

GRAND JURY CLEARS GOSPORT WOMAN IN POISON CASE

MOTHER WINS RIGHT TO KEEP TWO CHILDREN

Allege Husband's Jealousy Caused Plot Case in Owen County.

ACCUSED OF 'SPITE'

Attempts to Kill Child, Mother-in-Law, Mate's Father Denied.

By Times Special  
SPENCER, July 4.—Owen county's famous alleged "spite" case was at an end today with the victim of what was charged to be a husband's jealousy fully cleared of the charge that she tried to poison her 7-year-old son and that she poisoned her father-in-law and a mother-in-law by a former marriage.

The grand jury finding clearing Mrs. Blanche Thomas, Gosport, of the charges resulted in Special Judge Hughes of Greencastle, awarding her the custody of both children instead of one as specified in the decree of divorce from Loren Thomas, her former husband, who made the poisoning charges.

These were investigated by the Owen county grand jury while the husband's petition to modify the divorce decree and grant him custody of both children was heard before Judge Hughes.

Charges Son Was Ill  
The husband had charged that their 7-year-old son Ralph came home very ill from a visit to his mother's home, that he was suffering with severe headaches and pains and that an urinalysis revealed traces of salt of tin and arsenic.

It was alleged that symptoms similar to that described by the boy were experienced by Charles Thomas, the father-in-law who died last year, and that following his death samples of the water were taken from cistern and sent to a Chicago laboratory and these revealed traces of phenol.

The complaint set further that it was recalled Mrs. Thomas would not drink any water nor food when she visited the elder Thomas' home and that she studied chemistry while at school.

Symptoms similar to that experienced by the boy and the man were suffered by Mrs. Anna A. Zein of Indianapolis, a mother-in-law of Mrs. Thomas by a former marriage, who had died in 1912, the petition said.

No Evidence of Poisoning  
The defense called to the stand R. N. Harger of Indianapolis, associate professor of chemistry and toxicology at Indiana university school of medicine, who testified that the amount of tin and arsenic found in the urinalysis was common and was not dangerous, three or four people out of five may possess that amount in their systems.

"As for the tin, which was two milligrams, any person eating one ounce of canned tomatoes might place in his system that amount of tin," Professor Harger said, declaring there was no evidence of poisoning.

NEW BUFFALO RAILWAY STATION TO OPEN SOON  
New York Central Terminal Will Be Dedicated June 23.

By Times Special  
BUFFALO, July 4.—Buffalo Central Terminal, the magnificent new passenger station being completed by the New York Central Railroad, will be opened for service June 23, the railroad announced today.

While in some particulars the station already is practically completed, this date has been chosen as a measure of convenience to the public, inasmuch as the railroad's summer timetable changes will take place on that date. The selection of this date also means that all the various accessories to the station will be in operation on the opening day.

A committee of railroad, Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and municipal officials is working out a program for ceremonies to dedicate the station, which sets new standards of convenience and beauty. These will be held Saturday, June 22.

LIGHTNING HITS TWICE

Boston Store Owner Doubts Truth of Ancient Adage.

By United Press  
BOSTON, Mass., July 4.—The old copy-book favorite, "Lightning never strikes twice in the same place," finds Antoon Sakey a bit skeptical. Recently a motorbus plunged through the display window of his fruit store, demolishing his soda fountain and several counters. Two years ago, a taxicab entered the store in a similar manner. On that occasion, the cab driver stepped from his wrecked machine, lit a cigarette, and said: "I'll have a strawberry frappe."

Kisses Go Up

By United Press  
WEST ORANGE, N. J., July 4.—Bargain days for "neckers" are a thing of the past in West Orange and any couple desiring such diversion must be prepared to pay \$10 for it. "Bargain days for the moon-struck lovers who park themselves in the Orange mounts are over," Judge Herbert Lighthite told four couples in police court. "The customary tax of \$5 from tonight on will be doubled."

Stars Poor Film Fans



June Collyer

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 4.—"They don't know what a moving picture looks like when they see it." In this fashion, June Collyer, "talkie" queen, decries the smoked-glass manner in which movie folk view pictures. "Everybody out here sees only the part they play in movies screened. The cameraman sees the photograph; the actor the acting, the director the direction of the picture; and the elocutionists the words they've taught us to say," she says. "The general public knows more about what a movie looks like after its completion than those that make them, for they view a picture in its entirety," she declares.

