

# Youths Had Blood On Their Clothing, Witness Testifies

A former Halifax hairstylist sought protection under the Canada Evidence Act yesterday, minutes before he told court that John William Whalen and Barry Rhodenizer arrived at his Sarah Street home in the early morning of Nov. 18 with blood on their clothing.

Carl Gerald LeMarchand, St. John's, Nfld., was given blanket protection of the court by Mr. Justice F. W. Bissett for almost all of his testimony.

It was the second day of the non-capital murder trial of Whalen, 17, Dartmouth, who faced a jury of four women and eight men for the first time Friday.

LeMarchand gave evidence that Whalen and Rhodenizer had been with him in downtown Halifax at around 10:30 p.m. Nov. 17. He said he left them and returned to his home at about midnight, next seeing the youths sometime after 1 a.m.

He said the boys had with them, upon returning, a blue cigarette lighter, two centennial one dollar bills, an American silver dollar, a 1937 King George dollar and a motor vehicle permit in the name of Robert Ward. Rhodenizer burned the vehicle permit in an ashtray, LeMarchand said.

With further reference to the clothing worn by both Whalen and Rhodenizer that morning, LeMarchand said he and Rhodenizer hid a plastic bag containing trousers, a jacket and a white shirt down a manhole at the corner of Cunard and Moran streets a couple of days after Ward's body was found beside his car in a ditch near Lakeside.

LeMarchand told court he and Whalen spoke of the Ward killing in the absence of Rhodenizer.

Whalen, he said, told him he had tried to stop Rhodenizer from stabbing Ward but was unable to do so.

LeMarchand was one of almost 30 Crown witnesses to take the stand. Whalen's brother, James also testified.

As his father sat behind John Michael Whalen, James Whalen described a Canadian centennial one dollar bill which brother 'Jackie' gave him sometime last year while on board the fishing vessel Cape Sable.

James Whalen said he, in turn, sold the bill to Curtis Grandby, a crewman, for one dollar.

Grandby testified that John

'Jackie' Whalen was on board the Cape Sable for about a week starting Nov. 22. He said the youth left Nov. 29.

Highlight of the morning's testimony occurred when Frank Mitchell, former resident of a trailer court near Lakeside, identified Whalen as the youth he saw at an accident scene shortly after midnight, Nov. 18.

Mr. Mitchell said he heard what sounded like a car go off the road. Then he jumped into his own vehicle to investigate the matter further. Upon arrival at the scene, he saw a young boy whom he identified in court as John Whalen.

Several witnesses described finding a late model vehicle in the ditch at Lakeside early that morning. Some said they asked if any help was needed and were told by a youth that a wrecker was on the way to assist them.

Bruce Sinclair Sawlor, Beaverbank, said he was in the Greenhead Road area (where the Ward vehicle was found) late that night or early morning Nov. 18 and saw two boys walking along the highway.

Another witness Robert W.

Blackburn said he and a companion picked up two hitchhikers at Beechville very early that same morning and took them to the corner of Agricola and Cunard streets in Halifax.

According to a number of police officers who testified, Ward's body was found at about 8 a.m. Nov. 18.

Brother of the dead man, Jenner Ward, Lower Sackville, said he went with policemen to a local funeral home Nov. 20 to make positive identification of the victim.

A plastic bag and a number of clothes were tendered in evidence by the Crown during yesterday's proceedings.

City Works sub-foreman Joseph Young and RCMP Cpl. Calvin Craig said they located the items of clothing in a drain on the corner of Moran and Cunard streets in late January.

Armed Forces, Lt. Robert Hayes said he and a member of the RCMP found a cigarette lighter and an American silver dollar in the grounds of the North Commons Jan. 25 and 26.

The trial continues today.

## School For The Blind

# Expansion Of Program Needed Says President

The need for a complete renovation and expansion program including the addition of a swimming pool and gymnasium was emphasized by Bruce S. C. Oland, president of the Halifax School For The Blind, last night.

Mr. Oland, speaking at closing exercises of the School For The Blind, said the provision of a swimming pool and gymnasium for the girls and boys at the school ranging in ages from six to 21 years of age, "is as vitally important as any other function of the school because exercise for the young students is most important. We as a group, feel that the new pool and gym will be a real start in the motivation of our young people."

He said total enrolment for the year was 156, with 49 per cent from Nova Scotia; 22 per cent from New Brunswick; 23 per cent from Newfoundland; five per cent from P.E.I., and one per cent from Quebec.

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spend some hours each week with them providing the individual attention, companionship and exposure to outside influences and activities which are needed so much by pupils in a residential school.

Mr. Oland extended a special word of thanks to Mrs. Nancy Dixon, a group worker and Mrs. Jean Haley, volunteer supervisor for their skill and energy in organizing and carrying out the highly successful program.

In commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of CNIB, the Newfoundland-Labrador division of the CNIB presented the School For The Blind with a bronze plaque in appreciation for the assistance given by the school in preparing young people in their area to lead happy and productive lives."

Mr. Oland said later this month, the American Association of Instructors of the Blind will hold its biennial convention in Toronto. He announced that the Halifax