

Kentuckian Arrested in Friend's Death

Shooting Occurs After Argument Over Victim's Wife

A 21-year-old Kentucky mountaineer today faced charges of killing his best friend in an argument over the victim's wife early yesterday.

Curvie Estel Pierson, Berry's Lick, Ky., was charged with murder after state police found the body of Aaron Thompson, 35, on the floor of a tiny cabin at the Combs Park Trailer Camp, S. Hobart St.

The victim's wife, Rose, 32, was hooked at the Marion County Jail as a material witness after state police investigated the shooting.

State police said the investigation revealed the three had been living in the small cabin for three weeks. They said Mrs. Thompson told them Pierson had come to Indiana from Kentucky at her husband's invitation and they "had been looking for a job for Pierson."

Visited Taverns

The shooting occurred shortly after 2 a. m. yesterday after Pierson and the Thompsons had spent Saturday night visiting a number of taverns.

Pierson told police they stopped at another cabin on the grounds where he played his guitar for a while and then they went to the Thompson cabin. He said he had forgotten his guitar, went back to the other cabin to get it.

Returning he said he found Mr. and Mrs. Thompson in an argument during which Mr. Thompson slapped his wife. He said when Mr. Thompson reached for a gun on a shelf he drew his own .22 caliber pistol and shot him.

Arrested After Call

Pierson was arrested in the 2100 block E. Walker St. after he telephoned a friend at a filling station to tell him he was in trouble. The friend, in turn, called police. The pistol was found in a trash can at the rear of the cabin.

State police quoted Pierson as saying Mrs. Thompson "is in love with me."

Mrs. Thompson told police "Curvie likes me quite a bit" and had asked her to run away with him.

Mr. Thompson, a mechanic employed by the Terminal Transfer Co., 450 Kentucky Ave., was pronounced dead at the scene by an ambulance physician. He had been shot three times.

Pierson was scheduled for arraignment on a first-degree murder charge today in Speedway Magistrate Court.

First Baseball And Snake Toll

Police today recorded their first baseball and snake bite casualties of the spring.

Spring practice victim was 17-year-old Warren Scholer, 207 Fulton St., who ran head-on into another youth while playing ball in Arsenal Park yesterday. He was treated at General Hospital for a knee injury.

Joe Parham, 16, of 1727 Howard St., was given first aid at General Hospital yesterday for bites on his arm. He said he was bitten by a snake at Minnesota and Belmont Sts., near Eagle Creek.

Local Girls to Join Hormel Show



Feminine entertainers from the Indianapolis area will appear with these Hormel Girls.

By ART WRIGHT

The Times and Radio Station WISH are going to give local feminine entertainers an opportunity to perform in connection with the appearance of Music With the Hormel Girls in Indianapolis on Apr. 16.

The all-girl show heard each Sunday at 5:30 p. m. over WISH and the ABC network will be broadcast direct from the new WISH studios.

Five finalists in the Times-WISH Talent Hunt will appear before the studio audience with the Hormel Girls after the regular network broadcast Apr. 16.

The entertainer judged best by the audience will appear on a subsequent Music With the Hormel Girls network show from another city. The trip will be free to the winner.

Any feminine entertainer or small group may sing, play musical instruments, or present any act suitable to radio to qualify. Auditions will be held at WISH early next month.

A registration blank to obtain an audition will appear in The Times. All ages will be eligible. Keep watching your Times and listening to WISH for other Talent Hunt news and the dates of auditions.

Cinderella Nominations Will Close This Week

Letters Making Selections Must Be Postmarked by Sunday Midnight

This is the last week to nominate kind-hearted teen age girls for honors and a share of \$500 in cash in The Times Cinderella Contest.

Letters nominating girls as Cinderella must be postmarked by next Sunday midnight.

The Times is searching for the girl whose life best parallels the Cinderella of legend... whose good deeds in behalf of others stand out over all the candidates.

She will receive \$300 in cash. The second place Cinderella will receive \$100 and third will get \$50. The person nominating the first-place Cinderella will receive \$50.

To Appear on Stage

The 100 girls judged the best Cinderellas from the information in the letters will appear on the stage of the Indiana Theater Apr. 5, the day Walt Disney's new cartoon-movie, "Cinderella," opens there.

Winners will be announced from the stage. Each of the 97 runners-up will get a Walt Disney musical album of the "Cinderella" technicolor movie and

Signal Lights Fail, Snarl Mid-Town Traffic

Failure of three signal lights during the early morning rush today snarled traffic at three downtown intersections and required emergency policemen to keep the streets clear.

