

## Ciucci Executed After Long Delays

CHICAGO (UPI) — Vincent Ciucci masked with a black cloth and praying softly today walked from a death row cell to his 13th date with the electric chair.

The 35-year-old Ciucci who won three more stays of execution than author Caryl Chessman was killed by 5600 volts of electricity that surged through his body for two minutes from 12:05 a.m. (CST) to 12:07.

By 12:09 a.m. three doctors had pronounced him dead and the corpse was removed from the electric chair in the Cook County Jail to the morgue.

As midnight approached Ciucci again denied that he killed his wife and three children to begin a new life with his 20-year-old

mistress.

### Clings to Story

The former grocer clung to his story that he murdered his wife Anna 28 in a fit of rage after she shot to death Vincent Jr. 8 Virginia 6 and Angeline 4 on Dec. 5 1953. The victims were found in the charred ruins of their home behind the grocery Ciucci ran and set afire to conceal the murders.

Desperate appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court and Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner collapsed Thursday while Ciucci spent his last hours with his parents and a Roman Catholic priest in a cell 17 steps away from the electrocution chamber.

His attorney George N. Leighton had sought in recent weeks

to get a reprieve on grounds that Miss Carol Amora testified falsely in a 1954 trial about her love affair with Ciucci whom she claimed fathered her illegitimate child.

Ciucci was imprisoned at the jail two days after the deaths and remained there for the rest of his life. Later he was found guilty of murdering his wife son and Angeline. In the first two trials he was sentenced to prison but received the death penalty in the third for killing his son.

In his eight-year legal battle for life courts gave him 12 stays of execution. Chessman California's "red light bandit" won nine during his 12 year unsuccessful battle to avoid the gas chamber. He was executed May 2 1960.

At a brief conference with newsmen at 11 p.m. Ciucci said "I don't fear death." But in answer to a question he said "The most important thing in life is life itself."

He uttered a few soft cries as guards led him from his cell through a room marked "chapel" to the death chamber shortly after midnight.

While his parents were in the cell this afternoon Ciucci wrote a one-page letter in a delicate hand to warden Jack R. Johnson a confidant of the condemned man and a foe of the death penalty. In the letter he re-iterated his version of the murders and said in part:

"I have just made my peace with God attended holy Mass and received holy communion. I forgive all who have injured me. I beg the pardon of all those I have injured. I thank you for all you did for me."

Friest Blesses Ciucci  
It was signed in the presence of Franciscan Father Aidan Potter a jail chaplain who spent hours with Ciucci during the day and stood close by the electric chair during the execution. He blessed Ciucci before a guard wiped sweat from the condemned man's chin and chest and the physicians pronounced him dead.

Mrs. Virginia Ciucci kissed her son goodbye at 9 p.m. and waited on a stairway in the jail throughout the execution. When it was over Johnson came and told her "I'm sorry that I had to do this." A veteran reporter Ray Brennan of the Chicago Sun-Times collapsed in a faint shortly after Ciucci was pronounced dead. He was taken to the jail dispensary on a stretcher and revived.

Ciucci's parents were to claim the body at the county morgue this morning.

A lone picket marched outside the County Building Thursday night carrying a poster which read: "Capital punishment is legal murder."

The jail's electric chair had not been used since Dec. 19 1953 when Richard D. Carpenter was executed for killing a policeman. Prior to that date it had not been used since 1953.

### Indianapolis Livestock

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Livestock:

Hogs 7,000; barrows and gilts 25-50 lower; uniform 185-225 lb 16.75-17.00; 50 head 17.25; bulk 180-240 lb 16.00-16.75; 240-270 lb 15.75-16.00; few to 16.25; 270-300 lb 15.50-15.75; load 16.00; 150-170 lb 14.50-16.00; sows mostly steady; instances weak to 25 lower; 300-350 lb 15.00-15.50; 350-600 lb 14.25-15.00; 550-650 lb 14.00-14.15.

Cattle 300; calves 25; not enough steers, heifers and bulls to test market; cows about steady; utility and commercial cows 15.50-16.50; canners and cutters 13.50-16.00; vealers not enough to test plans to buy \$50,000 worth. Market: few good and choice 27.00-32.00; standard and low good 21.00-26.00.

