

Divorce Suit Leads to Death For 6 Hoosiers

Hammond Father Goes Berserk; Home Catches Fire

HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 12 (UP)—Felix Samas, 37, apparently maddened by an impending divorce, shot or stabbed to death his wife, two children and another couple today. Then he killed himself.

Firemen and police found the victims in the blood-spattered, burning home. A .22 caliber pistol and a knife lay by Mr. Samas' side. A telephone book was open to the listings of funeral homes. The dead, in addition to Mr. Samas, were his wife, Katherine, from whom he had been separated since before Christmas; their children, Felix Jr., 4, and Phyllis, 13 months, and Richard Norman, 26, and his wife, Shirley, 18, who had been living with Mrs. Samas. The Normans were newly-weds.

Each Shot Once
Deputy Coroner B. W. Chidlaw said the victims had been shot once in the head or stabbed to death. He said it had been established that Mrs. Samas and her son had been killed by bullets in their heads.

The bodies of Mr. Samas, his wife and the children were found in one of the bungalow's two bedrooms. The bodies of the Normans were found in the other bedroom.

Police said they had not determined whether the fire was incendiary or started accidentally from an unattended furnace.

Embittered Man
Authorities said that Mr. Samas, a machinist, was believed to have entered the house last night while his wife was away. He had been living elsewhere since the divorce and disagreeing with his wife over custody of the children. "Neighbors described Samas as an embittered man who had threatened them when they spoke up for his wife during their quarrel," Capt. Pellar said.

Watchman in Clear On UAW Bombing

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 12 (UP)—Night Watchman George W. Thomas, 63, today virtually was cleared of suspicion in the attempted bombing of the United Auto Workers (CIO) headquarters and the Reuther brother shootings. Lie tests were "not absolutely indicated" the elderly UAW employee had no part in the campaign of terror against the powerful union. Authorities said that Mr. Thomas, who found the Christmas-wrapped 39 sticks of dynamite in an outside stairwell of the union building the night of Dec. 20, was "emotionally disturbed" while taking the tests.

Fair Meadows Dogs Take Honors at National Spaniel Show



Indianapolis spaniels take honors in national dog show.

These five cocker spaniels of Fair Meadows Kennels on Indianapolis Country Club Rd. have the right to hold their heads high. On the left is Champion Stockdale Great Repeat, the sire, followed by four of his get

—which took honors at the recent American Spaniel Club show in New York City. They are (left to right) Fair Meadows Jeremiah, first place winner in American bred dogs, black; Billy Boy, fourth in red puppy class and fourth in the Futurity Stake; Blaze of Glory, fourth in puppy dogs black class, and Blaze's sister, Glorious.

Showing the dogs are (left to right) Harry Hayes, owner of Fair Meadows Kennels and of the spaniels; Mrs. Bee Weguson of Ada, Mich., a cocker spaniel breeder attending the show; Mrs. Harry Hayes; Norman Austin, Mrs. Weguson's professional handler, and Nelson C. Black, Mr. Hayes' professional handler.

Mt. Vernon Calls For Flood Aid

City on Ohio River Needs Boats, Cots

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patrolled the levees, on the alert for possible trouble spots. Across the river, on the Illinois side, the situation was more threatening. A levee at Russellville, Ill., a few miles above Vincennes, was under increasing pressure and state police said there was little hope of saving it. Fifty workers plugged seepholes with sandbags.

Residents Evacuated
A break in the levee would send the Wabash's muddy waters into the surrounding farm land. The area around the city has been evacuated. While River in Indianapolis may reach the 12-foot flood stage as a result of Monday night's rain upstream, the Weather Bureau said. Last week's crest was two feet higher.

Vigilantes Ride Again As Rustlers Steal Cattle

LAWTON, Okla., Jan. 12 (UP)—Gun-totin' sheriffs and riled-up vigilantes were on the trail of cattle rustlers today. Comanche County Sheriff Everett R. Hale said the thieves were stealing as many as 100 head a day. The Comanche Cattlemen's Association came to Sheriff Hale's aid by organizing vigilante committees. WHEN CENTURY BEGAN
The 20th century began Jan. 1, 1901, not 1900, as is often assumed, notes the National Geographic Society. That is true because the first century would have covered only 99 years if the 19th century ended on Dec. 31, 1899.

