

EXPERTS BRAND LOVE LETTERS AS FORGERIES

South Bend Man Is Freed From Wife Nine Years His Senior.

By Times Special
SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 14.—Testimony of two handwriting experts won a divorce for George Scuzes, 19, in superior court despite protests of his wife that there was no grounds for the decree.
The experts pronounced a group of passionate love letters introduced by Mrs. Scuzes as written by her husband after their marriage as forgeries.
Scuzes, who was nine years younger than his wife, had lived with her only about an hour, the time required to return to South Bend from Laporte, where they had been married. A private settlement had been arranged to provide for a child.
When Scuzes brought suit for divorce, his estranged wife produced the letters as evidence. They were designed to prove her young husband remained devoted, but was unable to live with her because of the influence of his father.
Judge J. Elmer Peak awarded the divorce after the funeral of her husband. Scuzes, who was nine years younger than his wife, had lived with her only about an hour, the time required to return to South Bend from Laporte, where they had been married. A private settlement had been arranged to provide for a child.

WIFE ALLEGES BEATING FOR GOING TO FUNERAL

Anderson Woman Also Charges Weapons Kept Near Mate's Bed.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 14.—Alleging her husband beat her when she returned from the funeral of her grandmother, which she attended over his protests, Mrs. Elmore Chapin filed suit in superior court for a divorce from Clarence Chapin. She says her husband sleeps with a razor and a revolver near his bed.
Ethel E. McNew filed suit for divorce from Raymond McNew, alleging he deposits his earnings in a joint account with his father and refuses to provide for her. The couple were married in 1929. Mrs. McNew says she separated from her husband because their home was raided frequently by police searching for liquor she charges he concealed under a floor. She asks \$2,500 alimony.

BIT OF PIPE IN THROAT

Excited Boxer Fan Swallowed Piece of Stem Teeth Crushed.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., March 14.—The excitement occasioned by a boxing match proved disastrous to Oscar Flanner, who had a ringside seat.
Puffing on a pipe, Flanner leaned forward anxiously as blow after blow was traded in the ring. Then one of the fighters landed the knockout blow, his opponent went crashing to the canvas and Flanner hit his pipe stem in two. Doctors at a Muncie hospital removed the broken bit from his esophagus. He will recover.

Counsel Also Interpreter

By Times Special
ELKHART, Ind., March 14.—Counsel for the plaintiff like played the role of interpreter in the suit here of Emory Antalovits, Hungarian, for divorce from Mrs. Elizabeth Antalovits. Neither plaintiff nor defendant could speak English. D. D. Nemeth, South Bend attorney, interpreted the evidence for Judge O. M. Conley. The plaintiff got the divorce, but the defendant was awarded \$1,000 alimony.

Educators Lose Positions

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 14.—The school board of Noblesville has announced that it will not tender contracts next year to Fred M. Starr, superintendent, and E. V. Rutherford, principal of the high school. The board assigned the tenure law as the reason. Starr came to Noblesville four years ago from the Tri-State Normal at Angola, where he was an instructor for eighteen years.

Poorhouse Inmate Killed

By Times Special
CROWN POINT, Ind., March 14.—Mrs. Josie Kelley, 45, Lake county poorhouse inmate, is dead, the victim of a hit-and-run driver's automobile. Her body was hurled into a snowbank.

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Student Swims as Blizzard Rages



Dave Neal, University of Notre Dame student, who took a swim this week while a blizzard raged. "I'd take a plunge for \$249," Neal remarked to fellow students. The money was quickly raised and Neal kept his part of the wager.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FELL SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS

Among Measures Passed Are Many Without Friends.

