

Quiz Widower In Bride's Death

Jailed 30 Minutes
Before 2d Wedding

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark., Jan. 9 (UPI)—Officers today questioned a 19-year-old widower about the death of his bride of less than a week. He was arrested yesterday just 30 minutes before he was to wed another woman.

While Lonnie N. Robbins was held on an open charge here, pathologists reported that an autopsy in Little Rock had revealed "enough strichine to kill" in the body of his bride, Mrs. Sadie Robbins, who died in agony on New Year's Eve.

Woman Not Held

Robbins was arrested in the company of a blond widow. The woman, who asked that her name not be published, was not held.

She said she had known Robbins about a year and did not know that he had become a widower only a few days before.

Van Buren County Sheriff Doyle Cassinger said Robbins had met Mrs. Sadie Sue Dudley, 32, of Abilene, Tex., five years ago through a matrimonial agency. He had resumed the courtship recently when he learned that Mrs. Dudley had become a widow. They were married shortly after Christmas.

Bride Fell Ill

A few hours after they returned from their honeymoon the bride fell desperately ill and died in agony, the sheriff said. When an autopsy was suggested Robbins disappeared.

A vial containing deadly strichine was found near the dead woman.

Robbins was discovered here when officers learned that he had given a ring to a Russellville woman. The ring was one taken from the finger of his dead wife, the sheriff said.

PARAGON MAN DEAD

Times State Service
PARAGON, Jan. 9—Rites were held yesterday for John Parker, 64, local business man who died Tuesday after an extended illness. Mr. Parker operated a cafe here and also engaged in the popcorn business. There are no immediate survivors.

Convicted High Grid Player
Misses Gallows 66 Minutes

Governor of Washington Commutes Death Sentence; Family Cancels Funeral Arrangements
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 9 (UPI)—The family of Joseph Henry Maish cancelled his funeral arrangements today.

The 17-year-old high school football player was saved from the gallows last night just 66 minutes before he was scheduled to hang for the knife slaying of a pretty classmate.

Gov. Mon C. Wallgren commuted Maish's sentence to 99 years in prison. He already had died a thousand deaths while waiting for the noose.

The frightened youth had spent what he thought were his final hours sobbing and praying in his cell. He was bordering on nervous collapse when guards dressed him in gallows garb as midnight, the hour of execution, drew near.

At 10:54 p. m. he was led into the office of Warden Tom Smith and told his sentence had been commuted.

"My God, my God, my God," he cried.

He was half-carrried, limp and trembling, back to his cell.

Gov. Wallgren, under pressure from private individuals, clubs and churches, telephoned Warden Smith from the Governor's mansion at Olympia even as prison officials were making last-minute preparations for the execution.

A jury at Vancouver, Wash., convicted Maish. He had stabbed to death 17-year-old La Donna Tosca, a girl whose name he didn't know. After he entered her home on the night of Dec. 21, 1946.

The jury made a specific recommendation for the death penalty.

Young Maish had prayed for his life on the floor of his death cell, under the guidance of Chaplain Allen. He kept repeating: "I have done a bad thing—I don't know why I did it."

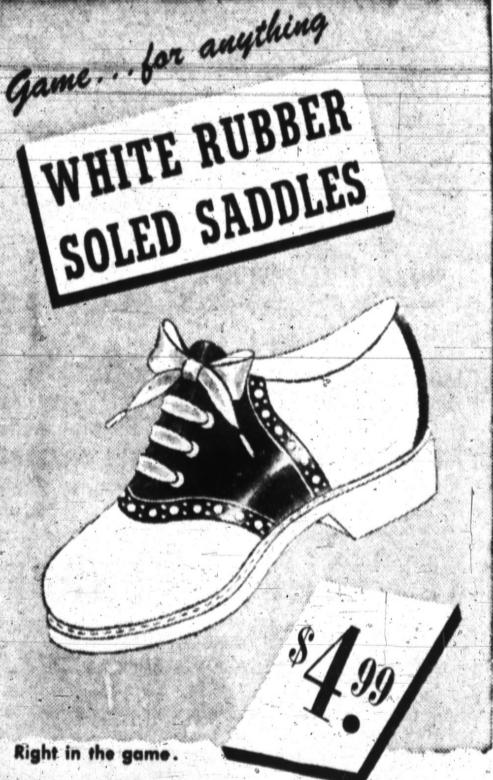
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Marrs Appointed Co-Op Attorney

Appointment of Paul W. Marrs as attorney for the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, Inc., with headquarters at Indianapolis, was announced today by M. J. Briggs, general manager of the organization.

