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TIME LINE OF INTEREST CONCERNING
WILLIAM COSDEN, JR.

Notes by Mark Curtis
TCSO 3/9/99

Background:

COSDEN has long claimed, while in Washington prisons, that he killed a marine officer (Lieutenant) while in Vietnam by throwing a grenade into the latrine where the Lieutenant was at. We have sought to verify or explain the claim.

The same claim occurred 10/25/74, but then Cosden was quoted as claiming he killed a "South Vietnamese Officer". We wrote then to the USMC, but learned nothing to corroborate any crime in Vietnam.

Pre-USMC Background:

- A. "Feared his father. Mom was a good cook and cleaned house."
- B. Repeated the 8th grade, and became passive-obstructive to authority.
- C. Jealous of siblings, believing they got privileges earlier than he did.
- D. Played high school football as a guard, offensive. Liked his ex-Marine Officer coach. Pulled out of a game due to anger control. Tried to block into a referee to "get" the ref. in an important game.
- E. Quit high school early.
- F. Had been working as a farm hand. Milked cows.

05/18/65 - Enlisted in the Marine Reserves. #2155777.

07/26/65 - Discharged from the USMCR.

07/27/65 - Enlisted in the regular USMC. Finished boot camp March 18, 1966. Likely went home for liberty afterward.

05/20/66 - Arrived in Vietnam.

05/21/66 - Assigned to Co. L, 3rd Bn., 4th marine, 3 Marine Div. (Rein.) FMF, as Lt. Sec. Ammo Carrier.

05/25/66 - Served in the defense of Hue Phu Bai. Did his first combat patrol in the first week in Vietnam.

05/27/66 - Re-assigned to Co. A Med. Bn. Was there for five days for "heat stroke", he claimed. Diagnosed as combat fatigue. Intermittently crying, incoherent, and understood but did not reply to questions.

06/01/66 - Returned to active duty.

06/28/66 - Participated in Operation Athens Phu Bai.

07/03/66 - Participated in Operations Jay.

07/07/66 - Participated in Operation Holt.

07/09/66 - He claimed shrapnel wound. A medical form does indicate a wound to the right calf.

07/24/66 - Claimed he was wounded by grenade in a night ambush. (No physician note was found re: exam).

07/31/66 - Returned to active duty.

08/02/66 - Participated in Operation Hastings, vicinity of Quang Tri Province. Awarded the RVN Cross of Gallantry, 08/15/66.

08/18/66 - Cosden claimed his sea bag was stolen with clothes, pictures and \$150.00. He was very upset, but hadn't reported it. Called "all Marines animals", and said that no one would care.

08/19/66 - Went to a Chaplain about the theft and was referred to a medical officer. Cosden had an "uncontrollable urge to shoot some of his fellow Marines". His platoon Sergeant said Bill couldn't get along with fellow Marines and four times pointed his weapon at Marines. Bill once threatened to kill a Marine with his knife.

08/24/66 - Patient in Co. C, 3rd Med. Batt., during Operation Ottawa, Vinh Loo, admitted to 3rd Batt. Med. Field hospital for an anxiety reaction #3100, for insomnia and "uncontrollable urges to kill other Marines".

09/06/66 - Transferred to the Naval Hospital ship, Philadelphia. Had a "sorrowful facial expression, near tears, sighed deeply. Below average intelligence with very little insight".

- 10/13/66 - Cosden began to get in trouble with discipline.
to
- 11/01/66 - Two Capt. Mast's were conducted and he was reduced in rank from PFC to PVT. He failed to obey lawful orders to go to bed and to get out of bed. He replied to a person, "Fuck you, I'll tear your ass up." He unlawfully choked SN A.B Church, with his hands. He also threatened to break the neck of Petty Officer R. L. Quincey for bothering Bill.
- 11/02/66 - Did hospital guard duty, but used the excuse of blistered foot to avoid duty. Recommended separation from the Marines on grounds of unsuitability. His father had insisted on rule bending to get Bill out of the hospital for an unusual weekend liberty. Bill had refused to return to active duty, and had abused another patient. He was considered:
- Thoughtless of others
 - Selfish, resentful, manipulative.
 - Occasionally tearful when frustrated.
 - Resisted acting out as passive-obstructive.
 - Stubborn, inefficient, with deep dependency needs.
 - Had a pathological resentment towards authority figures.
 - Had undependable judgment.
 - Impulsive behavior, under minor stress.