SITES FOR JUVENILE COURT ARE STUDIED

Selection Expected to Be Made Within Next Few Days.

County commissioners are expected to select the site for the new juvenile detention home within the next few days.

Action by the board has been delayed due to the presentation of twenty-one sites by Indianapolis persons and real estate firms for consideration. County officials originally were given four to inspect, but this number was increased to twelve, to sixteen and now to twenty-one.

The most recent sites submitted for commissioners' approval are: 1109 North Delaware street, 604 East New York street and 605-09 Lockport street, \$45,000; southeast corner New Jersey and North streets, \$87,500; 224 East North street, and southwest corner of St. Clair street and Capitol avenue.

Before it became known that commissioners were looking for a site, they had picked one at Walnut and Alabama streets for \$99,000. The council passed an ordinance appropriating \$100,000 for purchase of a site to replace the one at 225 East Michigan street, now leased by the board.

County officials plan to erect a two-story fireproof building in which will be included the detention ward and juvenile court room.

DUST GOES TO TENANT  
Floor Is Landlord's, But Not What's Underneath, Says Court.

By Times Special  
BUDAPEST, July 4.—Supreme court of Hungary has decided that, although the floor of an apartment belongs to the landlord, the dust collected beneath it is the property of the tenant.

The decision is worth \$2,500 to Frau Simon Sichelmann, for the dust over which the case arose is gold dust which accumulated there during the fifteen years that her husband carried on the trade of goldsmith. On his death the widow decided on a floor mining enterprise which her landlord opposed, claiming the dust and floor both as his. Nine pounds of gold dust already have been recovered.

Halt T. A. T. Flying

Officials of the T. A. T. today announced that flying from the local field has been halted until Monday. On that day the first regular cross-country train and plane journey with passengers will be inaugurated. Previous trips have been made for exhibition and test purposes.

The first plane will arrive here from Columbus, O., at 9:13 a. m., Monday.

Gains by Name

By United Press  
CHICAGO, July 4.—A 7-year-old boy brought in with a cut on his head after he rolled off his porch step had the laugh on attendants at Lakeview hospital. "What's your name?" asked an intern. "Orange," said the boy. A nurse got him an orange. She, too, asked his name. "Apple," she was told. Then she got him an apple. Again they sought his identity. "Orange Apple," the boy replied. So they looked in the telephone directory and called up Orange Apple Sr. to come and get his son.

FIGHTERS LIKE 'JAVA'

Coffee Favorite Beverage of Soldiers and Sailors.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, July 4.—Uncle Sam's fighting men are heavy drinkers of coffee.

Three times as much coffee is consumed by service men—soldiers, sailors and marines—as by civilians, according to a recent check of commerce, war, and navy departments' records. Soldiers are allowed an ounce and a half of coffee a day, or 34 pounds a year, while sailors on battleships drink about 36 pounds a year. On destroyers and other small craft where duties are more arduous the consumption is greater still. "Java" is the navy's favorite drink. It is always available and is served to the men before and after "watches." When officers aboard ship get together to discuss news from home and incidents of ship life, the by-word is: "Let's have a cup of coffee."

SOBER FOR 50 YEARS

Judge Discharges Man on Novel Alibi.

By United Press  
BUTTE, Mont., July 4.—"I was born in Butte and have lived here all my fifty years, judge, and have never been in your court before." "That makes fifty years of sobriety," the judge replied. "You're discharged. Come back after another fifty years and I'll do the same thing for you again." John Weiner had been arrested on an intoxication charge.

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POLICE RECORDS SHOW DROP IN AUTO CRASHES

Decrease in City Traffic Mishaps in Six Months Indicated in Report.

General improvement of traffic conditions and decrease in the number of traffic mishaps as the result of activities of the Indianapolis police accident prevention bureau are seen in the bureau's records for the first six months of 1929, made public today.

Automobile accidents decreased the first half of this year more than two hundred under the corresponding period for 1928, although fatalities have shown a slight increase. Thus far in 1929 there have been 2,067 accidents, with fifty-eight resultant deaths reported to police, while ninety-six persons were killed throughout 1928 and 2,214 mishaps reported in the first six months of that year.

June, which authorities say always is one of the chief accident months of the year, due to increased travel on highways, this year contributed a few more accidents than the first summer month of the preceding year.