BY BEN STERN
With all reports received from the outgoing district and the seven-yearly general assembly a memory, Hoosiers can compare its accomplishments with the expectations—and find themselves woefully disappointed.
With but one minor exception, the tax relief promised was not realized; an old age pension system is still a dream; no great political figure emerges and one fact is borne home—nothing constructive can be accomplished in legislation when one branch of the general assembly differs in political hue from the other.
It is true that many local enabling acts, which are not of importance to the people of the state as a whole, will be on the statute books.
In the closing hours of a session which lasted four hours beyond its legal limit, a congressional reappointment act was passed. Fathered by Henry Marshall, Lafayette publisher and mentor of Governor Harry G. Leslie, and dictated by political expediency, it will be 1934 when the full effect of this gerrymandering can be realized.
Bill Without Friends
Leslie, naturally did not want a special session, for the executive must call such a session and thereby be the recipient of the odium resulting. So Marshall forced the joint conference committee on reappointment to bring in a report which provided a bill is unsatisfactory to all.
The alignment of the new districts is said to be five Republican, four Democratic and three doubtful.
The 1932 election will be too early to judge the result of the new division, because the national conditions will overshadow those purely state, but two years later, in 1934, when the issues are more local, added information will become available.
One thing is certain and that is Vigo county Democrats are incensed because Warren county is included in the new Sixth district. This, they claim, will make for a Republican majority of 8,000.
Purnell Scores Victory
They have just grounds for their anger. Protests of Richard Werneke, Terre Haute Democratic leader, were ignored and Representative Fred Purnell of Attica had his way in the conference room. The next Sixth district was made safe for Purnell.
A victory was won by R. Earl Peters, Wayne Democratic state chairman, who hopes to change the political hue of his district to what he regards as more favorable inclusion in the new Fourth of the Democratic counties of Wells and Adams, thus paving the way for the possible election to Congress of his fervent adherent, Virgil Simmons, Bluffton, present Eighth district chairman.
The promised income tax measures were not forthcoming.
It is true that the Democratic house passed both the personal and the corporate income tax bills. The Republican senate jockeyed about until the corporate tax bill was killed and then, at almost the tenth hour after the close of the session, passed the personal bill.
In connection with this, Speaker Walter Myers, Indianapolis, whose eyes are fixed longingly on the Democratic senatorial nomination, made the prize blunder of the session. It was the prize winner, not even discounting the manner in which Delph McKesson of Plymouth, Democratic house floor leader, killed the anti-lynching bill one day and on the next suspended the rules to obtain its passage.
Some technicality in parliamentary procedure were not followed by the senate in passing the personal income tax bill.
Dated After Legal Close
Myers, too small indications, had his fingers crossed on this Democratic platform pledge, as well as all others, prepared a long statement setting out the details, and wrote it up on the enrolled act itself. He then signed his name as of March 10 one day after the legal close of the session.
Myers' action invalidated the bill. Attorney James M. Ogden ruled, thus giving Leslie an out on the signing of the measure and placing

LYNCHING CHARGES AT MARION ERASED

Prosecution Takes Step as Sequel to Acquittals in Two Cases.

By United Press
MARION, Ind., March 14.—Affidavits against six Marion men and Jacob C. Campbell, former Grant county sheriff, filed by the state after the lynching of two Negroes here last August, were dismissed Friday in Grant circuit court upon written motion of Merle Wall and Earl Stroup, deputy attorney-general.
Charges of participation in the lynching were dismissed against Chester Pease, Arnold Wallers, Phillip Boyd, Everett Clark, Asa Davis and a sixth man known only as Prame. All but Prame have been arrested and Wallers has been held in jail since Dec. 20.
The affidavit charging Campbell with neglect of duty because the Negro prisoners were removed from the county jail, also was dismissed.
Wall and Stroup, in their motion, said dismissal was made because there appeared no likelihood of obtaining convictions.
Sunday Shows Opposed
By Times Special
BOSWELL, Ind., March 14.—Pastors of this town's two churches and the W. C. T. U. are opposing an effort to operate motion picture theaters on Sunday.