WILLIAM EARL COSDEN JR
WMA, 6 ft 4 in, 195 lbs
Brown hair, Blue eyes
DOB: 12-19-46
POB: Baltimore, Maryland
SSN: 412
Serial number: USM 2155777
DL: 413

Parents: William Earl Cosden Sr, Rt 15, Box 413, Olympia
Janet Core Cosden (Bakke) 3605 WESTLY DR, NW
943-4754

Married, one child. Date of marriage: October 1971

Wife: Rita Susan Cosden (Kirkpatrick)
WFA, 5 ft 11 in, 135 lbs
Brown hair, Blue eyes
DOB: 6-24-48
POB: Chehalis, Wn

(FRED) 352-2316
Parents: Charles F. Kirkpatrick, Rt 8, Box 446A, Oly until 1 Aug 74
Pearl Evelyn Kirkpatrick (Nichols) 9836 Scott Lk Blvd, Olympia

Employment: Sales & Services, Lathrop Road Restover Truck Stop
(Texaco Station). Owned by father.

Hobby: Photography. Claims to be free lance for Daily Olympian.
Takes pictures at weddings, etc.

Addresses: USMC, six years
Clifton Perkins State Hospital, Md Apr 67 to May 71
Rt 15, Box 413, Olympia Jun 71 to Oct 71
1412 SE 38th Ave, Lacey Oct 71 to Mar 72
(Capitol Court Complex)
Rt 4 1332 1st Street West, Olympia 943-7428 Mar 72 to Apr 74
Temp. Rt 8, Box 446A, Olympia Apr 74 to Jul 74
Rt 4 1332 1st Street West, Olympia

Wife's occupation: Hairdresser
Formerly employed: Millers Beauty Shop
Present employment: Lynn's Beauty Shop (Stella Hargett)
1373 Scott Lk Bv
352-0432

Credit references: Sears
Seattle Trust & Savings
LeRoys Jewelers
Millers
Wide World of Cameras

Residence located at Rt 4 1332 1st Ave West, Olympia purchased through GEORGE MARTIN RLTY. Residence 10 yrs old at time of purchase Mar 1972.

Vehicles: GE-5514 1972 International Truck, P/U. Burned at aprox 0200 hrs on 11-26-73 on Case Road.

GS-1324 1961 Dodge Truck, P/U, *white, flatbed.*

JCG-265 1973 Mazda, Station Wagon, *RED*

JCP-219 1974 Mazda, 2 dr, *SILVER*

1974 BAYER series 68/24 Mobil Home. Serial Number OW4461. (Title Purpose Only)

Marriage information: William E Cosden Jr & Rita S Kirkpatrick were married in the Tumwater United Methodist Church on 16 Oct 71 by Minister Larry Nickolson, who resides at 921 Linwood Ave, Tumwater. A Connie Wilson was witness. Marriage Lic **426C**
2 Pers Obtained in Oregon.

Brother: Timothy J Cosden, DOB 1-11-54, employed at fathers Lathrop road truck stop. Married on 30 June 1972 to Margaret L Evans, age 16 (DOB 11-20-55), (POB Salt Lake City, Utah). Marriage license **426C**, waiver signed by Superior Court Judge. Married by Lester D Elliott, 405 West Dennis St, Tumwater. Elliott a Minister of Jehovahs Witnesses. Parents of Margaret L Evans are: ARVIL EVANS & HAZEL PERSCHON (NEWPORT). Address for six months prior to date of license is 1292 Tom Evans Road, Olympia. Witness to marriage was DEBORAH ORENDORFF.