Sticks to Tradition—'Right Man' Will Have to Ask Dad, Margaret Truman Says

President's Daughter Insists Marriage Definitely Not in the Cards This Year

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (UP)—Margaret Truman said today that when and if the right man comes along he'll have to ask the President for her hand.

She couldn't say whether she'd override her father's decision, since she couldn't predict the future state of her heart. Miss Truman said, however, that she definitely will not marry this year and those who predicted she will are "all wet." "There isn't even a remote possibility of a wedding this year," she said in an interview. "There is no particular man I'm interested in at present and I see no romance on the horizon."

Studying Voice
Miss Truman, 25, was interviewed in her apartment in midtown Manhattan. She is studying voice under Soprano Helen Traubel. She said at present her musical career comes ahead of any plans for matrimony. "After I've been able to get settled in my career, I'll probably consider marriage," she said. "I believe, as my mother does, that a wife should take care of a home and children. I'm still too new at the career business to manage marriage. It will take me several years to get settled into the routine of a career."

She said she expected to stick to her career 20 years.

Board Suspends Five Policemen

The Board of Safety yesterday approved suspensions without pay of five policemen for periods of two to 30 days.

Patrolmen David Williams and Winston Allison received 30-day suspensions for conduct unbecoming police officers. They also are required to pay \$240 damage to their police car, which was involved in an accident.

Patrolman William Lee received a five-day suspension for leaving an assignment without the consent of his commanding officer. Two-day suspensions were given Patrolman Griffin Russell and Delmon Aldrich for failure to respond to a radio call.

Man Paints Table on Roof to Escape Child

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—The reason David Kidd climbed atop the garage roof to paint a small white table was to escape his two-year-old son. "That's the safest place," Kidd said. "Otherwise my boy would get in the paint."

Hospital Building Subject of Probe

Richmond Structure Has Never Been Used

Officials of the Mental Health Council and Richmond State Hospital today weighed possible uses for a \$133,000 temporary structure at the institution erected last summer but still unused.

At the same time, Director Walter Mybeck of the Division of Public Works and Supply, moved to force contractors to make repairs in the one-story block structure. In the few months since it was completed, cracks have appeared in the walls.

Arthur G. Loftin, secretary of the Mental Health Council, said the building probably would be used eventually for housing patients suffering from tuberculosis. Investigation of facts surrounding the building of the unit was stirred when Richmond Superintendent Paul Williams called it a "headache I wish had been built somewhere else."

FPC Draws Up Rules To Ban 'Car Gouging'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (UP)—The Federal Trade Commission has drafted a set of rules designed to prevent automobile dealers from "gouging" persons who buy cars on the installment plan.

The proposed rules were drawn up after automobile purchasers complained they were overcharged in sale and installment contracts and were forced to take unwanted accessories.

Among other things, they would provide that purchasers be given itemized costs at or before the sale. The rules are being sent to some 50,000 interested parties. A hearing will be held here Feb. 8 to decide on their adoption.

Cheerleaders Take Look at 'Dope Box'



Lawrence Central High School cheerleaders map their strategy for the crucial game between the Lawrence Central Bears and the Beech Grove Hornets at 8 p. m. tomorrow. The coveted Marion County "Dope Box" will be at stake in the Bears' home game. Inspecting the trophy, which contains records of county high school basketball teams dating back to 1940, are (left to right) Donna Wheeler, Arlene Pollard, Marilyn Hammer, June Perry and Donna McCoy.

Plasterer 'Slapped in Face' With Diaper Changing Job

OMAHA, Jan. 12 (UP)—Bachelor Charles Padgett happily slapped plaster on walls and ceilings today after three days of slapping diapers on another man's children.

He said he had done enough parental chores to last him "a long long time."

Mr. Padgett, 35, went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Durbin to plaster a ceiling. "I finally put the kids to bed after fixing them their dinner," Mr. Padgett said.

He didn't know what to do the next day, so he just took care of his charges. The kids were swell, he said, but they ran low on food and had to borrow some from a neighbor.

Mr. Durbin was away from home, working on a construction job in Indianapolis. Mrs. Durbin asked Mr. Padgett to watch the seven children, ranging in age from 10 months to 11 years, while she "went down town," he said. She didn't return.

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