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Caril: 'Asked Charles To Spare Bennet Pair'

Accused Girl Testifies She Was 'Scared Stiff'

... 'Started Crying ... Couldn't Move,' Claims Defendant

By Del Harding

"Please don't hurt them!"

That's what murder defendant Caril Fugate Wednesday said were her last words to Charles Starkweather before he marched Bennet teenagers Robert Jensen and Carol King up to a storm cellar where they were both fatally shot Jan. 27.

Caril, taking the stand for 2 hours and 45 minutes at her trial in Lancaster District Court, said Starkweather, in reply to her plea, said "Shut up" and told her to get in the front seat of the Jensen car.

The 15-year-old girl said she "just sat there (in the car), scared stiff" while Starkweather ordered Jensen and Miss King to the cellar. She said Starkweather had told her he would tie them up and leave them there.

'Thought I Knew'

But, Caril testified, a few minutes later when she heard shots "I started crying because I thought I knew what he'd done . . . I thought he had shot them."

She said she wanted to escape after hearing the gunfire, but "I couldn't move," adding she was still "scared stiff."

Caril said when Starkweather returned to the car he cursed and said "one of them was dead and one of them wasn't," but that he was going to leave "him" (apparently Jensen) to die because he (Jensen) gave him "a lot of trouble."

Earlier, Caril said she had ordered Miss King from the car at gunpoint as reported in a written statement she gave lawmen Feb. 2-3, but said she did so only after Starkweather had demanded it.

'Whispered To Victim'

Caril said she whispered to Miss King that she'd better get out so she wouldn't get hurt. She said she was afraid Starkweather would "kill us all" if Miss King did not follow directions.

After Starkweather returned to the car following the shootings, she said she helped hig get the Jensen car free from the ditch where it was stuck.

Caril said Starkweather told her if she helped free the car "he'd take me home to my family because he said I'd heard enough and seen enough."

While driving into Lincoln she said she called Starkweather's attention to Jensen's school books lying on the rear seat and asked if she should throw them from the car.

"I knew someone would find them (the books)," she said, "and start looking for Jensen and Miss King."

Defense Atty. John McArthur asked Caril if she threw the books out in an attempt to "leave a trail," and she replied yes.

Caril said upon arrival in Lincoln after the teenagers were shot they drove near her house at 924 Belmont and Starkweather said he saw policemen there.

She said Starkweather then decided not to free her "because he said I'd tell them (the police) what he'd done."

McArthur asked her if there was ever anytime during the 8 days she accompanied Starkweather during the January murder rampage that she did not want to get away. She replied no, there was not.

'Would Kill Parents'

"He (Starkweather) told me if I ever got away he'd kill my parents and it would be my fault," she said.

(Caril and her attorney have claimed that she accompanied Starkweather only because she feared for the lives of her parents, whom she said she believed were being held captive somewhere by him.)

After Caril completed her testimony (she will be recalled later and County Atty. Elmer Scheele reserved his cross examination of her until her next appearance) the defense unexpectedly called Dr. E. D. Zeman of Lincoln to the stand.

Dr. Zeman, a pathologist, had earlier testified he performed an autopsy on Jensen's body Jan. 28. McArthur asked him if he had also performed an autopsy on the body of Miss King, and he said he had.

Killed By Bullet

McArthur asked Dr. Zeman what his examination revealed. Dr. Zeman said he found Miss King had died from a single bullet wound in the head. He said the bullet entered her head behind the right ear and lodged in her brain.

McArthur pressed him as to any further autopsy findings, and Dr. Zeman said he found internal puncture wounds, one of which was probably made by a knife.

Scheele on cross examination asked Dr. Zeman to examine a hunting knife previously identified as that found in Starkweather's possession when he was captured in Wyoming.

Then Scheele asked Dr. Zeman if the knife wounds on Miss King's body could have been made with that knife.

"In my opinion, no," Dr. Zeman said, and added he

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CARIL . . . looking tired after first day on stand. (Star Photo.)

