Dear Frank=

Monday night=

Thanks for your letter today - I do not think they do anything in the courts of Colorado that's done in other states but I shall check into the matter Tomorrow - I'm aware of one thing - This simple minded Judge only had one thing in mind from out the entire case and that was to rule with the D.A. For Example - There is a member of the D.A. staff, and advisor on Criminal law practice, in fact he's the author of the digest of Criminal practice - Every time any matter came up in chambers he was sent for, and whatever his opinion, that was the Judges, regardless of the law as shown by our attys —

Just now 7:17 PM to 7:47 I've been looking out the window at full eclipse of the moon so that's something=

As to Sharon's reaction I can't help it - all of my life, I've 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 arthritis I believed I could get well - the Dr's said No! well it took a long time, in fact over six years of constant effort, but as Prof I went and 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 5 of the 72 holes in 100 temperature - the next year I was runner-up in the Colo Amateur - the next I was second in

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the Iowa Masters Open - the next I won the Colorado open Amateur = 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 - Its so easy to figure you can't do this or that - I don't like to listen to pessimistic reactions and Sir Sorry Beats Sharpos way -

At this very minute, I'm 9 days away from having my bond forfeited and going to the County jail - the papers will make a big show of it being news - I do not see any possible way to raise $750 this week, but I'm a trying every day - and He keep me until they give me a blue jean outfit -

The first ray of hope to lick the above paragraph came last night in a call from Gene - You may know about it - and you may not - It was hard to understand so I said since you can't talk over the telephone write me Monday - so I hope to hear the details Tuesday - It has to do with a combination of the Colar film - Beams plate - the Martin idea - and this I do not get - Gene wanted to know if he could have the F.S. radio, and he wanted me to let it out of his possession - They just wanted to hear it, I said I told you the cord that rolls the plunger up and down is loose from the frame - He said will fix it - I said no dice - I have not dared to try to fix it for over 2 years, always planning that I would take it to Reis Lab

and with my trusty 45 in one hand stand under it was fired. All because I do not trust Doc in any way, now that a world wide commotion about it was started - and what's more I do not know of it ever saw a F.B.I. I only know that I talked to two people about it here in the early days of the trial Don Jacobsen & Doc - Don saw it long before I did, and he saw it work and he was told and he believed it came from a F.B.I. I saw one day nearly 2 years ago in a junk box in Doc's lab 4 or 5 similar looking units. I asked Doc what they were, and he said that they had tried to make some like mine but could 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 I was holding? The F.B.I. had a man there, some guy taking notes and I was told he was from F.B.I. Then why did they have Severson sweat to his lie - and give the size 16 x 8 x 6 inches for a box 5 x 5 x 5 - And why did the D.A. write Kohler for a copy of the Nunn-Don Tape recording? All three the case they tried to bring in Sanders - and the jeje attempts were so raw the Judge had to sustain our objections - None of this business was related to our charge of confidence game.

Gene tells me he thinks it certain (But let him tell

(you this) that he can send me the film for a private showing to my key people here - It seems that his FS radio is to play some part in the script idea - all to me very vague Gene says, Keyhoe is out, and the Edwards are base little man is better than ever, but he couldn't talk - maybe you have the inside by now. I asked Gene if he had seen you - He said yes Friday, but I didn't get it that his talk to me had gotten to you - I told him I would have the radio fixed, if it meant money in my hands now - and that if I could know what he proposed about it, I could let him have it - I believe it would have to be sealed completely and remain sealed - if all they want is to hear it - I've never heard of anyone having a round barrell about the size of an extra large spool of thread and a plunger moving up and down, and that kind of a gimmick turning in on all kinds of radio stations and short wave stations all at the same time without static, but I'm not a radio man and never claimed to be - This may have come from some ten cent department of war surplus goods - I have been found guilty by a great American Jury, and I don't believe in Santa Claus any more if any one ever tells me about the honesty and fair dealing nuggets from a Jury I'll spit in their face - First this jury

to a man and woman were ignorant persons
they did even read the papers - Had never
heard of this case etc - they would only
consider the evidence and the law and nothing
else - Lies meant nothing to them - The stupid
Judge before Xmas 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 patient thru the case - so they
said "Dear Judge Dear Da tell us what to
say and well say it." If you can make
me believe its ok to promise a jury a reward
while the case is still in trial, well you are
a master - I dont believe any judge has that
right to so prejudice a jury - they didnt
know what the case was about and they
did not give a damn -

