

# STARR DEVELOPED STARTLING PERSONALITY AS CHILD

## ONCE HELD MAD DOG PET, DARING COPS TO SHOOT

Drowned Beauty Learned to Swim Before She Could Walk.

ARTISTIC TREND SHOWN

Didn't Like Dolls, but Was Fond of 'Story Book Friends.'

The United Press tells today the story of the childhood and early young womanhood of Starr Faithfull, whose hattered corpse was cast into the Atlantic Ocean two weeks ago. Death still is a mystery, and the Faithfulls, anxious to give the public a viewpoint different than some of the lurid and manifestly false stories broadcast about the girl are preserving through the United Press a story of her life.

Stanley Faithfull, the girl's step-father, has refused to have any commercialized, and his story is not a bought or sold proposition.

The attached article is as released chiefly by Mrs. Helen Faithfull, the girl's mother, with a few points contributed by Stanley Faithfull and his pretty stepdaughter, Tucker Faithfull.

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NEW YORK, June 17.—The Faithfull family went back today amid the treasures of memory to paint a picture of the dead Starr Faithfull as an adorable child, with an early love of the beautiful and artistic, fearless, courageous, self-reliant.

They traced a story of her childhood, some incidents of which might be duplicated in any family, but many of which were stamped with an individuality that marked Starr Faithfull.

Starr, who came to the end of her career by drowning, learned to swim before she could walk.

Fearless With Mad Dog

She once held a mad dog while a crowd of grown people stared in amazement at her pluck as she bade officers stand back and not dare to shoot her pet. The dog died in his hydrophobia as Starr clung to him, unafraid.

She didn't like dolls, but was fond of a sort of doll made of a clothes hanger that bore the descriptive name of "hanger" and had a place of honor among her childish possessions. The doll was treated one day for "sore throat" by Starr.

She loved dogs and one dog was named "Bubbles." She amused herself one day by coating him with butter, and though he was ferocious to some, he did not object to this treatment from his mistress.

Hat Storybook Friends

She had an early love for books, and as her mother put it, she had a lot of "imaginative friends." The fairies, princesses and princesses of the story books with whom she com-muned as a youngster.

These were some of the things the woman, worn by the strain of Starr's death, and the incessant questioning of authorities and press, told today in the simple living room of her home in St. Luke's place, with the stepfather and Tucker Faithfull contributing occasionally an anecdote or incident.

A load seemed to lift from this woman who has been harassed at the point of nervous exhaustion.

She traced the life of Starr from her birth, Jan. 26, 1906, at Evanston, Ill., her babyhood in Rochelle, N. Y., and later to Brookline, Mass., a fashionable suburb of Boston.

Tells of School Life

The story goes through her school life in Miss Julia Parks' exclusive school at Chestnut Hill, Brookline, and the first year in Rogers Hall school, a smart finishing school at Lowell. The later life of the girl will be developed in subsequent articles, tracing the changes which made Starr a girl of many moods.

As a baby Starr was "one of the most energetic of children." She had a tremendous amount of spirit and was at times a bit difficult to control. A doctor was asked about her and he diagnosed her situation as merely a slight excess of spirit.

She started creeping early in infancy and liked to crawl up and down the beach at Centerville. Children were on her knees from the creeping. Before she could swim she would creep into the water. Water was her refuge from people whom she didn't fancy.

Fascinated by Colors

Colors fascinated her. As a baby, she loved flowers at her crib, and as she grew older, the sense of the beautiful and the artistic developed. She did not like to see people cut flowers or wear them on their dresses. She was sensitive and retiring, but the folks of the story books were her good companions and her reading started at an early age.

She adored her younger sister Tucker and exercised an air of responsibility over Tucker. Often she felt Tucker's wrists to see if Tucker was "gaining or losing weight."

Gifted as Sketcher

Starr had a flair for the artistic, and she could draw remarkable sketches. She would amuse little friends with her pictures and with the simple stories she invented to accompany them.

Other youngsters liked her, but she could sometimes plague.

Once she put "fiddler crabs" in the rompers of a little playmate much to the playmate's discomfiture.

Mother Is Startled

In New Rochelle, she startled a company at a tennis tournament drinking ginger ale, when she inquired of her mother:

"Mother, why don't you dip your bread in your whisky?"

