

## TWO CHARGED WITH ARSON OUT ON BOND

Attorney and Wife, Indicted, at Liberty—Employee Held in Jail.

Jesse D. Hamrick, local attorney, and his wife, Mrs. Della M. Hamrick, indicted Tuesday by the grand jury on charges of arson and conspiracy to commit arson, were at liberty today under \$10,000 bonds each. Indicted with the two was their Negro watchman, James M. Ecton, 19, held in the county jail in default of bond.

Their bonds were signed by Frank M. Millikan, 2123 N. Delaware St., a personal friend of Hamrick. Criminal Judge James A. Collins fixed the bonds.

"This thing is dead wrong," said Hamrick. "I see the synopsis of the whole thing, but I don't believe it advisable at this time to make any statement," he said.

Hamrick is alleged to have engineered a plot by which his new

## Clyde Walks Through the Gutter and the Sunshine

By Walter D. Hickman

LYDE GRIFFITHS—Meet him.

He is a product of this country, a result of life that touches us on every side.

You will find this lad as the central character of a gigantic study in Theodore Dreiser's "An American Tragedy."

It is so important I tell you that "An American Tragedy" was written by Dreiser, a Hoosier, published by Boni & Liveright, New York. Obtained my two volumes for review from the book department of L. S. Ayres & Co.

Have never said in this department before that the great American novel has been written. The great American novel has seemed to be miles off, as far as I am concerned, until Theodore Dreiser wrote "An American Tragedy."

\$35,000 home on the Michigan Rd. near New Augusta was destroyed by fire Jan. 27. While Hamrick and his wife were supposed to have been in Florida at the time of the blaze, Ecton is said to have admitted carrying out his employer's orders by firing the house.

The indictment charged the house was burned to obtain \$15,000 fire insurance money. Detectives say

WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW

I firmly believe that "An American Tragedy" is the great American novel. Do not think that I have gone insane when I state that this novel in two volumes is as big a masterpiece as "Oliver Twist" or "The Tale of Two Cities."

Dreiser is America's contribution to the Hall of Fame, the hall which will last through the ages, as far as literature is concerned. Not even forgetting "The Genius," or "Sister Carrie," both written by Dreiser—"An American Tragedy" stands upon the same footing for genuine honesty and artistry as "Oliver Twist," or anything that Dickens gave the world.

A Big Truth. In presenting you to Clyde Griffiths, I offer you a chance to become acquainted with a lad, a lad of the real world—the sex world, the world of work, hate, doubt and con-

quest. He is not a saint. He is too honest in this work-a-day-world. He grows page by page in his adventures with the body, the spirit, the mind and his God.

I am concerned now only with Clyde Griffiths as you meet him in the first book of the first volume of "An American Tragedy." Clyde Griffiths is of life. He is the real raw, growing, marvelous stock of conquering and yielding to the world. He is not clean at first. He can't be. Sex, desire, fight, lust and partial understanding of what makes good and what makes bad starts to sink into his very being in the first volume of the first book. Not pleasant reading, some will say. But it is LIFE as it is seldom revealed upon the printed page. I know it is life. I know that it meets every honest test of realistic life.

Here is a drawing taken from life's cruel, honest, beautiful and horrible thing—called experience. It is more than a novel. It is the universe of emotions crowded in upon many pages.

They can yell to me all they want to about letting the boy grow up. But know that boy while he is growing. Study that thing which they call sex. I am not afraid to call it sex even in the most polite society.

### Feeling Life

As Clyde Griffiths has his experiences in life in "An American Tragedy," I am sure you will feel the heartbeat of a real boy. Not the weak, sad and sickening excuses, but the article in human form.

### A Statement

Press reports of last week that "The Intimate Papers of Colonel House" do not contain any of Woodrow Wilson's letters and will end with America's entrance into the war were characterized as misleading by Houghton Mifflin Company, the publishers. Professor Seymour of Yale, who prepared the material for publication, has had in his possession about two hundred letters written by Woodrow Wilson, many of them notes of which Wilson himself kept no copies, and has paraphrased all the important parts of these letters in his narrative. The first two volumes of "The Intimate Papers of Colonel House" will be published on March 5, and will carry the story down to America's entrance into the war. These will be followed later by two additional volumes which will complete the narrative.

which yields, fights, conquers and fails against human problems. It is so honest that you feel that you actually know Clyde Griffiths in the first 148 pages of the first book. He is a boy. He grows page by page even when he is fighting sex desire. While that thing, unknown to him is growing within him, is getting ready for his victories and his defeats.

"An American Tragedy" is not a sermon. It is a story, but it is carved from the streets of life. It is not cheap. It is not dirt. It is not sordid sensationalism. It is life and nothing but life.

It is the struggle of human flesh and a human mind against life and what makes or cures life. I make no excuses for asking you to meet Clyde Griffiths in the first book of the first volume.

And in a short time, when Clyde makes more discoveries in life, when sex isn't so cheap, when life takes on a bigger purpose, then I will tell you about the second book.

