

Bank Embezzler To Take Stand In Trial Of Oil Dealer

Seek to Prove Tieup Between Perry, Randall

U. S. Attorney to Present Evidence

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 10 (U.P.)—Sterling Perry, the portly vice president who embezzled the National City bank of \$142,000 was scheduled to take the witness stand today in trial of an oil dealer charged with conspiracy in the fraudulent transactions.

U. S. District Attorney B. Howard Caughran said Perry would be called this afternoon to testify in the trial of Harry R. Randall, formerly of Oklahoma. Randall is charged with joining with Perry in obtaining money from the bank.

Perry's appearance on the stand would break two days of tedious testimony by banking officials, government investigators and heads of several local corporations.

Serving 15-Year Term

Attorney Caughran said he would present evidence to show Randall was aware that Perry embezzled funds from the bank. Randall's attorneys said he "had no idea" money used in oil dealings was coming from that source.

Perry, who dramatically confessed the embezzlement after walking into Caughran's office last May, is serving a 15-year prison term at Terre Haute federal prison.

The trial of Bristol S. Hackbusch,

43, oil dealer, indicated on the same

charge as Randall, was continued yesterday by special judge Fred L. Wham, East St. Louis, Ill., until Jan. 18.

Perry was brought here yesterday. He held hands with his pretty wife throughout the sessions. Formerly regarded as a "solid" citizen, and popular in Evansville social circles, Perry chatted with old friends during recesses of the trial.

Started as Office Boy

He rose from office boy to vice president in the bank in 37 years of duty. President Charles B. Enlow said that Perry's books were under surveillance three weeks before he went to Indianapolis to confess.

The treasurers of various Evansville firms paraded to the stand this morning to describe bank statements they received from the National City bank.

Caughran compared them with similar statements in the bank's records to demonstrate discrepancies which he said were caused by Perry's embezzling activities.

Bank Auditor Robert E. Carter testified that checking accounts carried by Randall showed cash deposit slips in Perry's handwriting.

A jury of eleven men and one woman was selected yesterday to hear the voluminous technical evidence and testimony.

Frowned on FDR's Son

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Secretary of State Byrnes opposed issuing a passport to Russia for Elliott Roosevelt, who started putting his foot in it shortly after he arrived in Moscow. But the story here is that Mrs. Roosevelt personally appealed to President Truman, who overruled the state department.

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Acheson: 'No News On Soviet Loan'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (U.P.)—Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today the state department has no accurate information on the fighting in Azerbaijan.

Mr. Acheson reiterated that the United States does not question the right of the Iranian government to send its forces any place it wishes in its own territory.

Mr. Acheson also told a news conference:

ONE: There is nothing new to report on proposals for a \$1 billion loan to Russia. The state department's note of some time ago offering to discuss such a loan if Russia will agree to discuss broader economic issues at the same time still is unanswered.

TWO: U. S. policy toward Korea is still to bring about a unified, free and democratic nation, and we



ADDRESS BANKERS—C. W. Bailey (left) and J. M. Dodge, president and vice president of the American Bankers' Association, will be here Thursday and Friday for the A. B. A. Regional Savings and Real Estate Mortgage conference in Claypool hotel.

intend to stay until successful.

THREE: He knows of no basis whatever for belief that Gen. George C. Marshall is returning either briefly or permanently to this country from China, where he is special representative of President Truman.

80 Architects To Attend Parley

Proposed legislation affecting the construction industry will be considered Saturday in the Marott hotel at the first annual meeting of the Indiana Society of Architects.

Ralph O. Yeager, Terre Haute, president, will preside over approximately 80 persons who will attend the one-day session.

Others in charge include Raymond Kastendick, Gary, first vice president; John R. Kelley, Indianapolis, second vice president; Theodore L. Steele, Indianapolis, secretary; J. Lloyd Allen, Indianapolis, treasurer.

Guests will include Julian Oberwarth, Frankfort, Ky., former Great Lakes regional director of the A.I.A.; Marshall D. Abrams, executive director of the Construction League of Indianapolis, and Bert Westover, secretary of the state administrative council.

Syria Condemns Alouites' Leader

BEIRUT, Syria, Dec. 10 (U.P.)—Salman El Mourchid, a 50-year-old former shepherd whom 300,000 Syrian Alouites believe is a god, was sentenced to death today for conspiring with "foreign powers" against the state.

Mourchid was convicted by a Syrian court at Lattakia. When the sentence was read, he asked that he be executed at once.

It was expected that Mourchid would be hanged. He was charged with obtaining arms from the French to fight the Syrian government with his own private army.

Mourchid's two sons were sentenced to life imprisonment. Seven of his followers received prison terms ranging from four to 15 years at hard labor. Thirty-one were acquitted.

Prosecution attorneys described Mourchid as a "common buccaneer." They said his private army "plundered" and fought against Syria.

