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'Hands-Foot' Slaying Trial Delayed Again

Witnesses Ill, Say Attorneys For Pollard

Nov. 3 Date Set In Hancock Court

By ROBERT BLOEM
More months of waiting lay ahead today in the already long-delayed murder trial of Howard Pollard, charged with the "hands and foot" murder of Leland Miller here in April 1946.

Pollard's attorneys, with the cooperation of the Marion county prosecutor's office, now postpone the trial to the scheduled date of July 16 to Nov. 3. The trial is to be held in Hancock county circuit court at Greentown.

The action marked the third delay in bringing the murder case to trial. It was originally scheduled for trial in Marion county criminal court last Oct. 28.

Pollard won his first delay by having a special judge called in to hear the case instead of the regular judge, William D. Bain. He then won a change of venue from here to the Hancock court.

Hancock Circuit Judge John B. Hinchman said he granted the delay when Pollard's attorney, Frank A. Symmes Sr., and deputy County Prosecutor Glenn Funk of Indianapolis appeared before him and made a joint request.

Mr. Symmes originated the motion for postponement on grounds some of the defense witnesses were ill.

At the same time, Mr. Funk cited additional reasons for delay the difficulty of obtaining a jury during the busy season in an agricultural community, and the nearness of the court's vacation period, which starts July 26.

Has Real 'Rape'
Hancock County Prosecutor Melville Watson confirmed that there might have been some difficulty getting a jury, but added:

"We'd have the same trouble any time. People who have to work for a living never particularly like to be called to jury duty at \$5 a day."

Pollard, who through similar delaying tactics and a "charmed life" from a police standpoint, has beat a series of 18 "raps," ranging from small fines for speeding to an outright conviction for grand larceny.

In April, 1946, he was accused of murdering Miller and then turning his body in a Boone county shack. The hands and a crippled foot were severed from the body in what police believed was an attempt to avoid identification of the body through fingerprints or the physical defect.

Was Free on Bond
Even as he was in the office of the late Sheriff Otto Pettit writing out a statement that he shot Miller in self-defense, he was under a one-to-10-year reformatory sentence for grand larceny. He had been convicted in circuit court only two months before but was free under \$2500 bond while his attorneys prepared an appeal to the supreme court.

The appeal never was completed so the conviction stands. Yet, records show, Pollard has yet to serve a day of his reformatory sentence. Instead, he is lodged in the comparatively comfortable Hancock county jail awaiting the elusive murder trial.

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New Mayor Faces Tough Job on Budget, Lacks Trained Help

Tyndall Planned to Keep Outlay Near Last Year's, Hadn't Worked Out Details

By RICHARD LEWIS
THE DEATH of Mayor Tyndall leaves a provisional city administration headed by George L. Denny, attorney, facing a critical budget situation.

It also leaves a key department—the office of the city controller—in a state of disorganization, since Mr. Denny, who served as controller for three months, is now occupied by his duties as mayor.

Mayor Tyndall had made up his mind on the city's 1948 budget, on which he was working the day before his death, but did not have time to execute all of his plans.

He did, however, tell Mr. Denny and experts who were assisting in the formulation of the highly important city budget the policy he wanted to follow.

GENERALLY, it was to keep the 1948 budget about the same as the \$14 million expenditure for this year.

The details of carrying out budget policy had not been completed, however, and this is the most pressing problem now faced by Mayor Denny.

Although it was not made public at this time, the budget requests submitted by department heads five weeks ago to the city controller call for an expenditure of \$2,500,000 more than this year's appropriation.

With a hotly-contested municipal election coming up this fall, a budget increase of such magnitude could not be approved by the Republican command.

THE BUDGET, now about half finished, is due for presentation to city council in a month. From now until then, the new mayor will have to work fast to cut down requests and get it in shape.

Not for five years has City Hall been so depleted of experienced officers as it is today.

Mr. Denny himself has served in the administration only three months. He was appointed city controller when Roy Hickman resigned to enter the Republican mayoralty campaign.

An attorney and one-time student of Woodrow Wilson at Princeton (Continued on Page 5—Column 1)

This Is No Day To Wear New Hat

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Drag out your rainy weather coats again today.

The weather bureau predicts an occasional shower today but promises clearing weather by late tonight or early tomorrow. A rise in temperature was predicted for tomorrow.

