 tragedy.

"I've tried very hard to cope with it and to understand what happened," said Betty Milner, mother of Doris Denise Milner. "I have to look at her picture to believe she was really here."

"I don't know whether he (Hart) really did it or not," Mrs. Milner said, "but his capture may give us some answers."

Walter Milner Jr., the girl's father and a police officer, declined to comment, as did members of the Farmer family. Members of the Guse family could not be reached for comment Thursday night or early today.