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Killer of professor claims no remorse

#### **Associated Press**

VACAVILLE, Calif. — Theodore Streleski, a former Stanford University graduate student convicted of beating his professor to death with a hammer to publicize the plight of graduate students, was freed from prison Sunday.

Streleski, who spent seven years, 20 days in the prison here, was driven in a light mist to the prison gates shortly after 8 a.m. by officers who escorted him through a chain link fence, to more than 60 reporters gathered to speak with him. "Good morning," he said.

"Where's the microphones?"

The 1978 slaving of Stanford mathematics Professor Karel DeLeeuw sparked widespread interest after Streleski indicated he felt no remorse for the killing.

## First corn harvester met with suspicion After Olson's machine made its

#### **Associated Press**

GIFFORD, Ill. - When J. I. Case Equipment Co. dropped off its newest harvest contraption at the 1940

Champaign County fair, farmers crowded around to take a skeptical look at the machine called a "pickersheller. "It was surely something new to

them," said Albert Olson, now a retired Gifford resident.

In those days, Olson managed the elevator at Dailey, and he bought the machine to start a new business venture. Manufacturers said the pickersheller would dramatically reduce field work and costs. So, after Olson saw it in action, he decided to try it

"The Case representative wanted me to buy one to get it started in this area," Olson said. "I went to Rochelle to see it in action and bought one that same day. I paid \$750 for it wholesale.'

Harvesting corn in 1940 was a time-consuming, two-stage business. University of Illinois agricultural

engineer Donnell Hunt estimated that about 75 percent of the farmers in the area pulled one-row or tworow ear pickers through their fields at a harvest speed of about .75 or 1.5 acres per hour, depending on the number of picker rows. The others still picked by hand.

"Back then, you could still hire la-bor for about \$1 a day, and for some, that was cheaper than buying a machine," he said. Fieldhands then hauled the corn

to ventilated corn cribs. "The cribs were open, so the air could dry it down further," Hunt said. "By January or February, it was down to about 15 percent, then someone, maybe a custom operator, would bring in a sheller. After it was shelled, you could grind it, feed it,

"I killed the man and I submitted the case to a judge and jury," said Streleski, who wore a light denim jacket and had his long hair tied back. He was convicted of seconddegree murder. "As I stand here now, I have no

intention of killing again," he said. "I am a murderer. I am not a dirty, lying dog." In previous interviews, Streleski

has said he couldn't rule out the pos-

His said he will not visit Stanford University, but will alert university police if he changes his mind.

He said his plans include returning to the San Francisco area, where he said he has several days of media interviews lined up, and then looking for a job in the electronics

debut at the Champaign County Fair, he and his brother, Fred,

hauled it to the Dailey elevator and

offered to custom pick corn for their

"My brother ran the machine and Howard 'Pug' Carter drove the truck," Olson recalled. "We pulled it

with an Allis-Chalmer tractor and

charged \$2 per acre and 2 cents per

A 1940 newspaper article describ-ing the operation said, "The two Ol-sons estimate that on a good day, the picker-sheller can pick and shell about 1,000 bushels, or between 15 and 20 acres "

Olson said farmers jumped at the chance to see the machine at work in

"We were busy all fall, and we didn't hear any complaints," he said. "It was something new to the farm-ers, and to the University of Illinois,

so we had two engineers following us

around." H.P. Batemen, a retired Champ-

aign resident, was one of the two who evaluated the machine's perfor-

mance. "All we really proved was that it was a successful tool for har-vesting," he said.

The picker-sheller turned out to

be a flash in the pan. Hunt said very

little corn was ever harvested by such

machines, and farmers kept using one-and two-row pickers to bring in their crop until one-step combines replaced them.

But some farmers still use the old-

style pickers. "Producers of seed

corn pick it on the ear, dry it and then shell it because they have to

handle it carefully so they won't

crack the kernels," he said. "They've

Olson said he continued the pick-

ing-shelling business for two years, then got rid of the machine. "I sold it

found that's the way it works best.

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