

Reformatory Escaper Faces Quiz in Girl Attack-Killing



Youth identified as Edward Gartley bears striking resemblance to police sketch of young man reportedly seen with Jane Benfield in Centralia the day before the 13-year-old girl was murdered.

A teen-age reformatory escaper, held under guard at Philadelphia General Hospital, faces questioning in the investigation of the attack slaying of a Centralia, Pa., schoolgirl, it was learned Sunday.

The youth was identified from a photograph as Edward P. Gartley, 17, of Pittsburgh. He bears a marked resemblance to a sketch which State police have circulated in connection with the murder early last month of Jane Benfield, 13, in Centralia.

The police artist's sketch depicts a youth who was seen with the murdered girl the day before her disappearance on July 11. Her battered body was found

July 12 on a mountainside. The sketch was drawn from descriptions supplied by witnesses.

Lt. Joseph Collins, of the Fairmount Park Guards, said State police would question Gartley about "the Centralia case." The youth has not been linked to the murder itself, but investigators believe the girl's unidentified companion might provide helpful information.

The youth has remained tight-lipped since his arrest by Park Guards here last Tuesday night. Collins said Gartley refused to give his name or address and acted "thick and depressed."

Gartley's answers to all ques-

tions have been "I don't know" or "I don't remember," Collins reported.

Basing their identification on a photograph sent from Philadelphia after the youth's arrest, Harrisburg police said Gartley escaped May 27 from the Pennsylvania Training School at Morgantown and was wanted for larceny in Lower Allen township near Harrisburg.

Gartley was captured by Park Guards after an auto chase Tuesday night. He abandoned the stolen car he was driving and was caught while trying to scale a 12-foot fence at a building project at 23d st. and the Parkway.

The car, which he left at the west entrance to the traffic tunnel under the Philadelphia Museum of Art, had been stolen earlier in the day in Harrisburg, according to authorities.

Patrolman Fred Long, of the Lower Allen township police, reported that Gartley first appeared in the township around July 11 and lived for about 10 days in a house across the street from the police officer's home. Long said the house had been taken in by the householder who believed his story about being a "poor boy."

The policeman said the householder eventually reported the

theft of a transistor radio and work clothing from the home. A warrant charging Gartley with driving without a license also was lodged against the youth in Camp Hill, Long said.

Long reported seeing Gartley in Harrisburg last Tuesday and tried to arrest him then but the youth broke away and escaped.

Since Gartley showed signs of amnesia when arrested here, he was taken to Philadelphia General Hospital and kept there.

Collins said Gartley was carrying a slip of paper bearing the name and address of a youth

nied knowing Gartley, Collins reported.

State Police Detective Herbert Hoffman will attend a hearing Monday morning at Park Guard headquarters where Gartley will face charges of larceny, receiving stolen goods and operating a car without the owner's consent.

Police from Harrisburg and Lower Allen township also are expected.

Gartley was serving a term for minor larceny at the Morgantown institution. P. J. Arceri, acting executive officer of the school, said Gartley had served terms in two other training schools.

Woman, 2 Men Injured In Fire at 10th, South

6 Routed By Smoke And Flames

A woman was burned and two firemen suffered minor injuries early Sunday in a fire in a three-story brick building on the southeast corner of 10th and South sts.

Mrs. Lucille Benson, 49, occupant of the third floor apartment in the building at 943 South st., suffered second and third degree burns on her left arm when she tried to save some clothing in a closet.

Mrs. Benson and her husband, Edward, 64, escaped down the stairs. The two second-floor tenants, Jack Smith, 70, and his wife, Ida, 52, were forced out.

WIRING BLAMED

Deputy Fire Chief Ralph Kress said the blaze, caused by defective wiring, started in the bedroom ceiling of the Benson apartment and spread to the next door building at 943 South st. where Jack Kolmins, 66, and his wife, Ida, 52, were forced out.

