

Dear Friend =

Monday night.

Minutes for years little to say - I do not think they do any thing in the courts of Colorado that done in other states but I shall check into the matter tomorrow - Sir aware of one thing - This simple minded judge rarely had one thing in mind here and he either one and that does to rule went the D.A. for example - There is a member of the D.A. staff; and advisor on Criminal law practice, in fact has the authority to digest of Criminal practice - Every time any matter come up in chambers he was sent for, and whatever his opinion, that was the judges, regardless of the law as shown by any atto - Just now 7/7 AM to 7/8 AM been looking out the window at full eclipse of the moon so huts something =

As to Sherroni's reaction I can't help it - all to my life, we had to look at every problem business or otherwise as something that could be solved and that I could do it - When I was totally paralyzed in both legs with Orthitis I believed I could get well - The Drs said No, I will sit back a long time in fact over six years of constant effort; but as frosty I went out during the time I was fighting back to health and in 1939 I was 3d in the California Open even tho I fell twice the last of the 72 holes in 100 temperature - The next year was summer of in the Cal Amateur - The next I was second in the Cal Amateur - The next I was second in

The Iowa Masters Open - The next I won the
Colorado open Masters = I believed I could
do these things - I believe the same thing in
business matters, they don't always work out
but so far I have not stopped believing in
myself - It's no easy to figure your wants
this in that - I don't like to listen to pessimistic reasons
and don't carry that thought away from
it at this very minute, but in days away from
having my hand suspended and going to the
country fair - The papers will make a big show
of it being news - I do not see any possible way
to raise \$50 this week, but in a trying every
day - and die deep in winter they give me a
blue face outfit -

The first ray of hope to hit the above
paragraph came last night in a call from
Gene - Gene may know about it - and you
may not - It was hard to understand so I said
since you want talk over the telephone until me
Monday - so I hope to hear the details Tuesday -
It has to do with a combination of the color film
Beams plate - the master idea - and this I do
not get - Gene wanted to know if he could
have the F.S. radio; and he would wait til it
out of his possession - They first wanted to loan
it, I said I had you to hold that rolls the finger
up and down so loose from the frame - so said
well fix it - I said no dice - I have not dared
to try to fix it for over 2 years, always
flourishing but I would take it to Peck's lab

and with my trusty U.S. in one hand and
under it was fired. All because I do not
trust Doc in any way, know that a moved
white commotion about it was started - and
what more. I do not know of it ever said
a T.S. I only know that I talked to two
people about it here in the early days of the trial
Doc Jacobson & Doc - John saw it long before
I did, and he said it work and he was sick
and he believed it same from a T.S., I saw
one day nearly 2 years ago in a "junk" box
in Doc's lab for \$5.00. Looking much like
asked Doc what they were, and he said that
they had tried to make souvenirs like mine
but failed not get any sound =

Now in this case, please tell me why the
D.A. introduced the picture, (you have a copy)
and asked me what it was holding? The T.S.,
had a man there, some guy taking notes and
I was told he was from F.B.I. Hannaford
I was told he was from F.B.I. and
but they have several prevent to his lies - and
give the size $1\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 6$ inches from a box $5 \times 5 \times 5$ -
and why did the D.A. want Kissell to accept
of the blow of Doc. Lafe recording? All three
the case they tried to bring in Souvenirs - and
they attempt more so now the Judge had to
overrule any objections - None of this business was
related to our charge of corruption or game.
None tells me he thinks it certain (But let him tell

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You this) that he can send me the film for
a private showing to my key people here -
It seems that has it radio is to play some
part in the script idea - all to me very vague
Some says 'Kephac is out and the Edwards
are base little means is better than ever, but
he wouldn't talk - Maybe you have the
inside by now, I asked him if he had seen
you - He said yes Tuesday, but I didn't get
it that his talk to me had gotten to you -
I said him I would have the radio period, if
it meant money we my hands now - and
that if I could hear what he proposed about
it, I could let him have it - I believe it would
have to be sealed completely and remains
sealed - if all they want is to hear it - I've
never heard of anyone having a round barrel
about the size of an extra large spool of thread
and a passenger moving up and down, and
that kind of a pinwheel spinning in on all
kinds of radio stations and short wave stations
all at the same time without flate, but since
not a radio man and never claimed to know -
his many have come from some pen and department
of war surplus goods - I have been faced guilty
by a great American jury, and of long believe in
Duster Olson ^{of} any one ever tells me about
the honesty and fair dealing budgets formula
very well of it in their face - First this jury

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to a man and woman were ignorant persons
They did each read the papers - Had never
heard of this case etc - They wanted only
consider the evidence and the law and nothing
else - This meant nothing to them - The stupid
Judge before whom told them that as a reward
they were going to be given a big Xmas
holiday and that their names would be removed
from the wheel for six years because they
had been so perfect since the case - so they
said "Dear Judge dear Da tell us what to
say and we'll say it." If you can make
me believe its ok to promise a very abundant
while the case is still in trial, well you are
a master - I don't believe any Judge has had
right to so pre-judge a trial - They didn't
know whether the case was about and they
did not give & damn -
So I hope there has something real, as it will
help to get my ducks in a row -
I have no money from day to day, My family
lives in want - We married about this summer
but - Its too good and kind of get all kinds
bogued and the prosperity in the corporation, I
just have to keep working and hoping
that all I can do - Its the same with the oil
deals - off soon battle up the Monongahela Co. I
can have a great chance to borrow money
while the caring is being done - and in

