

COP ACTS AS SLEUTH; WINS SELF DIVORCE

Trailed Wife and Saw Her Kiss Another Man, He Testifies.

Detective tactics were put to a personal use by Patrolman George A. Byrum, 223 North Walcott street, and won a divorce for him today in superior court three.

From the witness stand, Byrum recounted how he employed his knowledge of police trailing methods to observe his wife's actions.

His seven years police experience, he admitted, led him to keep silent when he watched his wife Emma, 49, sit on a Willard park bench and kiss another man.

Tells of Fake "Wire"

"Why didn't you warn these men to leave your wife alone?" the wife's attorney asked Byrum.

"I want to make a good case," he replied.

Byrum further testified that he planned a meeting between his wife and an out-of-town salesman by faking a telegram.

He sent a telegram to his wife, saying, "Meet me at the Union Station, I'm coming to the city," he said.

Moreover, Byrum testified he was on the spot watching and taking notes, just as he does when on police duty, as the salesman stepped from the train to meet Mrs. Byrum.

Ex-wife to Be Paid

Asking for an absolute divorce, which was granted, Byrum told Judge William A. Pickens his wife's behavior was "embarrassing and humiliating to me."

Byrum signed a contract agreeing to pay his former wife \$50 monthly for herself and five children while the two youngest are in high school. After that, the wife gets \$40 monthly for remainder of her life, with Byrum's defenses for failure to pay waived.

GOODLAND BANK, SHUT FOR YEAR, TO REOPEN

Net Profits to Go to Credit of Old Depositors.

By Times Special

GOODLAND, Ind., Jan. 27.—The Goodland state bank will reopen Saturday morning at 8 after a year's cessation of banking business.

Circuit Judge Moses Leopold, of Newton county, dismissed Arthur G. Mitten as bank receiver.

Money received when the bank opens will be kept separate from the old deposits and will not be used for old liabilities. Net profits will go to the credit of old depositors.

Ten per cent of the bank's old deposits will be released on opening day and the remainder will be liquidated in 5 per cent installments.

Officers of the new institution are: C. L. Tedford, president; Charles A. Welch, first vice-president; Harry H. Hawn, second vice-president; Clarence B. Harms, cashier, and Bethel Constable, assistant cashier. Directors are: C. L. Tedford, Charles A. Welch, Harry H. Hawn, Clarence B. Harms, Ben C. Constable, Lawson J. Cooke, and Frank Kennedy.

LEADERS OF FILMLAND AT SELZNICK FUNERAL

Many Stars Whom He Helped To Fame Pay Final Tribute.

By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 27.—Leading motion picture producers and many stars whom he helped toward fame attended funeral services Thursday for Lewis J. Selznick, pioneer screen executive.

Selznick, a Russian immigrant, who rose to wealth and power when the cinema was barely out of the curiosity stage, died here Wednesday at 62.

Selznick generally was credited with "discovering" Norma Talmadge, Corinne Griffith, Elaine Hammerstein, Eugene O'Brien and many other cinema celebrities.

Florida leads the states in phosphorus production, Tennessee being a close second.

Schoolma'am and Art Student Find Bumming 20,000 Is Easy for Girls



Sometimes the road was sunny and fun to follow.

Going Sometimes Is Rough, but Pair Makes Long Trip Safely.

BY MARGUERITE YOUNG Times Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Edwina (Call Me Eddy) Cohn, 22, and Mildred (Jojo) Weierich, 19, traveled the bums' route by freight train and "thumbed" rides 20,000 miles from their home at 119 West Third street, New York City, and they insist it was and always can be done in a ladylike manner.

"We met few girls," Edwina said today, "but the truth is, it's much easier for girls to bum their way than for men to do it. We had the usual propositions, but they never worried us. If you don't make any ambiguous remarks, people are pretty decent; yes, even along on the desert late at night."

"If the driver does become offensive, you drop him—make him stop the car and let you out. Sometimes however, they drop you."



Left, Edwina (Call Me Eddy) Cohn and Mildred (Jojo) Weierich.

looked sorta nice, so we decided to go together. We went around to a railroad yard—I think it was the Rock Island—and told the inspector we were married and wanted to ride. He said a freight train would be along about 11:30 that night.