But start reading "An American Tragedy" if you want truth. I am not afraid of life. Meet Clyde Griffiths and every one of his early "friends" in the first eighteen years of his adventure in this world.

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## APPLIANCES TO SAVE WORK IN PLUMBING LINE

F. E. Trosky, Merchant, Plumber, Has Satisfied Customers.

"We believe that all appliances that tend to lighten the work of the housewife belong to the line of plumbing," says F. E. Trosky, merchant plumber at 2424 Central Ave. "and we expect from time to time to add to our different lines as we prove their worth."

"As we prove their worth," is a significant statement. "It accounts for the fact that once a customer has tried out the services of this plumbing establishment, he remains a customer," Trosky said. Their appliances are not experiments. Trosky has "proved their worth" and knows what he is offering the customer.

These winter days make the subject of the Aladdin automatic down-draft oil burners of special interest. Even in some of the severest cold snaps the past few months, the Aladdin has given excellent satisfaction. It is installed in some of the best homes in Indianapolis. In these days of coal uncertainty, a satisfactory oil burner is practical.

Trosky carries two kinds of water softeners—the one-valve, hand-operated and the automatic water softener. So militantly need complain no more about the hardness of city water for toilet and laundry purposes.

Trosky also carries the well-known Pittsburgh Automatic Water Heaters and the Universal Electric Refrigerators.

## ESCOLS ARE EASILY FIRED

Local-Made Furnaces in Finest Homes.

Escol furnaces, an Indianapolis-made product, featured by the Ideal Heating Company, 2437-39 Central Ave., have been installed in some of the finest homes in this city. The absence of complicated devices on the furnace, and its easy firing have made many enthusiastic boosters for the Escol.

"We are very careful when installing furnaces to comply with all the requirements of the new building code," said Harry Escol, son of the proprietor. "This is important, whether we are replacing old dismantled heating plants, or putting in new ones. A fact that may interest many is that our Escol furnace is one that can be adapted to oil burners."

The Ideal Heating Company, founded twenty-six years ago by Harry Escol, and continuously in business since that time, also does a large line of sheet metal work. All kinds of copper and galvanized work such as gutters, spouting and skylights are taken care of promptly. The company makes register shields of combined cast iron and steel.


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## Apartment Houses On North Pennsylvania Exactly Alike



Apartments at 3454 N. Pennsylvania St.

The modern tone of a city is reflected in the number and kind of its apartment houses. It has been said, "The Shawmut" and "Penn Main," two new apartment houses, nearing completion at 3454 N. Pennsylvania St., are a credit to Indianapolis, according to their owner, Philip Yant, who is building them.

Both have six apartments of six rooms each, are built of red brick and are stone trimmed. Built on a plot of ground, 105 by 298, there is a good sweep of ground in front. This will be landscaped. To the rear there are sixteen fireproof garages.

The apartment houses are to be exactly alike, but the "Shawmut" is much nearer completion, lacking only some of its last decorative features. The hall is done in tiling of a blue and green blend and the "up-to-dateness" of the building is indicated here in such features as the brass mail boxes, which are a new kind approved by the United States Postoffice. In them magazines are as safely sheltered as letters.

### Living Room Sun Parlor

The living rooms of these apartments are a happy blending with the sun parlor, the two forming one delightful room. The workroom here is mahogany, with wide cove molding which harmonizes restfully with the soft gray of the walls.

The "sun parlor" end of the living room has wide windows with much light, and in the center of the wide space on the other side there is a cozy fireplace of red brick, with bronze center trimmings and wide mahogany top. An interesting feature of the windows are burglar-proof locks.

The front bedroom of the apartment is bright and pretty, with walls of a cheerful pale rose design, and wide double windows. In both this and the second bedroom there are deep closets. The bathroom is spotless, sparkling white tile forming immaculate walls and floors. All modern appointments are here, including a mirror-door medicine cabinet and a shower bath. In the hall near the bathroom is a large linen closet.

One of the features of the dining

room is the handsome polychrome center light, suspended from chains. There are double windows here, and the room is cheerful, with especially handsome walls of an embossed blend of blue and rose on a gray background. The breakfast room is cozy, the electric fixture here speaking eloquently of many a future breakfast of crispy toast.

In the kitchen the housewife's eye will stroll straight toward the white enamel kitchen cabinet, which is dainty decorations of blue. This cabinet has many units and is complete, with an enamel dish cupboard to one side. The walls of the kitchen are a clean, fresh gray and wide windows to the west let in a flood of light. In an entry are a broom closet and a 100-pound ice box. An incinerator in the rear hall adds the last word to the convenience of the apartment.

The lighting fixtures in these apartments were furnished by the Sanborn Electric Company; plumbing and heating was installed by James C. Kreglo; brickwork and other building material was furnished by the Metropolitan Coal Company; the gravel roof was furnished and applied by G. Zimmerman & Sons, and hardwood floors were made, laid and finished by H. V. Cook Company.

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