

TUESDAY, JAN. 4, 1949

Broken Home Blamed for Attempt to Die

Girl, 15, Tries to End Life in Juvenile Cell

A home shattered by divorce was blamed today for the suicide attempt of a 15-year-old girl in a detention cell at Juvenile Aid Division early this morning.

A check of records of the family showed that the girl's 14-year-old brother committed suicide by hanging in 1935. Officials believed the girl patterned her "easy way out" after that of her brother.

The girl's attempt, however, was unsuccessful. The belt which she had looped around her neck and over an electric fixture broke as she jumped from a ladder.

Out After Curfew

JAD officials were puzzled by the suicide attempt until they discovered the other suicide in the family. The girl was charged only with being out after curfew.

There was never any official reason given for the boy's death. The investigation at the time showed however, that there was strife between the mother and father. They were later divorced.

The mother has remarried twice and in between has returned to the home as a housekeeper," Lt. Forest Higgs of the JAD said. "The home has constantly been in a state of turmoil and the father turned to drinking. Apparently the girl turned to staying out late to escape the home atmosphere."

Father Out Drinking

He said the father was out drinking last night and was not located until this morning.

The girl made the attempt after policemen picked her up in a downtown restaurant at 1:15 a.m. for violation of the curfew for juveniles.

She was treated by a General Hospital ambulance doctor and detained in the city police lockup for safekeeping.

Shortly before 6 a.m. today she was taken to General Hospital after she complained that her throat hurt. She was released to JAD authorities at noon.

Becomes Hysterical

Juvenile Aid officials said the girl would give no explanation of her suicide attempt after she recovered. She became hysterical and tore out handfuls of her hair a policewoman said.

The attempt was witnessed by another 15-year-old girl, a runaway from Detroit, who was locked up in the same cell.

She made no outcry for help, as the Indianapolis girl prepared to jump from a ladder with the belt looped around her neck or after she fell to the floor unconscious when the belt broke.

Police said the Detroit girl provided the belt used in the suicide attempt and that she helped set up the ladder.

The ladder had been left in the cell by repairmen, officials said.

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'Cold' Gets Warm Reception



THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Capehart Hails Re-election of Senator Taft

Joins Fight Against 'Progressives' Revolt

By DAN KIDNEY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R. Ind.) today expressed pride in the continuing leadership of Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.), who was elected head of the minority policy committee to 28 to 14 in a GOP caucus yesterday following the opening session of the 81st Congress.

Both Sen. Capehart and his junior colleague, Sen. William E. Jenner (R. Ind.), supported the Taft ticket against the abortive revolt of the so-called "progressives" in the party.

That the "progressives" haven't done so well was pointed out by Sen. Capehart, who said that Sens. Irving M. Ives (R. N. Y.), Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (R. Mass.) and George D. Alken (R. Vt.) all were active in Hoosier tax legislation.

"These progressives have had three tries at the presidency and lost each time," Sen. Capehart declared.

"They were all for the late Wendell L. Willkie in 1940 and for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York in 1944 and 1948. Since we lost all these elections, it could be that they are wrong and the Republican Party should defend intelligent conservatism."

In the caucus the Senior Senator from Indiana took on Sen. Alken in debate.

"When we put such an outstanding progressive as the Senator from Vermont in the chairmanship of the Senate Agriculture Committee we all figured that the farm vote was certainly safe and we could forget about it," Sen. Capehart chided.

Farm Parity Prices Cut

"But what happened," Sen. Alken pushed through the House in the closing hours of the regular session of the 80th Congress and cut farm parity prices from the 90 per cent provided by the 79th Congress to a sliding scale of 65 to 90 per cent.

"That cost us the farm vote in Indiana and I feel sure it was the farmers, normally Republican outside the South, who defeated us elsewhere."

Sen. Alken rose to his own defense, but later stalled from the meeting angrily declaring "the old guard is in complete control."

Menaces Florida

The Chicago forecasters said the cold would spread over the Gulf area, possibly as far as Florida. It was a similar swift drop in temperature yesterday that resulted in the Southwestern tornados.

South Dakota caught the full force of the storm last night, but the blow also took across Nebraska and northwestern Kansas.

The terrific winds piled up mountainous drifts that halted highway and rail travel in some sections. Chadron, Neb., reported a 32-inch snowfall.

At Lamar, Colo., a Santa Fe freight train struck a truck at a grade crossing during a raging snowstorm. The truck driver was killed instantly.

Most schools were closed in the storm area and many business houses closed their doors.

Local Accident Victim 'Serious'

One of three persons injured in the Mars Hill bus collision with an automobile yesterday at the White River bridge on Oliver Ave. was reported in "serious" condition today. The others were listed as "fair."

Robert Brazelton, 29, of 1617 Lyndhurst Dr., who suffered four broken vertebrae, was in serious condition at General Hospital.

Joseph K. Brown, 67, at 2042 Highland, was reported in "fair" condition.

Ben Goyette, 29, at 2844 N. Capitol, hyperactive cardiovascular renal, diabetes, was in "fair" condition.

Lloyd D. Smith, 29, at General nephritis, arteriosclerosis, was in "fair" condition.

Anna McLaughlin, 83, at 606 W. 10th, arteriosclerosis, was in "fair" condition.

Charles A. Woods, 75, at 28 E. 14th, arteriosclerosis, was in "fair" condition.

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Chamber Cites Rise in Taxes

Everything grows well in Indiana, including taxes, the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce reported today.

The Hoosier-tax bill has grown to four times its size nine years ago, the Chamber reported. Last year Hoosier taxes soared to a new high of \$1,335,171,416, of which 75.2 per cent went straight into Uncle Sam's pockets.

The federal government took \$104 million out of the state last year. The state collected per cent.

Shortridge Teachers To Exhibit Paintings

An exhibition of water color and oil paintings by Miss Jane Messick and Charles G. Yeager, instructors in art at Shortridge High School, will be held at the Hoosier Salon Art Gallery through Jan. 15.

Fur Suspects Held

A woman and three men were arrested by police early today as suspects in a series of Detroit fur coat thefts. A fur coat, believed to be part of the stolen loot, was recovered.

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Robert Aitken Dies

Robert L. Aitken, 70, noted sculptor, who designed the pediment of the Supreme Court Building in Washington, died yesterday at his Greenwich Village studio after a long illness.

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Today's Weather Fotocast



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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—A raging blizzard will continue in the Dakotas tonight while Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri will be gripped