At Miss Parks school where she entered at the age of 6½ she was an apt pupil, and so much a favorite that the school heads told Mrs. Faithfull when she once thought of taking the girl out, that they wouldn't think of it even if some man.

## Destruction of City Schools Is Threatened by Army of Tropical Ants

DESTRUCTION of Indianapolis schools is threatened, not by radical plots, but by termites, destructive tropical white ants, which was revealed at a special school board meeting Tuesday.

Already, thousands of dollars damage has been caused to several school buildings by these voracious insects. Immunizing one building will cost approximately \$1,400, and

cockroach family. Fear that the structures would be weakened as to become dangerous, was expressed.

Board members today were attempting to devise means of financing the immunizing of school buildings against inroads of the insects. Immunizing one building will cost approximately \$1,400, and

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INVESTIGATION of framework of thirteen school buildings has revealed that four are being undermined by termites, Business Director A. B. Good reported.

While unable definitely to estimate damage, because the termites eat only out the insides,

leaving a solid-appearing shell intact, Good said School 51 has been damaged not less than \$10,000.

TERMITES, he asserted, are organized like bees, some attacking wood structures, others carrying water to them to make the boring easier, and still others standing guard against their worst enemy the ordinary ant.

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## DEBATE STATE'S POWER TO ASK BANK RECEIVER

Issue Aired in Meyer-Kiser Writ Hearing Before Supreme Court.

Constitutionality of the power and right of the state banking commissioner to ask for a receiver for a bank was challenged today both by brief and oral arguments in a suit before the state supreme court.

The issue was raised in the petition asking the court to issue a writ of prohibition to stop the efforts of depositors of the Meyer-Kiser bank from obtaining a receiver.

The writ denies Thomas D. McGee, special judge, the right to hear arguments on a receivership petition filed in superior court two several weeks ago.

It is claimed that Judge McGee is without jurisdiction in the case because under the state law only the attorney-general on the behalf of the state banking commissioner can file receivership suits.

The supreme court took the arguments under advisement and ruled within the next few weeks.

Challenge Constitutionality

Constitutionality of this was challenged on the following grounds:

That the acts of 1911, amended 1921 and in 1929, "insofar as they give the state banking commissioner power to sue for a receiver, and insofar as it attempts to deprive creditors of the banks of their existing remedies at law to maintain an action or receiver is invalid, null and void, being in violation of Article 4, Section 19, of the state Constitution."

The brief adds that "the title of the act is not general, but is restrictive, providing only for the appointment of bank examiners and regulating the examination of banks, and that the matter of filing suits for a receiver by the banking commission is not a matter connected with the said restricted subject."

Content Act Voided

In substantiation of this point the brief cites Article 4, Section 19: "Every act shall embrace but one subject and matter properly connected therewith and which subject shall be expressed in the title."

"But if any subject shall be embraced in an act and shall not be expressed in the title such act shall be void only as so much thereof as shall not be expressed in the title."

The brief goes on to declare that the act in question, Acts of 1929, Page 495, which purports to give the banking commissioner the right to sue for a receiver for an insolvent bank does not contain any title broad enough to cover that subject matter and is therefore "null and void" as to this part.

Felt no Receiver Necessary

Fred E. Barrett, L. Russell Newgent and William B. Miller filed the brief on the behalf of McGee and the depositors.

Attorneys for the bank, Smith, Remster, Hornbrough & Smith, and Noel, Hickam, Boyd & Armstrong, in their brief, point out that under the act of 1929 that the commissioner whenever and only "he deems it necessary and expedient" shall ask for a receiver.

It was also pointed out that the banking commissioner felt that no receiver was necessary for the Meyer-Kiser bank and that because of the condition of the bank a liquidating agent was the best possible solution.