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This event must have to wait 60 days to see
daylight - but I'm not talking about this
angle - we caught hell fur & feathers because
I wouldn't tell S. what I was doing or what
I was working at. I've been a corner all my
life - and she never told what I planned about
this or that as to the details even to my business
associates - They knew always however that
there might be dozens of changes in any
given fragrance before its completion successfully
in its end - Many many times she tried
to tell S. but she never showed the slightest
interest, but latter would say why don't you
tell your wife your plans & that's her worry.
She doesn't mean wrong. She doesn't know.
It hurts to know cold winter, sun, what might
be a place of some kind - She hated, she
glefully - All I ever wanted from time immemorial
was magnetic dope - It's easy to see that at this
moment I had too high a price for it. Because
she lost my business standing and she broke
because I met Hader and Hader introduced
Herr Bauer to me - Hader ruined one of our best
customers and he ruined our company. So
she has strucks out me - but she that didn't
go to Hader - every day something happens
to support that story and it emerges as the
only solution to the way they fly - But we
we agreed here, that she is not responsible for

(7) has seen and regardless of his absolute
ignorance as to magnetism - grace of no trust
any thing he says without making him
forsake his statement. Just now and once more
he has been mentally suspect because of the Board
and skull fracture - He lies about trivial things
in this case - and don't speak unto him -
I have just talked to Mrs. Reb. and she gave me all
the double talk she could but says they will be here
this week end, all of which she believes where I see
them - She says they have three M.D. affidavits in
preparation there, and that his confined at home all
the time, but is better from time to time and
his mind is clear at intervals -

If I can get my bond matter settled, some
money to my family - and get the protest
provisions filled here - I can then work like hell -
If the picture comes off may be able to put me a
T.S. there for money - and if so a protest
to keep the lid off that whole scandalous mess -
Napoleon's return from Elba will be mud history
if it gets to lay it on the line - Cut out yourself
everyone here treated this T.S. business like it
was a dead issue, play for bubbles - Administration
couldn't stick to the truth - They live as a winter - and
slope and completely blue as a winter - and
as far the Gordons et al about held out here

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They all give me a place in the well treasure
North end of a horse travelling due south - &
stapidly kept my magnets out 3 years see
many magnet angles, the key to his whole
thing; I should have been hunting the
beards coast to coast for so rare and to
feel much my grandfather's thoughts - They would
be sloshed and worth more and write myself
in the bank, instead of throwing and the wife
a quickly at present see the commercial records
of his state - see. The same person today that
I was in 1952 - and in 1949 when met him
and I hope him a bit older, but some of the
things I still do makes one doubt, but of
somehow still believe in people - I have
a story to tell Mr. Bell, and you shall
but it in paper for people every where, and
for fasten it tomorrow - I'm glad you
locked to 140 School principals - Each one of
these principals showed how keen willing to
spouse a talk to educate their pupils and
helpful parents on the transportation method
I know now - magnet the perplexion - speed inhibited
morning anywhere at any elevation a single
procedere. Distances in this earth wiped out. The
out of profection will because your stock &
fuel is always just and sole your needless, and
the tank never runs out. No rough flying - no
sense of motion - the nation that has it, and

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It should be ours save little Joshua and his
son act, announced the world to stand still
and the war drums of the world can be forever
silent and mankind can live at peace
under a true Federation of the world -
We got a greater assembly of work ahead
of me, and here I am set in the shade of
some old apple tree just beside the road, and
at the rest of the world fly by -
If I get over this current depression, I'm going to
begin to do a lot of things. The depression will be
like years passed I have a bunch things will be
A.C. went to give that day. By that Redhead fellow
from Tennessee a chance to stand and appreciate
his dad - This one here, is a flop we think respect
it it costs a nickel, we never been one
human so strong or selfish, but that's my buckler
so what -

Love and a hundredways across the miles and
the hope here is not fading - Let him tell
you - if he hasn't told you -

Yours

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Dear Friend =

Lanesley Hospital
Nov 24

Planned a lot for your
Letters - They provide cheer in this dismalf place
and I do need something to buoy me up -
This case went on the books yesterday -
no P.C. does! See the hospitals having spell
after spell of blood from the two major
~~or~~ arteries of the human body. No infarcts
and the suit, T.O. from one Black from the other
the case but our center starting so late or even
examine. His report to day will nothing worse
than yesterday's report. "Malignant tumor,"
heens, seems to be their generic name -
He must stay in "Hospital indefinitely" friend -
Case postponed until Dec 1st Jury sent home
until then - Next the Judge presid next
Tuesday. Far Mothers and arguments, saying
he would be prepared to listen all day -
Somehow I have a feeling the D.A. feels he has
not made out a case. Somehow the Judge seems
to have taken a new turn in this case - I hope
it's not false hope - we're going a head and
have our witnesses in and go over their
testimony which will take us several days.
The Drs say that P.C. must have absolute quiet
his hair drags like every thing else she keeps
up against for over a year - we were all set

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Dear Si:

I was sorry I was out last night when you called but Alice, a far more observing reporter than most, gave me the news when I returned.

This morning she went down to visit Sharon and she is working at home on other people's clothes. The car is gathering dust because she says every time she touches it there's a repair bill or something. Alice offered her some money but she said she was allright now. Alice decided for Christmas to buy and cook them a small turkey, rather than give them things which don't mean much right now.

I suppose Alice told you Syl had been shipped home from Smith to recuperate from a rundown condition. She arrived the night before last. She looks thin but otherwise okay. She's changed so I would not have known her if I saw her on the street.

Father Dempsey is reported on the critical list at Mercy Hospital, San Diego. They were to operate, but he was too low. Transfusions so far have not helped and they fear some internal condition beyond repair is the cause. He lost 50 pounds after a diabetic condition but Im afraid this other thing was the real cause.

Jerry Baker returned from Racine where he drove Mrs Wilkenson and her three children. Wilkenson was that electronic engineer who joined Hunrath in a flight in a rented plane and was kidnapped by Spacemen. Now you tell one. Ive decided that these visitors must be the scavengers of the universe and are picking up our garbage. As you have said, why do they contact everybody but us?

Several visitors have come gathering saucer news, and all them get the straight on the Newton Story. One of them Gardener, had six lectures at the Troupers and must have gross \$400 a night. He was by all odds the most superficial character operating in the saucerian field.

