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As the Twig Is Bent—

## Broken Home Behind Abandoning of Twins



IN THE MIDDLE OF MUDDLE—When police picked up the twin sons of Vaughn and Louise Chastain, lack of emergency facilities in which to house them brought to light a civic problem. But social workers are pondering another problem—what kind of background produced the parents who are charged with child neglect?

### Parents of Mother Divorced When She Was 3 Weeks Old; Delinquency Record Started in '45

By DONNA MIKELS

A 19-YEAR-OLD mother who looks like a high school girl herself is under arrest today, charged with being a "bad mother."

Her twin babies may be taken away from her. She has said that if she loses them, she will take her own life.

Today she was rushed from the Marion County Jail to General Hospital for medical aid. She has been without medical care since a miscarriage two months ago.

Just what kind of a background produces a mother like Louise Chastain, who with her husband, Vaughn, is charged with neglect of their five-month-old sons, Donald and Roland? That's what juvenile court workers set out to discover today as they pondered whether to give the mother another chance or to take away her babies.

IN THE CASE of Louise it was a broken home, an early brush with the law and a term in the juvenile home—not because she was bad, but because any place was better than her own home.

Louise was born in Indianapolis. Her parents were divorced when she was 3 weeks old. Both remarried—her mother so frequently that Louise is not now able to estimate her exact number of stepfathers. Her father, as far as she knows, never contributed to her support.

HER FIRST delinquency brush came in 1945 when she was picked up by Juvenile Aid police for "running the streets" and "associating with soldiers." Investigation at that time indicated her home life was "very bad." Investigators found her mother was in the middle of her fifth divorce and was planning remarriage to a sixth. Since that time, according to the daughter, her mother has been married at least twice more.

She said she does not know her mother's address. "Whenever I wanted to see her I usually went to the Reel Inn and waited for her," she added.

BACK IN '45 Louise was made a ward of the court and sent to Juvenile Detention Home. Here for the first time her life took on some semblance of regularity. And here is the report of the matron, made when she was placed in the home of relatives a month later.

"Louise was rather indifferent, brazen and sullen when she came here. She seemed mostly interested in discussing her past experiences. Now, however, her past experiences seem distasteful to her. She has done a right about face."

Louise, continued the matron, showed a talent in sewing and drawing that she had not known she possessed.

"SHE WAS careless, silly, indifferent and untidy," a nurse's report read. "Now she has improved and seems capable of conducting her own affairs under supervision. She seems more fully aware of the seriousness of her conduct."

When it came time to place Louise back in a home social workers decided her disinterested stepfather and emotional, unstable mother's home would be "the worst possible place."

Instead, she was put in the home of her sister and brother-in-law. Her stay, terminated when her sister was killed in an auto accident, was without any serious incidents.

AFTER HER sister's funeral, Louise returned to her mother's home. After graduation from

## Allies Doubt Russ 'Offer' To Feed Berlin

### Attack Promise As Propaganda

BERLIN, July 20 (UP)—The Russians struck another blow at the Western foothold in blockaded Berlin today by announcing they would send in more than 100,000 tons of foodstuffs and sell it to all comers, including Germans from the western sectors of the city.

Western occupation authorities at once attacked the Soviet announcement as a propaganda move toward Russia's intended mastery of all Berlin and ejection of the Americans, British and French.

Attacking the Soviet move as "pure propaganda," American and British spokesmen said their planes would continue to supply the food needed in the western sectors of Berlin.

One of the first catches in the Soviet offer spotted by the Westerners was the provision that payment would be required in Soviet-sponsored currency, as against that imported to Berlin by the Western powers.

Theoretically at least, the Western currency would lose much of its value.

"Dips in Reserves"

The Russian government reported it was dipping into Soviet reserves for the foodstuffs to feed Berlin, including the Western sectors. It said the shipments would include 100,000 tons of wheat.

The Soviet move was timed with the peak so far of the aerial supply line to Berlin from the west, and with signs that a showdown between the east and the west might be in the making.

It followed by a few days the Moscow rejection of a Western demand for lifting of the Berlin blockade. The Soviets said in their reply that they would take down the feeding of all Berlin if necessary.

In one of the first reactions to the Russian move, the joint commerce and industry commission for the Anglo-American area reported that Russia still owed Berlin 75,000 tons of food promised in 1946 and 1948. It said the Soviets promised the food in exchange for iron, steel, tires, tubes and other commodities.