Taken to Philadelphia General Hospital were Fireman Lawrence Ratsep, 32, of Engine 11, Alter and South sts., who suffered heat exhaustion, and Fireman Joseph Rachkis, 30, of Engine 32, 6th and Locust sts., whose right wrist was burned.

One of the Bensons' two pet dogs was found dead on a windowsill. The other was missing. Mrs. Benson was treated at Pennsylvania Hospital.

TRAFFIC DETOURED

Police blocked traffic on South and 10th sts. while firemen fought the blaze.

In another fire earlier in South Philadelphia, seven persons were routed, including a 93-year-old woman invalid.

This blaze started in Al's Hosiery Fair, 2317 S. 7th st. at 4:30 A. M.

Firemen carried Mrs. Rose Diamond, 93, an invalid, to safety from her third floor apartment in the same building. Her daughter, Miss Mary Diamond, 60, walked down the stairs.

Also forced to flee were the second floor residents—Daisy Marturano, 60; his wife, Jean, 58, and their daughter, Rose, 20.

ROUTED BY SMOKE

Heavy smoke forced the evacuation of three persons from the adjoining building at 2319 S. 7th st. and two others from their home across the street at 845 Durlow st.

Lt. Joseph Heffernan, of Engine 53, of 4th st. and Snyder ave., said the fire started in a display bin in the store and spread to a wall in the rear, inflicting extensive damage on the stock of women's and children's clothing.

Woman Robbed of \$45

A young man robbed the operator of a West Philadelphia beauty shop early Sunday and escaped with \$45. Mrs. Essie Young, 42, of 4330 Wallace st., said the man approached her at 12:30 A. M. and demanded money. He then grabbed her handbag and fled.

Burglars Bungle

Hole in Wall Leads to Cell

TWO burglars were busy chopping a hole in the wall of the entrance hall at 1802 N. 22d st. early Sunday when they were startled by the sudden appearance of Pauline Peterson, who lives on the third floor.

They shoved her aside and fled, but Miss Peterson said she recognized one of the men as Clarence D. Russell, 30, who occupies the second-floor apartment.

She hurried to 22d st. to Columbia ave. where she informed Red Car Patrolmen William Dulin and Gerald Lang of her discovery. They arrested Russell in his apartment.

Police said Russell and his accomplice, who escaped, were breaking into Frank's Bar, which is next door. Russell denied the charge.



Among the thousands of visitors to the national model airplane championships at Willow Grove Naval Air Station Sunday was David Wiley, 9, of 510 Second ave., Croydon, shown here wearing the helmet of Lt. Luke Bradley as the jet pilot gave him some pointers on flying in front of Bradley's plane.

125,000 See Chutists, Jets at Willow Grove

More than 125,000 persons flocked to Willow Grove Naval Air Station Sunday to witness a demonstration of precision jet flying and parachute jumping that climaxed the week-long National Model Airplane Championships.

The Navy's crack demonstration team, the Blue Angels, and a band of parachute experts called the Chuting Stars put on the aerial show under sunny skies.

Spokesmen said the attendance was the largest in the 30 years of the competition.

In addition to marking the finals of the model airplane competition, the Navy show commemorated the 50th anniversary of naval aviation.

The 10th Naval District's all-steel band from Puerto Rico provided music, and Vice Admiral Robert B. Pirie, deputy chief of naval operations for air, presented awards.

The award winners included Denis L. Bronco, 15, of Lakewood, Calif., junior national champion; Lawrence Miller, 17, of Cleveland, O., senior national champion; Willard S. Blanchard, Jr., 37, of Hampton, Va., open national champion and grand national champion.

Robert Phillips, of South Plainfield, N. J.; Paul Cipolla, of Trumbull, Conn.; and George L. DeAngelo, of Brooklyn, N. Y., junior, senior and open titlists in the Navy carrier landing event; and Eddie Elaskis, 15, of Garfield, N. J., air youth champion.

MISS MODEL AVIATION

Miss Nancy Nemeth, 19, of 15 Bald Cypress lane, Levittown, Pa., was named Miss Model Aviation of 1961 over four other finalists.