Police said lights failed at N. LaSalle and E. New York Sts., East and E. Washington Sts., and E. New York and N. Alabama Sts. almost simultaneously as hundreds of motorists hurried to work.

Extra motorcycle police were rushed to the intersections after police were bombarded by hundreds of telephone complaints.

Wonder Drugs Open New Era

See Possible End To Dread Diseases

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among research scientists for quantities of the substance to try on human life. Work is going on in at least 100 laboratories, and trials on human beings are being made in at least 100 hospitals and institutions.

Treat Various Diseases

So far, the hormones have been used in experimental treatment of more than 50 different types of disease in man. The diseases include cancer, leukemia, arthritis, rheumatic fever, high blood pressure, asthma, tuberculosis, polio, myelitis, multiple sclerosis, some allergies, alcoholism, and mental disturbances.

In some cases the results have been "sensational." In others the investigators are not sure. There have been some failures.

The fact that ACTH and cortisone have helped some seriously ill persons is not the exciting story among the scientists. The excitement comes in the fact that the underlying cause of most degenerative disease in man may have been found.

If such is the case then medical science is in a new era—the beginning of an era that may see victory over heart disease, the No. 1 killer, and of cancer — and an era that some doctors believe may bring a normal life span of 100 or more years to the human being.

Still Experimental

The reader of this series of dispatches should remember that both ACTH and cortisone are still in the experimental stage; that neither is available for general use; that the doctors know they have "something hot," but have not yet determined just how and when to use it.

The situation is somewhat similar to atomic energy. The scientists knew for years that powerful amounts of energy were locked up inside the atom, but means to release it did not come until a war made possible the expenditure of enormous amounts of research money.

So it is with ACTH and cortisone. The search is now going on—one day the wonder substances will be at work on a mass production basis.

Next: Arthritis, The No. 1 Victim.

McKenney, Expert On Cards, Dies

Author of Bridge, Canasta Columns

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (UP)—William E. McKenney, bridge columnist and card expert, died yesterday at the New York Hospital after an illness of more than two months.

Mr. McKenney, 59, helped found the American Contract Bridge League in 1927 when he drew up a code of rules for the game which were adopted by the league as the official bridge laws.

Known as "Mr. Bridge" to millions of card players, he wrote a daily bridge column distributed to 500 newspapers by NEA Service, Inc.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Walter B. Cooke Funeral Home. He is survived by his wife, the former Marguerite Hoffmeister, herself a bridge expert.

Named Secretary

Mr. McKenney gave up a retail tire business in Cleveland, O., in 1927, to devote his entire time to the game. He had become interested in bridge during World War I and when the American Contract Bridge League was formed, he became its executive secretary, serving in the post for 18 years.

He retired from the league in 1948 to devote his full time to War Orphans Scholarships, Inc., of which he was president, and the Children's Cancer Fund, Inc.

Mr. McKenney became a member of the National Canasta Laws Commission in recent years and wrote a column on canasta for NEA and The Indianapolis Times.

Blast Damages Home

Explosion of a kerosene stove in the kitchen of the home of Mrs. E. Mushatt, 2412 Baltimore Ave., last night resulted in considerable damage by fire. There were no injuries.

500 Expected at Final Red Cross Drive Session

More than 500 people are expected at Ipalco Hall at 6:30 p. m. today for the final report meeting the 1950 Red Cross fund drive. The Marion County goal is \$350,214.

Willis B. Connor Jr., campaign chairman, said the drive still has approximately one-fifth of the way to go.

Entertainment scheduled for the meeting consists of a 25-voice male choir from Eli Lilly & Co., under direction of Robert Davis.

Candidate



Miss Sally Butler

Sally Butler Files For Nomination

Miss Sally Butler, president of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, filed today as a candidate for Republican congressional nomination in the 11th District.

Miss Butler is the second to enter the Republican 11th District congressional primary race officially. Winner of that race will oppose Congressman Andrew Jacobs in the election next November.

A native of Morgan County and for many years a resident here, Miss Butler served as state and national president of the B.P.W. before becoming international president three years ago. Her term in that office expires July 1.

Taught School

She came to Indianapolis shortly before World War I. She had been teaching school in Morgan County and came here to get further training in Madame Blaker's Teachers' College, now a part of Butler University.