Robberies Here Net Thieves \$1500

Four burglaries reported to police today netted burglars more than \$1500.

Burglars who used a cable to enter the House of Crane, 126 S. Meridian st., by way of the roof last night took cigarettes valued at \$1200 and leather and toilet goods worth about \$65, credit manager O. C. Ramsey told police.

Ration stamps for 900 pounds of sugar and \$50 cash were stolen from the Leuschner grocery, 749 S. Meridian st., last night. Fred Leuschner, owner, told officers the burglars carried the store safe into an alley and forced the combination after they broke locks on two doors to enter the store.

Burglars who forced a door and broke open a safe stole an un-der

termined amount of cash from the Dobrovitz Butcher Shop, 1002 S. Meridian st., according to David Dobrovitz, owner.

Robert Quinn, office manager of American Aggregates Corp., 1400 W. Raymond st., told police burglars took \$135 in cash and smashed expensive equipment in the office.

PARENT-COUNCIL REUNION

The parent-council of Boy Scout troop 96, Brightwood Methodist church, will hold a reunion at 6:30 p. m. Friday in the church basement for all former scouts and scouts. Denver L. Murray is scoutmaster and Mrs. Edward McC. Ramsay is president of the Parent-Council.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY

Harry D. Sullivan, Butler university sophomore, will head a Christmas party for married veterans and their families in Jordan hall Friday. The affair is sponsored by the Shelby County Council.

While more of the 29-year-old veterans were buried in the cemetery in W. M. S. on Friday, the others turned to routine paying their last respects to Herbert W. Morris, who trigger-happy

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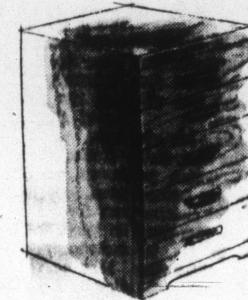


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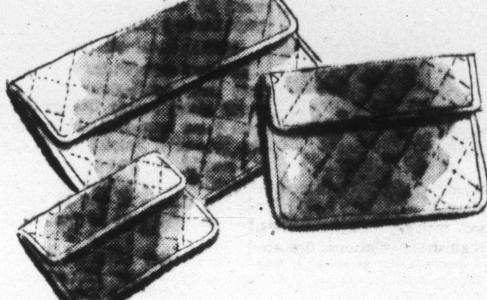
Walnut-Finish Shoe Cabinet

Keeps shoes neatly out of sight, away from dust and soil. 5-drawer Cabinet, 34" x 17" x 12" deep, 12.95



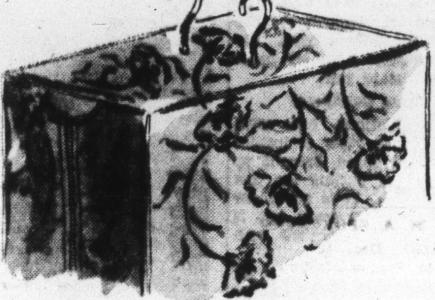
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...quilted of luxurious rayon taffeta. In assorted colors with contrasting bindings, 5.75 others at 4.75 and 5.50



Carnation Pattern Garment Bag

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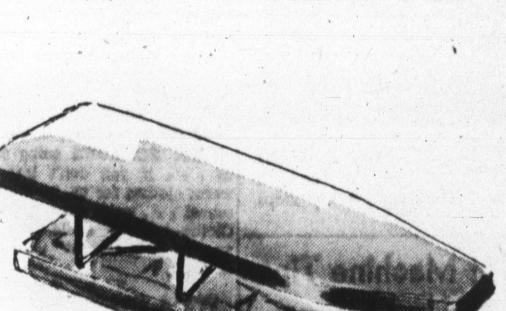
"Garden Club" ROSE AND FLOWER HOLDING SHEARS

They hold the flower as they cut... save fingers from prickly bushes! With attractive rose design on handles, 2.25



"Joy" Cuticle Scissors

Precision made by Rex Cutlery in gleaming chrome plate, 1.75



Kitchen Shears

The non-slipping serrated blade cuts poultry, fruits and vegetables. The Shears are designed to open bottles, unscrew jars... and even crack nuts! 1.25



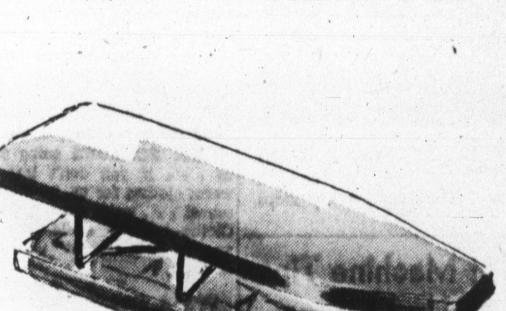
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