

Hint Grand Jury May Recess Dupont Mercury Poison Probe

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Witnesses Continue to Testify; Jury Waits College Medical Report.

Times Staff Service
MADISON, Ind., Oct. 8.—Possibility that the Jefferson county grand jury may recess its investigation in Dupont's mercury poisoning mystery pending toxicologists' reports from Indianapolis was seen today.

Although witnesses continued to testify before the six-man jury this morning, the crux of the case is believed to rest in the Indiana university medical center laboratories where tests are being made to determine if mercury found in three bodies was the actual cause of death.

So far, the state's case against Mrs. Lottie (Tot) Lockman, Good Samaritan of the Jefferson county hills, is admittedly circumstantial, although officials believe they have a strong case.

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Army Challenged

Col. John H. Amen, attorney for Maj. David A. Watson, above, of Burlingame, Cal., who is charged with the theft of \$1,500,000 worth of Hessian crown jewels, challenged the U. S. army to prosecute all officers who have looted property from Germany.

He declared that if Maj. Watson is guilty, "proof is readily attainable" of similar thefts by generals and other high-ranking officers. Maj. Watson is being held for court-martial in Frankfurt, Germany.

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JONES' MURDER CHARGE EASED

Changed to Manslaughter Pending Jury Action.

Pruster Jones, 38, is free today under \$10,000 bond while awaiting grand jury action on a manslaughter charge in the death of Mrs. Vinnell Davis in a W. Vermont st. hotel Sept. 4.

Likened to Stephenson Case
A murder charge against Jones, who has never served a jail of prison term though he has been arrested 76 times and convicted on 16 counts, was reduced to manslaughter yesterday by Judge Joseph H. Howard in municipal court 3.

Deputy prosecutor Merle Calvert, at the preliminary hearing, said the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Davis resembled those in which D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana, was convicted of murder.

"Murder," Jones attorney, Thurl C. Rhodes, told Mr. Calvert, "is the charge when death of the victim occurs during the commission of a felony."

Bond Is Same
Mrs. Davis died from overdoses of morphine, allegedly administered by Jones. Mr. Rhodes contended that Mrs. Davis had consented to receive morphine injections.

Judge Howard reduced the charge and set the bond at \$10,000. It previously had been placed at the same figure in superior court 5 following Jones' appearance there on a writ of habeas corpus. Joseph Mitchell, Indiana ave. restaurant owner, posted the bond at the time of the hearing in superior court.

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GOP DIVIDED ON DIRECT PRIMARY

Poll Shows Democrats Favor Method 6 to 1.

A survey by the Indiana League of Women Voters today showed Republican legislators to be almost evenly divided on the question of the direct primary method of nominating state candidates.

The poll, interpreted by league officials as presaging "overwhelming" support for the primary, showed Democratic candidates favored it six to one. Democrats, however, were backed by their party's platform which makes the primary a campaign promise while Republican candidates were "on their own."

Direct primary became an intra-party headache to Republican leaders last month when A. V. Burch, candidate for re-election as auditor of state, came out in favor of it in a speech at Muncie. Mr. Burch's action was against the "advice" of Governor Gates and state G. O. P. Chairman Clark Springer who called it "bad politics" for a Republican to run on a Democratic platform plank.

In the face of this obvious coolness on the part of Republican higher-ups, only 25 of the approximately 125 Republican legislative candidates were unreservedly in favor of the primary when questioned by the League. Nine other Republicans hedged, saying they were in favor of direct primary nominations "if" the public gets out to vote.

Four Republicans flatly favored the convention system now in use, seven declined to comment. Five termed the convention the "lesser of two evils" and another five polled a blank.

The total of 55 Republicans who returned their questionnaires left more than half the total number, or about 70 candidates, unheard from on the issue.

Seventy Democratic candidates, or slightly more than half the total number seeking election to the state legislature, sent in replies. Of these, 66 went without reservation for the direct primary, in line with the party's expressed platform policy.

The Democrats took the upstream course to oppose the platform and favor the convention system of nominating state candidates. Two others had no comment, four took the hedge of favoring the primary in case the public gets over its chronic voting apathy, and two polled a blank.

INDICT SHANGHAI MAYOR
NANKING, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Chou Fu-Hai, puppet finance minister under the Japanese China regime and wartime mayor of Shanghai, today was indicted for high treason by the Nanking high court.

BLACK MARKET CAR CZAR FINED \$65,000
CAIRO, Ill., Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Ben Fishel, head of one of the nation's largest automobile black market rings, was fined \$65,000 yesterday and sentenced to two years in federal prison.

The Cairo used car dealer pleaded guilty to 30 counts of a criminal information charging him with conducting a \$3,000,000 auto black market ring, part of the time while serving as a private in the army.