In three years accidents in Indianapolis have decreased more than 20 per cent. In its battle against automotive vehicular travel dangers, the bureau seeks constantly the causes of the majority of the crashes, and has discovered that simple lapses of care and recklessness contribute heavily to the total disasters.

Driving on the wrong side of the street, exceeding the speed limits, disregarding right of way rules, and cutting in and out of traffic on narrow streets and pavements cause most smashups, the bureau reports. Improper signaling for turns and failure to observe preferential streets and boulevards come in for a large share of the blame.

PASTORS JOIN MOONEY PLEA

Clergymen Ask Pardon by Governor.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, July 4.—Five clergymen of different Protestant denominations join in plea for pardon for Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings in a letter just sent to Governor C. C. Young of California.

The five are Henry Sloane Coffin, Presbyterian president of the Union Theological Seminary; Harry Emerson Fosdick of the Park Avenue Baptist church, New York; Hubert C. Herring, secretary of the Congressional Commission of Social Service; Francis J. McConnell, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church and president of the Federal Council of Churches; and Howard Chandler Robbins, former dean of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, now at St. Paul, New York City.

The letter says: "We are particularly impressed with the statements of the trial judge and the jurors in the Mooney case and of the police officials and prosecutors connected with cases declaring them innocent."

"Our reading of the confessions and revelations of perjury since the trials and of the findings of President Wilson's mediation commission all prompt us to the belief that there was a grave miscarriage of justice in convicting these men."

GIRLS STUDY ENGLISH

And College Men Like Economics Best, Survey Shows.

By United Press  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 4.—English is the most popular subject among college girls and economics among college men, if a survey conducted at Harvard and Radcliffe is an accurate barometer.

Twenty-eight per cent of Radcliffe girls are concentrating in English, compared with 16 per cent of Harvard men. Seventeen per cent of the Harvard students are majoring in economics, while less than 3 per cent of the Radcliffe girls have shown preference for that subject.

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Tanning Your Body Helps Keep You Young; Tan Your Face—and Look Old

By Times Special  
PHILADELPHIA, July 4.—"Paradoxical as it may sound, tanning your body will help you to keep young, but tanning your face makes you look old." Phyllis Wray, beauty and health authority, sounds this note of warning particularly to girls and women who are going in hurriedly but neither wisely nor well, for the prevailing suntan vogue. Don't, above all, try to acquire all your tan in one day or over one week-end, admonishes Miss Wray, writing in The Farm Journal, for sunshine

in an overdose can be a blistering torment that may easily upset the nerve and digestive systems. Tan the body gradually as much as possible, but permit only a minimum of tanning of the face, she advises, for sunburn or deep tanning, while it invigorates the body, makes the skin coarser. On the face, where the skin is extremely delicate and fine grained, a summer of heavy tanning will inevitably result in wrinkles and coarseness which will add years to even a young person's appearance."

TRACTION CAR DEATH PROBED

Mrs. Mary Lowder, 75, Is Killed by Interurban.

Investigation of the death of Mrs. Mary Lowder, 75, of 1135 Kentucky avenue, who was struck by an interurban car in front of her home Wednesday night, was to be made today by Coroner C. H. Koeber. Returning from the home of a friend, G. W. Louis, 1132 Kentucky avenue, she hobbled on her crutches into the path of the car. Motorman Oille Smith, 39, Martinsville, said there were a string of automobiles ahead of him, and he did not see the woman until she was between the tracks. Smith was not held by police.

Mrs. Lowder is survived by two sons, Oliver E. and William Lowder, with whom she lived. She was a widow for thirty years.

GIRL, 14, OWNS ONE OF OLDEST PIANOS

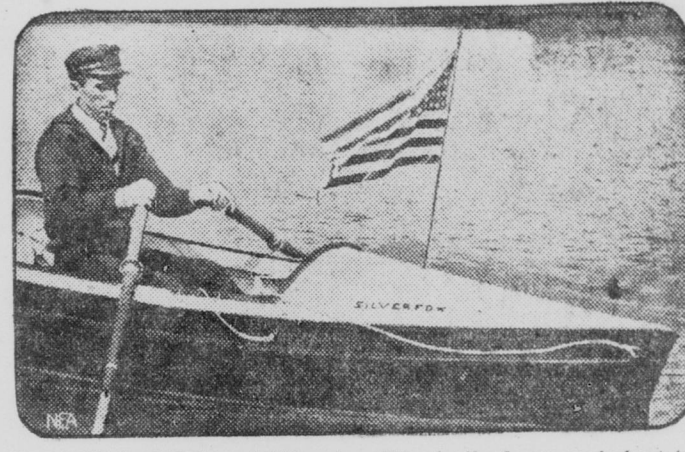
Possesses Instrument Made by Swiss Artist in 1767.

