

Divorce Suit Leads to Death For 6 Hoosiers

Hammond Father Goes Berserk; Home Catches Fire

HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 12 (UPI)—Felix Samas, 27, 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, 18 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 Coronor 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.

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 their marriage.

Mr. Samas, apparently went berserk after learning about 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. Peilar said.

Watchman in Clear On UAW Bombing

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 12 (UPI)—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 that the elderly CAW conclusive," detectives said, but employee had no part in the campaign of terror against the powerful union.

Authorities said that Mr. Thomas, who found the Christmass-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.

Mt. Vernon Calls For Flood Aid

City on Ohio River Needs Boats, Cots

(Continued from Pa., One)

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

acres of surrounding farmland.

White 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 (UPI)—Gun-totin' sheriffs and rifle-totin' 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 (UPI)—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.

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."

Asked if anyone had ever proposed to her, Miss Truman blushed and said:

"Let's not discuss that."

of the spaniels; Mrs. Bee Wegunson of Ada, Mich., a cocker spaniel breeder attending the show; 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 Nelson C. Black. Mr. Hayes' professional handler.

PCP Draws Up Rules To Ban 'Car Gouging'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (UPI)—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 sales 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.

No Longer Required

The controversial building was planned in 1948 at a time when Richmond Hospital had a large waiting list of patients. It was to serve as a unit for 100 women patients whose only mental disorder was senility.

By the time the building was finished, Mr. Loftin said, Dr. Williams found it was not needed for that purpose. Because it is about a block from the main dining room of the institution, there was difficulty using it for other types of mental patients.

Also, Dr. Williams said, the windows were not barred, having been intended for care of patients who were not dangerous either to themselves or others.

She didn't return.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12, 1950

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 (UPI)—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 chores. The kids were swell, he said, but they ran low on food and had to borrow some from a neighbor.

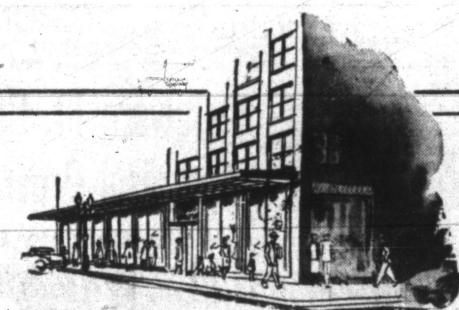
Mr. Durbin was away from home, working on a construction job in Indianapolis.

Mr. 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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