Golly, if from the first attack on you you had gone around the country lecturing you could have made \$2000 a week and from the looks of things can still do it. Compared to what you know, how you talk and the clarity of your talks these others are snooks and as ignorant as a grazing cow.

Sharon gave Alice two clippings, which seems was all she had. . . We got out another edition of Blessed Mother Goose but delays piled up and just about ruined our Christmas trade. I sold the thing to Greenberg Publisher, New York, for a spring publication, with no advance. But I believe in time it will work out better than publishing here at such high manufacturing costs that you owe yourself money the better you sell. All for now. More Sunday. Ever,

Dear Frank:

Your letter came today and we talked to you
in re the lecture program - we may go over
certain aspects of that subject. As I see it there
is my idea is this - Everyone knows a mystery - what
do you think of this to start the show?
My Uncle Sandy, author of "The F.T." will present
for the first time one of the scientists who
had the privilege in the assembly of the Lewis
Center that went into the book. I gave to the
Speaker in 1950 - We are introducing this speakers
name, until of present him to you in person
to present to the Tax service public a complete
picture whereby you can have a free
and comprehensive knowledge of the most
controversial subject of our time - Your
own day that events make this an opportunity
time to clarify the public's mind on this
subject and so many speakers are appearing
in different parts of America as crowded
houses, regardless of capacity, that it is time
the public be given what you consider an
experts analysis of Flying Saucers, their origin
their mission to this Earth - their method of
propulsion, - and a summary of recent developments
that therefore have not been made public -
I have gone into the subject with a gentleman
here whose identity we have shielded and have
promised to add subject matter to be overall
picture that will be of real interest to any
audience lay or scientific -

Thursday night 3/27

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In addition the series can be set there to better
A bit of shopping about skin one year caused
time which was considerably that could handle
up to 1000 or more -

Now here is another idea - We can't get bails
film, but we can prepare an affidavit as
to 8 or 10 people who saw it and saw
that they don't attempt to explain -

There are a few who skin over you and have
been put to sign a properly prepared statement

Mr McLean of Park Springs - Atomic Energy Com -
Paul Sullivan - Physician Daughns hair dyed.
Mrs Meyer & Mr Jaeger - Hollywood High and their

Littles -

Mr Engle - Mississinie scientist who saw the
the two experts from Calcutta who saw the
histories at Beaumont's ^{Calcutta} ~~Calcutta~~ ^{Beaumont} ~~Calcutta~~ ^{Beaumont} ~~Calcutta~~
possibilities - See Meuler's opinion -

Your opinion of it -

Set up as a color film made by recent
in testing an overhanded camera for four
work - I propose in one lecture to discuss
magnetic phenomena in the Earth's field
from major unities to minor and the physiology
that, the earth's field is recharged or rebalanced
each magnetic day from cosmic energy and
the Sun's reservoirs from the medium of
atomic matter flung scattered over the world
largely spaced by family conditions in the mountain

systems - and that this possibility is faced by the visit of this obscure apparition - I can use this as the ~~say~~ major theme to keep nerves - it will be argued don't - the audience can argue all day please, but they can't say no -

Now to problems here - Money is the first order of the day, for there is a long straight fight ahead - I needed Rose here - have you paid something about Marshall - does he fit into Criminal cases? We have got to get her regardless of cost - we may get U.S. atty from Seattle here today. We may bury him in -

Our initial fight is now tried case shake the consciousness behind the prosecution to its core.

He arrived here Nov 6th Inverete Ampfield to take airline car crashed into car and he was thrown out roof - His forehead and nose gashed up so thin skin visible - He reported to his atty that he was badly hurt. - M. attorney filed motion for continuance and Judge ordered August 1st check off. 16 grants were made 13 rejected by A.M.B. - The Dr reported man ok - only needed Laskerian glass of water nights sleep - Judge over ruled motions - Case started Sept 1st my to me and over and over I whispered day after day - "write out questions, to pass to

Dear Atto - He always thought back "you
do it, I can't" and he never once seemed
to understand what was going on as he
had proceeded - He realized he was getting
more from something, so he undertook
to look up some specialist in the Medical
district, thinking his ulcers were the sort of
his trouble. All this time he had terrible
head pains - He called his office and
was turned him set up - Hospitalized, then
had to wait wheelchair case, understaffed
agreement with client; medical attention agreed
to every 30 minutes, but had to be wheelad
out of regular duty - Rest in chair finally
and there / hr / o minutes, no success. He began
to go completely hay wire and demanded
hisatty get him out of court - Hardly awhile
he collapsed and we had him a dead defendant.
He collapsed and we had him a dead defendant;
then about 20 minutes with antiphase respiration
in Dray's chambers he revived and looking at
Dray's shoulders flailing at him - He mouthed
"Jesus belly judge" flailing at him even
Judge did go over, I want the death known even
if it kills me" He hasn't remembered this -
Then he signed waiver his constitutional
rights but still screamed to become judge
overruled and they threw him back to
the slougher - ~~He left~~ got diagnosed, my
Cranial specialist Christopher - and when he
recommended him he found basal skull
fracture, and there we were - he called

Medicinal brain specialist but case dragged
on - we tried to get the 16 traps - Got
8 yesterday - The Dr's severe headache
they had, but these were the back. Today
we went Dr's offices and threatened enough
action with search warrant nights. They
claimed no more - but 2 hrs later drug
out 3 more - These were of nasal area
still no head pictures - where are they
and how could they report to court on
head condition if they didn't have them?
We took him to our hospital for traps
to day - No luck - 4 pictures on his back
and where turned see his belly for basal
stell pictures. He passed out. His right
side from neck down arm and leg went
dead - so they called mat take the pictures
Told might kill him - Dr's demanded hospital
bed - complete rest, and we arranged for
orthopedic neurologist for Saturday. We plan
it to set up our flight with Dr's. Now can't
be reached and start right for new bridge
in his basic function - Have to have
more lawyers as ours not competent to try
this fight alone against the entrenched Dr.,
and Judge -
So I must have money, and I must lecture
now - and every minute counts - The