Meanwhile, 15 inches of rain was recorded in Indianapolis early today. Elsewhere in the state a heavy rain soaked the ground at dawn.

Police Check on 200 Men Listed in Books Found in Swank Home of Strangled Blond

Torn Photograph Also Investigated

NEW YORK, July 10 (U. P.)—Scores of middle-aged businessmen—whose names appeared in the six address books kept by Mrs. Sheila Mannering—were questioned today about their relationship with the radio actress. She was found strangled yesterday in her fashionable apartment.

Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallender took charge of the investigation and assigned 60 of his best detectives to checking one by one the 200-odd names.

Many of the names in the books were well-to-do businessmen. Only a few women were listed.

Close to 200 persons were questioned during the night. One was a man whose signature was on an uncashed \$20 check found in the slain woman's apartment.

Name Kept Secret
Police refused to divulge his name but said he told them he had been home with his wife Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Commissioner Wallender said none of those questioned was a suspect and none was held.

Blond, attractive Mrs. Mannering, 49, a former radio bit actress—known professionally as Bessie K. True—was found strangled in her seventh-floor mid-Manhattan apartment early yesterday by her maid. Police established the time of the slaying as between 3 and 3:30 p. m. Tuesday.

The nude body was found in the bedroom, a sheet from one of the

New Tax Bill To Be Vetoed By Truman

Sees No Reason To Change Mind

WASHINGTON, July 10 (U. P.)—President Truman will veto the revived Republican income tax reduction bill.

Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley said so flatly after a conference with the President today.

And Mr. Truman himself told a news conference shortly afterward that he saw no reason to change his position on the bill, which he vetoed three weeks ago and which now is on its second swing through congress.

Except for the effective date—Jan. 1, 1948, instead of July 1, 1947—the revived G. O. P. measure is exactly the same as the one Mr. Truman vetoed. The house sustained the first veto by a two-vote margin.

Fate Up to Senate
Now, however, there are enough votes in the house to override a new veto. The outcome thus will depend on the close contest in the senate.

Senate debate on the new bill began today.

Mr. Truman told the news conference he had explained to Mr. Barkley that he saw no reason why he should change his position if congress should send him the same bill it sent him before.

Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. said he "hopes that after looking into the situation carefully" Mr. Truman will find that it was possible to give adequate tax reduction. He said he felt certain "the house will vote to override" a veto.

The house approved the revived bill Tuesday by a vote of 302 to 112—26 votes more than the two-thirds needed to override a veto.

Yesterday, the senate finance committee approved the bill, 10 to 3. Senate passage was expected tomorrow or Saturday. Then in 10 days after he gets the bill again, Mr. Truman will send it back to congress for the decisive votes on overriding a veto.

While the house seems certain to override a veto, a close vote is expected in the senate, where proponents of the measure were assured of at least 60 votes. If all 54 members vote, it would take 54 votes to override.

The G. O. P. measure would reduce income taxes 10.5 to 30 percent. It would save taxpayers an estimated \$4 billion annually.

It's Up to You To End Needless Deaths in Traffic

Stop those needless deaths which result from traffic accidents.

In the last 24 hours two pedestrians were struck by automobiles in Indianapolis.

They might have been killed. The death toll in the county already is 54.

Every moment you are behind the wheel be alert, careful and considerate of the other motorists and pedestrians. Police warn that unless every driver and each pedestrian makes himself personally responsible for prevention of traffic accidents the death toll will mount to 55 or 56 by this time next week.

Drive carefully—walk carefully.

Michigan Man Named Mental Health Director

Appointment of Dr. Charles E. Zeller, Lansing, Mich., as director of the Indiana Council for Mental Health and superintendent of the Madison state hospital was announced today by Governor Gates.

As director of the mental health council, Dr. Zeller, who has been director of the department of mental health of Michigan, succeeds Clifford L. Williams, who resigned last March. As superintendent of Madison hospital, he succeeds the late Dr. George W. Boner.

TRUMAN SHAKES HANDS
WASHINGTON, July 10 (U. P.)—Young Democrats from 30 states shook at the White House today to shake hands with President Truman.

As if they had been made by a blow by someone wearing a heavy ring, detectives said. There also was blood on one of the beds.