So I hope Gene has something real as it will
help to get my ducks in a row -
I have no money from day to day. My family
there is in want - Im worried about this Uranium
deal - Its too good and until I get all hands
signed and the property in the corporation, I
just have to keep working and hoping
Thats all I can do - Its the same with the oil
deals - If I can battle up the Uranium Co. - I
can have a good chance to borrow money
while the coining is being done - and in

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this event wont have to wait 60 days to see daylight - but Lin not talking about this angle - Lin caught hell for 4 years because I wouldnt tell S. what I was doing or what I was working at - Lin been a loner all my life - and Lin never told what I planned about this or that as to the details even to my business associates - they have always known that there might be dozens of changes in any given program before its completion successfully or its end - Many many times Lin tried to tell S. but she never showed the slightest interest, but later would say why dont you tell your wife your plans? Thats her way she doesnt mean wrong. She doesnt know. it hurts to throw cold water, on what might be a plan of some kind - She hated, Doc openly - All I ever wanted from him was his magnetic dope - Its easy to see that at this moment I paid too high a price for it, because Lin lost my business standing and Lin broke because I met Hader and Hader introduced Joe Baner to me - Hader ruined one of our best properties and he ruined our company, SO she has 3 strikes on me - but Lin not anti- as to Flying S - every day something happens to support Doc's story and it emerges as the only solution to the way they fly - But we are agreed here, that he is not responsible on

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his own asst regardless of his absolute
genius as to magnetics - Youse of no trust
anything he says without making him
prove his statement - Just now and since Nov 6
he has been mentally unfit because of the Basal
skull fracture - He lies about trivial things
He can't say no, he accord guesses, and
he has no regard whatever for his appointments
and he was an absolute fool on the stand
on this case - and Lin stuck with him -
I have just talked to Mrs H.B. and she gave me all
the double talk she could but says they will be here
this weekend, all of which I'll believe when I see
them - She says they have two 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 proper
motions filed here - I can then work like hell -
If the picture comes I may be able to put me a
F.S. stand here for money - and if so I propose
to blow the lid off this whole scandalous mess -
Napoleons return from Elba will be mild history
if I get to lay it on the line - Outside yourself
everyone has treated this F.S. business like it
was a bed time story for kiddies - Adamski
could not stick to the truth - Keyhoe is a bit farce
dodge and completely bla as a writer - and
as for the Gardners et al and that Kid out there

they all give me a pain in the well known north end of a horse travelling due south — I stupidly kept my mouth shut 3 years on many magnetic angles, the key to this whole thing. I should have been pounding the boards coast to coast for do re mi and to hell with my family's wishes — they would be clothed and with a home and with money in the bank, instead of starving and me with a guilty at present on the criminal records of this state — Sir. The same person today that I was in 1952 — and in 1949 when I met Hader and I hope Sir a bit wiser, but some of the things I still do makes me doubt, but I somehow still believe in people — I have a story to tell Mr Scully, and you shall put it on paper for people everywhere, and for posterity tomorrow — I'm glad you talked to 140 school principals — Each one of those principals should have been willing to sponsor a talk to educate their pupils and their pupils parents on the transportation method of tomorrow — magnetic propulsion — Speed unlimited hovering anywhere at any elevation a simple procedure — Distances on this earth wiped out. The cost of propulsion nil because your stock of fuel is always just outside your window, and the bank never runs out — No rough flying — no sense of motion — The nation that has it, and