Next court appearance as to motions need
Scitell and officials comes Jan 2nd all these
things means months and months - so
his free except as occasion demands
presence with other and as becoming -
So ends the year 1953 - and ahead lies
1954, the fight is not going to be easy
for they won round one - Roger Army
opponents want want a dam - They
didn't even look at the record - They
just listened to the D.A., see how we
conned this right crook Falter -

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I was on stand nearly 3 days.
Bob, was on stand 20 minutes to lay ground
for certain exhibits - again 20 minutes
for more exhibits - then 10 minutes and
all day - He would have to have been
on stand at least 4 days to present his
side. No jury could know his relations
and dealings with Stoller and the bank
and development by the Kuphacer madame
used and owned by them independently
just until these separation - This never
got into the case except a few faints
here and there - So

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to kick the brains out of the Doc and his staff
and make these papers get down on their rotten
journalistic knees and yell uncle - but
we are hanged in our tracks - of course have
ReBauer, because we must catch the magnetic
geophysical engineer down their throats - &
think GdB's rays are just many and want
this matter cleared before the world - Jacobson
wants Doc knowes some thing about this
sooner business that he might really let
lose of gauded properly - Jacobson was built
us in all the days and meets of protocol now
on the matter.

Ski glad Howard secure up with Howard.
As she held over in confidence, since and again
she is a strange person beyond any she know
My great concern is of course our boy and I just
want give the solution now by any method of
means can comprise up - she had to letters
from her, enclosing things from Howard, and
telling me how he talks about me all the time
after letter same yesterday along with yours -
She says she hasn't heard from Pat since left
which makes a full month now -
My concern about Smith and the set up in
Mexico grows daily - Dorsey does not seem
to get to the bottom of the delay any more
than I would, and skin already reaching about

here for - any straw; but with this weight
hunging over me and no money - no office
no car, I ~~can't~~ make even a decent start.

Might have Smith carrying him on his program
all my long work and plans go ~~Photo~~ Photo
and he won't be able to even get back out.
Here off this one goes back to trial it will
take 8 to 10 days and that's then Dec 17th so

no I see things now, they are dark to say the
least - off ~~He'll~~ can't be ready Dec 12 then we

go into another first termment or mistake
and where are we? As far as the cloud of
suspicion will still be in the air, and no
matter how I try, no there, and won't black out

Best of every thing - I try to work evenings
as I'm alone in this house, I regret there's no
sign of any type of conversational life, they
go off to bed at 8:30 & prepare endless lists of
questions for the coming day in court, and will
not stop - she prepared the 1000 questions
must be asked to spell out my testimony in
the most minute detail plus every possible
question that will permit me to give the lie to
Hudson's testimony -

So goes the life of a guy that's broken
and nearly "Commercial Bludge" in the grinding
toons of the Peoples defense version Newton
green Dec

FLYING-Saucer HOAX

Two years ago SR published a debunking prod at a piece of science-fiction masquerading as fact, the book by Frank Scully called "Behind the Flying Saucers". In the course of our review (SR Sept. 23, 1950) we questioned the reliability of Mr. Scully's two main witnesses on the subject of interplanetary travel: Silas M. Newton, described in the book as "one of the great geophysicists of the oil industry", and another supposedly eminent geophysicist who was identified mysteriously as "Dr. Gee." The latter individual has now been revealed as Leo A. GeBauer.

In Denver recently, both Mr. Newton and Mr. GeBauer were charged by the District Attorney with operating a \$50,000 confidence-game swindle involving oil well exploration tests with electronic "doodlebugs". One of these devices was represented as costing \$800,000; actually, it was a war surplus item worth less than four dollars. A nationwide hunt for the two men is now in progress. District Attorney Bert M. Keating said that Frank Scully may be called to Denver as a witness.

The District Attorney's office was assisted by J.P. Cahn, a San Francisco newspaperman who has been investigating Newton and GeBauer for more than a year. Mr. Cahn had obtained a piece of "flying saucer metal" from Newton - a metal described in Scully's book as "resembling aluminum but so hard no application of heat could break it down". In tests at Stanford University this metal was found to be a type of aluminum used to make pots and pans; it melted at 657 degrees Fahrenheit.

Herman A. Flader, an industrialist from Denver, has been identified as the victim of the \$50,000 swindle. Checking through

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our subscription files of September 1950 - on the theory that a man forewarned is a man forearmed - we note that Mr. Flader's name was not among those present.

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GeBauer and Newton Free On Bail in \$50,000 Fraud

By LEE TRAINOR

Rocky Mountain News Writer

Arizona authorities clamped a strangle-hold on assets of Leo A. GeBauer, Phoenix businessman, yesterday as both GeBauer and Silas M. Newton, Denver's "flying saucer" man, won temporary freedom in an alleged \$50,000 swindle.

Rapid-fire developments that panned half a continent in the fascinating case of "doodlebugs," oil wells and "men from Venus" were these:

1. In Phoenix, a superior court judge appointed a conservator to take over the assets of two GeBauer-operated firms, the Western Radio and Engineering Corp. and the Lubauer Petroleum Co. The state charges GeBauer sold securities without registering them with the Arizona Securities Commission.

BOTH FREE ON BOND

2. In Los Angeles, Newton, a Denver oil executive, was freed on \$5000 bond on a habeas corpus writ after his arrest by local police late Tuesday night at his fashionable home in Hollywood.

"It's all news to me," Newton said of the federal and state charges. These allege he and GeBauer bilked Herman A. Flader, Denver businessman, out of \$50,000 on a California oil well that turned out to be a water well.