Dr. Henry Siegel, assistant medical examiner, said death was caused by asphyxiation from strangulation. He said the woman had been dead from 12 to 24 hours when the body was discovered.

Also found in the apartment was a cigar butt—evidence of a male visitor—a half-empty bottle of Scotch whisky and numerous photographs of Mrs. Mannering taken in night clubs.

One of the photos had been torn in two, leaving only a picture of Mrs. Mannering. Police said the picture may have been torn in

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\$8 Million Hospital Planned by VA Here

Trooper Beaten, Tells How He Captured His Captors

'I Thought I Was A Goner,' Says Officer

By GEORGE E. WELDEN
A STATE police trooper today captured three men after he had been beaten up and forced at gunpoint to drive them two miles.

His eyelid puffed up and suffering from severe bruises on his lips, face and shoulders, Trooper William Woods told The Times: "I thought I was a goner."

At 1:30 a. m. Trooper Smith was called to investigate a wrecked car two miles west of Aurora on U. S. 50.

AS HE approached he saw three men leaving the scene.

"I stopped them. Two of the men, Harry D. Holland, 23, and Paul Kidwell, 32, denied they were occupants of the car. A third man, Denton O. Willoughby, admitted they had wrecked it. All of them were from Cincinnati.

"Both Holland and Kidwell jumped on Willoughby for squealing. As I started to assist Willoughby, the pair jumped me. Kidwell kicked me in the eye and face. Holland grabbed my 38 service pistol from my belt and handed it to Kidwell.

"WILLOUGHBY started to run to a nearby house for help. Kidwell fired twice at him, but missed. "Kidwell pointed the gun at me and said 'let's kill the cop' and leave him in the weeds." I figured my time was up.

"For some reason they decided I should drive them into town. I knew I had a .22 caliber pistol hidden under the car seat and I tried to stall for time. I told them I had dropped my keys somewhere on the ground.

"WE know where they are, get them out of your pocket and let 'em go," they said. "Kidwell handed Hampton the gun and I started the car. Hampton removed my gun belt and shells.

"Kidwell, who appeared very



URNS THE TABLES—Trooper William Woods seized two Cincinnati men today after they had beaten him and forced him to drive two miles.

drunk, demanded that I drive faster. Blood was streaming down my face from my swollen eye and I could hardly see the road. I told him I was afraid to drive faster because I couldn't see. Then Holland slapped me across the back of the head with the gun.

"As we came into Aurora, I saw a city police car following me, but it turned off.

Princess Wears Three-Diamond Engagement Ring

LONDON, July 10 (U. P.)—Princess Elizabeth wore a three-diamond engagement ring on her finger and a smile on her face today.

She took the cheeks of London on her betrothal to Lt. Philip Mountbatten.

She posed with Philip for engagement pictures and laughingly accepted congratulations, saying: "How sweet. Thank you very much. We are very happy."

It was a day of excitement and happiness for the 21-year-old heiress presumptive to the British throne.

After posing for pictures—she in a dress of daffodil yellow silk and Philip in his naval uniform—she sallied forth in public.

The first cheers to ring in her ears came from a crowd in front of Buckingham palace. They came as she emerged with her sister and parents for the unveiling of the Battle of Britain memorial in Westminster abbey, where her wedding will be held.

At the abbey thousands of people had gathered. They cheered the princess again and again and she smiled at them.

Given Special Assignment
He served with the 1st marine division for two years and then went on special duty with the office of the secretary of the navy.

This assignment took him over a large part of the world. Before the end of the war he was assigned to Camp Lejeune, N. C., as camp inspector and commanding officer of the guard battalion as a lieutenant colonel.

A native of Wabash, Ind., he is a graduate of DePauw university. He and his wife live at 303 Buckingham dr.

Mr. Smith was sworn into office this morning by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell, who made the appointment.

Asa Smith Named U. S. Commissioner

Indianapolis Lawyer Sworn Into Office

Asa J. Smith, Indianapolis attorney and a marine veteran of both world wars, has been appointed U. S. commissioner to fill the vacancy left by the death of Fae W. Patrick.

The attorney has practiced law in Indianapolis since he was graduated from Indiana university law school here in 1917.

During world war I he was a private overseas and was wounded at Belleau Woods. After the war he was secretary to Harry T. New, U. S. senator from Indiana.

