

Fugitive Arrested by FBI in Weimar

Four FBI officers and two Weimar officers quietly surrounded and captured a fugitive Florida convict at a Weimar farmhouse Monday night. The man, Charles Sitterton, 34, had been working around Weimar about five weeks, posing as the alias Clifton Snow (same initials as his real name).

The Federal officers said he had been in and out of prison, serving 13 years altogether, for shooting a police officer while he was on the run.

He was serving a term at the Florida State Prison for shooting a police officer while he was on the run.

The FBI considered him extremely dangerous, especially in any attempt to arrest him.

Sitterton had come to Weimar because he learned that a former prison acquaintance was doing construction work. He moved his family—a woman and her three daughters—here, enrolling the children in school Nov. 9, and began doing construction work himself. He was careful to work only as a self-employed, not as an employee of someone else, which would have required him to present a Social Security card.

Local Officers Knew Him as a Tough Customer

Local officers knew him as a tough customer who had handled himself well in at least one barroom brawl since he had been here, against a much younger and bigger man. But he had done nothing that called for extensive investigation.

Monday afternoon the Houston FBI office called City Marshal Fred Vorse and said they had traced Sitterton to Weimar. They said he was known as Clifton Snow. They wanted the marshal's help in getting him without giving him a chance to slip away, at which he was so adept.

—Weimar Mercury.

Kenneth Roberts Welcome Baby Girl Dec. 9

The arrival of the first child, a baby girl, born in a Corpus Christi hospital Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 12:20 p.m. She has been given the name Katherine Lema. She weighed seven pounds and eleven ounces at birth.

Welcoming the young lady are her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Roberts of Rockport and Mr. and Mrs. Marian Starr of Aransas Pass. Her great grandmother is Mrs. Dorra Roberts of Eagle Lake.

Dianne Sherrer and Phillip Kageler Local Students Officers in WCJC Organizations



MR. AND MRS. PHILLIP KAGELER

Miss Dianne Sherrer and Phillip Kageler were united in marriage at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of November 1, 1975. The Reverend David Edgar and Richard Avery officiated at the double ring ceremony at Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church, Needville, Texas.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherrer of Eagle Lake, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stern of Rosenberg and the late Bert Kageler.

The couple exchanged vows before an altar decorated with garlands and foliage in white and red. Seven bridesmaids and seven groomsmen followed in a procession. The bride wore a white gown with a high neckline and a full skirt. The groom wore a dark suit with a white shirt and a dark tie.

Members of the house party included Mrs. James Cough, Mrs. Richard Engling, Mrs. Rick Christ, Mrs. Virel Kallowski, and Misses Tammy, Janet and Pam Wendt. Miss Kim McElroy and Miss Linda Lynch.

Mrs. Kageler chose as her going away outfit a winter white suit with a peach blouse. Her corsage was a peach rose. The couple flew to Jamaica where they spent a week's honeymoon. They are making their home in Houston where both are employed.

REHEARSAL DINNER

The rehearsal dinner was held at the fellowship hall of Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church and was hosted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stern.

A delicious steak dinner was served to members of the wedding party and special guests.

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Beginning January 1, the federal excise tax on telephone service falls from seven percent to six percent. The reduction means the tax will continue to drop one per cent each year until it expires January 1, 1982.

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He said that the tax reduction will not affect Southwest Bell earnings since the company is simply a tax collection agent for the government.

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REFLECTIONS ON International Sunday School Lesson

(Matthew 2:1-12)

The custom of giving gifts at Christmas goes back to the coming of a group of wise men with gifts for the infant Jesus. At various points in history gift giving became a part of the celebration of the birth of the Christ child. The emphasis was more on giving than receiving. Because God gave the supreme gift of his son, we should be willing to respond by giving.

Matthew records the coming of these first gift-bearers. They were wise men who came from the area of the ancient Babylonian empire. The Jewish people had spent hundreds of years in exile in this area. No doubt these scholars learned something of the teachings

of the prophets of Israel concerning the coming Messiah. When an unusual star appeared, they related it to the birth of the Messiah and came to seek the King of the Jews. No specific number of men is indicated by Matthew. Later Christian traditions indicated three men and said they were kings. Names were even given to them. Three kinds of gifts were given by these men and could possibly give a clue as to their number.

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"Merry Christmas" Is Universal

(By Bob Morgan)

Christmas is an international holiday that is celebrated in many different ways, and the English language is a special part of it.

Of course, in English the familiar holiday greeting is "Merry Christmas." The Spanish greeting was made familiar to English speakers last year by Jose Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad," which means happy nativity. Frenchmen would say "Joyeux Noel" and Danes would say "God Jul." In Italian the Christmas greeting is "Buon Natale." In Dutch it is "Gelukkig Sinterklaas" and in Swedish it is "God Jul." Perhaps used somewhat around the world would be the German "Frohe Weihnachten" and the Polish "Wesołych Świąt."

