

## Abandoned Son To Be Sure Of Care

HOUSTON (UPI) — A woman told police Tuesday night she left behind her blind, spastic 26-month-old son because "my little baby just lay there crying and seemed to be dying."

"I had to do something," Mrs. Karen Dawson said. Police began an immediate search for Mrs. Dawson Tuesday after the boy, Keith, was found wrapped in clean pajamas and a spotless white blanket on a couch of Jefferson Davis Hospital.

The attractive, 24-year-old mother

finally turned herself over to police and said:

"I had no intention of running off somewhere or leaving Keith entirely," she said. "I just wanted to make sure the child would be taken care of."

Mrs. Dawson said Keith was a normal, healthy baby until he fell from a couch when he was six months old.

"Before that," she said, "he won first prize in a baby beauty contest when we lived in Tacoma, Wash."

### Crying Bothers Neighbor

Mrs. Dawson of Lima, Ohio, said she had been in Houston since September and has lived in six different apartments. She had to leave each of them at the request of neighbors who complained of the boy's crying.

"Finally, after being asked to move from my last apartment because of his constant crying, I had to do something drastic," Mrs. Dawson said.

The blond, blue-eyed baby was found in a darkened waiting room of the hospital. Police said the child was well-nourished and showed he had excellent care in his home.

Mrs. Dawson said she went to a friend's apartment after leaving the baby and called the hospital immediately and told them

about the boy in the waiting room.

"When I was sure they would find him, I hung up, and cried and cried," she said.

Mrs. Dawson said she decided to give herself up when she was sure the child would receive attention and medical help. Police said no charges would be filed against her.

### Husband Mental Patient

Mrs. Dawson said her husband is a mental patient in Ohio and she was unable to keep a job because no one could take care of Keith.

"The babysitters gave up, and I also had to take care of my four-month-old daughter, Brenda," she said.

After the fall, Mrs. Dawson said the boy was in a hospital for a month. He was left blind from the accident and severe head pains started. She said they have become worse since then.

The mother said she would sit and rock the child for hours but he would just grit his teeth and scream.

"I tried for months at hospitals—different agencies and city and county officials, but got no help," Mrs. Dawson said.

The child was made a ward of the court Tuesday and will be placed in a foster home until a room can be found for him in a state school, police said.

"I'm so relieved," the mother said. "I know how I can take care of Brenda. As long as there is love in my heart for my son, I believe there is hope for him."

## Elmer W. Sherwood Is Granted Parole

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Elmer W. (Doc) Sherwood, former state adjutant general convicted for his part in the Indiana highway scandals, won a parole Tuesday from the Indiana Parole Board.

The board held a hearing on the parole application Tuesday, at which Sherwood appeared at the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City. He was the second highway scandal figure to be paroled in as many days. William E. Sayer was paroled Monday.

Sayer, who was administrative assistant to former Gov. George Craig and Sherwood were convicted of bribing former State Highway Chairman Virgil Smith. They entered prison in February, 1961, to begin serving 2-14 year terms.

Sayer was on his way to Florida today after being released from prison Tuesday. He will make his home there where his wife is ill.

Sherwood also lives in Florida today after being released as a sarrangement are completed for Florida authorities to supervise his parole. Sherwood spent most of his time as a convict in a state mental hospital from which he was recently returned to the prison.

## New Albany Fire Loss Is \$150,000

NEW ALBANY, Ind. (UPI) — Fire swept a warehouse of the General Auto Supply Co. Tuesday, causing about \$150,000 damage, two-thirds of it to automotive parts and accessories stored in the structure.

## No Trace Found Of Man And Daughter

LIBERTY, Ind. (UPI) — No trace was found today of a Union County man and his teenage daughter believed to have drowned in the flooded east fork of Whitewater River near here.

State police pressed their search for Allison Leavitt, 49, and Phyllis Leavitt, 16, of Billingsville, a hamlet southeast of Quakertown.

The search, centered near the small communities of Dunlapsville and Quakertown, was hampered Tuesday night and early this morning by additional rain, rising water and darkness.

Authorities believe the Leavitt car was swept off a flooded road Monday as Leavitt drove toward Comersville, where he was employed by a casket company. Police have been unable to find any trace of the car.

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## Scores Glamorizing High Speed Autos

DETROIT (UPI) — American Motors Corp. today attacked other automakers for glamorizing speed and horsepower even though more people were killed in traffic accidents in 1962 than in any other year.

The compact car builder took out full-page newspaper advertisements apparently to counter a massive nationwide publicity campaign by Ford Motor Co.

The Ford campaign, to be seen in 2,800 newspapers and heard on network radio, brags about the firm's first through fifth place finish in the recent Daytona 500 mile stock car race. Ford evidently is trying to make its vast racing program pay off in added sales.

But AMC's position is that "glamorizing raw horsepower and high speed to promote the sale of cars is not in the public interest and Rambler will have no part of it."

Stock car racing and speed are again being glamorized in ads, Rambler said, "despite the fact that last year witnessed the most disastrous toll of traffic fatalities this nation has ever known."

AMC then coined the slogan: "Millions for customer benefits—not a penny for racing."

The controversy involves a 1957 agreement by the Automobile Manufacturers' Association not to advertise speed and horsepower. It was designed to get the industry out of stock car racing.

