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## STATE CALLS LAST WITNESS IN TORCH CASE

Jack Stump, Detective, to  
Wind Up Testimony for  
Prosecution.

## ALIENIST VERDICT NEAR

Sanity Test Expected to  
Play Important Part in  
Schroeder Trial.

BY EDWARD C. FULKE

State's last witness today summarized events accompanying the gory High School road torch car crime, May 31, as attorneys for Harold Herbert Schroeder, Mobile, leveled guns for a counter-attack in defense of Schroeder's claim to innocence of the murder of an unknown man.

After a morning of cross-examination of one witness, the case was reserved for the noon hour, with city detective Jack Stump on the stand as state's closing witness.

Behind closed doors in the courtroom this morning significant events occurred as alienists made what was believed to be a final judgment on the sanity of the accused man.

Confer on Sanity Test

Conference of more than a half hour was held in Judge Frank P. Baker's private chamber at the recess hour, with Dr. Charles D. Hume, alienist; Prosecutor Herbert Wilson; Floyd Mattice, chief deputy, and Ira Holmes, Schroeder's attorney, as conferees.

Scientific findings of Dr. Hume and Dr. E. Rogers Holmes probably will constitute the most clinching evidence of the case when they take the stand at the close of the defense case to pronounce on Schroeder's mental capacity.

Conferees declined to discuss the subject matter of the conference, although they indicated important features of the trial had been discussed with the alienists' findings in view.

Wilson, who petitioned for the sanity prob in answer to Schroeder's special plea of insanity to the first degree murder charge, said after the conference: "I can't talk."

Verdict Kept Secret

Baker had instructed alienists to make their verdict known to no one except the presiding judge.

As the thirteenth day of his trial began Schroeder greeted relatives when he entered the courtroom this morning after a week-end recess. He carried out the usual morning round of kissing and embracing his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schroeder of Clinton, Ia.; a brother and three sisters and his two sons, Ernest, 9, and Harold Jr., 11. He tussled playfully with the two boys.

Verbal fireworks cracked through the session for the first time this morning, as attorneys wrangled over permitting jurors to hear parts of evidence on Schroeder's grilling before being returned to individual cells.

Protests Holmes' "Speech"

Mattice rose indignantly at one point to protest against Holmes' "making a speech to the jury."

Holmes had been cross-examining Clarence Golder, city detective, a participant in the alleged grilling. Holmes had quizzed the question as "bordering on the third degree."

Baker sustained Mattice and admonished Holmes, adding further "alleged speech making."

"I'd be glad if defense counsel would make an issue of the grilling. We want all the facts laid on the table," Mattice remarked, in a cross-play of words that followed.

Golder Quizzed

Holmes opened the cross-examination and Golder resumed his testimony where it ended at adjournment Friday.

Holmes questioned Golder in detail on the condition of roadside ditches near the place thirty-five miles west of Terre Haute, where Schroeder said his car left the road and plunged into a ditch, breaking the unknown man's neck.

After fifteen minutes of questioning on that point, Holmes was halted by Baker and admonished against "taking up a lot of time." Holmes then asked Golder if he knew that Dr. R. N. Harger, toxicologist at the Indiana University medical school, had made an examination of the torso, finding that it showed no traces of oil being poured on the unknown man's body before it was set afire.

Golder answered "No," and Mattice rose with an offer to show that Dr. Harger's report did "not exclude the possibility of kerosene having been used."

Never Saw Man

Holmes objected to the introduction of Dr. Harger's typewritten report in Dr. Harger's absence. Baker sustained Holmes.

"As far as you know, Golder, you never saw the man alive whose body was found in Schroeder's car in Marion county?" Holmes proceeded.

"No," Golder answered.

Picture of Schroeder standing before the charred torso at the Royster & Askin funeral parlors June 26, shortly after he was captured, was stretched before the jury as Holmes questioned Golder.

"Was Schroeder shown that torso at the undertaking establishment?"

"He was."

"Was he questioned by detectives while he looked at it?"

"He was."

"Did you stay at Schroeder's side all the time?" Golder was asked.

"Yes, all the time."

"You never left the room at all?"

"Yes, I did; I left the room to smoke."

"Isn't it a fact, Golder, that you

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## Drought Ahead

Hopi Rain Dance Doomed as Tribe's Last High Priest Dies.