Sheep 25; not enough to test market.

### New York Stock Exchange Prices

#### MIDDAY PRICES

A. T. & T., 131½; Central Soya, 32¾; DuPont, 248¾; Ford, 98¾; General Electric, 77¾; General Motors, 56¾; Gulf Oil, 42; Standard Oil Ind., 52¾; Standard Oil N. J., 54; U. S. Steel, 70¾.

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## ASCS Farm Notes

### Progress Of The 1962 Feed Grain Sign-up:

An average of 50 corn producers, per day, are signing an "intention to participate" in the 1962 feed grain program. A total of \$170,658 has been paid to participants as their advance payments which is about one-half of the total payment which will be earned by participation in the program.

The local office will remain open evenings all next week — Monday through Friday until 9 o'clock and will be open Saturday, March 24, from 7:45 a. m. to 12 noon for the convenience of producers who cannot come to the county office during regular working hours.

French township producers may sign-up at the Election school, French township Tuesday evening, from 6 to 9 o'clock.

A meeting has also been scheduled at the Berne-French school, in the commerce room, for producers in the south part of the county, Monday evening from 6 to 9 o'clock.

March 30 is the final date to sign-up for the program. To the best of our knowledge, there will be no extension of time.

For farmers who do not yet have a clear understanding of the feed grain program, the following points should be considered by every farmer who has not signed an "intention to participate" in the program:

1. This is an insurance of income, guaranteed regardless of weather conditions or other factors which could prevent the seeding of crops this spring. 2. By diverting cropland to conserving crops, means conservation of soils. 3. Will help provide security to future generations. 4. Will help reduce the surplus of feed grains. 5. Growers of corn will qualify for price support on the farm on which the "intention to participate" is signed. 6. Provides immediate cash, if the producer so desires, or he may request deferment of payment. 7. Expenses should be considered when the study of participation is made.

Farmers should also keep in mind the results of the 1961 feed grain program, farmers income was increased; stockpiles of grain were reduced, which not only helps the participant in the program, but helps his urban neighbors and business in general.

Many questions have been asked about producing grain sorghums. Farmers are warned that unless they have received a grain sorghum base, a grain sorghum may be harvested for grain or silage as a participating farm. If sorghum is interplanted with corn, it is classified as corn. This also applies to barley—those participants in the corn program, cannot harvest barley unless they received a barley base, last fall.

Participants in the program should take soil samples of their diverted acreage and send to Purdue for a soil test. If limestone is needed, an application for cost-share assistance may be filed in the county office and a payment of \$1.50 per ton times the number of tons required per acre times the number of acres will be approved by the county committee. The application must be filed before the limestone is applied, to be eligible for payment. Sufficient AC funds have been set aside from the 1962 allocation to approve such applications.

Again, we urge farmers to study their plans for 1962 and come to the office, or one of the special sign-up meetings and not be disappointed later that they did not sign-up this year.

Marion Clauson, Member of the State Committee Speaks:

Marion Clauson, Delaware county farmer, and member of the Indiana state committee was the speaker at a county-community committee meeting held Tuesday, March 20 at the Decatur Community Center.

Clauson stated that the feed grain program was a "positive" program which benefits not only the farmer but the economy of citizenry as a whole, and provides a real opportunity for cooperation in a program designed to improve the farm situation.

Edwin R. Reddick, farmer fieldman, also attended the meeting. Farm Numbers Continue To Drop:

The number of farms in the United States declined more than one-third over the period 1950 to 1962, according to a recent report

of the U. S. department of agriculture received by the agricultural stabilization and conservation service state office.

The number of farms decreased from 4,105,000 in 1959 to 3,818,000 in 1961, a reduction of 7 per cent in the 2-year period, the report shows. This decrease in number of farms continues the downward trend which started slowly after 1935 and gained speed during the 1950's. Between 1950 and 1958, farm numbers in the then 48 states dropped from 5,648,000 to 4,097,000 — down more than one-fourth.