Runner-up was Claire Garrecht, 21, of 603 S. Main st., Tel-ford, Pa.

New Securities Service Offered

Joseph E. Smith, president of the National Security Traders Association and a partner of Newburger & Co., last week announced the association will launch an information program about the over-the-counter securities market.

Smith said: "Our association shares with other segments of the securities industry a deep concern over recent evidence of uninformed speculation in securities."

The association has established an Over-the-Counter Information Bureau in New York City. The bureau will issue educational materials and information other than price quotations.

Purse Thief Gets \$40

A youth snatched a handbag containing \$40 from Mrs. Margaret Shea, 48, of 3100 Penn st., early Sunday on Croskey st. near Berks, and fled.

Woman Beaten On Way Home, Suspect Held

A young Kensington woman was beaten near her home early Sunday. Two hours later police arrested a suspect answering the description she gave of her assailant.

The victim, Frances McKeown, 18, of 3015 C st., told police the man punched her several times and threw her repeatedly to the sidewalk. Her screams aroused the neighborhood and the thug fled.

RETURNING HOME

Charged with the attack was Earl D. Reavis, 24, of Baltimore ave. near 54th st., who was arrested nearly two hours later. Police said he had served a prison term for another attack on a woman.

Miss McKeown, who works in the Bell Telephone Co. business office on Chelton Ave. near Germantown, said she was returning home at 1:40 A. M. from a visit to a girl friend when she was accosted. She had alighted from a Route 60 trolley on Allegheny ave. at C st. and was walking south on C st.

THROWN TO SIDEWALK

Her assailant attacked her as she neared Clearfield st., clamping a hand over her mouth and throwing her to the sidewalk. As she tried to struggle to her feet, he punched her and shoved her down again. At one point, he tried to drag her along the sidewalk.

Her screams echoed through the neighborhood and lights began to go on in houses. The attacker fled.

LIP CUT IN STRUGGLE

Miss McKeown, whose lip was cut in the struggle, hurried to her home a block away and called police. She told them the man was wearing a light shirt and dark trousers.

Red Car Patrolmen John Smith and William Tully arrested Reavis at 1 and Ontario sts. nearly two hours later. Detectives said Reavis admitted following the girl and beating her.

Clothing, Cash Stolen in Store

Burglars carted away between 700 and 800 pieces of men's clothing valued at \$5000 and took \$150 in cash early Sunday after breaking into the Jules Frankle Men's Store at Wadsworth st. and Providence ave., Mount Airy.

Police said the theft was discovered at 8 A. M. by Patrolman William Tedor of the German-town ave. and Haines st. station during a routine check. Frankle, of 1110 Curtis dr., Wyncote, said the thieves took large quantities of trousers, bermuda shorts, bathing trunks, hosiery and neckwear. The money was stolen from a cash register. Police said the thieves gained entrance by forcing a side door.

22 Continuing Auch Bus Strike

The Auch Interborough Transit Co. remained shut down Sunday by a strike of 22 mechanics and drivers in a dispute involving holidays for mechanics.

The strike, by members of Division 11, Amalgamated Brotherhood of Street, Electric and Motor Coach Employees of America, began on Saturday. The mechanics were given three paid holidays that were given drivers in a recent negotiated contract.

The line operates between Willow Grove, Chestnut Hill and Norristown, and between Conshohocken and Gulph Mills.

20,000 Children Expected

Sixty-five school buses will be made available for transportation of handicapped and underprivileged youngsters to the seventh annual Hero Scholarship Thrill Show in September, it was announced Sunday. An estimated 20,000 youngsters are expected to attend the event in Philadelphia Stadium.

Martha Gable, director of radio and television for the Board of Education, told of the bus arrangements at a meeting at City Hall. Representatives of the Police Department, public schools, veterans and civic groups attended.

Mrs. Albert N. Brown, wife of the police commissioner, will coordinate the arrangements with Mrs. George Gordon Meade, chairman of the children's committee.