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PRISONER FACES TWO COUNTS IN BANK ROBBERIES

Anderson Man Arrested in Ohio Also to Be Questioned About Tragedy.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., March 14.—Roscoe Ray, Anderson, a fugitive since the robbery of banks at Daleville and Albany, is a prisoner here, having been returned from Toledo, O. He faces charges of bank robbery and auto banditry filed in Delaware circuit court.
Three alleged companions in crime, Ed Locke, Muncie; Fred Males, Anderson, and James Clevenger, already are in prison. The first two were given terms of fifteen years each and Clevenger twenty-five.

Anderson police plan to question Ray regarding several crimes there. Including the supposed slaying of Lee Skinner, barbecue stand proprietor. Mrs. Della Knorr, who was in custody for a time following the tragedy, told authorities that she suspected Ray of the slaying as Skinner had told her a few days before his death that Ray had threatened to "get him" because of a belief that Skinner had caused the arrest of Males, Clevenger and Locke. Ray will also face questioning regarding robbery of Charles Meo, William Woolams and August Frese.
The Commercial bank at Daleville was robbed Dec. 19 and the State Bank of Albany on Jan. 3. Clevenger admitted participating in both robberies. He denied, however, that Ray took part.

HIGHWAY BIDS TO BE OPENED

Letting March 31, Fourth in 1931 State Program.

Bids for paving approximately forty-five miles and for grading five miles of state roads preparatory to paving, will be opened by the state highway commission, March 31, John J. Brown, department director, announced today. They will be the fourth pavement letting for 1931 construction and will have contracted 272 miles of paving and 28 miles of heavy grading for the year to date.
Projects for which contracts will be given, are as follows:
State Road 54, from Springfield to Oolitic, five miles of 18-foot pavement in Lawrence county. Last gap between Bedford, Bloomer and Sullivan counties.
U. S. Highway 31, two connections of 20-foot pavement to avoid bad turns and a hazardous grade crossing at the north of Kokomo. Each connection involves about one mile of paving.
U. S. Highway 36, from Rockville east to the junction of State Road 43, eighteen miles of 20-foot pavement in Parke and Putnam counties.
State Road 29, from Winamac south to the Cass county line, twelve miles of 20-foot pavement in Pulaski county.
State Road 14, from Ft. Wayne to the existing road paved to the Ohio state line to be added to the state system, five and a half miles of 20-foot pavement in Allen county.
State Road 15, between Marion and LaFontaine, two and seven-tenths miles of 18-foot pavement in Grant county. This is on relocation adjacent to the Mississippi river and involves heavy grading.
U. S. Highway 41, grading approaches to the Ohio river bridge at Evansville, five miles, involves moving approximately 50,000 cubic yards of earth.

Ax Murder of Wife, 16, Insane Mother Declares

By Times Special
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 14.—Mrs. Emma Owings, mother of Lawrence Johnson, 22, on trial here charged with the ax murder of his wife, Mildred, 16, expressed a belief on the witness stand that her son is of unsound mind. She collapsed after giving her testimony.
The mother testified that she talked to her son Jan. 10, shortly before the tragedy. A brother and two sisters of the accused also testified to an opinion that he is insane.
In all, twenty-nine witnesses have testified for the defense, fourteen to the good character of Johnson.

Another Wolf Sighted

By United Press
KOKOMO, Ind., March 14.—Wolves are becoming rather numerous in Howard county. Early in the week a large timber wolf was slain by farmers in the east part of the county following raids on chicken and hogs. In practically the same neighborhood another wolf was seen by farmers. A hunt will be organized with Clyde Shockey, local aviator, doing duty as "look out" from his plane.

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Father of Four Opens Jail With Bonus Money

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 14.—George Able, state policeman, arrested him in city court at 10:30 a. m. on a fine of \$10 and costs, a total of \$40, was imposed. Without money to meet the penalty, Dodson faced the prospect of spending forty days in jail, but happened to remember a loan was due on his bonus, and communicated with Coulter M. Montgomery, service officer of the Seymour American Legion post, and soon he had \$47, with which he settled with the law.
After a visit here with his family, Dodson started back to Ohio, but halted long enough to

RIGHT TO TRY SUICIDE UPHELD

Marion Man Released After Three Attempts.

