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CO-ED KILLING HORROR STORY TOLD TO JURY

Snook Slumps in Chair as Coroner Points Picture of Tragedy.

STRUGGLE IS DESCRIBED

Alleged Eyewitness Tells of Glimpse of Pair at Rifle Range.

By MORRIS DE HAVEN TRACY
United Press Staff Correspondent
COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 2.—Dr. James Howard Snook heard a gruesome story of the death of Theora Hix, his college girl in armor, recounted in court today. But he showed not the slightest emotion or interest. He slipped down so low he could not see the witness and made no effort to raise himself.

Dr. Joseph Murphy, coroner, described in detail the score of knife and hammer wounds the autopsy revealed and dangled Miss Hix's clothing before the jury.

From the point of view of Dr. Snook's defense, the most important development of the morning perhaps was the testimony of the coroner and a police photographer that they had found strands of hair between the fingers of Theora's hand when they first saw the body.

Hair Is Stressed

This hair was described as about six inches long. The coroner thought at first it might be a little lighter than Theora but he had compared it with hers and decided it was from her head. Her hair, however, was about eighteen-inches long. The hair was left in the removal of the body.

The defense laid much stress on this point, obviously hoping they might be able to point that a third person was at the rifle range the night of the murder.

The coroner named the severance of the jugular vein as the actual cause of death.

Horner Richter, police photographer, described the photographing of the body and identified the photographs. The pictures included one of Dr. Snook's hands taken three days after the murder showing his knuckles bruised. Snook had said the injury came when a wrench slipped while he was working on his car.

Photos Handled Gingerly

The photos were offered in evidence. One of Miss Hix before her death, an attractive portrait, drew objections from the defense as did the picture of the professor's hand. Both pictures were temporarily excluded.

The jury was then shown the pictures. They were not a pretty sight and were handled gingerly.

Earlier the jury heard Clarence R. Murray describe as an alleged eyewitness what the state claimed was the beginning of the death struggle of Theora Hix.

"I was driving with my boy past the New York Central rifle range," he said. "On the night of June 13." That was the night of the murder.

"I saw a man and a woman near a blue Ford coupe at the east entrance of the range. He had his arms around her waist like this (he embraced Myron Gessman, state's attorney, to show the jury) and she had her hands on his breast like this (and again he demonstrated on Gessman)."

Pushing Him Away

"It was like she was pushing him away. Her hair was down around her shoulders.

"When I came along the man let go and went around to the other side of the car and the woman went over and stood beside the car fixing her hair."

"If you saw some scuffling why didn't you stop?" Attorney John F. Seidel of the defense, asked on cross-examination.

"I didn't think it was my business," the witness said.

Paul Krumlauf, the next witness, a clean cut lad of 16, told how he and a companion found Theora's body June 14.

"We were preparing to shoot at targets when we saw the body in the grass," the youth said.

Then called a nearby farmer to guard the body while they drove to police headquarters, returning to the range with police.

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15-Year-Old Boy Is Discovered in Bedroom by Woman.

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Son of West Coast Bishop Is Chosen 'Nation's Brightest Boy' in Edison Scholarship Test

High Scorer!



Wilbur B. Huston Wins in 'Brain Race'; Indiana Boy Is 'Runner-Up.'

By JULIUS FRANDSEN.

United Press Staff Correspondent
WEST ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 2.—Wilbur B. Huston, 16, son of a Seattle (Wash.) Episcopal bishop today won Thomas A. Edison's "brain race" which carries with it a scholarship and expenses for four years at the famous Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He achieved a mark of 92 in the Edison questionnaire—a set of questions on subjects of ethical and scientific nature which many a mature and educated man would "flunk."

Though he headed a group of forty-nine lads—selected as the "brightest" boys throughout the country—and went through the brain test with flying colors, Young Huston took his honors modestly and disappeared into the seclusion of Edison's home soon after the award.

"The questions weren't very difficult, it seems to me," said Wilbur.

He told inquirers he had never worked to earn money for school, and had spent recent summers collecting marine biological specimens.

Four other lads unexpectedly were given runner-up prizes of four years' tuition in technical colleges they may choose. These boys were:

Charles H. Brunissen, West Redding, Conn.; Ivan A. Getting, Pittsburgh, Pa.; James Seth, Santa Fe, N. M., and Bernard Sturgis, Butler, Ind.

Hobby Is Marine Biologist

Huston's hobby is marine biology, but he faced the vast range of Edison queries with remarkable success.

His answers, however, will not be made known to a waiting world, for Charles Edison, the inventor's son, took his papers and locked them away for safekeeping for the next ten years.

Interviewers sought from Huston the answers he had made. But he hesitated.