Some 200 crossing guards will be on duty during the show, according to Mrs. Marian Bosch, president of the Crossing Guards Association. They will be directed by Lt. George Bennett. Traffic coordination will be supervised by Capt. Joseph P. Cunnane.

A committee headed by Mrs. Robert Hanover will supervise the handicapped children, while Mrs. Lee Felton will direct the work of women volunteers at the stadium gates.

3 Killed in Fiery Car Crash, 3 Others Die on Area Roads



Francis Rule, of Glassboro, and Donald Gant, of Franklinville, look over fragments of skeleton of a giant, prehistoric lizard-like animal found in a marl pit of the Inversand Co., Wenonah, N. J. The creature roamed over the area about 75,000,000 years ago, according to scientists from the New Jersey State Museum at Trenton, where the skeleton is to be reassembled. Bits of bone indicate that the animal, known as a mosasaur, was approximately 40 feet long.

Dateline . . . Delaware Valley U.S.A.

A HIGHER living standard and the growth business in Philadelphia have been reflected by a three-fold increase in the number of telephones in use here since 1940, according to the Chamber of Commerce. Telephone installations have tripled as a result of an increasing need for multiple-phone facilities among businesses and residents. Leonard A. Drake, the Chamber's staff economist said.

"Like the bathtub, the telephone now is classed as one of the necessities of life," Drake observed.

A Chamber study showed that in the average middle and upper-income home, the playroom and perhaps the master bedroom have telephones connected with the main floor.

In business, it was found the average secretary has a facility on her desk for either intercom communications with her employer or for outside calls.

Telephones in operation here increased from 436,000 to 1,340,000 on May 1. Residential usage, reflecting the biggest rise, went from 243,000 in 1940 to 803,000. The number of business phones rose from 202,000 in 1940 to 340,000 last May.

While the 1960-61 business recession failed to halt the rise of installations, the number of business phones leveled temporarily, the study showed.

During 1958, the only year during the last two decades in which the city failed to record a net gain in both business and residential telephones, there was a slight cutback in the number of business phones compared to 1957, Drake said.

SPEAKERS: Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker movement, will speak Saturday at Fellowship House Farm on Sanatoga rd., near Pottstown. Miss Day edits a newspaper with a national circulation of 30,000 and has written her autobiography, "The Long Loneliness."

James M. Davis, Springfield Township Commissioner and curator of its Historical Museum, will lecture Saturday in the Township Building, 50 Powell rd., Delaware county.

AMUSEMENTS: Santa Maria Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold its annual carnival Wednesday at the Council Home, 605 E. Chelton ave. . . . A boat cruise will be held Sunday by St. Peter's A.M.E. Zion Church. The boat will shove off at 8:30 P. M. from the Chestnut st. wharf.

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Hit-Run Driver Strikes Youth Changing Tire

An auto driven by a hit-run motorist hurtled a 19-year-old Philadelphia youth 50 feet early Sunday as he changed a tire on his car near Glassboro, N. J.

Robert Marianni, of 1325 Castle dr., was admitted to Underwood Hospital in Woodbury, N. J. in critical condition. Attendants said he has a fractured skull, brain injuries, and lacerations.

A companion, Vincent Siralli, 19, of 1213 Murphy st., told Glassboro police that he and Marianni were returning home from auto races in Vineland.

He said they had a flat tire on Delsea dr. about 100 feet north of Earl ave. around midnight and pulled to the shoulder of the road to fix it.

The hit-run vehicle sideswiped their parked car and knocked Marianni 50 feet down the road. Siralli said. Pieces of broken glass found in the roadway indicated the right front headlight was broken from the car.

Siralli said he was unable to furnish a description of the hit-run vehicle. Police alerted garage operators in the area to be on the lookout for a car with a missing headlight and scratches along the right fender and side.

Fire Damages Narberth Home

Fire damaged the home of Paul Swonger at 7 Sabine ave., Narberth, Sunday while the family was away for the week end.