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it should be ours can like Joshua and his Sun act, command the world to stand still and the war drums of the world can be forever silenced, and mankind can live at peace amidst a true federation of the world — We got a quarter of a century of work ahead of me, and then I can sit in the shade of some old apple tree just beside the road, and let 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, I've suppressed the past ten years, and I have a hundred things until be O.K. I want to give that boy, by that redheaded-blood from Tennessee a chance to know and appreciate his dad — This one here, is a flop in that respect if it costs a nickel. I've never seen one human so stingy or selfish, but that's my burden, so what —

Love and a handclasp across the miles and the hope there is not fadin — Let him tell you — if he hasn't told you —

Yours

Dr

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Dear Frank=

Tuesday night
Nov 24

Thanks a lot for your letters - they provide cheer in this dismal place and I do need something to buoy me up.

His case went on the rocks yesterday - to BeBauer! In the hospital having spell after spell of blood from the two major orifices of the human body the intake and the exit. Red from one Black from the other The case put over until today so State Dr could examine. His report today in writing worse than yesterdays report - Malignant Tumor! Ulcers, seems to be their opinion now - He must stay in hospital indefinite period - Case postponed until Dec 7th Jury sent home until then - Next the Judge fixed next Tuesday for motions 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 its not false hopes - We are going ahead and have our witnesses in and go over their testimony - which will take us several days.

The Drs say that BeB must have absolute quiet His thing drags like every thing else has been up against for over a year - We were all set

Dec 18 1953

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 gather ing 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 Munrath 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 charact 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 yo sell. All for now. More Sunday. Ever,

Dear Frank:

Thursday Night 3/12

Your letter came today and I've talked to you re the lecture program - will now go over certain aspects of that subject - As I see the talks My idea is this - Everyone loves a mystery - what do you think of this to start the show:

Frank Scully, author of "Behind the Flying Saucers" will present for the first time one of the scientists who led the parade in the assembly of the basic data that went into the book I gave to the world in 1950 - We are withholding this speakers name until I present him to you in person on the platform - It will require four lectures to present to the American public a complete picture whereby you can have a full and comprehensive knowledge of the most controversial subject of our time - Your can say that events make this an opportune time to clarify the publics mind on this subject, and so many speakers are appearing in different parts of America to 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 incidents that heretofore have not been made public -

I have gone into the subject with a gentleman here whose identity we have shielded and have persuasion to add subject matter to the overall picture that will be of real interest to any audience lay or scientific -

the question the series can be set there the better.
A bit of shopping about I'm sure you could
turn up an auditorium that could handle
up to 1000 or more -
Now here is another idea - we can't get Velo's
film, but we can prepare an affidavit as
to 8 or 10 people who saw it and saw
it re run - Treat it solely as a phenomenon
that they don't attempt to explain -
Here are a few who I'm sure you and Ken
could get to sign a properly prepared statement
Mr McLean of Palm Springs - Atomic Energy Com -
Paul Gillman - Physicist Douglas Air Craft -
Mr Meyer & Mr Sumner - Hollywood High and their
titles -
Mr Engle - Ultrasonic scientist
the two Experts from Columbia who saw the
pictures at Wagners ~~camera~~ to detect its fated
possibilities - Rev Marleys opinion -
your opinion of it -
Set it up as a color film made by accident
in testing an overhauled camera for fau-
work - I prepare a one lecture to discuss
magnetic phenomena in the Earths field
from major vortexes to minor and the possibility
that, the earths field is recharged or rebalanced
each magnetic day from cosmic energy and
of the Solar reservoir thru the medium of
minor vortex plugs scattered over the world
largely spaced by fault conditions in the mountain

systems - and that this possibility is posed by the visit of this strange apparition - I can use this as the ~~my~~ major climax to the series - It will be original data - The audience can argue all they please, but they can't say no -

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

Our initial fight on new trial can shake the crookedness behind the prosecution to its toes - and it deals with Hall B.