BELT WYE ELEVATION CONTRACT APPROVED

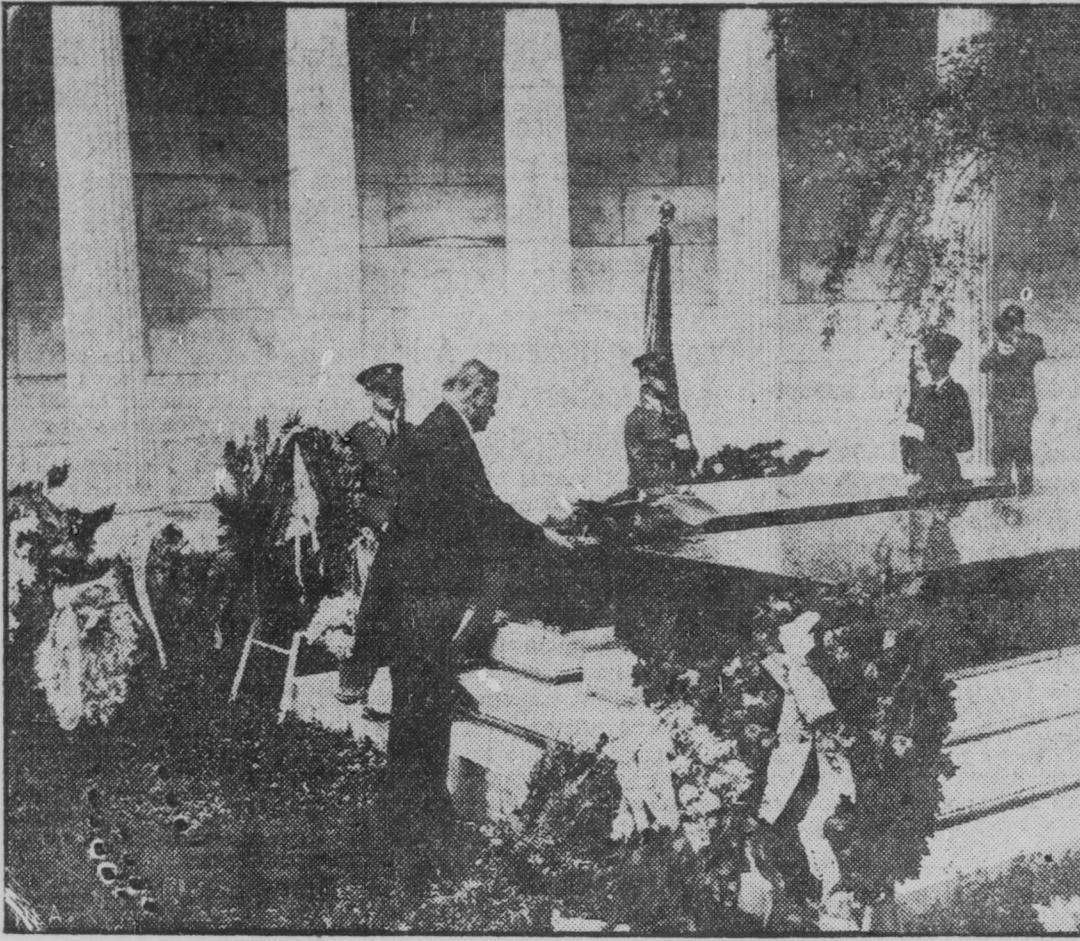
\$40,000 Project Near Raymond Street Sanctioned by Rail Company.

Contract for elevation of a wye track of the Illinois Central railroad that intersects the Belt railroad near Raymond street, today was approved by the Illinois Central and works board.

The work will cost about \$40,000, of which the railroad company will pay 50 per cent, the city \$14,000 and the county \$6,000.

Section of the elevation between Meridian street and White river is expected to be completed early next month, the Meridian street subway, now under construction, being the last part of this work.

## Hoover Places Wreath on Harding Tomb



This picture shows President Herbert Hoover laying a wreath on the tombs of former President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding at the dedication of the Harding memorial at Marion, O., Tuesday. Former President Coolidge and other notables also attended.

## LABOR WRITS BEFORE COURT

### Mine, Road Injunctions Are Sought at Terre Haute.

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, June 17.—Two petitions filed in the Terre Haute division of federal court seek temporary restraining orders to prevent interference with highway construction workers in Vermillion county and with miners at the Black Diamond Coal Company at Dugger.

Hearing on the petitions probably will be held by Judge Robert C. Baltzell at Indianapolis late this week.

R. McCalman, Inc., constructing a highway and two bridges in Vermillion county, filed complaint for injunction and temporary restraining order against eighteen Vermillion county men, alleging they conspired to halt the road work by threatening the laborers and threatening to destroy the highway and bridges.

Operators of the Black Diamond Coal Company filed suit against District 11, U. M. W. A., local No. 38, and officers of both, charging that the defendants interfered with mining operations, and threatened miners and threatened to damage the property.

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