Volunteer firemen from Narberth and Penn Wynne were summoned by a neighbor and extinguished the fire within an hour, confining it to the basement. Firemen said the blaze apparently started in the electrical connection in the basement wall.

Gas Station Safe Looted of \$1164

Thieves chopped a 12-inch hole in the top of a safe in the office of a gasoline service station at 25th st. and Sedgely ave. early Sunday, and escaped with \$1164.

Isadore Kirschner, of 1717 N. 54th st., the station manager, told police he discovered the theft when he opened the station at 8 A. M. Police said the burglars entered the office by forcing an air vent at the rear of the building.

Napping Suspected In Collision

Three persons died early Sunday in a flaming two-car head-on collision on Route 130 five miles north of Penns Grove, N. J. Separate accidents killed three other Delaware Valley residents.

In Pennsylvania, the week-end traffic toll was the second worst of the year. The total stood at 16, a mark exceeded only by the 20 killed last week end.

Killed in the Penns Grove crash were:

Thomas W. Berkley, 22, a Marine, of 256 W. Atlantic ave., Audubon, N. J.

Savanna DePietro, 61, of 723 Fairview ave., Woodbury Heights, N. J.

Lance Wurst, 12, of 75 E. 2d st., Moorestown, N. J.

Victims of the other accidents were:

David McKeag, Jr., 14, of 732 Belfield ave., Drexel Hill, hit by a car as he rode a bike near his home about 6:30 P. M.

Nate Kaplan, 6, of 7515 Wyndam rd., Pennsauken, N. J., fatally injured when he darted into the path of a car in front of his home at 1 P. M.

William J. Barrett, 40, of 534 Muhlenberg ave., Wenonah, N. J., struck by a car near the Camden-Woodbury interchange of the New Jersey Turnpike around 6:40 A. M.

State Police said Berkley, who was driving alone, apparently fell asleep at the wheel. His car veered into the path of an auto driven by DiPietro's son, Vincent, 23, of the Woodbury Heights address, shortly after 6 A. M.

Both cars caught fire. Other motorists stopped and dragged the victims from the auto. The Penns Grove, Bridgeport and Pedricktown fire companies extinguished the flames.

ON FISHING TRIP

The party of six in the Di Pietro auto were starting out on a fishing trip. The injured in that car included the driver, who suffered first and second degree burns, a possible hip fracture and bruises, and his brother, James, 28, of the same address, whose skull was fractured. Both were in critical condition.

Also hurt were John Underwood, of 275 Bizard rd., Woodbury, who was in serious condition with a fractured jaw and possible back injuries, and the Wurst boy's father, Irving, 40, who suffered a possible hip fracture and slight burns.

The victims were taken to the Salem County Memorial Hospital, Salem, N. J.

RIDING DOWN HILL

Drexel Hill police said the McKeag youth was riding down a hill on Belfield ave. when he rode into a car going east on Woodland ave. that was driven by Patrick Benson, 17, of Woodland ave. He was one of five children of Mr. and Mrs. David McKeag.

The Kaplan youngster was hit by a car driven by Allen Stern, 28, of 7451 Wyndam rd., Pennsauken police said. Stern took the youth to Cherry Hill Hospital, where he died at 7 P. M.

Barrett was walking along the turnpike when he was hit by a car driven by David V. Stormont, 50, of Hudson, Conn., who was returning home from a Florida vacation.

Bus-Auto Crash Delays Traffic

The collision of a Route 17 PTC bus and an automobile delayed westbound traffic around City Hall Sunday for an hour until the vehicles were disengaged at 9:10 P. M.

The auto, driven by David Salzberg, 18, of 50 Belmont ave., Bala-Cynwyd, and the bus collided at Juniper and Market sts. George L. Harris, 43, of 2408 Kimball st., was the bus operator.

Four police cars were sent to the scene to clear the traffic jam that resulted. Police sent for a PTC emergency wagon, but the vehicles were separated without its help.