Caril Fugate
Pale, Emotionless
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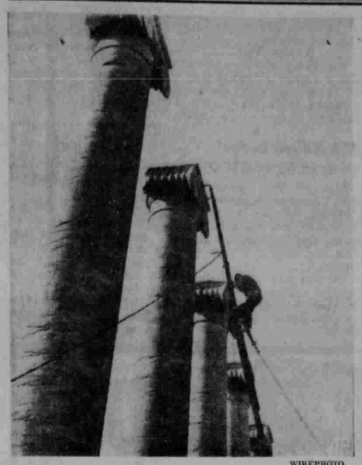

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ENFORCED DESCENT

A University of Missouri sophomore dressed in red pajamas climbs down a ladder from a 50-foot column at Columbia, Mo. where he was perched. Awaiting him on the ground was a $15 bill for his rescue. The youth, Rusby Seabough of Cape Gerardeau, Mo., had climbed atop the column to publicize a musical show, "Pajama Game," which opens at the University Thursday. The youth said the ladder he used to get up accidentally broke and he couldn't get down until rescued by the school's building department with new ladders.

11 Killed As AF Tanker Crashes

. . . 2 Houses Wrecked In Georgia

Savannah, Ga. (AP)—Eleven Air Force crewmen died Wednesday in the flaming wreckage of a KC97 refueling tanker.

The 4-engine plane was blazing, witnesses reported, before it descended to treetop level with its doomed crew. It blew apart and fell with a series of deafening explosions in a residential area on the Isle of Hope, 10 miles southeast of Savannah.

It crashed a few minutes after a 2 p.m. EST) takeoff from Hunter Air Force Base. Two houses were wrecked. A civilian, working in his garden, was burned severely by burning wreckage.

Flames covered the crash area after the tanker clipped the tops off several trees and plowed a swath 100 feet wide and 300 feet long into the ground.

The plane apparently lost an engine, said Maj. Robert H. Reed, Hunter public relations officer. It dumped some fuel, he explained, after taking off in an effort to gain altitude.

Frightened residents thought the plane would hit a school or a nearby playground, but it crashed half a mile away.

Waved

"As the plane skimmed by," said Reva Odom, Savannah Morning News staff writer, "a member of the crew was seen leaning from a window and waving.

"Many people thought the crewman was waving at the children in the playground to get back—my two youngest were there—but more likely he was waving good-bye to the world. He was dead in less time than it takes to count to 10."

Pieces of torn and twisted wreckage from the shattered plane covered lawns in the housing development. The aircraft missed the residence of Mrs. Kathleen L. Barbour by only a few feet. Her house was damaged by the flying debris.

Odom said flames enveloped the main section of the fuselage, which lay in the back yard of a house under construction.

"There was nothing anyone could do to help the poor men or to douse the flames. The terrific heat kept everyone back.

There were no Nebraskans aboard the plane, according to an Air Force identification list.

"As if to underscore the danger, a minor explosion would jar the blazing wreckage every minute or so. And several times, a terrifying hissing noise which seemed to indicate an imminent greater blast would drive the crowd back a few steps," Odom reported.

The Weather

NEBRASKA: Considerable cloudiness Thursday and Thursday night with chance of scattered light showers Thursday night. Slightly warmer Thursday. High Thursday 55 to 65.

KANSAS: Considerable cloudiness and mild Thursday and Thursday night with occasional rain west Thursday and north central and northeast Thursday night. High Thursday 60 to 70.

Lincoln Temperatures

1:30 a.m. (Wed.)	40	2:30 p.m.	57
2:30 a.m.	39	3:30 p.m.	58
3:30 a.m.	38	4:30 p.m.	59
4:30 a.m.	38	5:30 p.m.	55
5:30 a.m.	39	6:30 p.m.	51
6:30 a.m.	39	7:30 p.m.	50
7:30 a.m.	40	8:30 p.m.	47
8:30 a.m.	41	9:30 p.m.	46
9:30 a.m.	43	10:30 p.m.	44
10:30 a.m.	47	11:30 p.m.	44
11:30 a.m.	51	12:30 a.m. (Thu.)	43
12:30 p.m.	51	1:30 a.m.	43
1:30 p.m.	55	2:30 a.m.	42

High temperature one year ago 46; low 4.