BY GEORGE D. CRISSEY  
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PHOENIX, Ariz., March 9.—The most colorful of all Indian ceremonies, the snake dances of the Hopi tribe, may pass into the realm of tradition as a result of the death of Chief Harry Shupel, high priest.

Chief Harry, the last of the great priests, died of a stomach ailment at the isolated Hopi village of Walpi, on a mesa in northern Arizona. The ritualistic secrets of the snake dance died with him.

The body of the dead chief has been placed, in a sitting position, in a burial pit, but, according to Indian religion, his spirit lives on in Paradise—an Indian heaven which the Hopi believe is located in the vicinity of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

No more will perspiring braves grasp deadly reptiles in their teeth and plead with the gods to send rain unless there develops a Hopi who is able to bring the snake dance secrets from the spiritual to the physical world.

Throughout the ages, the Hopi snake dance has been

directed in August of every other year by a chief possessed of certain exclusive information which he passed on to a blood brother. The ceremony is due to be held this year.

Denies State's Change

On the stand this morning after attorneys, who were snowbound, reached Valparaiso after 10 a. m. was Dr. Joseph Springer, Chicago criminologist, who reiterated statements he made previously that Arlene was not attacked before her death. He testified to having taken tissues from the girl's body to a Chicago laboratory where they were examined and found to be free from lacerations the state charged existed.

Deputy Prosecutor John Underwood sought to inform the jury that Dr. Springer substituted the tissues actually removed from Arlene's body with tissues taken from a body in Chicago, but, on questioning, Dr. Springer denied the substitution.

Crowds today dwindled perceptibly from the mobs that have crammed the courtroom daily, but heavy snow on highways, cold winds, and hazardous driving on slippery pavements discouraged many who probably would have thronged into the room had the weather been inviting.

Underwood to Lead off

Arguments were to begin at 1:30 this afternoon, with Underwood leading off for the state. Judge Crumpacker said he would limit statements to five hours for each side, although Underwood declared he would require no more than three.

On the fact that Pende, reportedly the son of wealthy parents in India, was largely responsible for a violent death made possible identification of the body.

The state definitely closed its case before noon today, bringing to the stand Drs. E. S. Jones and Eric Ducusor, a pathologist from Germany, who for six years has been on the staff of a Hammond hospital.

Dr. Jones testified that he delivered tissues from Arlene's body to Dr. Ducusor, who in turn said he found lacerations extending as much as three-quarters of an inch. They were caused by forcible attack, he said.

When the body, weighted down with a heavy tractor wheel, was taken from the river last week, officials despaired of establishing its identity.

After he was notified of the death, Morris insisted on having for examination skin taken from the finger tips. The microscope showed that Pande's apprehensions were well founded.

Pande's predecessor in the job of acting as interpreter for police in investigating the series of Hindu murders, now thirteen in all, was shot to death on Feb. 9. He was N. H. Dami.

Some of there Hindu slayings were believed to have grown out of caste differences, but an inscrutable attitude toward investigators had balked repeated attempts to unravel the crimes.

Man Dies at 83

SHERIDAN, Ind., March 9.—Funeral rites for Charles M. Quick, 93, were held at the Mount's Run church. He died at the home of his son, James Quick, west of here. Other children are Mrs. Jennie Meenach, Mrs. Rose Stevens, Mrs. Laura Robbins and Vern Quick; John Quick, a brother, and Mrs. Amanda Hillock, a sister.

Hourly Temperatures

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7 a. m.... 27 11 a. m.... 29

8 a. m.... 27 12 (noon).... 29

9 a. m.... 27 1 p. m.... 30

## HINT EVIDENCE IN KIRKLAND CASE HIDDEN

State Charges Doctor for  
Gary Youth's Defense  
With Tampering.

## INSINUATION IS DENIED

'I'll Go Home Wednesday,'  
Says Boy, Confident  
of Acquittal.

BY Times Special

VALPARAISO, Ind., March 9.—In a courtroom in snowbound Valparaiso today the trial of Virgil Kirkland for the murder of Arlene Draves rapidly was nearing its end.

Presentation of evidence was concluded as the state called medical experts as rebuttal witnesses, and Judge Grant Crumpacker listed for attorneys and the jury six crimes on which young Kirkland may be found guilty.

They are first degree murder, second degree murder, manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, assault and battery with intent to rape, and simple assault.

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