He arrived here Nov 6th Servants airfield to hotel Airline car crashed into car and he was thrown out roof - His forehead and nose slammed up - so this was visible - He reported to his atty that he was badly hurt - M. at once filed motion for continuance and Judge ordered court Dr 4 o'clock Mr. 16 Xrays were made 7:30 pd by Hall B. - The Dr reported Mark OK - only needed 2 aspirins glass of water nights sleep - Judge over ruled motion - Case started Hall B. sat next to me and over and over I whispered "write out questions" to pass to day after day -

dear attys - He always whispered back "You do it. I can't" and he never once seemed to understand what was going on as the state proceeded - He realized he was getting worse from something, so he undertook to look up some specialist in the Medical directory, thinking his ulcers were the root of his trouble. All this time he had terrific head pains - He collapsed in Dr's office and you know that set up - Hospitalized, then back to court wheelchair case, under strict agreement with court, medical attention agreed to every 30 minutes, but had to be wheeled out of sight of Jury - Part in stand finally and there 1 hr 10 minutes, no recess, He began to go completely hay wire and I demanded his atty get him out of court - Hardly outside he collapsed and we shot him a dead defendant. Ten about 20 minutes with artificial respiration in Judges chambers he revived and looking up dazed at Judge - peering at him - He mumbled "Judge I'll go on, I want the truth known even if it kills me" He cannot remember this - then he signed waiver his constitutional rights. My atty screamed to heaven Judge overruled and they turned him back to the slaughter - ~~I then~~ I got Magnum my Cranial specialist osteopath - and when he examined him he found basal skull fracture, and there we were - he called

Medicaid brain specialist but case dragged on - We tried to get the 16 X-rays - Got 5 yesterday - The Dr's swore that was all they had, but these were of the back - Today we went Dr's offices and threatened court action with search warrant rights - They claimed no more - but 2 hrs later drug sent 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? 3/ We took him to our hospital for X-rays today - No luck - 4 pictures on his back and when turned on his belly for basal skull pictures, he passed out - his right side from head down arm and leg went dead - so they could not take the pictures - Dr's demanded hospital said might kill him - Dr's demanded hospital bed - complete rest, and we arranged for two special Neurologists for Saturday. The plan is to set up our fight with Dr's that can't be rushed and start fight for new trial on his basic position - Have to have more lawyers as ours not competent to wage this fight alone against the entrenched D.A. and Judge -

So I must have money, and I must lecture now - and every minute counts - The

next court appearance as to motions new trial and appeals comes Jan 18th all these things means months and months - so I'm free except as occasion demands presence with attys and at hearings -

So ends the year 1953 - and ahead lies 1954, the fight is not going to be easy for they won round one - Rose's Jury system wasn't worth a dam - they didn't even look at the record - they just listened to the D.A. tell how we conned this upright crook Hader -

Yours

Lee

P.S.

I was on stand nearly 3 days.
Gen B. was on stand 20 minutes to lay ground for certain exhibits - again 20 minutes for more grounds - then 10 minutes and adjourned - He would have to have been on stand at least 4 days to present his side. so Jury could know his relations and dealings with Hader and the frick development & the Southpoint machines used and owned by them and eventually put into the corporation - His never got into the case except a few points here and there - In

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to kick the brains out of the DA and his staff and make those papers get down on their rotten journalistic knees and yell uncle - but we are halted in our tracks - I must have JeBauer, because we must choke the magnetic geophysical equipment down their throats - I think JeB's days are not many and I want this matter cleared before the world - Jacobsen thinks Doc knows something about this saucer business that he might really let loose if goaded properly - Jacobsen was with us in all the days and weeks I probed Doc on the matter -