## Stars Of Grand Ole Opry Die In Crash

CAMDEN, Tenn. (UPI)—Hawshaw Hawkins, Cowboy Copas and Patsy Cline, stars of country music's famed Grand Ole Opry, were killed in the crash of their small plane which disappeared Tuesday night during bad weather, authorities reported today.

The three, along with Miss Cline's manager, Randy Hughes, were en route to Nashville, home of the Grand Ole Opry, from a benefit show in Kansas City when their plane went down.

Highway patrolmen who reached the scene of the crash, about three miles from the Tennessee River near this west Tennessee town, radioed back this morning four bodies were found in the wreckage.

A fire tower watchman first spotted the wreckage after dawn broke across the hill country where several residents reported they had seen the Piper Comanche plane circling Tuesday night. Thunderstorms raked portions of Tennessee during the time and visibility in the Camden area was reported poor.

The three stars and Hughes had landed at Dyersburg, Tenn., about 6 p.m. then took off for Nashville with three hours of fuel.

Mrs. Hughes said in Nashville that her husband, who was piloting the plane, had telephoned from Dyersburg and said the four "would be home soon."

Capt. Frank Jones of the East-

ern Air Rescue Center at Robins Air Force Base at Warner Robins, Ga., said there were reports that the plane later was seen circling with its engine off.

Miss Cline, a native of Winchester, Va., was named "outstanding female vocalist" last year by country and western music publications. She became a Grand Ole Opry regular in 1959. Among her biggest hits were "I Fall to Pieces," "She's Got You," and "Heartaches."

Hawkins was a West Virginian who had been with the opry eight years. His wife is Jean Shepard, another opry star. Some of his better known songs were "Slow Poke," "Soldier's Joy" and "Twenty Miles from Shore."

One of Copas' better known hits was "Alabama."

The four victims took part in a benefit show in Kansas City Sunday night for Cactus Jack Call, a disc jockey killed last year in an automobile accident.

## St. Mary's River Begins To Recede

The St. Mary's river was over 17 feet in depth today, but had receded slightly from its crest in the past 24 hours.

The river was reported at 17.26 feet at 11 o'clock this morning by Louis L. Landrum, slightly less than its crest during the past 24-hour period, but slightly higher than at the same time Tuesday.

The river had reached a crest of 17.98 feet since 11 a.m. Tuesday, but had dropped to 17.26 by the same time today. This was still higher than the reported 16.49 feet at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

The crest is the highest level that the river reaches, before it begins to recede. There is much ice still floating in the river, and if temperatures rise anymore this ice will begin melting.

The Daily Democrat weather gauge recorded 37 degrees at 11 o'clock this morning. If the temperature rises much more the ice will begin to melt and cause the river to rise even higher.

Many persons are beginning to remember the 1913 flood when the river rose to a crest of 23 feet. At that time the water rose to the edge of the Monroe street river bridge, and crept up over many of the street in the eastern section of the city.

Just two years ago the river rose to nearly 22 feet around this same time of the year, covering Monroe street east of the river bridge, and flooding the Bellmont area and other areas around Decatur and Pleasant Mills.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Adams County, Indiana, will, until the hour of 2:00 P.M. on Monday, March 18, 1963, receive bids for the construction of the following:

Structures No. 61-A over Conrad Ditch in Kirkland Township on County Road No. 39, 1 1/2 miles south of Magley, consisting of one 12 ft. C. M. Arch with 62 cu yds. reinforced concrete footings and end walls.

Plans and specifications therefore are on file in the office of the Adams County Auditor, Court House, Decatur, Indiana.

Bids must be submitted on Form 96 as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, accompanied by a Bidder's Bond for not less than the amount of bid or a certified check for not less than 10% of the bid price.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Adams County Commissioners:

EDWARD F. JABERG, Auditor of Adams County.

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## Divorce Bill Law Without Signature

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Governor Welsh today allowed a bill legalizing certain short-cut divorces to become law without his signature, although Atty. Gen. Edwin K. Steers said it was of doubtful constitutionality.

Steers said the bill legalizes all divorces in which the final decree was reentered less than 60 days from the date of issuance of the summons or publication of notice. He termed the measure "of doubtful constitutionality."

Welsh also signed three other House bills Tuesday night. One would exempt the Marior County Board of Tax Review from an 80-day session limit in hearing property tax assessment appeals. The board is flooded with appeals from the 1962 property reassessment.

Another new law bans use of virulent hog cholera virus after July 1 except by specific permission of the Indiana Livestock Sanitary Board.

The other affects the levying of taxes in the Town of Vernon.

Other bills signed today by Welsh would:

— Make it a misdemeanor to use credit cards issued to other persons without permission, or to use an expired card.

— Create a Hamilton County superior court.

— Lengthen terms of county commissioners from 3 to 4 years.

— Reduce the time from 5 to 2 years in which the criminally mentally ill may file for discharge a second time.

— Revise the requirements for dental hygienists.

— Increase from 3 to 6 the number of peremptory jury challenges in a trial.

— Make child abuse a felony subject to a 1-7 year term.

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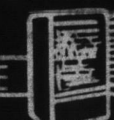
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