"We waited. When it came, we all ran along beside it, then one of the boys hopped on, then Jojo, then me and then the other boy. It was a box car that had been carrying grain."

"We closed the side door because we were afraid of being put off. But pretty soon a brakery came along, and he just said 'Don't smoke or light matches and don't get off before the train stops.'"

"So we rode on until the train stopped, about ten miles out of Amarillo, Tex. Then, because we were tired of the jostling, we decided to separate and try the road again."

"Most of our money went for what you might call luxuries," Edwina continued. "We bought cigarettes and ice cream."

"We always could get a room at a hotel by asking for it, or by offering a quarter. We'd go around to the back, usually, but sometimes they would send us into the dining room."

Their first night in Los Angeles, they went to a John Reed club dance, got in without paying admission, and ran into the group of young college students who were setting up the co-operative apartment at the beach.

"It cost us about \$10 for three weeks," they said, "because we didn't have to chip in for food—we were chief cook and house-tender."

"We bought a dress apiece, too, some sandals, bracelets, rings and four pairs of beaded slippers for souvenirs."

They took a week-end trip to San Francisco, got a ride with a woman to Cheyenne, where they saw the rodeo, and went on to West Yellowstone park.

There they met a bartender who helped them out with food, and they helped him out by bringing people to the speakeasy.

They went to Denver twice. It was in the Rocky Mountain National park they decided to make tracks for home. "It was too cold and we were tired of hitching." They made it back across the continent between Aug. 15 and Sept. 7. Edwina still hasn't got her appointment, but Jojo is doing a little posing for artists.

"We are going again," they announced, "in about two months. To California, where Jojo's sister lives, or to Mexico."

Keepsakes Bring Wealth

Often Are Legal Links to Unclaimed Riches in Probate Court.

Keepsakes of by-gone days—a tattered family Bible, an old picture album, or a smudgy tintype of a fifth cousin—bring wealth to many people through probate court.

These and other apparently useless articles often are the legal links to unclaimed fortunes, and should be saved, says Probate Judge Smiley N. Chambers.

Bibles, more often than any other evidence, establish claims to estates, and tombstone records are valuable.

The business of unearthing unclaimed estates, that otherwise would go to the state's common school fund, is novel and painstaking, according to Chambers.

In fact, the job requires so much work that one Indianapolis attorney makes it his entire occupation.

It is no easy task to prove an heir died in a certain year, or, if the missing one can not be traced, have the heir declared "legally dead."

Money awaiting the appearance of missing persons is turned over to the county clerk for a period of five years. The attorney-general keeps it in his custody for another five years. If heirs are not found at the end of this period, the estate becomes property of the common school fund.

An absentee heir, under common law, legally is dead at the end of seven years.

To convince the court a claimant resembles a photograph of the missing person is difficult.

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POWER PLANT TRANSFER PLAN BRINGS FIGHT

Decatur Township Residents Protest Putting Property in Perry District.

Protest against transfer of property from Decatur township to Perry township was registered in a mass meeting of 500 Decatur township residents Thursday night, and resolution was adopted for presentation to the legislature.

A large group of Decatur residents called at the statehouse this morning, but were prevented from presenting the resolution because of the caucuses of the two houses.

The resolution protests against passage of bills introduced into senate and house providing for transfer into Perry township of real estate adjoining the two township boundaries.

Assessed valuation for taxes of a new electric transmission plant recently erected on the site is said to be \$5,196,200 in the resolution, while the total property value of Decatur township is less than \$4,000,000 exclusive of the plant.

The resolution points out that the assessed valuation of Perry township is \$12,225,350, and charges that the sole purpose of the attempt to acquire the ground is to increase the total taxable property in Perry township.

"No serious attempt ever has been made to claim the property by Perry township until the same became of value for taxation purposes," the resolution declares.

The legislature is asked to defer any action until pending legal action has been settled.

Sale of City Notes to Be Held

Sale of notes of the city sanitary commission totaling \$50,000 will be held Saturday. The money will be used to meet maintenance and operating costs until taxes are collected May 1. The notes will mature May 27.

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