Jim glad Sharon came up with Howard - as Jim told you in confidence, time and again she is a strange person beyond any Jim known My great concern is of course our boy and I just can't give the solution mind by any method of reason I can conjure up - Jim had 2 letters from her, enclosing things from Howard, and telling me how he talks about me all the time Her letter came yesterday along with yours - She says she hasn't heard from Pat since I 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 Jim already reading about

here for any straw, but with this weight
hanging over me and no money - no office
no car. I can't make even a decent start -
Merchant Smith coming down on his program
and my long work and plans go shooey
and I wont be able to even get back out
there - If this case goes back to trial it will
take 8 to 10 days and thats then Dec 17th so
as I see things now, they are dark to say the
least - If GeB cant be ready Dec 7th then we
go into another fist fourement or mistrial
and where are we? As for me the cloud of
suspicion will still be in the air, and no
matter how I try, its there, and wont blackout.

Best of every thing - I try to work evenings
as Sir alone in this house. I regret theres no
sign of any type of conversational life, they
go off to bed at 8:30 I prepare endless lists of
questions for the coming day in court, and now
thats stopped - Ive prepared the 1000 questions I
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
Fluders testimony -

So goes the life of a guy thats broke
and under a criminal charge in the grinding
jaws of the Peoples Persecutor Newton

Yours Sir

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.

--R.G.

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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 spanned 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."

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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.

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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.

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 otld 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 recived 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:

5—ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS— Denver, Colo., Sunday, Oct. 19, 1952

'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 properies. 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.

STATE OF COLORADO)
: ss.
City and County of Denver)

In the Justice of the Peace Court of

GEORGE M. McNAMARA

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 agsinst 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 srated that the United States Government jad 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 poihted 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 dunned 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 quarter 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 N½ 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 know, 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, marcked 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.

Dec. 1, 1952

Wednesday - 28th

Dear Frank -

Have had an hours talk with Isaac Mellman our atty here. He is in the midst of motions and arguments - His position is that they may all be denied regardless of the law or merit - Such being true, when he comes to his final that if Dismissed due Statute of Limitation and that is denied or overruled, then we must prepare for trial -

If as Mellman points out the law clearly supports our motions, where are we if all are overruled. Are we being railroaded in to trial regardless - This seems to be the case here, and in my opinion a trial is ahead of us -

Have just learned from direct contact that our bank is prepared to produce evidence in my behalf if a trial results, Flader banked there during the Fall of 49 when we dealt with him and the bank was fully advised by both Flader and ourselves as to our contracts and relations. Beyond this I understand Flader made unfavorable positive statement to the bank officials

as to his valuable findings at Dutton Creek and his great fortune in getting his interests there - The Bank Moved him out in Dec '49. as they had had trouble with him for many years -

Personally I'm up and down mentally and spiritually - Delay, delay, at Doc Fran almost drives me crazy. It looks like things will clear here this week. If so I can begin to see relief from week to week, but its still a long road.

I'm glad you were able to see Sharon and Howard and report them O.K. I of course do not hear from here in any manner - She knows I'm here, but she doesn't show me the courtesy of even a line about the baby.

Very frankly we are all scared of this Doc - He doesn't seem to be able to stick to plain truth - He wanders at the slightest suggestion and I dont see how he will face a tough prosecutor and not mess himself all up.

For example he says he remembers going shopping with Hader 2 or 3

times in 49 and because he got Kings Wholesale Hader used him. He said he recall Hader asking about this suit they picture - and that he told him the kid was worth more than he cost - then he said there was something inside that cost $1.80 - then he said Hader bought this device now Env 1 - upon Broadway last Fall before the suit started and the leader would swear Bernie and was looking for the sailship - Steele - Jacobsen and I Theresa gumped down Bob's throat, but he swore it was true - so where are we -

He said before Steele & Jacobsen and myself that he was still sworn to secrecy on some how matters - I said, "You had better get unsworn damn quick." So there you are - I told him there was enough leeway in the Hader affidavit that the DA would ask him a million questions and the court would make him answer - so he had better brief us -

Much good luck Sis get by L.A. this week and subscribe to Oakland

Love to all Sis Newton