Chief Special Agent Rinde, Naval Intelligence Bremerton Ship Yards contacted at 1600 hrs 10-23-74. Service record information requested. At 1520 hrs, 10-24-74 Agent Al Smith, Seattle Naval Intelligence 527-3216 called and advised that he would be working on case. He advised he would call request to Washington D.C., and will attempt to rush information.

Weapon information: Cosden indicated on application for Concealed weapon permit that he owned a
357 Mag Smith & Wesson revolver
serial number N84050
this weapon not in computer DMV.

At time of vehicle fire on 11-26-73 he advised he had removed a rifle 30.06.

16 Apr 67 Homicide of HELEN PATRICIA PILKERTON - Leonardtown, Md.
16 Apr 67 COSDEN arrested.
17 Apr 67 COSDEN indicted.
17 Oct 67 COSDEN found insane. Committed to 403
26 May 71 COSDEN found sane, released to relative.
2 Jun 71 COSDEN issued Washington state drivers license.
16 Oct 71 COSDEN married in Tumwater.
Mar 72 COSDEN bought house at Scott Lake.
24 May 72 COSDEN reported larceny of tools from his PU. 72-5284-5.
6 Jun 72 COSDEN reported vehicle struck him. 72-6034-6.
30 Jun 72 COSDEN at brother Tim's wedding.
5 Sep 72 COSDEN enrolled at Clover Park Vocational Center, Lakewood.
5 Oct 72 COSDEN issued citation in Lacey 45/25 zone.
3 Dec 72 COSDEN issued citation by WSP - Obstructed vision.
5 Jan 73 COSDEN purchased 357 Mag at ERNEST Hardware in Lacey.
9 Jan 73 COSDEN applied for 422
19 Jan 73 COSDEN withdrew from school.
2 May 73 COSDEN issued citation by WSP 85/70 zone.
19 May 73 COSDEN involved minor accident Lacey. Citation for improper backing
5 Jun 73 COSDEN reported a car prowler at truck stop. 73-7540-6.
23 Jul 73 Daughter NOEL COSDEN born St Peters Hosp.
20 Aug 73 COSDEN shot neighbors dog. 73-11796-8.
26 Oct 73 COSDEN reported a prowler his residence. 73-15632-10.
25 Nov 73
26 Nov 73 COSDEN's PU Truck burned up. 73-17078-11.
1 Dec 73 COSDEN reported by CRIME CHECK to have been Capitol Peak area.