By United Press  
CHANDLER, Okla., July 4.—One of the three oldest pianos in America belongs to a 14-year-old girl, Sara Elizabeth Crieder, here. The instrument is one of the three made by John Huber of Switzerland in 1767.

One of the pianos is in the Metropolitan museum, while the other is on exhibition in the Mt. Vernon home of George Washington. The instrument, entirely hand made, has a keyboard with but five octaves. The soft "pedal" is operated by hand and is located on the player's left.

The sounding board is on the player's right. The strings, made of various materials, fasten to iron turn keys.

Rows Across Lake



Here is Michael Eicher of Milwaukee, Wis., in the home-made boat in which he rowed across Lake Michigan, a distance of eighty-five miles, in twenty-seven hours. Only a few sandwiches were taken as provisions.

'GOOD LITTLE GIRL' POSE OF ANN HIT

Ex-Roommate Takes Stand to Blacken Her Past Life.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, July 4.—The "poor but good little working girl" character which Ann-Livingston, Tulsa stenographer, has striven to impress upon the jury in the trial of her \$250,000 breach of promise suit against Franklin S. Harding, 62-year-old millionaire, was clouded considerably today by surprise defense testimony concerning Ann's "past."

The surprise witness of Harding, who contends he jilted the pretty young stenographer two days before the date set for their marriage because he learned she was a "gold digger," was Mrs. Bessie Heath, wife of a Ft. Omaha (Neb.) army officer. Mrs. Heath identified herself as a

former chum and roommate of Miss Livingston and then proceeded to blacken the plaintiff's character with a dramatic tale of Ann's early loves. The witness said her friendship with Ann terminated in a fist fight after she had reproached Ann for misconduct with a young army officer in their apartment at Little Rock, Ark.

The officer named by the witness was Lieutenant Robert Puderbaugh, who later married Ann and then divorced her. Mrs. Heath testified she was employed as a theater cashier while Ann worked in a department store. She charged Ann brought Puderbaugh to their room and allowed him to remain all night.

Miss Livingston returned to the stand then and denied she even knew the defense witness. She asserted she met Puderbaugh in Kansas City, not in Little Rock as Mrs. Heath had testified.

SUPREME COURT TO HEAR CASES OF 3 PACIFISTS

Yale Professor, Quaker and Mennonite to Appeal for Citizenship.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, July 4.—Three cases instead of one will be taken to the United States supreme court to test the right of the government to exclude pacifists from citizenship. The three raise issues slightly different from those in the case of Rosika Schwimmer.

In the case of Professor Douglas C. McIntosh of Yale divinity schools, the right of individual conscience is paramount, according to Arthur Garfield Hays, general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union who will have charge of the cases. Professor McIntosh stated, in applying for citizenship, that he would fight in any way he believed to be right.

The cases of Martha Graber, a French Mennonite of Lima, O., and Mrs. Margaret Webb, a Canadian Quaker of Richmond, Ind., involve the question of whether or not members of sects historically opposed to war may be forced to violate their religious convictions. Hays will raise the issue of historic rights of freedom of conscience in contesting these cases.

He will invoke the provisions of state constitutions of the draft act in force during the World war and contend that policies established there should be continued.

The Civil Liberties Union points out that refusal to grant citizenship to aliens professing conscientious scruples against war has originated within the past two years. Only since then has the department of labor included in its questionnaire for applicants the question which raises the issue.

GUESS FOR DRINKS

Weight of Huge Cheese Decides Serving of Champagne.  
LONDON, July 4.—An old house off Cheapside holds one of the strangest parties in England. Once a year city men and women gather here for a feast. At the conclusion of the repast, a huge cheese is brought in. If any one of the guests guesses the weight, height and girth correctly, champagne is served. Since the custom has been instituted, however, champagne has been served only fifteen times.

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