U. S. District Judge Fred L. Wham directed that the prison sentence be served concurrently with a similar sentence imposed on Fishel at Detroit last May on a conspiracy charge.

Court officials said the fine was the largest ever levied upon a black market automobile operator. It also was one of the largest ever assessed against a price-violator.

COUNCIL STANDS ON PAVING FUND

Refuses to Ask Tax Board To Restore \$27,500 Cut.

A resolution to authorize Mayor Tyndall to ask the state tax board to restore \$27,500 street paving funds—trimmed from the city budget—was voted down by the city council last night.

"This will mean that the projected improvement of 20 miles of city streets will have to be dropped," said City Engineer Thomas R. Jacob.

At the same time the council voted appropriation of \$25,000 for repaving of Virginia ave. between Maryland st. and Fountain Square.

Parking Meters Delayed Again
The council also formally accepted \$26,000 federal funds for use in drafting plans for the proposed new storm sewer in Broad Ripple.

Another delay in the six-year-old controversy over the purchase of parking meters was voted by the council. A resolution authorizing the works board to purchase 2000 parking meters from the M. H. Rhodes Co. of Hartford, Conn., was referred to the council's finance committee for further study and recommendations at the next meeting Oct. 21.

An ordinance authorizing an increase in the city smoke abatement department's inspection staff from three members to five was passed.

New Ordinances Introduced
New ordinances introduced would: ONE: Permit the city aviation commission to accept \$18,000 from the federal works administration for preparation of a master plan for Weir Cook airport development.

TWO: Designate city employees with 10 or more years' service as members of the city retirement plan if and when one is established.

THREE: Prohibit discrimination against any persons in employment because of race, color or creed in the city government or firms with which it has contracts.

EVENTS TODAY
Archbishop Elmer Paul C. Schulte arrives at Weir Cook municipal airport, 6:30 p. m.

EVENTS TOMORROW
Berkshire State Assembly, annual convention, Odd Fellows building.

BIRTHS
At Methodist—Orin, Eileen Stockwell.

At St. Vincent's—Donna, Lydia Price.

At St. Francis—John, Eugene Evans, and Frank, Margaret Schilling.

At Coleman—Dr. Charles Jr., Esther McCormick, and William, Helen Ochoan.

At Methodist—George, Barbara Heavlin, Everett, May Patterson, and James, Kathleen Bolton.

At St. Vincent's—Clarence, Lois York, William, Norma Jean Lewis, Guthrie, Murrie Martin, Richard, Geraldine, Monday, Phillip, Lilla Mae, Borronette, E. A. Vera Jones, Cecil, Esther Wilson, E. Hubert, Alice Collins, Robert, Victoria Beckmann, and Otis, Mary Vesta Schaeffer.

At Edwards—Irvin, Velma Coanell, and Harold, Mary Arthur.

At Home—Charles, Eileen Gabbard, at 3840 E. 90th st.; John, Lucetia Garlin, at 2211 Maryland ave.; and John, Margaret Herring, at 1730 Lockwood st.

At St. Francis—Joseph, Vera Showalter, Donald, Mary Sellers, William, Agnes Hall, George, Helen, Kenneth, Lester, Mary Allen, Edward, Dorothy Wakefield, and Robert, William Carlson.

At City—Julius, Roberta Thomas, Nathaniel, Elsie Jones, and William, Retha Johnson.

At Coleman—Paul, Jacqueline Strieter, Vernon, Lillian Burkhardt, and Charles, Betty Crane.

At Methodist—Shirley, Gertrude White, Nellie, Dean Williams, Edward, Mary Hick, Maurice, Vaughn, Hewitt, and Raymond, Ethel Rosenbly.

At St. Vincent's—William, Margaret Auger, Lawrence, Margaret Mullins, John, Marian Ransel, Wilbur, Bobbie Elene Spolar, Bernard, Dorothy Zimmerman, Harold, Mildred Winifred, Willis, Lela Spensky, Bernice, Shirley, Charles, Mary Short, and Jack, Bebie Herman.

At Home—Sim, Rebecca Clark, at 346 Cora st.; Willie, Emma Rogers, at 923 E. 10th st.; Willie, Edna Sanford, at 1214 E. 18th st.; Robert, Annie Eastley, at 2224 N. Kenwood ave.; Carl, Betty Goodman, at 839 S. Hancock; and Betty, William, Miriam Gupit, at 1219 S. New Jersey st.

DEATHS
Charles Morton Dams, 80, at City, arteriosclerotic heart.

Cornel Patrick, 62, at 9824 Stillwell st., carcinoma.

Laura D. Bergmann, 65, at 3245 N. Illinois, cerebral hemorrhage.

Arthur Stephenson, 65, at 3760 Guilford, coronary occlusion.