29 Jan 74 COSDEN reported a small fire at his house. \$2,000.
15 Apr 74 COSDEN's house burnt down. \$40,000.
27 MAY 74 -

MASTER		OTHER		FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT				CASE NUMBER	
ID	FILE	DATE - TIME RECEIVED		1530 hrs 1-10-73		M		73-371-1	
OFFENSE REPORT TYPE OF OFFENSE		OFFENSE CHANGED TO		ARREST REPORT - CRIME ARRESTED FOR					
A		Susp subject		67D,					
WATCH		DISTRICT		ZONE		OFFICER		SER. NO.	
B		2		2		Haney		62	
C		LOCATION OF OFFENSE AND/OR ARREST		DATE - TIME OCC.		TIME RECEIVED		TIME DISPATCHED	
C		TCSO		1-10 1530		1-10 1530			
D		COMPLAINANT		SEX		ADDRESS		PHONE - BUS. HOME	
D		Crawford, JB				Undersheriff			
E		VICTIM		SEX		ADDRESS		PHONE - BUS. HOME	
E									
F		WITNESS NO. 1		SEX		ADDRESS		PHONE - BUS. HOME	
F									
G		SUSPECT NO. 1		SEX		ADDRESS		PHONE - BUS. HOME	
G		COSDEN, William E., Jr.		M		1332 First St. W., Olympia		943-7428	
H		SUSPECTED ☒		ARRESTED ☐				ARREST NO.	
H									
CLOTHING				SIGNS OF ILLNESS OR INJURY				HBD YES ☐ NO ☐	
RAOE		SEX		AGE		HGT.		WT.	
Cau		M		26		6-4		200	
BUILD		COMP.		HAIR		EYES		OCCUPATION	
husky		m		brn		blu		self employed - photographer(?)	
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE OF BIRTH		DR. LICENSE NO.		BOO REG NO		EMPLOYER	
12-19-46		Baltimore, Md				412		self	
AUTO YEAR		MAKE		MODEL		COLOR		LICENSE NO.	
STATE		FINGERPRINTED - YES ☐		NO ☐		PHOTOGRAPHED - YES ☐		NO ☐	
WARRANT OR CITATION NO.		HAD BEEN USING DRUGS - YES ☐		NO ☐		FBI NUMBER			
		NARCOTICS ☐		HALLUCINATORY ☐		DANGEROUS DRUGS ☐			
VEHICLE IMPOUNDED ☐		WHERE STORED		LIST PROPERTY IN VEHICLE					
NOT IMPOUNDED ☐									
1) Identify additional victims.		(8) Report all property damaged—describe damage and indicate amount of loss.		(13) For juvenile(s) placed in detention indicate name, address and phone of parents or guardian and how notified.					
2) Identify additional witnesses.		(9) Describe premise—or vehicle of victim and where parked.		(14) School and last school attended by suspect and year.					
3) Identify and/or describe additional suspects.		(10) For burglary and larceny (car prowl) reports describe entry, where and how, and tool used.		(15) Number of children in family.					
4) Describe property taken, showing serial numbers, identifying marks, and value of each.		(11) Reconstruct incident (offense and/or arrest).		(16) Parents living at home.					
5) Describe vehicle used by suspect and disposition.		(12) Indicate time and location where victims and witnesses may be contacted later, by follow-up investigators.		(17) Number of cars in family.					
6) Describe physical evidence, where found, by whom and disposition.				(18) Entry and exit.					
7) Describe victim's injuries, and where medical exam occurred.									

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OFFICER PREPARING REPORT

APPROVED ☐

Patricia Haney

THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF
Olympia, Wa.

DATE: 11/15/74

CASE NO: 74-19290-74

An ATF agent called with the following information:

The 357 mag. revolver, Smith & Wesson was purchased from Ernst Hardware, 6425 - 6th Avenue, Tacoma on 10-30-72. The invoice No. 2543 and was shipped from Pacific Marine Schwabacher. The Ernst Hardware Company should be contacted and request to see the gun log and the yellow 4473, for further information.

E. Brown

THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF
Olympia, Wa.

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CASE NO: 74-19290-11

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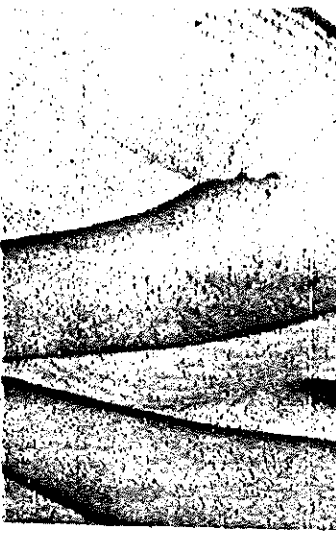
Dr Brown American Lake Vets Hosp. - Has examined
about 1 yr ago -

Y/M - B₂mo - med. vac. ed. out. -

ATF

It is really great when a young lady can toss a ball in the face of a teacher -- Joe Guffey, center of Leonardtown, and others, did Saturday at the American High School Countdown Carnival. It was a day of fun, fun, fun, games and excitement. It was a day for bar-b-que chickens, soda pop, candy, pizzas and ride ponies, see a puppet show, play basketball and do this and that.

-- Photos By The House Of Photography



LANCASTER League Names Officers

The Lancaster League has elected new officers. They are Robert D. Lancaster, president; Walter J. Lancaster, vice-president; in charge of US-MATC affairs; Robert Abel, vice-president; in charge of county affairs; Dr. E. King Jr., vice-president at large; Francis C. Delaney, secretary-treasurer; and Eamon Briscoe, judge-advocate.