3. In Phoenix, GeBauer posted two \$10,000 bonds—one each for the state and federal charges—and was freed. He was arrested by FBI agents late Tuesday as he stepped off an airplane after a flight from Grand Junction.

4. In Denver, U. S. District Attorney Charles S. Vigil gave the green light to District Attorney Bert M. Keating to "take jurisdiction, if he wishes to."

5. Mr. Keating said he plans

to take over. He said that should either GeBauer or Newton refuse to waive extradition "we will set in motion extradition proceedings at once."

Thus, the wheels that were set furiously in motion Tuesday continued to spin yesterday over state and federal teletypes.

Mr. Keating pulled the switch when he filed state confidence game charges against Newton and GeBauer.

This was because Newton and GeBauer allegedly represented a \$3.50 war surplus machine—the "doodlebug"—as an \$800,000 magnetic oil detector to Mr. Flader and allegedly continued to accept installments on the \$50,000 interest in a Mojave, Calif. oil well after it was converted into a water well, Mr. Keating said.

Mr. Keating said his office can prove that Newton and GeBauer misrepresented the "doodlebug" to secure funds from Mr. Flader. He said he can prove that the pair continued to accept payments for the California "oil" well from Mr. Flader after it was converted into a water well. *

A few hours later, Mr. Vigil filed charges against the pair for allegedly transporting across state lines "monies or securities obtained by fraud"—supposedly \$39,525 that Mr. Flader paid them.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ACTS

Four hours after federal warrants were issued here, GeBauer

was picked up in Phoenix, and Newton was arrested in Los Angeles.

Yesterday, the Arizona Securities Commission got into the act.

Earl Hastings, securities division director, told The Rocky Mountain News by telephone that the assets of GeBauer's two firms were "conserved" because he allegedly sold securities for participation of interests in oil leases without registering them with the state of Arizona.

A Maricopa County superior court appointed Carl Dale of Phoenix to take over and hold the assets of both firms.

Mr. Flader, a wealthy Denver industrialist, told Mr. Keating he had invested an additional \$250,000 on advice of Newton, who heads the Newton Oil Co. here, and GeBauer.

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Silas Newton Flatly Denies Fraud Charge

By LEE TRAINOR
Rocky Mountain News Writer

Silas M. Newton, Denver oil producer, yesterday flatly denied that he swindled a wealthy industrialist out of \$50,000.

In an exclusive telephone interview with The Rocky Mountain News from Los Angeles, Mr. Newton declared:

1. "Directly or indirectly I am not, and never have been, in any way connected with such a proposition."

2. "He will waive extradition and will return to fight the charges. "I want to get back as soon as I can. I've never run away from anything in my life and I don't intend to start now with this preposterous charge."

3. "That he never misrepresented a \$3 "doodlebug" or magnetic oil detector, as an \$800,000 machine to Herman A. Flader, Denver industrialist, and did not sell any such machine to Mr. Flader for a large sum of money.

4. "That he once owned oil properties valued at several million dollars, but now is nearly broke. "That's as far as cash goes. We still have a number of valuable oil properties."

Wife and Son Raise Money for Bond

The interview was conducted a few hours after Mr. Newton was released from Los Angeles County Jail where he had been held since Thursday because he couldn't post \$5000 bond.

His son, Fred, of Denver raised \$4000 from his father's friends here, Mr. Newton said. His third wife, Sharon, 36, secured an additional \$1000, apparently by disposing of her jewelry. Earlier reports said Mr. Newton had been released Thursday night.

For the first time, the fabulous self-styled flying saucer expert, a former Colorado Amateur golf champion, told his side of the story that has been highlighted by swindle charges against him.

"I'm pretty unhappy about this," Mr. Newton, 64, told The News. "We don't even know exactly what the charges are. We're trying to find out."

He was told that Mr. Flader, owner of the Stayput Clamp and Coupling Co., 3975 York st., had charged that Mr. Newton and Leo A. GeBauer, Phoenix, businessman, bilked him out of some \$50,000 on a Mojave, Calif., oil well deal.

Flader Charges Misrepresentation

He was told that Mr. Flader charged both he and Mr. GeBauer continued to accept payments on a 12½-percent interest in that well even after, unknown to Mr. Flader, it had been converted into a water well.

He was told that Mr. Flader charged both he and Mr. GeBauer continued to accept payments on a 12½ percent interest in that well sum of money to buy an interest in some of these machines.

One charge, he was told, was that he and Mr. GeBauer sold a half-interest in a doodlebug, which they allegedly valued at \$12,500, to Mr. Flader for \$6250. And that Mr. Flader claimed he lost another \$250,000 by investments on Mr. Newton's advice.

He was told that the federal government had filed charges against him and Mr. GeBauer for allegedly transporting money gained by fraud (from Mr. Flader) across state lines.

Mr. Newton answered the charges in detail.

He said he first met Mr. Flader in 1949, and that Mr. Flader expressed an interest in investing in some oil properties.

Wanted to Drill Rangely Properties

"He brought up the question," Mr. Newton said. "First, he wanted to drill some of our Rangely (Colorado) properties. But we examined his equipment and told him it couldn't drill it."

Mr. Newton insisted that Mr. Flader paid for what he termed "a small interest" in the California well before the drilling began, and that no money was received from him for that purpose after the drilling was discontinued.

Turning back to the Wyoming oil well deal, which concerned properties west of Laramie, Mr. Newton went on:

'Casing Collapsed,' Newton Says

"When he (Flader) drilled, he struck oil at 5472 feet. When we all rushed up there, we found he didn't have any pipe. It took him 11 days to round up the pipe—the steel strike was on then and it was scarce.

"Well, he found this pipe in Nebraska and it was cheap and no good. So what happened? The casing collapsed.

"We warned him about that, but he told us: 'This is my well. I'll do as I please.'

"Instead of plugging the well, he fooled with it four or five months. He must have spent \$40,000 or \$50,000. Then, without any notice to anyone, he throws up his hands and walks away. 'I'm through,' he said.