Casts Some Doubt

Further, a Russian said, one-third of the bread and grain which the Soviets promised Berlin in a previous pooling arrangement had not been delivered.

Those facts, the commission observed, cast some doubt on the ability of the Soviets to carry out the proposal to send in more than 100,000 tons of foodstuffs now.

Last Friday the Berlin press reported that Germans in the Soviet zone had not yet received their April rations "because available food has been taken to Russia."

Clay Plans U. S. Hop

Earlier, British intelligence agents said they had received unconfirmed reports that Russian Military Governor Vasily D. Sokolovsky had hurriedly called a staff conference at his headquarters in late Monday night to discuss a dispatch from Moscow which was reported to have ordered him to "find ways and means of easing the Berlin blockade." Observers doubted the accuracy of the reports.

Official Frankfurt sources today reported that Gen. Lucius D. Clay, his political adviser, Robert Murphy, might leave within 24 hours for a four-day visit to Washington.

Informants said the visit was being planned, but had not been confirmed officially.

Gen. Clay has denied that the Western governors recommended the dispatch of armed convoys through the Russian zone to Berlin.

## Couple Plans Honeymoon For 'Rest of Our Lives'

Married 54 Years, E. Side 'Newlyweds' Pack  
For California Jaunt on First Leg of Trip

By SHERLEY UHL

Married in 1894, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Collins are leaving next month on a "honeymoon for the rest of their lives."

"Didn't have enough money to take one right away," chuckles the 76-year-old cabinet-maker. So they sold their trim little home at 430 N. Wallace St. and now they're packing for Long Beach, Cal., where they'll spend the first lap of their journey.

"Nobody's gonna tie us down," snorted Mr. Collins, puffing his pipe furiously in anticipation. "I don't know if we'll ever settle in one place again. We'll see the country from now on."

Snowy-haired but still energetic, Mrs. Collins wanted to go West first to relieve her sinus trouble. When they arrived Aug. 2 on a California-bound Santa Fe Pullman, it will be the first week-day in 26 years that Mr. Collins hasn't reported for work as carpenter for the Real Silk Hosiery Co. He's retiring July 30.

Thrifty and industrious, they've never indulged in a pleasure trip before. They've never had an automobile or telephone, belong to no social clubs. They have no children.

"And we never ran around in any of these taverns," adds Mr. Collins testily.

The first time in decades their daily household routine is disturbed. Mrs. Collins busily dusts furniture, dishes, antiques and a brace—all neatly

Report Crash in Austria

VIENNA, July 20 (UP)—Austrian police reported today that a two-engine plane bearing a Czech emblem crash-landed Sunday evening near St. Poelten in the Soviet zone northwest of Vienna.

FINED ON GUN CHARGE

Morris Mosley, 26, of 2508 Hillside Ave., was fined \$200 and costs in Municipal Court today on a charge of carrying a gun.

# Men Of Draft Age Start Registering On Aug. 30

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## Motor Bureau Plans Hearing On 'Fix' Charge

Probe Traffic Case  
Of Linden Woman

(Photo, Page Two)

The State Motor Vehicles Bureau will hold a hearing to decide whether to suspend the driver's license of a Linden, Ind., woman involved in a controversial reckless driving case here.

Traffic officials are probing charges that the case against Mrs. Margaret Erk, 25, was "fixed." The defendant was freed in Municipal Court yesterday despite police testimony that she drove 70 miles an hour on W. 16th St.

Dale Brown, Motor Vehicles Bureau director, said his agency is empowered to revoke or suspend licenses regardless of whether cited motorists are convicted of traffic offenses.

"Ticked Pink"

The auto license chief said he would schedule a hearing as soon as he received written reports from the officers who voiced the "fix" charges.

Police officers who testified that Mrs. Erk was driving 70 miles an hour on W. 16th St. were Sgt. William Cole, Mayor Feeney said both policemen had already prepared written statements and added, "we're ticked pink that Mr. Brown's getting into this thing."

In a letter to Mr. N. Harger, the Indianapolis Safety Council enforcement committee will investigate the officers' charges. Dr. Harger, committee chairman, said his group will query principals involved, including Municipal Judge Pro Tem Edwin Haele, police, and deputy prosecutors.

Today, Mrs. Erk's husband, Dr. Vernon Erk, a physician, denied that either he or his wife had "talked" to anybody about the case before it was tried.