A meeting of new officers was held May 13 at Cedar Point. The meeting was held at a formal dinner and Mrs. David F. Lancaster, and Capt. and Mrs. P. O'Neill will be guests. The guest speaker will be Eamon Briscoe, retired.

Five In Leonardtown Election

Five men have filed as candidates to the May 2 Leonardtown town Commissioners election.

They are R.B. Brown III, incumbent on the town board of commissioners and a tax consultant; W. Clarke Mattingly, funeral director; Milton J. Davis, clerk in the Leonardtown Post Office; R.M. Hunt III, real estate dealer; and George R. Sparling, owner of Sparling's.

Department Store.

Election hours will be from 1 to 7 in the county trial magistrate office.

Mr. Mattingly, a resident of Leonardtown, and a business man at the same place for 17 years, in a statement Tuesday said "the main project is to put a sewage system in the northwest portion of Leonardtown. Even if it means to install a

completely new system."

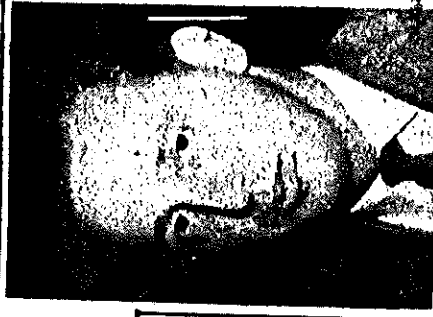
He said sewage backs up into the area now, and is unhealthy and a bad situation.

Mr. Mattingly feels there should be a tax relief granted the people of Leonardtown.

He said the town collects over \$100,000 for taxes without the realty tax, and he believes a budget should be set up to operate the town in a business

like manner. The town taxes he said, rise when the county tax does.

He said, if it is necessary to (See Election, Page 5)



Abell Named To School Board

B. Kennedy Abell, Lean Officer of the Maryland National Bank, Leonardtown, has been named to serve a five-year term on the St. Mary's County Board of Education.

Gov. Agnew made the announcement Tuesday. Mr. Abell's new term begins effective as of May 1. He is a present member of the board.

State To Seek Indictment Vs. Earl Cosden, Jr.

The State of Maryland plans to seek a grand jury murder indictment against William Earl Cosden Jr., a Marine veteran of the Vietnam war.

The accused, according to police authorities and court records, is presently at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital for examination by the Department of Mental Hygiene of the State of Maryland.

According to court records, the Department of Mental Hygiene has been directed to inquire into "the question as to whether the said William E. Cosden Jr. lacks such mental capacity as to enable him to properly conduct his defense, or advising as to the conduct of his defense and to determine

seen alive by friends in the area of the Tall Timbers Tavern, about 12:30 or 1 a.m. April 16, Mr. Weiner said.

Mr. Weiner said a cue stick has been found and it is believed to be the "murder weapon".

He said that at the scene where the dead woman was found, blood was spilled on the side of the bridge rail and on the ground.

Several stab wounds were inflicted on the deceased, Mr. Weiner said.

As of Wednesday morning, according to the Sheriff's Department and the State's Attorney Office, no official cause of death had been reported.

The dead woman was last

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LEXINGTON PARK, ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD., Thursday, August 24, 1967

Grand Jury Returns Two Murder

Grand Jury murder indictments have been returned against St. Mary's County men -- William Earl Cosden Jr., of Silver Estates, Valley Lee, and Joseph Franklin Hebb, of Old Kent Road.

Indictments have also been returned in the case of a Navy man who was shot and killed here in the County May 31 and in the case of a State Police Trooper who was injured May 20 while attempting to question a man on an alleged speeding violation. Cosden, a 20-year-old Marine Corps Veteran, was indicted for "feloniously, willfully and deliberately" murdering Helen

Ann Pickett, 21, on April 16, 1967. According to the Sheriff's Department, she was beaten to death with a stick. Her body was found by two teenage girls in a stream by the Flat Iron Road in the Great Mills area. The dead woman was identified by the Sheriff's Department as a resident of Lexington Park and an employee of the A & E Hotel in Lexington Park.