"He left us holding the bag. He left us (Newton Oil Co.) with an enormous mess to clean up—a mess that cost us plenty of money.

"Now he did this—he entered into the deal—completely of his own volition."

"We suggested he investigate our Wyoming properties, because we had some producing properties there. We, as well as a large number of other oil experts, were convinced that much oil lay deep down in the sands.

"I told Flader to take his engineer and go up there and look it over. He asked me to come along, but I told him, 'No, you go look. You decide for yourself. If it's what you're looking for we'll make a deal for a quarter interest.'

"Our talks went on for two or three months during the summer of 1949. We suggested that he look over one of our present wells. I told him that, if he wished, he could take that over and drill deeper instead of starting a new well. That would save him, and did, about \$50,000 or \$60,000.

"Well, he went up there with his engineer and looked it over and

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then came back and said he wanted to complete the deal."

Mr. Newton said it was at about this time that the deal for the Mojave well also was completed.

"As I recall—and I'm not positive about it, but reasonably certain, however—it was at this time that Flader expressed an interest in some of our California properties. He paid for that in the summer of 1949.

"We drilled into that property and drilled into granite. The hole was so crooked it had to be abandoned."

Mr. Newton steadfastly maintained he did not know Mr. GeBauer until Mr. Flader introduced him to the Phoenix man.

"I had heard about him from Flader. His claim was that this man's (Mr. GeBauer) relations with the government were such that he had the latest information on improvements in magnetometer equipment.

"This equipment, by the way, is an integral part of the oil business. It is duly recognized and not as 'doodlebugs.'

Flader Introduced Him to GeBauer

Mr. Newton said that Mr. Flader introduced him to Mr. GeBauer. As to the sale of the interest in the doodlebugs, he said:

"That's 100 percent untrue in every respect. As I recall at the moment, Flader undertook at his own volition to make a deal with GeBauer. I didn't know whether GeBauer got \$1 or \$150,000 from Flader.

"I find now that they (Mr. GeBauer and Mr. Flader) had their own geophysical company. Flader pictured GeBauer as a great friend of his and a business associate. I'd heard about GeBauer from Flader a few months before I met him."

District Attorney Bert Keating claims that he can prove that Mr. Newton and Mr. GeBauer knew each other before the dealings with Mr. Flader.

Mr. Newton charged that "certain people outside law enforcement" were behind the prosecution of him. "I know who they are—they've been running want ads in Denver and Los Angeles papers seeking information about me." He would not, however, disclose the identity of such persons.

"Not now, anyway," he said.

Sworn Statements Being Prepared

His Los Angeles attorney, Brigham Rose, confirmed Mr. Newton's statement that he will return to Denver to fight the charges, which were filed early this week.

"We will waive extradition if the warrants are backed up by sworn statements by Mr. Flader," Mr. Rose said. Mr. Keating said yesterday these sworn statements are being prepared.

In addition to operations in the oil industry and his fame as a golfer, Mr. Newton made headlines with a lecture on flying saucers at Denver University. He caused a stir in the nation's scientific circles by saying that U. S. authorities had captured three saucers with the bodies of 34 "little men" in them and that presumably came "from Venus."

A book, "Behind the Flying Saucers", later was written about his and other theories by Frank Scully.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR }
REQUISITION ON THE GOVERNOR OF }
CALIFORNIA FOR THE ARREST AND }
SURRENDER OF S. M. NEWTON, FUGITIVE }
FROM JUSTICE OF COLORADO. }

Affidavit of Principal
Complaining Witness as
to Commission of Crime.
Flight of Fugitive, etc.

I, H. A. FLADER, sometimes known as HERMAN A. FLADER, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath depose and say:

I am the complaining witness in the criminal case of the People of the State of Colorado against Leo A. GeBauer and S. M. Newton instituted in the Justice Court of George M. McNamara, a Justice of the Peace in and for the City and County of Denver and State of Colorado, and charging said Leo A. GeBauer and S. M. Newton with having committed the crime of confidence game, a felony, in the State of Colorado, against me, Herman A. Flader of the City and County of Denver and State of Colorado.

I am making this affidavit in support of the warrant and demand of the Governor of the State of Colorado for the extradition from the State of California of said S. M. Newton, as a fugitive from the justice of the State of Colorado, and as defendant in the criminal case described in the preceding paragraph.

I have identified, in the presence of one Howard L. Roberts, whose affidavit is also attached to these extradition proceedings, two photographs, Exhibit A. on Page 2, and Exhibit B, on Page 3, of said affidavit of Howard L. Roberts, as being photographs and true representations of the No. 1 device hereinafter referred to in this affidavit. Said device was then and there intact in the condition in which I received it from defendant Leo A. GeBauer, as hereinafter described, and was then and there opened in the presence of said Roberts and myself. Said photographs were taken in the presence of myself and said Roberts and correctly depict

the device in question. I have identified this device pictured in said photographs to said Roberts in his presence as being the No. 1 device or apparatus acquired by me from the defendant Leo A. GeBauer in January, 1950, in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, and as being the identical device which the said Leo A. GeBauer had previously represented to me in said Denver, Colorado, to be the identical apparatus by means of which he had located 117 producing oil wells, upon which representations I relied in paying the \$50,000 hereinafter described, and also as being the identical device which the defendant S. M. Newton, in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, fraudulently represented to me as having discovered oil in place on property, hereinafter described, under gas and oil lease in California, which said lease S. M. Newton proposed to, and eventually did, by means of this and other false representations made to me by him and said GeBauer, sell me an interest for \$50,000, which sum of money is the basis for said criminal charge against the said Leo A. GeBauer and the said S. M. Newton.

In March, 1949, one Charles Marshall and one Don C. Jacobson came to my office in Denver, Colorado, on several occasions and told me of a great scientist who had a machine that could tell me where to drill for water, oil and gas, stating that it would determine the exact underground location.

