

## 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.

Curvin 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 Combe Park Trailer Camp, S. Hobart St.

The victim's wife, Rose, 32, was booked 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 "Curvin 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 Schoier, 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 April 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 April 16.

The entertainer judged best by

## 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 April 5, the day Walt Disney's new cartoon movie, "Cinderella," opens.

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

Disney's Cinderella novelty jewelry. Winners also will be announced in The Times that day.

To nominate your favorite teenager for Cinderella honors, describe as briefly as possible—and in not more than 150 words—how she spends her time putting the welfare of others ahead of her own desires. Send your letter to: Cinderella Contest, The Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland St. All letters become the property of The Times and the decision of the judges will be final.

Next: Arthritis, The No. 1 Victim.

## McKenney, Expert On Cards, Dies

### Author of Bridge, Canasta Columns

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (UPI)—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 550 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 tall 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.

### 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 of the 1950 Red Cross fund drive. The Marion County goal is \$350,214.

Willie 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.

### 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.

Extra motorcycle police were rushed to the intersections after police were bombarded by hundreds of motorists hurried to keep the streets clear.

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