"What happened to these farms?" the report continues. "They were consolidated into larger places, mainly, despite many losses to such non-farm uses as suburban expansions, commercial forestry, and highway developments, the land in farms in 1961—at 1,169 million acres—was only about 1 per cent less than the 1959 total and only about 3 per cent less than in 1950. The small decrease in land in farms reflects the importance of combinations into larger operating units, losses in the number of small farms generally, and the swift decline in sharecropper and tenant operations in some southern areas."

### CCC Facility Loans Boost On-Farm Storage:

Now is a good time to take stock of on-farm storage available for the 1962 harvest.

During 1961, farmers built a record 129 million bushels of additional on-farm storage under the farm storage facility loan program, the department of agriculture has reported. This figure represents a total of 23,728 loans made for \$35,068,920.

A major factor in this record activity was a lowering of down-payment provisions. In March, 1961, as directed by the president, to encourage storage of grain on the farm and to strengthen economic activity in farming areas.

For the nation, the 129 million bushels of capacity built on farms under the loan program in 1961 more than doubled the 60.0 million bushels built in 1940. It was also considerably higher than the previous record year of 1959, when farmers built 86.7 million bushels of farm-storage capacity under the program.

The stepped-up activity resulted in use of an estimated 45,000 tons of rolled sheet steel in bins and other storage structures acquired by farmers in 1961 through loans under the program. About 1961, as directed by the president, to encourage storage of grain on the farm and to strengthen economic activity in farming areas.

Under the facility loan program, farmers may obtain loans from the commodity credit corporation to finance the cost of needed new farm storage structures. A farmer may borrow up to 95 per cent of the outlay for farm storage facilities costing 40 cents or less per bushel to build. On facilities costing more than 40 cents per bushel, the producer may borrow up to 95 per cent of 40 cents times the bushel capacity of the structure or 80 per cent of the actual cost, whichever is higher.

No loans are available for more than an amount equal to 50 cents times the bushel capacity of the facility.

Loans are for not more than four years from the date the loan is disbursed, payable in four annual installments, with the first installment due on the anniversary date of the loan. Interest is charged at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, on the unpaid balance.

Adams county farmers, who have storage problems are urged to call at the county office for detailed information relative to the

THE SIXTY-VOICE CHOIR of St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., will present a public concert Tuesday, March 27, at 8 p. m. at St. John's Lutheran church on U. S. 27, north of Decatur. The concert is one of a series given during the spring tour.

Jerome Schwab, head of the music department of the college, directs the choir. Selections have been taken from the musical heritage of the Lutheran church and include numbers from J. S. Bach, Alexander Gretchaninoff, Christensen, and Rohlig.

Miss Carol Witte, a member of St. John's church, is a member of this choir. She is preparing herself to become a teacher in the Lutheran parish schools and is taking her first two years of college at St. Paul's College. It is a junior college of the Lutheran church—Missouri synod and offers pre-ministerial, pre-teacher, and pre-deaconess training. Miss Janell Franz of St. Peter's Lutheran church (Fuelling) is also in the pre-teacher department of St. Paul's College.

The nine-day tour will take the St. Paul's choir through Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio to Cleveland, where they will sing in the two Lutheran high schools. There will be a free-will offering for the expenses of the choir.

### Colder Winter In Indiana This Year

Spring has arrived—"officially"—but March's cold, wet and blustery weather still reminds residents of a long, icy winter which seems to be hanging on for dear life.

"That was an old fashioned one, to be sure," says many a winter seasoned oldtimer. Proof to back it up comes from weather conscious gas dispatchers at Northern Indiana Public Service Company gas dispatchers at Northern Indiana Public Service Company who report that this January was about 13% colder than the same month in 1961, and February was almost 28% colder than February a year ago. Over all, the weather during the first two months of this year was almost 19% colder than last year.

"No one has been more aware of the extremely low and severe periods of cold weather than we have," said M. J. Pryor, Decatur, district manager for the Gas company. "Our company's 310,000 gas customers used 514,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas on our 'peak' day this year—103 million more than last year's peak."

Pryor pointed out that prolonged periods of zero and sub-zero weather mean increased heating costs. "This is why northern Indiana residents have been noticing that their present gas service bills are higher than those of a year ago."