Sun rises 7:12 a.m.; sets 5:11 p.m.
Moon rises 9:11 a.m.; sets 7:48 p.m.
Normal November precipitation .86 in.
Total November precipitation to date .10 in.
Total 1958 precipitation to date 33.03 in.

Nebraska Temperatures

	H	L		H	L
Lincoln	59	38	Imperial	52	25
Air Base	59	37	Sidney	60	22
Norfolk	57	35	Scottsbluff	57	28
Grand Island	56	29	Chadron	60	34
North Platte	52	26	Omaha	55	32

Temperatures Elsewhere

	H	L		H	L
Atlanta	77	43	Memphis	76	42
Bismarck	59	34	Miami	79	75
Buffalo	51	38	Milwaukee	49	29
Boston	59	46	Mpls.-St.Paul	49	28
Chicago	50	45	New Orleans	74	52
Cincinnati	70	47	New York	62	47
Denver	61	28	Philadelphia	62	42
Des Moines	52	34	San Diego	69	57
Detroit	53	34	S. Francisco	67	43
Fort Worth	77	48	Seattle	51	47
Indianapolis	64	45	Washington	66	44
Kansas City	60	33			

Miss your Star?

Call 2-1234 if your Star is not delivered at your door by 6:30 A.M.—Adv.

New Sidewalk Policy Submitted To Council

By Virgil Falloon

The City Planning Commission recommended a new policy of requiring sidewalks on both sides of the streets in new subdivisions at the City Council meeting Wednesday.

In already established older areas, the Commission urged the present policy of ordering walks "where there is a demonstrable need for them".

In the established areas, the Council's policy has been to order in sidewalks along one side of the street leading from residential areas to elementary schools and other points of public concentration, but on both sides of the street if they already exist on both sides in the immediate area.

Flexibility Asked

While recommending as little departure as possible from present sidewalk specifications, the Commission recommended that the city engineer be permitted to vary the specifications in the older and established area to meet hardship and impracticable situations.

Mayor Bennett Martin and Council members met informally with the Commission to discuss various sidewalk problems and request its recommendations.

The Commission also suggested that the Charter Revision Commission study a possible amendment to permit the Council to assess the cost of new sidewalks against property on both sides of the street where constructed on one side only.

Under present sidewalk ordinances, the cost is assessed only against the abutting property.

The Commission said sidewalk districts would be a fairer and more equitable method of assessing costs when walks are constructed on one side only.

The proposed requirements for sidewalks on both sides in new subdivisions would amend present requirements alongside minor streets.

The Commission also recommended Council approval of a 90-foot set-back requirement for property along U.S. Hwy. 6 within the city's three-mile zoning area. The change in the present 75-foot requirement would allow for future widening of the highway.

55th Anniversary Sale

Now going on at Ben Simon's . . savings of 20% and more on new fashions for the family.—Adv.

Shotgun Fires Accidentally In Courthouse

The blast of a 12-gauge shotgun echoed through the Lancaster County Courthouse halls Wednesday, and brought gasps from the district courtroom where the Caril Fugate murder trial is being held.

The blast, which occurred outside the courtroom, came during the morning testimony.

It occurred when Dep. Sheriff William Johnson opened a metal locker used for evidence storage and in placing an object in the space, accidently touched off the shotgun, which had been left loaded.

Johnson said the pellets missed his head by inches and blew a hole in the top of the locker.

McArthur To Subpoena 5 Lincolnites

Subpoenas were issued late Wednesday afternoon at the request of defense Atty. John McArthur for the court appearance of 5 Lincolnites at the murder trial of Carol Fugate.

