

## Sermon in Sin—

## 70 Wasted Years Bared As Warning for 'Sister' of 16

## Shows Her Where Scarlet Path Ends

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I know all about it and I can tell any girl who thinks she wants to live like I have that it don't amount to anything."

WHISKY ANN'S story isn't a pretty one. It's written in part on a six-page police record covering her 25 years in Indianapolis, a record of 317 arrests on charges ranging from prostitution to use of narcotics.

Back beyond those 25 years is another 27 years in other towns, in all 52 years of sinking lower and lower among the dregs of humanity.

Huddled in a chair, almost hidden in a ragged old coat and shivering from a chill only she felt, the old woman told her story under the prompting of Municipal Court Judge Joseph Howard.

Judge Howard has tried old Ann more times than either remembers, many times in recent years on her own request to be "locked up" while she fought the drug habit or when she needed shelter.

"I BEEN a prostitute 52 years," the old woman started out. "For 40 years I was on drugs, but I quit seven years ago and I ain't touched it since. It all goes together, the way you have to live and takin' drugs to keep goin'."

Born to a stern, God-fearing Baptist farm family in southern Indiana, old Ann became a prostitute at 18 in Terre Haute, when it was the "livest little city in the U. S."

"I was born in 1881, seventh in a family of nine children," old Ann recalled. "I have three brothers and sisters still living, one right in this town, but they never see me. They all went the other way, led good Christian lives and got good homes and children. I was the only one went bad."

"I went to Terre Haute to work for a family there and I met a fellow. He told me if I was a 'gonna do like I was doin' I might as well make some money. Well, I didn't pay no attention to what he said, but when I lost my job and needed some money and place to stay, I just sort of drifted into it."

AFTER FIVE YEARS in one of Terre Haute's "houses," Ann met up with a childhood sweetheart who was willing to marry her and "forgive and forget." For five years she was "out of the business," until pneumonia caused

her coal miner husband's death. Then she "drifted back."

"I was married three more times but I never got out of it again," she recalls. "My second husband took dope and I started while I was with him. The next two took dope, too, and I had to keep in it to get money to buy dope for us. All three of my husbands died, and I just kept on goin'."

To girls who see harlotry as a way to easy money, old Ann had this advice: "You'll never get anything. I worked in every town in all the states around here. I worked in sporting houses and I ran 'em myself, and it's always the same. All the money you make you need to keep going, to pay for lawyers and bondsmen and to use so you don't get arrested so much."

DRUGS and harlotry are inevitably intertwined, she said. "Most girls have to take drugs to keep going 24 hours a day. You can't lead that kind of life without something to keep you going."

In her years, old Ann has seen too many young girls in pursuit of "fool's gold."

"One I remember, pretty as a doll and not 14 when she started. She got on drugs and when she couldn't get them any more, sleeping powder. She started goin' wild, cutting herself with razors and ended up in an insane hospital. She's still there. There was others, and they all went pretty much the same. Only a few ever get out."

The poor old Whisky Ann ever accumulated was \$1000 when she and her third husband were going to "get out of it." But his craving for drugs was too strong, and the money went to morphine peddlers.

Ann herself broke the drug habit seven years ago when a crackdown brought all the peddlers into federal hands and made it impossible for her to get morphine. She spent 180 days in Women's prison getting away from the drug habit.

In her years in Indianapolis, Ann faced courts 139 times on prostitution charges; 109 times for vagrancy, 28 times for disorderly conduct, 25 times on drunkenness, nine times for keeping a house of ill fame, twice on narcotic charges, once for parole violation, once for association with a prostitute, once as a malicious trespasser and once for keeping a vicious dog. In all the years, she was convicted only 44 times.

SHE CAME before Judge Howard last week after a city health board inspector found her sick and chilled to the bone in a condemned house with three wine-drinking companions. After giving her a few days in jail to be cleaned up and given medical treatment, Judge Howard arranged her entry to Julietta Marion County Home for the Aged, "for her own good and the good of the public."

As old Ann sat in court and pondered ending her days on the "poor farm," she thought of her brothers and sisters living in good homes among loved ones.

"When I see what I ended up with and what they got, I feel like they made the right choice," she concluded, dabbing her eyes with a torn, dirty handkerchief. "There ain't nothing in this life . . . tell the young girls old Ann said so and she knows."