Mr. Marrs will handle the legal phases of co-operative work and assist the county associations with the legal problems.

Mr. Marrs comes to the Farm Bureau Co-op from the Farm Credit Administration at Louisville where he represented the Bank for Co-operators.

Previously to this connection he was with the Home Owners Corp. in Ft. Wayne and Detroit. Earlier he practiced law in Columbia City.

White Slave Law
Violation Charged

Joseph Angus Nicely, 35, of Knoxville, Tenn., was assigned before a U. S. commissioner today, charged with a violation of the white slave law. His bond was set at \$1500.

He is alleged to have transported Helen Ruth Cuthshaw, 22, from Knoxville to Indianapolis on May 29, 1947, for immoral purposes. Miss Cuthshaw had been employed in an Indianapolis burlesque theater.

She, Charles Burns, 25, and Betty Hall, 21, all were arrested last Wednesday in the Stone Hotel, 247 McClellan St. All were charged with vagrancy. Their cases were continued to Jan. 15—yesterday in Municipal Court 3.

FBI agents were told by Miss Cuthshaw that Nicely had taken her to Cincinnati, Nashville, Tenn., Chattanooga, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla., in addition to the Knoxville-Indianapolis trip.

Property owners will be notified at the public hearing Monday that the five feet of their land will be required to complete the job. They will be given an opportunity to set a value on the property to be acquired. Later on hearings will be held for remonstrants.

The hours set by the association for the X-rays are 1 p. m. to 8 p. m.

All reports of the pictures are confidential, the association said, and are available only to the individual and family physician.

There is no disrobing for the X-rays, officials announced, but women are requested not to wear pins or jewelry over the chest area.

Butler University students will have their opportunity for the X-ray Jan. 12 through Jan. 15. Examinations at St. Vincent's Hospital were held today, and residents of Lockfield Gardens were processed Tuesday and Wednesday. Tyndall Towne residents completed their examinations Monday.

AMG to Rebuild

Plants in Ruhr

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The victim's son is only immediate survivor. Cecil Peters, 48, Indianapolis, died of a heart attack Wednesday en route to Noblesville to take care of his father's estate.

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Meridian Wider —But Not Enough

Need Additional Space
Between 20-21 Sts.

A long drawn-out legal battle for acquisition of property loomed to day as the city began steps to obtain right of way along the newly improved section of N. Meridian St.

The first hearing for property owners will be held Monday in the Works Board office.

Principally affected are property owners between 20th St. and the first alley north of 21st St. One apartment owner in the sector has already estimated his damages at \$35,000.

Someone Slipped Up

"It looks like someone 'in City Hall slipped up when the plans were made," one city official said. "They thought they had a 70-foot right of way and it was only 60 feet in this section."

The city is responsible for installing curbs and gutters along the new-pavement slab, which was recently completed by the State Highway Department.

To do this it must acquire either by purchase or condemnation five feet of property on each side of the street. The apartment owner who claims \$35,000 damages would be required to cut four or five feet off the front of his building. The five-foot strip would bring the sidewalk up to the very front of several other buildings in the sector.

Members of the new Works Board, not yet familiar with all details of their job, eyed the future with apprehension.

One member indicated he thought it poor policy to have begun any of the improvement work before all necessary property was acquired.

Plans for the improvement which runs from 16th St. to Fall Creek Pkwy., were drawn up by the State Highway Department which has jurisdiction over the federal highway strip.

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