HEBB INDICTED

Hebb, 60, was indicted for "feloniously, willfully and deliberately" murdering John Wilmer Thomas on July 16, 1967.

The dead man was shot and killed by a .12 gauge shotgun at the Hebb residence, the Sheriff's Department reported.

Circuit Court Judge Philip H. Dorsey Jr. Monday morning arraigned Cosden on the murder indictment and scheduled the Cosden trial for Aug. 30.

Attorney Walter B. Dorsey entered a plea of innocent for Cosden.

The Hebb arraignment was postponed Monday because Hebb was confined to the Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital for mental examination.

OTHER INDICTMENTS

In the case of the seaman who was killed here May 31: David L. Swinson, a petty officer third class at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, was indicted with killing Charles

a seaman at NAS.

Blakey, 22, was shot and killed on State Route 5 and a half miles south of the Naval Station here, to the Sheriff's Department.

PO3 Swinson, 24, was also indicted on three counts of intent to injure and two counts of carrying a weapon.

One of the charges of carrying a weapon openly to injure concern persons whose names are "under

Grand Jury said. His attorney, Walter B. Dorsey, entered a plea to all four indictment counts at Monday's arraignment Judge Dorsey.

The Swinson case will be tried in Circuit Court in the case of State Police Trooper who was injured

Robert Augustus Jones, a 24-year-old Hughesville resident indicted with assault with intent to murder, assault and larceny.

In Southern Maryland

State Is Considering Regional Fair



Minnie Norris is visiting relatives in Washington, and also visiting sister and brother here.

Mrs. Ronald and children, from Va., recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McKay and other Mr. Sandlage left for a year's duty in

Mrs. Joan Taylor Audquest of honor at a mis-

d/Seventh Districts

HARLES RIDGELL
475-8153

Mrs. R. Heyde, of Neck, entertained of the Patuxent River and their wives at Sunday, Oct. 1, to the forming of its auxiliary.

birthday wishes go to Wood Joy, of Holly-

Mrs. Kenneth Buch-Hollywood, were Saturday. She is the Miss Betty Vanetta, now on a trip to the States.

Madeline Hewitt, of Annapolis, has returned to after spending some time at Mary's Hospital, and Mrs. Roger May, of Richmond, Va., weekend with Mrs. May and family, of

They also visited Mrs. James H. May, who is home after many for two years, and a "send-off" was held Wednesday evening for Mrs. Pollard at Father White School by the charity. Father Pollock has been the assistant at St. Aloysius Church town. He is being transferred to Washington.

Holly Daughters of the County are sponsoring a treat for women of at St. Mary's Academy, Oct. 13-15. For reservations call 475-9510.

WEDNESDAYS
birthday circle are Mrs. Raymond Smith of Loveville; Mrs. T. T. Tippet, of Loveville; Tippet Sr., of Loveville; Bonnie Thompson, and Jeanie Tippet,



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St. Mary's County 1967 highway death toll is now 18.

Two County men were the last traffic accident fatalities -- one last week, Oct. 1, and the other one this week, Oct. 16.

Leonard Howard White, of Callaway, was killed Oct. 11

Court Says Cosden Is 'Insane'

William Earl Cosden Jr., a 20-year-old Marine Corps veteran, was sentenced to the Chilton T. Perkins Hospital on an "insane" verdict Tuesday in the County Circuit Court.

Cosden, a Valley Lee resident, was indicted by the County Grand Jury in August of this year for "feloniously, willfully and deliberately" murdering Helen Patricia Pilkerton, 21, on April 16, 1967.

Circuit Court Judges Perry Bowen and J. Dudley Diggs this week termed Cosden insane at the time of the crime and insane now.

Under the court ruling, Cosden is to stay in the State mental hospital until "he no longer constitutes a danger to others or himself under the dictates of the law."

Two court appointed psychiatrists told the Circuit Court that Cosden "lacks the substantial capacity to appreciate the consequences of the crime."