Ordered to appear in Lancaster District Court at 9 a.m. Thursday are: Catherine Kamp of 1953 Jefferson, Alice Lauer of "33rd and N." and Robert McClung, Alice Masiko and Forest Hutson, for whom no addresses were given by McArthur.

Mrs. Kamp is operator of the clothing store where Charles Starkweather is believed to have purchased clothing with money taken from service station attendant Robert Colvert Dec. 1.

McClung is a former employe of the Crest Service Station where Colvert was employed. Hutson operates a grocery store near Caril's former home at 924 Belmont.

Vic Anderson Wonders 'What Do They Want?'

Commenting on Nebraska's recent gubernatorial election which remains in doubt pending the final count of mail votes, Gov. Victor Anderson Wednesday said he was concerned about what the people of Nebraska want from the governor's office.

Stating that the Republican administration had given Nebraska citizens economical government, Anderson said state government cost $1,348,000 less in property taxes than when he first assumed office in 1955.

The 1955 mill levy was 8.18 mills, Anderson said, and raised $25,468,000 from property taxes, and the mill levy was reduced to 7.97 mills and to collect $24,120,000 for 1958.

In that time, he continued, we have increased the University of Nebraska's budget 40%, and the 4 Normal School's budgets 60%, and have expanded and improved" the state's road programs.

Anderson said he also wanted to "point to the mental health program for which I recommended an increase of $3.5 million and which has paid off by reducing the patient load in our mental hospitals from 4,700 to 4,300."

The governor said he also had stated that he would "recommend to the next Legislature an expansion and improvement program for the state's parks and recreation areas."

No More Authority

Commenting on other tax matters, the governor said, "I know there were a lot of people who believed Carpenter's (Sen. Terry Carpenter) charges that I had failed to enforce the tax assessment laws, but I do not have any more authority over the county assessors than I have over any other county officials."

Citing an example of the "state's lack of authority in tax enforcement," Anderson said a Tax Commission field man in 1957 "found a rancher who had left off 1,800 two-year-old cattle from his return, but the county board allowed him to list them as one-year-olds because of the 50% penalty, and there was absolutely nothing we could do about it."

Anderson said his administration "made an effort in the 1957 Legislature to change the law to allow the state tax commissioner more authority in enforcement, but Sen. Carpenter amended the bill to remove that authority and stated he did it deliberately to confine the state's tax chief."

State GOP Leaders Back Spelts—Page 17

Brooks Hikes Slim Lead To 2,506 Votes

Omaha (AP) — Few changes were noted Wednesday in the close contest for the governorship as count of the mail vote continued in counties which had not hitherto reported.

Democrat Ralph Brooks still held a 2,506 lead over Republican Gov. Victor E. Anderson on the basis of unofficial tabulations by The Associated Press.

About one-third of the mail vote, available from 30 of the 93 counties, was in but the rest will not be counted until Thursday or Friday. County clerks expect to have figures complete for their official canvass Friday.

It is estimated about 5,000 mail votes still are outstanding. Of the votes counted so far, Anderson received 1,723, Brooks 955.

Anderson is carrying 64.4% of the mail vote thus far.

Current gubernatorial totals: Brooks, 209,508, and Anderson, 207,002.

Menwhile, United Press International figures held Brooks' lead over Anderson to 2,101 votes.

On Display Today!

1959 Mercury. See it at Morrow Motors, 14 & M.—Adv.

ZZZT GOES LATHER; PFFT GOES ESCAPEE

Oshkosh, Neb. (AP)—Robert Edward Culp, 44, broke out of the Garden County jail Wednesday night after he squirted a can of shaving lather at Sheriff O. R. Roberts when Roberts brought the prisoner his supper.

Culp made his move when Roberts opened the cell door to hand Culp the meal, then, as the sheriff sought to clear his eyes Culp fled from the jail.

He was being held on a charge of breaking into a Lewellen establishment.

—Job Said 'Hopeless'—

Little Rock Board Quits

5 Of 6 School Officials Resign After Ending Blossom Contract

Little Rock, Ark. (AP)—Five members of the embattled Little Rock School Board, asserting that the integration situation placed them in a "hopeless, helpless, frustrating position," resigned Wednesday night.