In April, 1949, said Marshall and said Jacobson brought the defendant Leo A. GeBauer to my office in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, and introduced him as the expert they had been telling me about. The said GeBauer told me he was with the United States Government in highly secret work, that he had graduated from Berlin University, Unter-den-Linden, and that he was presently the chief consulting geologist for the University of Southern California, which representations were false.

At that time, in the said City and County of Denver, Leo A. GeBauer exhibited to me a machine or device he had with him (which was the identical device, No. 1, referred to above and shown in the photographs Exhibit A and Exhibit B attached to the affidavit of

Howard L. Roberts). He stated that he had perfected the machine during World War II and that this identical machine had been used by him personally to locate 17 Japanese submarines in one day, which submarines then were sunk by U. S. Navy Surface craft while he, GeBauer, flew over in an airplane. He further stated that the United States Government had placed at his disposal two million dollars during World War II for research, and that he had 600 people working under him. He stated that he still was with the government, but was able to get away for short periods of time, even though he was still perfecting certain devices used on the B-36 airplane - all of which representations were false.

I asked the said GeBauer if he would examine my ranch property near Denver and tell me if I had any water or oil. He said he could, and he, Marshall, Jacobson and myself went down to my ranch, where, by means of this device he claimed immediately to locate both oil and water on my property. I marked the areas where he told me water was located, but my drilling later on those spots produced only dry holes.

Leo A. GeBauer, in exhibiting the said device to me, stated that when the red light flashed on it indicated that oil was within the defined area, and that gas deposits would be indicated by the flashing of the white light on the device; and said lights did flash when said GeBauer manipulated the device on my land and claimed it was locating oil and gas, respectively. Said GeBauer also told me that his device would shoot a subsurface picture of the underground structure, saying it cost \$517 for such picture because the operation would blow up an expensive tube. I asked him to shoot a picture, but he said he did not have sufficient tubes, but would go back East and make some more. He said that when he returned he would shoot a subsurface picture for me, which he never did. He left, promising to return in two weeks.

Before the two weeks had expired, Silas Mason Newton, or said S. M. Newton, came to my office in Denver and introduced himself as an oil man and geologist with many major oil holdings.

He stated he had a machine which would locate oil in place, and said he had about 40 producing wells at the time. I then told him I wanted his advice about Leo A. GeBauer and his machine, and I related to him what the said GeBauer had told me about himself, and he agreed to inspect the machine and advise me.

Within a day or so, said GeBauer came back to my place of business with Marshall and Jacobson and I telephoned Newton and he came to my place. He brought with him his own oil-detecting device. It was in a mahogany box about 18 inches long, 20 inches high and 8 inches thick. It had no lights, but had a large dial on top and contained some mechanism.

I had leased some property near Kiowa, Colorado, but had not yet drilled it for oil. I suggested to said GeBauer and said Newton that they accompany me to the property and we would see if their respective machines would give us any readings indicating oil or gas in place. On the Kiowa property, Newton set up and manipulated his machine, and GeBauer set up and manipulated his own device. On this trip, both GeBauer's and Newton's devices were in the automobile in which we were traveling and GeBauer kept manipulating the dials of his machine, and, as we approached my Kiowa land, both the red and the white lights flashed on intermittently. When the red light flashed, GeBauer pointed out various places in the surroundings where he said oil was in place and estimated the number of barrels of daily production of oil. Newton scrutinized the land and stated that its contours made it certain to him as a geologist that oil was in place at the spots indicated by GeBauer. GeBauer took a number of readings, and Newton then stated that he was amazed at the accuracy of GeBauer's machine; that he had spent more than \$800,000 in developing his own device, but that it could not approach GeBauer's in efficiency and accuracy. GeBauer then offered to take Newton's machine to a laboratory in Chicago and look it over for him, but I do not know whether Newton took advantage of that offer.

GeBauer then told us that the aerials on his device which is shown in full at the lefthand side of the photograph Exhibit A,

Page 2, of the affidavit of Howard L. Roberts) were tipped with plutonium and were valued at \$3,800. S. M. Newton then told me privately that said GeBauer was a great scientist and geologist and that his machine was "sure-fire" and infallible in locating oil.

Shortly thereafter I talked privately with the said GeBauer about purchasing one of his machines, being convinced by what he and Newton had told me that GeBauer's apparatus was the real thing. GeBauer then stated that he could get me a machine for \$4,000, but pledged me to secrecy. He said he had some old plutonium tubes which had been entrusted to him by the United States Government, and that he could turn them in to it, and that the government, because of its faith in him, pretty well left it up to him as to who could be trusted with these vital instruments. I gave him \$2,000 in cash in my office in the City and County of Denver and State of Colorado, as a down payment, and GeBauer said this money was needed in advance to speed up the government's interest in getting him the additional materials with which to construct a machine for me. He told me that said Newton had approached him to incorporate the GeBauer machine into the Newton Oil Company and was pressing him on this matter. He said, however, that he would not let Newton come between us, and that he and I should stick together because we were of the same blood and he liked me and wanted to continue working with me.

Two weeks later said GeBauer brought me a new machine, differing from the device previously described, but he told me it would do the same work and was just more simplified and compact. He collected \$2,000 from me at that time in the City and County of Denver, Colorado and told me never to tell anyone that I had a machine.

At various times after he left I tried to get the machine to work, but was unable to do so. Finally said GeBauer wrote out some instructions for me to tell me how to operate it. These directions were unsuccessful, and I repeatedly called him regarding

the matter late in June or early in July of 1949, but could not locate him at his home in Phoenix, Arizona.