Testifying to the court were Dr. Jonas R. Rappaport and Dr. James E. Smith II. Dr. Rappaport is the chief medical officer for Baltimore City.

Judge Diggs said: "The facts substantiated by the State prove that the defendant (Cosden) is guilty but not responsible for his actions because of mental illness."

According to the Sheriff's Department, Helen Pilkerton was beaten to death with a stick. Her body was found by two teenage girls in a stream by the Flat Iron Road in the Great Mills area.

The dead woman was identified by the Sheriff's Office as a resident of Lexington Park and an employee of the A & E Motel in Lexington Park.

by a hit-and-run driver on South 240 at Callaway. The 33-year-old man was a pedestrian on the highway at the time of the accident, the State Police reported.

In this week's fatal traffic accident, Marvin A. Greenwell, 43, of Route Two, Hollywood, was killed in a two-car head on collision on Route 235 Oct. 16 two miles north of Route 245.

Greenwell was identified by State Police as the driver of one of the cars. He died of a crushed chest and multiple lacerations of the head, it was reported.

Donald L. Matthaix, 38, of Alexandria, Va., identified as the driver of the other vehicle in the Greenwell fatal, was charged by State Police with manslaughter, reckless driving, failure to keep right of the center line and driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Three persons were injured in the Greenwell fatal.

They were his wife, Mrs. Dana Greenwell, 48; Matthaix; and Roland C. Sandretzky, 33, of Alexandria, Va.

Matthaix and Sandretzky were taken to St. Mary's Hospital and Mrs. Greenwell was taken to the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Tall Cedars Of Lebanon Convention Plans

Southern Maryland Forest 159, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, will host a TCL District 20 Ceremonial, in Lexington Park, Saturday, Oct. 21, with registration starting at the Belvedere Motel at 10 a.m.

Member Forests of District 20 are Capitol 104; Washington, D.C.; Montgomery 134; of Takoma Park, Md.; Temple 136, Alexandria, Va.; Prince Georges 139, Hyattsville, Md.; Nor-Va 163, Falls Church, Va.; and Southern Maryland 159, Hollywood and Prince Frederick, Md.

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A parade 1 p.m. with several local parade will be on the C&P T maintenance lot of the Chas sion, and C

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A Cedar C held during Frank Knox Sc tivities will b a dance for their ladies o Lexington Ro Manor Restau opening.

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Oct 19, 1967

The Enterprise

Sept. 7, 1967

Case Heard Last Week

Verdict Pending In Murder Trial

Pages this week were deliberating over the fate of Earl Cosden Jr., a 31-year-old Marine Corps soldier, tried last week in the County Circuit Court.

The verdict has been handed down in the case.

Valley Lee, was in the County Grand Jury for "feloniously and deliberately" killing Helen Patricia Pilkerton on April 16, 1967. Cosden's attorney, Walter B. Cosden, at his arraignment to the Sheriff's Court, the Pilkerton body was found in a stream near the Iron Road in the area. A resident of Iron Road, a resident of Iron Road, was identified as a resident of Iron Road.

fied by the Sheriff's Department as an employee of the A & E Motel in Lexington Park.

TRIAL

Cosden's trial Aug. 30 and 31 was heard by Judge J. Dudley Diggs, chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland, and Judge Perry G. Bowen, of Prince Frederick, Calvert County.

During the trial, the court was informed that Cosden is an ex-Marine who served in combat in Vietnam and was wounded in action against the enemy.

Cosden's attorney, Dorsey, told the court that Cosden spent five months in Vietnam during 1966, with more than four months on the line.

According to Attorney Dorsey, his client was a machine gunner and a demolition expert. Cosden participated in war patrols and he participated in operation Hastings, a major Marine Corps engagement.

The Cosden Marine Corps record also showed that Cosden suffered incoherent hallucinations, depression and recurrent nightmares, Dorsey told the court.

Cosden had to be forcibly restrained from entering a burning aircraft during a battle, Attorney Dorsey told the judges. Testimony in court showed Cosden received a general discharge.