Board president Wayne Upton said the action would enable Little Rock voters to determine in the Dec. 6 school elections whether "we have public schools in Little Rock or not."

The resignations of Upton and members Harold Engstrom, R. A. Lile, Frank Langbright and Dr. W. G. Cooper Jr. left Dr. Dale Alford, an avowed segregationist, as the only remaining board member.

Shortly before the resignation announcement, the board terminated the contract of school Supt. Virgil T. Blossom and agreed to pay him $19,741 for the remaining 19 months of the pact.

Alford opposed both resolutions on grounds that no action should be taken until a new board is chosen in the school election next month.

The resignations, widely rumored during the past 3 days, brought no display from a crowd of about 200 which packed the board room. The resignations are effective Friday.

All 6 Open

All 6 board positions will be open in the Dec. 6 election. Alford's term is expiring and as a congressman-elect he will not seek another term.

Candidates have only until the end of this week to file for the offices. Only announced candidate is James T. Karam, Little Rock clothier and close friend of Gov. Orval E. Faubus.

The resigning quintet pointed out that any new board still will be bound by federal court orders to proceed with the court-approved voluntary plan of gradual integration.

The plan, which called for integration of only one high school — Central — last fall ran into immediate trouble when Faubus ordered National Guard troops to the school to keep Negroes out.

Nine Negroes attended last year under protection of federal troops and this fall, after the board's bid for an integration delay was overruled by the Supreme Court, Faubus closed the city's 4 high schools as a last-ditch resistance measure.

Court Action

Earlier Wednesday, segregationist attorney Amis Guthridge promised court action against any move to buy up Blossom's contract. Blossom has been a principal target of segregationist as the author of the Little Rock integration plan which was adopted in May, 1955.

Faubus, who frequently has criticized the board for "integrationist tendencies," was not available for comment on the resignations.

A resignation statement said the 5 members felt "our removal from the scene may bring about an earlier solution to the present impasse."

Blossom's contract apparently was terminated because the outgoing members felt that a new board would not deal fairly with him in view of public criticism.

—BERLIN CRISIS—

Huge Jet Airlift Is Feasible

U.S. Could Muster 600 Aircraft

Washington (AP)—The United States could muster more than 600 aircraft for another Berlin airlift if such action should become necessary in the current disagreement over control of East and West Germany.

Air authorities disclosing the figure Wednesday said it would include a number of 500-mile-an-hour jet planes.

More than 300 long-range 4-engined airliners, all of which could be converted from commercial to military craft within 48 hours, are included in the Civil Air fleet. That civil group also includes 18 jet transports immediately available.

In addition to the airline equipment, the emergency airlift fleet includes more than 330 transports of the Military Air Transport Service, from the troop carrier units of the Tactical Air Force, and miscellaneous aircraft from other Air Force units.

Major Drive

Washington (AP) — Diplomatic officials Wednesday forecast a major drive by East German and Russian authorities to shake the allied foothold in western Berlin in the months ahead.

Most thought the Reds would stop short of blockading the western zone. There was speculation they might periodically shut off traffic in an attempt to force western nations to give full diplomatic recognition to the East German regime.

State Department officials who discussed the Soviet-East German maneuvering said, however, there was no reason to believe the Reds would use force to back up their demands at this time.

These authorities reported their considered judgment in the wake of new remarks by East German Premier Otto Grotewohl about the future of divided Berlin.

Concern

Grotewohl's comments, backing up a speech by Soviet Premier Khrushchev, caused obvious concern among top State Department officials.

Few took seriously Grotewohl's confusing remarks at a Berlin news conference about his alleged intention to negotiate soon for withdrawal of Soviet forces in Germany.

Evacuation of Red Army units, officials said, was the last thing Grotewohl and his puppet regime would want since it would leave him at the mercy of the East Germans.

Today's Chuckle

The difference between gossip and news is whether you hear it or tell it.