Elected to Legislature
In 1923, Mr. Smith was elected to the legislature as a Republican and was instrumental in the enactment of laws governing credit unions.

He has handled many criminal and civil actions in Marion county courts and took part in the prosecution of D. C. Stephenson.

The new commissioner joined the marine corps reserve prior to world war II and in 1940 was called to active duty as a captain.

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Expected to Be 1 of 2 Largest U. S. Centers

500 Bed General Facility Proposed

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Indianapolis is expected to become the site for one of the nation's two major hospital centers of the veterans administration, Senator William E. Jenner (R. Ind.) announced today.

He said he was informed that the VA would build an \$8 million, 500-bed, general hospital.

The VA informed Senator Jenner's office that the U. S. budget bureau already has asked for all cost data on two sites considered for a previously planned \$24 million VA installation in Indianapolis.

Medical Center Rejected Once
The VA policy has been to locate hospitals near medical centers. However, the VA said it preferred a site near the present VA hospital on Gold Springs rd. over a proposed location on White river near the Indiana university medical center.

The medical center site had been turned down for the smaller hospital, because its purchase would have boosted costs an additional half million dollars. The government owns 19 acres adjoining the Cold Spring rd. hospital. This land is earmarked for the VA.

Ft. Harrison Mentioned
With substitution of plans for the major center at Indianapolis, however, the medical center was considered again a possible site.

Also considered a possible site for big post-war installation is Ft. Harrison, now in the process of being disposed of as surplus property.

The VA informed the senator's office that final decision on location of the multi-million dollar institution would be reached this week.

Bandits Get \$4310 He Saved for Trip

CHICAGO, July 10 (U. P.)—Harry Margaris, 52, saved his money for more than a year for a trip to his native Greece.

Last night, with \$4310 in his person, Mr. Margaris and three friends were placing his bags in an automobile preparatory to leaving for the airport where Mr. Margaris was to board a plane for Europe.

Two men appeared, wearing handkerchief masks. They brandished a shotgun and pistol, forced Mr. Margaris and his friends into the car, and drove to a secluded neighborhood.

When they demanded money, Mr. Margaris gave them only \$500. They searched him and found the other \$3800 in his money belt. Then they drove off in the car.

Open Centennial Despite Death

In accordance with the request of the late Mayor Robert H. Tyndall's family, the Indianapolis centennial program at Butler hotel will open at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow as planned.

This announcement was made today by Harry V. Wade, executive vice chairman of the centennial commission, sponsor of the six-weeks music festival.

Mr. Wade's statement read in part: "After mature deliberation and on advice of the general's official and personal family, it was unanimously decided to proceed as planned. Robert H. Tyndall was a good soldier in body, mind and spirit, and he would be the first to command 'go forward.' His passing will be appropriately observed at Butler hotel before the opening curtain tomorrow evening."

'Flying Disc' in His Garden, Californian Wants \$1000

Radio-Controlled and Jet Propelled, He Says; Fire Department Takes Custody

By TOM BRIGHT, United Press Staff Correspondent
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 10.—Construction Engineer Russell Long insisted today that a galvanized iron disk which plopped into his flower garden last night was a radio-controlled, jet-propelled "flying saucer."

"How do I go about getting that \$1000 reward?" he asked.

The disc soared into Mr. Long's garden late last night, he said. It exploded 15 feet above ground with a blue flash and a blast heard around the neighborhood. Then it plummeted down and skidded along to the edge of the house, dislodging five bricks.

Mr. Long rushed out in his night-shirt.

"This disc was puffing a heavy yellowish smoke out of two exhaust pipes, like a car burning too much oil," he said. "A glass tube in the middle had a cherry-red glow that gradually died down."

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BULLETIN

Eight people were injured in a three-car smash-up this afternoon near Valley Mills on Ind. 67 south-west of Indianapolis. The injured were taken to Methodist and City hospitals for treatment. None was in critical condition.

Free Cash—

•The Times Freak Squeak contest ends at midnight tomorrow.

•You still have time to win some of the free cash—maybe \$30—for only a few minutes' time.

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SIX ADDRESS BOOKS—New York police today were checking on 200 men whose names were listed in six address books kept by Mrs. Sheila Mannering. Her body was found yesterday in her swank Manhattan apartment. She had been strangled. This picture of her is part of the pictorial evidence found in death room.