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., March 14.—Mayor Jack Edwards presiding in city court ruled that a man has a right to try to kill himself if he doesn't make attempts too often.
The ruling was made in the case of Jack Gray, 24, former theater entertainer. He was locked up by police after a third effort to commit suicide.
Gray told the court that his married life had been as much a failure as his efforts to kill himself, but said he hoped to effect a reconciliation with his wife. Upon his promise to get a job and support her and a child, he was released.

CHILD SURVIVES BULLET WOUND

Healing Starts After Shooting More Than Year Ago.

By Times Special
ALBANY, Ind., March 14.—Wounded more than a year ago by a gangster's bullet during a duel which resulted in the death of a Detroit police officer, Lois Bartlett, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Starbuck of Albany, now appears to be well on the road to recovery after spending a long period in a hospital.
The little girl has resumed her school work, although a wound in the back of her head is not fully healed.
A surgeon who had attended the child since the wound was inflicted, died, and other doctors took over the case. Two weeks ago, while engaged in draining the wound, which had resisted all attempts at healing, they discovered a small piece of bone. This was removed, and since then healing process has proceeded rapidly.

FLAG CASE DISMISSED

Amish Man Instructed Not to Salute Colors.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Ind., March 14.—A charge of contributing to delinquency, filed against Peter J. Stoll of the Amish faith, because he instructed children not to salute the American flag, was dismissed here by Judge M. S. Hastings in Daviess circuit court.
Stoll's attorneys pointed out that there is no clause in the Constitution requiring that the flag be saluted. Stoll objected to his children saluting the flag at school, a teacher reported, because of his religious tenets.

Auto Kills School Boy

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., March 14.—Instant death was the fate of Alonzo Seltzer, 12, when struck by an automobile after alighting from a school bus near the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Seltzer, six miles northwest of here, Edward Hagerman, Muscatine, Ia., driver of the car, was released after questioning.

Victim's Husband Held on Intoxication Charge.

By Times Special
PORTLAND, Ind., March 14.—While authorities investigated the death of Mrs. George Bowers, during a fire at her home Thursday, her husband was arrested on an intoxication charge preferred by relatives who said he was creating a disturbance at their home. He has refused to make a statement to state fire marshal representatives.
An examination of the body of the victim has been made by Dr. Thurman B. Rice of the Indiana university school of medicine and Coroner F. E. Wheeling of Jay county, result of which has not been disclosed. They seek to determine whether death was due to some cause other than burns or suffocation.

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LIFE CONVICT'S MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL DENIED

Man Convicted of Kidnaping Carried Columbus Child Only 90 Feet.

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., March 14.—Carrying a little girl only ninety feet, which resulted in conviction of Arthur Cox on a kidnapping charge with a life term in the state prison, is a penalty which must stand unless set aside by the Indiana supreme court or a pardon. Judge Charles S. Baker of Bartholomew circuit court held in denying a motion for a new trial.
Counsel for the convicted man in seeking a new trial declared the circumstances of the case did not justify the life term. Judge Baker upheld the verdict, discussing kidnapping statutes of the state over a period of the last 107 years. The present law, enacted in 1929, defines kidnapping as the forcible removal of a person from the state to another or a foreign country. The present law, enacted in 1929, defines kidnapping as the carrying away of a person from any place where he has a right to be.
Cox picked up Gloria Jean Juffer, 10, while she was in the yard of her home and carried her a distance of ninety feet when he was caught by persons called by playmates of the little girl.
Judge Barker granted ninety days in which to perfect a supreme court appeal. Counsel for Cox has not yet indicated whether it will take that step.

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