During the first war she answered a national appeal for women to work in the postal service and remained in that service for 25 years. During World War II she was invited by the federal Treasury Department to transfer her services there to sell war bonds. She was with the Treasury Department five years, retiring after 30 years in civil service.

Miss Butler received a law degree from Indiana University Law School and was admitted to the bar in Indiana in 1938. She is a member of the American Bar Association and of Pilot International, another women's organization. She also is a member of Local 130, AFL National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

Only other congressional candidate to file this morning was John C. Uhrhah, Vincennes, who will seek the Republican nomination in the 7th District.

Dale Back Still On Critical List

Leukemia Boy Begins 2d Week on ACTH

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join the fund and the boy soon will recover."

A total of \$2,089.81 had been contributed to the Dale Roger Back Fund. Expenses had accounted for \$887.60 up to yesterday, leaving a balance of \$1,202.21.

Thus far, funds have been solicited only in the North Vernon community.

Tony Progressing, May Be Home Soon

NEW YORK, Mar. 27—Tyrona (Tony) Diggin, the fellow Indianapolis leukemia sufferer, Jerry Dunaway left behind in New York, should be coming home one of these days soon.

At University Hospital authorities said Tony is feeling better and might be coming back to Indianapolis in about three weeks.

His blood picture is improved, doctors said, and swelling is coming down. But, they added, it's "very slow."

Tony, who is 11, was flown to New York by the Indianapolis Variety Club for treatment with wonder drug ACTH. He has also been treated with his companion hormone, cortisone.

Defense Chief, Truman Confer

By MERRIMAN SMITH

UNITED PRESS White House Reporter

KEY WEST, Fla., Mar. 27—Defense Secretary Louis Johnson arrived here today for a conference with President Truman before leaving tomorrow for a meeting of North Atlantic Pact Defense Ministers at The Hague.

Before Mr. Johnson arrived, the President held a 25-minute telephone conference with his congressional leaders, discussing the omnibus foreign assistance program and Republican attacks on the State Department and Secretary Dean Acheson.

The President today also sent a letter to Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.), thanking him for his support of the entire proposed authorization for foreign assistance.

Mr. Johnson was called to Key West by the chief executive who wanted an up-to-date report on defense matters before the secretary left for The Hague meeting.

Defense ministers and chiefs of staff of the Defense Pact nations will participate in The Hague meeting. According to Charles G. Ross, press secretary to the President, The Hague conference was the primary reason for Johnson's visit to Key West, although other matters were to be discussed.

Jerry Dunaway's Back in School

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He told about his trip around New York the day he was released: a ferry ride to the Statue of Liberty, a subway ride, another look at the Empire State Building and finally of his return trip home and his experiences since returning.

When Jerry could think of no more to tell them his schoolmates came forth with questions.

"What's a ferry?"

"Does the subway go underground?"

"Did you go up front with the pilot?"

"Didja really hear from Roy Rogers? Is he gonna let you ride his horse?"

It was a long time after Jerry took his seat that the excited class got back to normal. But nobody seemed to mind too much. After all, Jerry had come back to school.

Pilgrim Shrine Names Officers

Mrs. Margaret Worthington today reigned as worthy high priestess of Pilgrim Shrine 12, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Other officers installed in ceremonies Saturday in Red Men's Hall include Henry Hoffmeyer, watchman of the shepherds; Florence Herrmann, noble prophetess; Ivy Wilson, worthy scribe; Ruth Chastain, worthy treasurer; Beatrice Wolfe, worthy chaplain; Margartha Venis, worthy shepherdess; and Gerlie Gates, worthy guide.

Mrs. Worthington presided over the ceremony.

Reports Threats

But she said that when he began to understand its operations, he broke away.

To the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee she exhibited a letter from former Sen. Joseph H. Ball (R. Minn.), which described Mr. Brunauer as "the most violently anti-Communist person I know."

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Resume Watts Trial Tomorrow

Times State Service

COLUMBUS, Mar. 27—The murder trial of Robert Austin Watts in the 1947 slaying of Indianapolis housewife Mary Lois Burney is scheduled to resume tomorrow.

It was recessed last Wednesday when Judge George W. Long granted the defense five days to investigate "surprise" witnesses, six women who identified Watts as the man who raped or attempted to attack them.

Watts is standing trial for his life for the second time. Once convicted and sentenced to die, he was granted a new trial by the U. S. Supreme Court which said his constitutional rights had been violated. The state is again seeking the death penalty.