In any language the special expressions are used to convey the season's meaning of the Christmas season, which is the Christ Child's gift of peace.

Students Write Essays About Conservation

(By Mike Armstrong)

"Conserving Our Land After 200 Years" is the title of many themes being written by the English classes. The contest is sponsored by the U.I.L. contest.

The local winners from the contest will be honored at the Awards Banquet to be held next May. The deadline for the papers to be turned in is January 15, 1976.

Winter Arrives During Holidays

(By Mark Hoover)

Winter will officially arrive in the Gulf Coast area on December 22, during Rice High School's vacation for Christmas holidays.

Winter is caused by many influential factors such as geography, astronomical causes and the inclination of the earth's axis. Winter usually extends from the December solstice to the March equinox.

Winter means many things. Instead of the coming of colder weather, it also means a period of inactivity for animals such as bears, squirrels, foxes, and other warm-blooded animals that hibernate during the colder part of the year. People, however, do not hibernate, so they must make themselves more comfortable with thicker and heavier clothes to protect them from the icy weather that has set in.

Here in the Gulf Coast area we are fortunate we do not have blizzards and severe icy conditions as in the Panhandle.

December BD's Are Celebrated

(By Judy Spates)

In the month of December there are three happy days for three happy people that will be celebrating their first day of entering this happy and huge world. These wonderful people are Mrs. Henrietta Baumgarten, Mrs. Irene Hagerdorn, and Rodney Holder. Everyone is joining to help me say "Happy Birthday!"

This project has been properly carried out by Rice High School's Student Council.

Two Groups Complete Projects

Both the Student Council and sophomore class completed one of their projects for the year last week.

The Student Council jerseys arrived and they were delivered to those who had placed orders. Many students will be sporting their new blue and silver jerseys with either names or numbers on front and back.

The sophomore class held a bake sale on Saturday, December 6, and raised approximately \$275. This was their second year in two years designed to raise money for their junior prom.

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St. Nicholas Is Popular Patron

(By Bob Morgan)

St. Nicholas was an actual person who lived in the 4th century. Legends about St. Nicholas were brought to America by Dutch settlers and the American Santa Claus is a mutation of these legends. Santa Claus was stylized for Americans by Clement C. Moore's immortal poem "The Night Before Christmas."

St. Nicholas, as the patron saint of Russia, Greece, and many cities in Europe, is regarded as the special guardian of maidens, children, merchants and sailors.

He is regarded as the patron of children because it is believed that he restored three boys who had been kidnapped by a wicked innkeeper.

St. Nicholas has supposedly saved three very poor young women from sinful lives by providing dowries for them. Hence he is regarded as the patron of maidens.

Legend that he still gives gifts is derived from an old story. The feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated on December 6. In 1087 his remains were taken from Bari in Italy. These holy relics are at St. Nicholas in the church of St. Nicholas in Bari.

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Rice Basketball Girl Burns Net

(By Denise Wiem)

There is a certain forward who plays with the Rice girls basketball team that has this strange habit of burning a net in one basketball game.

This player has great ability for playing basketball, a talent which seems to run in the family. She had two sisters who played and a younger brother who plays on the freshman team.

In the Gulfville game last Monday night, she burned the net with 52 points; this breaks her previous record of 48 points in the first game of last year. This girl has incredible talent for this game and was chosen all-district first team last year, and was on the first all-tournament team at the Victoria Tourney last year, the Rice Tourney first team last year and this year, and also chosen outstanding player at the Katy Tourney this year.

She is a senior at Rice and she is Mary Jo Spauldine.

Houston Regional Council Meets At Rice Again

(By Clark Peterson)

On Monday, December 8, students were visited by representatives of the Houston Regional Council on Alcoholism.

Lloyd Butler and his assistant, Miss Riecher, both former alcoholics, were here to show a film on "A Moment of Decision." The film described an alcoholic and the many things he could do to help himself.

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Third Year For Girls To Win Tourney

(By Denise Wiem)

On December 4-6, the Rice girls basketball team were preparing for the holiday season.

The girls decorated the classroom with seasonal items, buns, plaques of Santa and his sleigh, and highlighted with a Christmas tree. The girls decorated the entire classroom with their Christmas red, white, and gold trim and a gold Christmas tree.

On Monday, December 8, the girls visited the Heritage House in Eagle Lake and are now working on Santa Claus projects for the Heritage House.

The girls are preparing basketball programs for the boys' tournament, Christmas surprises for the teachers, and planning a Christmas dinner and gift-exchange activity.

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