

Cynthia Reed Clues

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presumably checking leads in various towns in Southern Oregon and Northern California. Sgt. Gerleve and other officers continued their probe in various locations.

Police Saturday ruled out the probability of a connection between Mrs. Reed and Wheat, although Wheat had had various dealings with local real estate offices over the past several years.

Mrs. Reed's whereabouts continues to be a "who-dunnit" mystery.

Police have uncovered no definite clues as to where the body is buried or hidden.

They have expressed no doubt, however, that the disappearance late in April should be considered a homicide.

Officers have questioned principals in the case — everyone who came in contact with her during the last weeks she was seen — and have received cooperation of two in polygraph tests. A third, who originally agreed to a lie detector test, later backed down on his promise, according to authorities.

Every shred of evidence uncovered so far — including dried bloodstains and hair from the trunk of her car, blood on a tire iron in the trunk, samples of dust from the car — have been sent to the Oregon State Crime Laboratory in Portland for analysis. Aside from stating that the blood and hair were identified as human, police have declined to discuss results of the tests.

Mrs. Reed, a saleswoman for Chilcote and Smith Real Estate, was last seen late the night of Saturday, April 27. She failed to report for work the following Monday and was reported missing April 30.

No luggage or clothing appeared to be missing.

JFK Plot Probe Seeks Man Here

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A man accused of being involved in a plot to assassinate President Kennedy was traced to the Klamath Falls area today.

He was identified as G. Clinton Wheat, a heavy equipment operator, and one of two men subpoenaed by New Orleans, La., Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison in his inquiry into the Kennedy assassination in Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 22, 1963.

Wheat's trail, which included residences on the Merrill Highway, at Chilcoquin and in Poe Valley, ends abruptly at Poe Valley where he was last seen May 6.

Garrison's chief investigator in New Orleans, Louis Don, told the Herald and News that a subpoena for Wheat will be reissued in Klamath County or Jackson County when it is returned unserved from Los Angeles County where it was sent Monday.

Wheat, described as a small-time anti-minority politician once active in Southern California, and a Los Angeles doctor, Stanley L. Drennan, 52, were charged with being present at discussions of the assassination in 1963.

Don said Wheat recently was reported to be living in Burney in Northern California. He formerly headed the Southern California chapter of a militant right-wing organization.

According to a United Press International dispatch, the subpoenas followed a visit to New Orleans by Loran Hall, a one-time guerrilla soldier in Cuba, who later toured the United States making speeches against Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

Hall also had been subpoenaed by Garrison.

After initially fighting extradition, Hall went to New Orleans voluntarily two weeks ago, UPI reported.

Before traveling to New Orleans, Hall told a news conference he had attended a meeting in mid-1963 of a right-wing group at Wheat's former home in Los Angeles, where the killing of Kennedy was discussed.

Reliable sources indicate the house, since has been torn down.

Hall also claimed that another person at the meeting was Edgar Eugene Dudley, 49, a North Hollywood man Garrison is trying to extra-

dite for testimony before the New Orleans Grand Jury.

Bradley, West Coast representative for radio preacher Carl McIntyre, is fighting extradition. He faces a hearing June 5.

Spokesman for Garrison's office told the Herald and News today that their last report placed Wheat at the residence of a friend, Hatfield, in Burney.

Hunt is identified as the editor of a right-wing paper, the National Chronicle.

According to the Redding, Calif., Record-Searchlight, Wheat is an ex-convict and served time in Louisiana for murder.

Mrs. William J. McKinnon, Route 1, Box 903, Midland Road, told the Herald and News that Wheat had worked with her husband for a time.

She said Wheat at that time lived at the old DeLap ranch on the Merrill-Main Highway, about 10 miles south of Klamath Falls.

"They had a lot of money tied up in the place, but they lost it and moved to Chilcoquin for a while," she recalled.

Wheat left Chilcoquin and moved to Poe Valley in April, 1967, according to L. F. (Buck) Rodgers, rancher in the area who owned the house Wheat occupied.

The building was known as the old Poe Valley Schoolhouse.

According to Rodgers, Wheat and his wife moved from the building May 6, "saying they were going to Ashland, but they headed for Bonanza or Main." Neither town is on a direct route to

Ashland or points in Jackson County.

The night of May 6 the house burned.

Mrs. McKinnon described Wheat as "old," noting that he frequently talked "about all the guns he had and once tried to point a machine gun to my husband."

She said Mrs. Wheat subscribed to a Burney right-wing newspaper, (the National Chronicle) and had ordered a subscription for a friend.

She said Wheat operated his own dump truck at that time and was known as "Whiskers" because of a beard.

She added that she was fearful of "six great big St. Bernard dogs they kept in the front yard" at the Merrill Highway address.

Rodgers said he thought it odd when Wheat announced plans to move to Ashland, yet headed in a southerly direction.

He said Wheat made several trips with household belongings loaded in what he described as about a 1958 four-door black and white Chrysler and a 1948 Chevrolet pickup with a stock rack.

The couple had two St. Bernards at that time.

While in Poe Valley, Rodgers said Wheat worked on the ranch for him from time to time and also worked at Pelican Tractor in Klamath Falls.

Roy Astcraft of Pelican Tractor confirmed that Wheat had worked "off and on" for him last summer and also had worked on his own trucks.

He described Wheat as "a good and dependable worker"

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