EXAMINATION

In testimony presented to Judges Diggs and Bowen, it was noted that Cosden was examined at the Perkins State Hospital as to his mental condition.

According to two psychiatrists, Cosden was suffering from an anxiety reaction resulting from neurosis.

The psychiatrists told the court that Cosden had a personality disorder and lacked substantial capacity to realize his conduct or conform to re-

quirements of the law. But, the court also received testimony that Cosden's mental condition was not severe enough to impair his capacity to appreciate the requirements of the law.

TELLS FATHER

Other testimony presented in court showed that Cosden told his father on the morning of April 16 about events surrounding the Pilkerton death.

According to court testimony, the Pilkerton woman and Cosden were in a Tall Timbers establishment on the night of April 15, at the same time, and that she left with someone else but they met again later that night because her driver could not take her home.

Further court testimony told of Cosden not remembering what happened the night of April 15 or early morning of April 16, but that he saw the dead woman's body on the ground.

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cost will raise again by about \$2,000,000.

The Tri-County Council is made up of legislators, commissioners, planners, economists and other representatives from St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert Counties.

It is headed by former State Sen. John T. Parran Jr.

COUNTY OBITUARIES

William B. Thompson

Bishop Thompson, of St. Mary's County, died Aug. 31 at the St. Mary's Hospital after a heart attack.

Thompson was the owner of Thompson's Restaurant and Catering Service in Rockville, he had been a resident of Rockville since 1950.

Thompson was born on a farm in St. Mary's County, moved to Rockville when he was 16 and entered the seafood business, operating a restaurant.

He was survived by his wife, William, of 14315 Rockville, four daughters, of Washington, D.C., and Elmer.

Brother Amadeus

Brother Amadeus, C.F.X., died Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Leonard Hall School, Leonardtown, where he had served as a Xavierian Brother for 17 years. He was 73.

Born August William Reuter in Cincinnati, Ohio, Brother Amadeus entered the Xavierian Brotherhood in Baltimore in 1919.

During his career, he taught at Portsmouth and Richmond, Va., and in Baltimore. In 1950, he was assigned to the Leonard Hall School as food buyer and prefect.

Brother Amadeus is survived by a brother, Edward, and two sisters, Loretta Brinkman and Margaret Elbe, all of Cincinnati.

Prayers were said for Brother Amadeus at the Leonard Hall School Chapel on Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie S. Zimmerman

Mrs. Maggie Sahl Zimmerman of Loveville died at the St. Mary's Hospital Aug. 13. She was 57-years-old.

Mrs. Zimmerman is survived by her husband, Mr. Monroe Zimmerman, and children, Marlin and Robert Zimmerman, of Loveville, Mrs. Irene Sensing, of Pennsylvania, Leon Zimmerman, of Bushwood, and James, Carl, Joyce and Elaine, of Loveville.

There are ten surviving grandchildren. Prayers were said at her home Aug. 16 and services were conducted at the Mennonite Church in Loveville.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Funeral services were arranged by the Mattingley Funeral Home, Leonardtown.

Mr. John R. Rink

Mr. John Robert Rink, (ADRC, USN Ret.) died Sept. 2 at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Mr. Rink was the husband of Mrs. Madeline L. Rink and the father of Mrs. Marlon F. Honoyaki, of Waterbury, Conn. He is also survived by three grandchildren.

Mattingley Funeral Home in Leonardtown made the funeral arrangements.

Mass was offered at the Chapel of the St. Nicholas, aboard the Pax River Naval Air Station, on Wednesday.

He was given a military burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

School Bus Law Noted

Are you familiar with Maryland's school bus law?

The Maryland State Department of Education today reminded drivers that the law requires traffic in both directions to stop for a school bus with lights flashing.

The only exception is traffic on a dual lane highway traveling in the opposite direction, said Morris W. Ramels, supervisor of transportation of the State Department of Education.

He warned drivers to use caution in passing a stopped school bus even if its lights are not flashing.

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