Asked what he had answered to the inquiry as to the most needed invention, Huston said:

"I don't want to answer that; I am afraid it might make me look foolish."

It became known that, on the question of what he would do with \$1,000,000, he had said in part he would devote some of it to the parish church in Seattle. Most of the boys agreed they would devote some of this money to education and then seek wise counsel as to investment of the remainder. Many would contribute to aid of their parents.

Has Studious Family

Huston comes of a studious family. His father, Bishop S. Arthur Huston of Seattle, his uncle and his grandfather are known as careful students and as expert plant breeders. Huston has a younger brother and sister.

Despite the difficulty of the questions, none of the contestants scored under 60—the "passing" mark.

Most of the boys agreed in answer to the question as to what they desire to do fifty years hence that they would want laboratories of their own and be free to work on scientific problems.

Further—to the amusement of Henry Ford, one of the judges—most of the lads agreed the auto in the future would probably be relegated to use as trucks.

Ford and Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh extremely were interested in the answers and they served with other contestants until 3 a. m., then in "correcting" the papers and then resumed the work about 7 a. m., after short rest.

Tears Fill His Eyes

Young Huston, a clean-cut lad neatly attired in blue serge, kept his composure well as he was called forward to be congratulated by Edison and the judges.

He was also felicitated by Mrs. Lindbergh, the former Ann Morrow, and then his companions hoisted him on their shoulders for a moment as they cheered.

"I am thunderstruck," Huston stammered.

The presentation ceremony was held on the lawn at the Edison home. Dr. S. W. Stratton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, made the announcement for the committee. The other judges were Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Henry Ford, George Eastman of Kodak fame, and Dr. Lewis Perry, headmaster of Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, N. H.

RACKETEER IS GANG VICTIM

Victim Formerly Dealt in Dope, Liquor, Police Say.

By United Press

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TAX CUTS STUDIED

Mayor and Controller Meet to Consider Levies.

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EXCURSIONS ARRANGED

Railways Will Give Rates During State Fair.

Representatives of all steam railroads entering the city met today with the state fair board and decided excursion rates of a fare and one-half for round trip tickets would prevail on lines during the week of the fair. Several of the roads will run additional special excursions.

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WILDCAT AND ALLEY brewerries, "beer shooting" and "needle-feeding" are described by Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former assistant United States attorney general in charge of prohibition, in one of the articles of her series on prohibition.

Don't Forget

This Series of 24 Articles Starts Aug. 5.

THE FUTILITY OF periodic "drives" in the border towns while corruption of the officials and stupid departmental jealousies exist is pointed out by Mrs. Willebrandt in her remarkable revelation of legal smuggling across the Canadian frontier.

The Whole TRUTH Told About PROHIBITION

By Mabel Walker Willebrandt

TROOPS GUARD LEAVENWORTH AFTER RIOT

One Convict Is Killed and Three Injured in 7-Hour Revolt.

PRISONERS LOCKED UP

Mexican Rice at Noon Meal Brings Dispute Ending in Violence.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Aug. 2.—Troops at Ft. Leavenworth, including crack machine gun squads, were prepared today to cope with any further outbreaks at Leavenworth penitentiary where one prisoner was killed and three others were seriously injured in a seven-hour riot.

Armed guards patrolled the cellhouses. All prisoners were locked up as officials searched for weapons and explosives.

The convicts went supperless Thursday night and breakfastless today. Men working in kitchens were not allowed out of their cells.

Details of the rioting, which began at Thursday's noonday meal, were yet to be learned. Officials refused to give out information. None from the outside has been allowed within the prison walls. Warden Thomas B. White said an "official" statement would be issued later in the day from Washington.

The test comprised fifteen questions on technical subjects of physics, chemistry and mathematics, eighteen on general intelligence, twenty on ethical matters and problems designed to test the intelligence of each youth and one concerning the writing of a letter to an imaginary employer.

Here are a few samples:

"If you are marooned alone on a tropical island in the south Pacific without tools, how would you move a ten-ton weight, such as a boulder, 100 feet horizontally and 15 feet vertically?"

"If you were to inherit \$1,000,000 within the next year, what would you do with it?"

"Who was Jenny Lind?"

"If some acquaintance of yours unfairly accuses you of cheating, what would you do?"

"Assume the increase in any colony of mice to be such that the number doubles every three months. How large will the colony be at the end of three years if we start with a pair?"

"Who wrote 'Treasure Island'?"

"What place in our daily lives do you think the automobile will have 100 years from now?"

"Is the relation of capital and labor reasonably fair?"

"When do you consider a lie permissible?"

"Which one of the following would you be willing to sacrifice for the sake of being successful—happiness, comfort, reputation, pride, honor, health, money, love?"

"Give a brief statement of what you hope will be a typical day for you when you are 50 years of age."

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