The NIPSCO manager also explained that other weather factors—such as wind velocity and direction, sunshine and snow—also affect heating fuel consumption. "No matter what kind of fuel has been used, the cost of heating this winter is bound to be considerably higher—dollars and cents proof of a long and hard winter," he added.

Wildlife Food Plots: The Indiana department of conservation has a new Wildlife Food Mixture Plot available free of charge to Indiana farmers for planting on their farms this spring.

This grain mixture will consist of 2½ pounds of early Amber Sorghum, 2½ pounds of 610 Texas Variety Sorghum. This mixture of 5 pounds of seed will plant one-fourth of an acre, if row broadcast, or 1 acre, if row cropped and cultivated.

Farmers who are interested in securing this seed should sign an application in the ASCS county office not later than March 30, 1962. The seed will be delivered to this office before planting time.

However, the seed will not be made available to any person unless he has signed an application. Ask our personnel about this when you call at the office to sign for participation in the feed grain program.

Improving wildlife is one phase of good conservation.

### Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO (UPI)—Livestock:

Hogs 5,000; butchers 25-50 lower; instances 50 off; fair shipping demand; mostly U.S. No 1-2 190-225 lb butchers 16.75-17.00; around 125 head 17.00; mixed No 1-3 180-240 lb 16.25-16.75; 230-260 lb 16.00-16.25; No 2-3 240-290 lb 15.50-16.00; several loads 300-325 lb 15.00-15.25.

Cattle 300, calves none; receipts include several loads slaughter steers and wheat pasture feeding steers; bulls about steady; not enough other classes on sale to test prices; load choice 1175 lb slaughter steers 27.25.

Sheep 400; small supply about steady on all classes; good and choice 90-105 lb native woolled slaughter lambs 16.00-17.50; cull to good 13.00-16.00.

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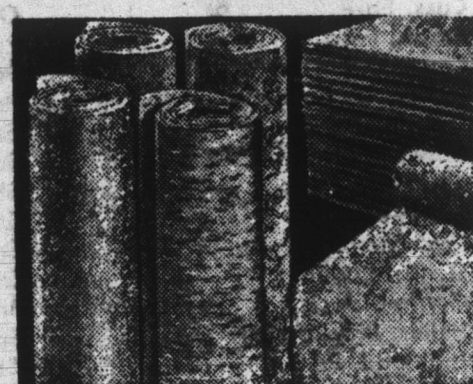
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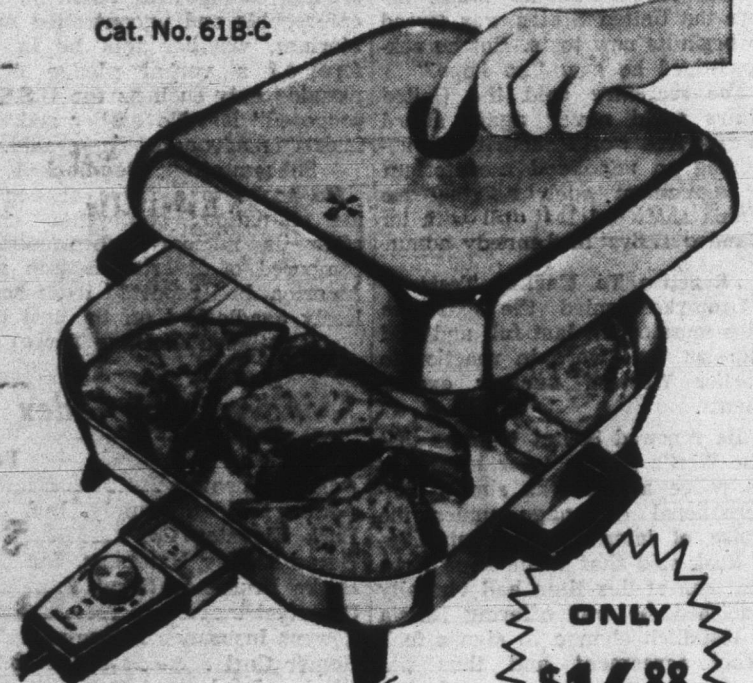
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