William Murphy, 66, at Methodist, cerebral hemorrhage.

John Cooper, 62, at City, coronary occlusion.

Diana Grever, 1, at 1430 S. Illinois st., broncho-pneumonia.

Michael Schaefer, month, at Methodist, myocardial insufficiency.

Troy Scott, 47, at 6024 Rossini st., coronary occlusion.

Mary Brown, 76, at 1840 Boulevard pl., chronic myocarditis.

Henry Strasinger, 69, at 1238 Kappes st., coronary occlusion.

George Lammore, 46, at 5386 Wintrop ave., coronary occlusion.

Frank Summers, 39, at City, peritonitis.

Phila Stephens, 80, at 2338 E. 16th st., uremia.

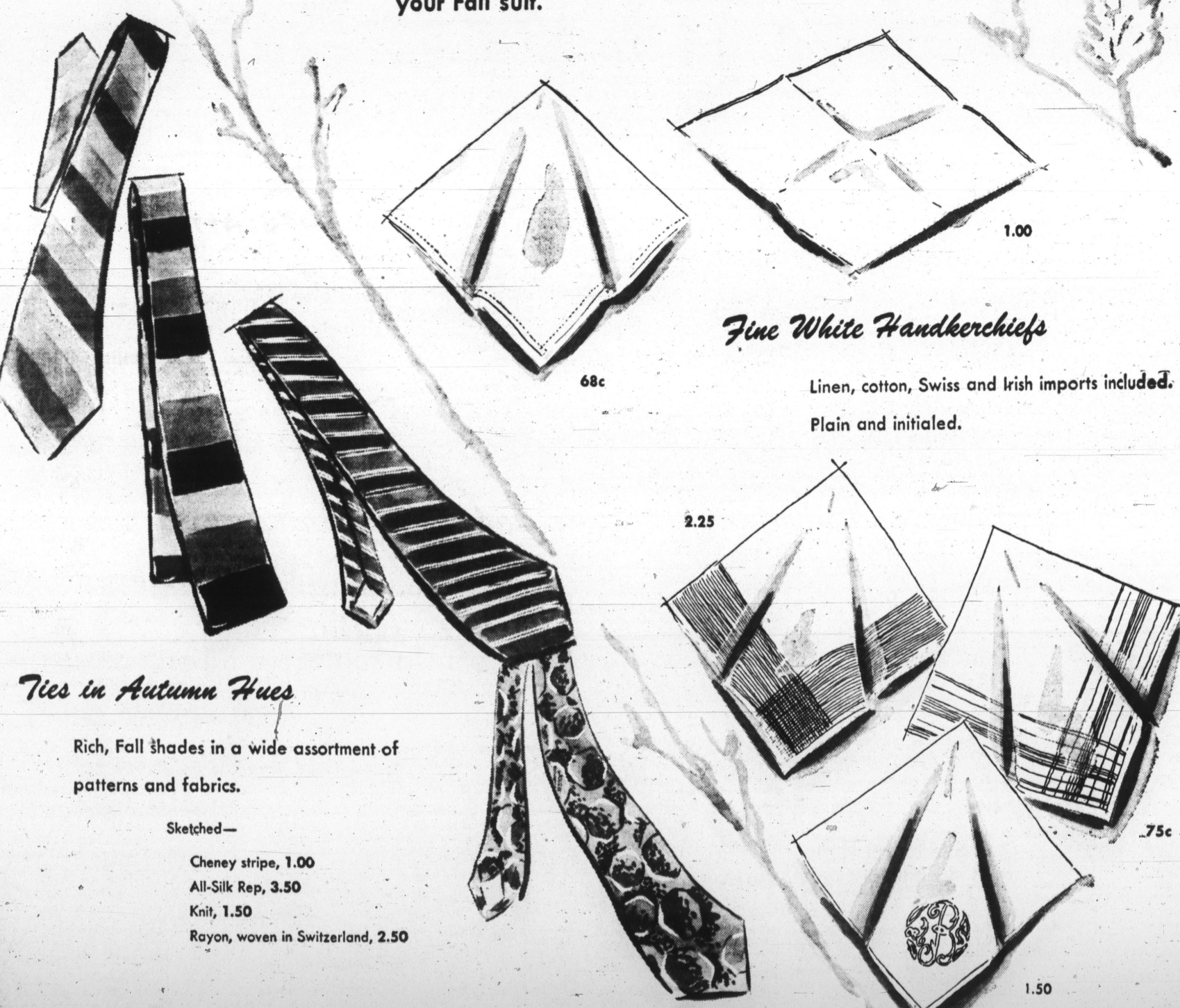
Nora Correll, 61, at Methodist, broncho-pneumonia.

Joseph O'Brien, 73, at 854 N. Oxford, chronic myocarditis.



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