"I'm simply stating our side of the argument," he explained.

Officer Badgley said Mrs. Erk "defied" him when he forced her car to the curb after a 70-mile-an-hour chase. Her car bore MD license plates.

"If a doctor can't speed, who can?" the policeman quoted Mrs. Erk as saying. He said she also identified herself as a lawyer and declared: "I bet you \$10 this case is thrown out of court." She's an attorney and argued her own case.

Patrolman Badgley said he "blew up" when the case was dismissed yesterday.

Only Guesses

Judge Pro Tem. Haele explained he discharged Mrs. Erk because there was no evidence she was driving recklessly. She denied she was speeding.

The judge said police estimates of her speed were "only guesses." Mr. Haele contended she should have been cited for speeding instead of reckless driving. He said he understood both police and motorist were "mad," and added, "I couldn't consider the personalities."

Patrolman Badgley, however, asserted "speeding is the main offense in any reckless driving charge." He contended Mrs. Erk was "zig-zagging."

REPORT STRONG QUAKE

NEW YORK, July 20 (UP)—A "very strong" earthquake centered in Peru was recorded at Fordham University today, the Rev. Fr. Joseph Lynch reported.

## This Is It— Bagby Carries Hopes of Tribe

By EDDIE ASH  
Times Sports Editor

WITH THEIR beloved Indians clinging to first place in the American Association by just one-half game, or one percentage point, Indianapolis baseball fans were on the well known needles and pins today.

For apparently this is it. If the Tribes throw back the Brewers in Milwaukee tonight they are not likely to be overtaken the remainder of the season, according to the expert opinion of the sages around the league.

FORTUNATELY, the Redskins have their veteran ace, Jim Bagby, to face the burly Brewers in the series finale in the Cream City and Tribe Skipper Al Lopez is pinning his faith in the big fellow to hold off the challengers while his mates manufacture runs.

Having used up their two southpaws last night, the Brewers will have to call upon a right-hander tonight and the Tribe batsmen usually thrive on orthodox pitching.

ED WRIGHT, who has been slaughtered and batted out twice by the Indians, was marked up as Milwaukee's probable pitcher in the "morning line."

The weather report from Milwaukee at noon said cloudy and threatening rain. In the event of a postponement it cannot be played off until late in August on the Indians' fourth and last swing through the West.

Stocks Make  
Quiet Recovery

Wall Street Calls  
It Technical

NEW YORK, July 20 (UP)—Stocks made a quiet recovery during the morning dealings today.

Net gains in the main list ranged to a point with some of the stocks recently under pressure up as much as 2 points. The volatile Superior Oil of California, 20-point loser yesterday, rallied 6 points to 205 on a single transaction.

Railroad issues made the best group recoveries. Several of the steels and the motors firmed. Oils generally were better. Copper recovered as much as 2 points in American Smelting.

Curtis-Wright was active at a new high since 1946 of 11½ up ½ point.

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## Rolls Open to Sept. 19; 25-Year-Olds First of 10 Classes to Sign Up

Potential Inductees Warned to Keep  
Post-d on When and Where to Enroll

WASHINGTON, July 20 (UP)—President Truman today ordered registration for the new draft to begin Aug. 30 for men 18 through 25.

The registration will continue through Sept. 18. Different age groups will register on different days.

The President's proclamation called on all male citizens and residents of the United States who have passed their 18th birthday but not yet reached their 26th birthday to begin registration at 8 a. m. Aug. 30.

Ten Classifications

Mr. Truman listed 10 age classifications and gave these dates for registration, between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. in this country, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands:

ONE: Those born in 1922 after Aug. 30 will register on Monday, Aug. 30.

TWO: Those born in 1923 will register on Aug. 31 or Sept. 1.

THREE: Those born in 1924, register on Sept. 2 or Sept. 3.

FOUR: Those born in 1925, register on Sept. 4 or Sept. 5.

FIVE: Those born in 1926, register on Sept. 8 or Sept. 9.

SIX: Those born in 1927, register on Sept. 10 or Sept. 11.

SEVEN: Those born in 1928, register on Sept. 13 or Sept. 14.

EIGHT: Those born in 1929, register on Sept. 15 or Sept. 16.

NINE: Those born in 1930 before Sept. 19, register on Sept. 17 or Sept.