

A Garrison Witness Vanishes

Los Angeles

The latest in a growing gallery of witnesses sought by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison vanished a week ago Monday — and that night his home burned down, it was learned yesterday.

He is G. Clinton Wheat, a former Los Angeles resident and convicted murdered and militant rightwinger who was subpoenaed Monday for questioning in Garrison's controversial investigation into the Kennedy assassination.

MEETING

Wheat's home in Los Angeles, until he moved from it in 1964, was the scene of a series of rightwing meetings and militant activity.

At least one Garrison witness claims to have overheard plans for killing President Kennedy discussed there.

Wheat moved to the Klamath Falls, Ore., area in either late 1964 or early 1965, and had lived in and around that city until May 6 when he and his wife suddenly packed their belongings in a pickup truck and moved.

Wheat had lived in an abandoned school building owned by a rancher who employed him.

FIRE

The rancher said Wheat, 55, told him he was moving to Ashland which is directly east of Klamath Falls. But the rancher said that when

Wheat departed, he set off in an opposite direction. That night the abandoned school building erupted in flames.

Neighbors of Wheat in various areas near Klamath Falls where he had lived the last four years said Wheat bragged about guns he owned and, at least twice, tried to sell a weapon.

One man said he offered him a machinegun; another said he wanted to sell a 30.06 rifle with a telescopic sight.

Garrison claims Wheat is a "material and necessary witness" in his investigation.

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