

Alleged Slayer Is Found Ex-Convict

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI) — Prentiss G. Von Conrad, charged with the fatal shooting of a fellow Purdue University student, is an ex-convict with a phony name, the captain of the police force here disclosed Thursday.

Capt. Charles R. Dietrich said the former psychology graduate student served a term in the Texas State Prison during the 1930s for armed robbery. He said that Von Conrad added the "Von" to his name after his release from prison.

Von Conrad was released from the Tippecanoe County Jail Thursday on a \$5,000 bond put up by friends. He was indicted for manslaughter by the Tippecanoe County Grand Jury Tuesday.

He is accused of shooting to death James Strain, 26, Westville, a Korean War veteran who was in his senior year at Purdue when he was killed.

Authorities also said that a story that Von Conrad is the son of a high-ranking Army officer and was himself a former Army officer has been proved false by the Department of the Army.

Strain, who was the son of a retired rear-admiral, was found fatally wounded on the floor of Von Conrad's trash-littered off-campus apartment July 24.

Von Conrad, awaiting arraignment on the manslaughter charge, has remained mute about the shooting except to say it "was a horrible accident." Authorities believe Von Conrad is about 35 years-old, but an official age has not been determined for the Houston, Tex., student.

Lt. Able Taylor, an Indiana State Police detective, said Von Conrad has a long criminal record and, according to police at Galveston, Tex., was kicked out of medical school there for allegedly running a house of ill repute.

Meldren Kreps Named To Hospital Post

Quinton Gatewood, maintenance supervisor at the Adams county memorial hospital for the past six years, has resigned to take employment at the Parkview memorial hospital in Fort Wayne.

Gatewood, who lives near New Haven, will be in charge of the second shift of the Parkview maintenance crew. Meldren Kreps, of 317 Oak street, has been hired to replace Gatewood at the Adams county memorial hospital. He will be in charge of cleaning, janitor, and laundry services.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Kingdom Hall
Corner Monroe and Ninth
Sunday, 2:30 p.m.: "Is Jesus Christ the Promised Messiah?"
public Bible lecture by P. E. Gerber, local Watchtower representative and assistant presiding minister.

Sunday, 3:45 p.m.: Watchtower Bible study and discussion on the subject, "Be Ready Always to Make a Defense." One of the scripture texts for consideration will be I Peter 3:15, New World Trans., "Always ready to make a defense before everyone that demands of you a reason for the hope in you, but doing so together with a mild temper and deep respect."

Tuesday, 8 p.m.: Bible study using the study aid, "Your Will Be Done on Earth."

Friday, 7:30 p.m.: Theocratic ministry school followed by Kingdom Ministry service meeting.

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Present Many Gifts To Mrs. Khrushchev

WASHINGTON (UPI) — When Mrs. Khrushchev returns to Russia on Sunday she will take more luggage than when she came. She has purchased very few things so far, mostly baby clothes for her grandchildren, present and future.

The extra baggage comes in the

many presents which Americans have personally given her or sent to her hotel suites.

Several tokens of individual U.S. appreciation awaited Mrs. Khrushchev on her return to Washington Thursday. One was a dozen red roses from the pianist Van Cliburn. Another was a red velvet "chapeau" from Sally Victor, who designs hats for Mrs. Eisenhower.

In Iowa's countryside some of the ladies presented Mrs. Khrushchev with a selection of colorful maize, and other corn prod-

ucts for an autumn table arrangement.

In Pittsburgh, a young mother heard that Mrs. Khrushchev had not found a very large variety of toys to choose from in one San Francisco store. The Pittsburgh woman went out and bought \$36 worth of toys — mostly plastic ones including a wind-up pussy cat and teddy bear.

She had these gifts delivered to Mrs. Khrushchev's apartment in the Carlton House, hoping this way to please the Soviet premier's wife.

Repairing Roof Of Christian Church

The roof of the First Christian church of Decatur is being repaired, the Rev. Edward Pacha, pastor, said today.

Baker & Schultz and Dick Girod have the contract for the work, which is already underway. The building committee is Gerald Strickler, Oran Schultz, Russell Acker, Max Stucky, and Ray Stucky. William Kohls head the property committee.

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