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INFLUENCING WITNESSES INTIMATED

*Grand Jury Investigation
Proposed by Prosecution
in Fred Becker Case*

A grand-jury investigation to determine if there has been any witness tampering in the case of Fred Becker, former superintendent of Pasadena Junior high schools, was proposed yesterday in Judge McCorn's court by Dep. Dist. Atty. Oliver, who is prosecuting Becker in four counts charging statutory offenses against Pasadena school boys.

Oliver said he would ask for such an investigation following the examination of Ernest Volkovic, 19-year-old witness in the case. The boy, according to Oliver, was unable to remember details of his testimony before the grand jury so that he could recount them to the jury hearing the evidence in Becker's trial.

While no report of witness tampering had reached the court, it was said the investigation would be asked to determine if any pressure had been brought to bear on any of the witnesses in the case.

Shortly after her son left the stand, Mrs. Ada Volkovic fainted in the hallway outside Judge McCorn's courtroom. Restoratives were applied and later she was taken from the building on a stretcher. Her condition was not considered serious.

Becker's trial will be resumed today.

Elks Will Hold Birthday Fete

Members of the Los Angeles lodge of Elks, No. 99, will join in a birthday celebration tonight, commemorating the forty-first anniversary of its invention. George M. Breslin, Past Exalted Ruler, will occupy the Exalted Ruler's chair. Old-timers of the lodge will be present and tell of the early days of '90. The program will include the reading of the history of the lodge.

The original meeting place of the Los Angeles lodge was the old Knights of Pythias Hall at 114 1/2 South Spring street, now a part of the City Hall grounds. Jan. 11, 1888, they founded No. 99 on September 2, 1888. There were sixty-five charter members. From this group, the membership has grown to approximately 800.

A special program has been arranged and the celebration will be preceded by the usual Wednesday-night dinner show.

Immediately After the Ceremony
Undertaker: Come, come, where's the sixth pallbearer!

Friend: Excuse me, sir, he's up proposing to the widow.—(Pathetic)

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