Shortly thereafter said GeBauer and I went into a 50-50 ownership of three of his machines, one of which was the No. 1 machine first exhibited to me. The payments were made intermittently, the checks therefor being dated supposedly at the exact times when, according to GeBauer, he had bank loans coming due in Phoenix, Arizona. He said that he owed the bank these various amounts on loans he had negotiated there to obtain money with which to build the various machines and that payment thereof was necessary to enable him to obtain release of the devices. One of the three machines under this agreement was the identical device originally displayed to me by GeBauer and pictured in the affidavit of Howard L. Roberts. GeBauer warned me not to open any of the machines, saying they would explode.

Said Newton and GeBauer began telling me in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, that they had been making trips into the Mojave Desert, where they were working on a major oil development which they had discovered solely by means of said GeBauer's device which he had displayed to me. They said that by means of this device they had located in the Mojave Desert one of the largest deposits of natural gas ever known, and that the land would also produce 18,000 barrels of oil a day. They asked me to come in with them for a 2½% interest for \$7,500. Newton told me in GeBauer's presence in said Denver, Colorado, that there was a pipeline directly across the said property which they had acquired, and that the company which had installed the pipeline had left a connection which could be hooked onto. Newton displayed a big book of large drawings and showed me the certain depths and locations, determined by use of GeBauer's said machine, where they were going to sink wells to get gas. Believing and induced by these representations, and the representations by said Newton and GeBauer as to the absolute ability of GeBauer's machine to locate oil and gas in place, and relying and acting thereon, I paid them \$7,500 at the City and County of Denver; and GeBauer repeatedly told me that this gas field

was one of the greatest things ever located, saying it was the biggest gas field ever known and not to let anyone talk me out of it -- that I would never again get anything like this.

The said Newton again came to my office in said Denver, Colorado, saying he had just returned from what he said was an exploratory trip to the Mojave Desert property and told me how GeBauer's machine had performed on this Mojave property of ours. He reiterated that said GeBauer was one of the greatest scientists in the world -- undoubtedly the greatest in the West; and that while he was in California he had met some men who had worked with GeBauer during the war and they described him as a genius. He said that GeBauer was a far greater scientist than even he, Newton, had realized.

About two weeks after I had paid Newton the \$7,500, he came to me and said that he and GeBauer had just lined up a contract with a California company that was going to use the gas from our project, and he said that he had entered into a contract with the company to take all of the gas output at great profit to us. On these representations, together with those previously described herein as being made by said Newton and GeBauer, I made further payments to Newton at said Denver, Colorado, for an additional interest in the project. Thereafter on numerous occasions, Newton dunneed me for more money, saying it took more than peanuts to finance an operation like this. On one of these occasions when he approached me for money he told me in said Denver, Colorado, that the drilling casing was full of gas and that the pressure was so great that when the valve had been opened at the top of the casing the noise of escaping gas could be heard a quqrter of a mile away.

On one of these last approaches for money to be invested by me in the said Mojave Desert project, in said Denver, Colorado, Newton and GeBauer told me in Denver, Colorado as aforesaid, that the well on the Mojave property had been drilled to a depth of 2300 feet. The description given me by said Newton and GeBauer, of the land in the Mojave project is the N¹/₄ of Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 12 West, S.B., containing 320 acres more or less.

All together, by means of these false representations upon which I fully relied and acted in paying to said Newton and GeBauer the money hereinafter mentioned, that the GeBauer device was capable of discovering, and had discovered, oil and gas in place in the Mojave Desert, that the property had been developed so that large quantities of gas were available for sale, and had already been sold, on an income-producing basis, and that 18,00 barrels of oil a day would be produced, I paid to S. M. Newton, otherwise known as Silas Mason Newton, in said Denver, Colorado, the total sum of \$49,400, no part of which has been recovered by me in any manner, and \$39,400 of which was paid by me to said Newton after October 26, 1949.

In truth and in fact, as said GeBauer and Newton well knew, the device of the said GeBauer which was represented to me by said GeBauer and said Newton as having located oil and gas on our said Mojave property was and is utterly inert within itself, and functionally incapable of radiating or receiving electromagnetic energy, or, specifically, of locating oil, gas or other mineral deposits in place, or of receiving or emanating electric or electrical information to anything inside of said unit, and was, and is designed for the sole possible use and purpose of adjusting radio frequencies when fitted into, and deriving power from a radio transmitter, as will more fully appear in the affidavit of Howard L. Roberts, also attached to this extradition demand.

In truth and in fact, as said GeBauer and Newton well knew, said GeBauer and said Newton drilled no well on said Mojave project property to a depth of 2300, or to any other substantial depth. In truth and in fact, as said GeBauer and Newton well knew, no oil or gas was discovered on said project; nor, in truth, as they well knew, or in fact, did said GeBauer or said Newton, or either of them, or anyone acting for them or in their behalf, have any contract with any company, as represented, to purchase gas from said Mojave project.

The primary thing upon which I relied and which induced me to pay out said \$50,000 was my confidence in the capability of the said GeBauer machine to locate, define and measure oil and gas in place, which confidence was established in my mind by the knowing and designed false representations of said GeBauer and Newton, made to me in the

City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, that said machine infallibly had and would so locate, define and measure oil and gas in place, and had done so on other occasions, and specifically had done so on said described land in the Mojave Desert, in which they were selling me an interest.

Immediately below, marked Exhibit C is a photograph of Silas Mason Newton or S. M. Newton. This photograph clearly depicts and represents said Newton.

(EXHIBIT C - Photograph of)
(S. M. Newton)

I hereby state that the ends of public justice require that the said S. M. Newton, otherwise known as Silas Mason Newton, be brought to the State of Colorado and stand trial for the crime committed, that he may be dealt with according to the statutes of the State of Colorado in such case made and provided.

I hereby further state that this application for requisition is made in good faith, and for the sole purpose of punishing the accused, and that I do not desire or expect to use the prosecution for the purpose of collecting a debt, or for any private purpose.

/s/ H. A. FLADER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 1952.

/s/ GEORGE M. McNAMARA (SEAL)
Justice of the Peace in and for the City and
County of Denver, State of Colorado.
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