## Folks Still Laugh At Ancient Gag About The Hole In Noah's Ark

## 800-Year-Old Joke Soon Will Be on Radio And TV, Ohio State Professor Predicts

By ROBERT DAHL  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
COLUMBUS, O., Apr. 9—A folklore authority, Francis L. Utley, says a story people laughed at as far back as 800 years ago may soon be making the rounds again by way of radio and television.

"For 800 years people have been laughing at the story about the hole in Noah's ark," the president of the American Folklore Society and Ohio State University professor said.

"The story is being dug-up on television soon."

The story goes like this: A hole in Noah's ark develops in the dog is asked to save the day by thrusting his nose in the hole. When the water continues to come through, Noah's wife tries to plug the hole with her elbow. Noah finally has to stop the ship from flooding by sitting on the hole.

"That's why the dog's nose is cold, women's elbows are cold, and why men always stand with their coat-tails to the fire," Prof. Utley chuckled. "People have been laughing at that story ever since the 12th or 13th century."

Prof. Utley, incidentally, is an authority on jokes and legends involving Noah. He hopes to complete "in about two years" a book on the legends of the biblical character on which he already has spent 10 years.

"With few exceptions, almost every tribe or culture in the world has legends on the big flood," Mr. Utley said. He already has gathered "a couple of million words of notes" on the subject.

The job of collecting folk stories in this country is getting tougher all the time, he said. His definition of folklore is "literature transmitted by word of mouth" and folklore in this country seems always to find its way into print and then is no longer folklore.

Also in Cities  
Contrary to general belief, folklore is not the exclusive product of the hill folk, the backwoods people, or the rural dweller, Prof. Utley contends.

"You'll find it even in the cities," he said. "The folklore you find there usually isn't printable, since bawdy stories make up most of the city folklore of today."

The best bet for uncovering gems of homespun humor is still among "some group deprived of outside contacts or education," he continued. He suggested some of the hill folk of eastern Ohio.

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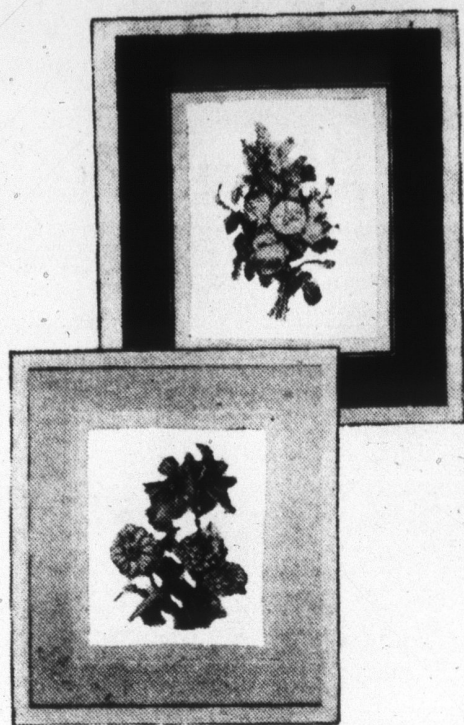
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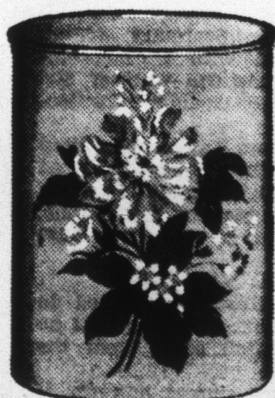


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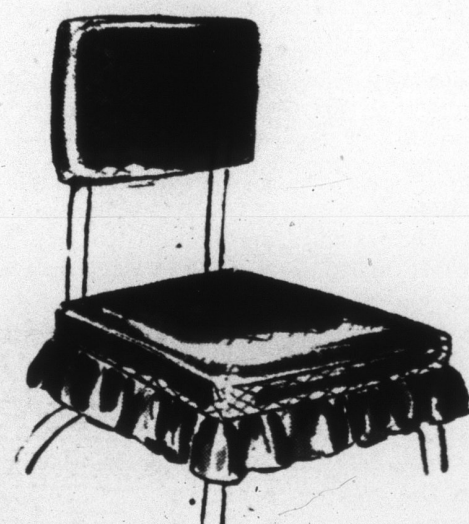


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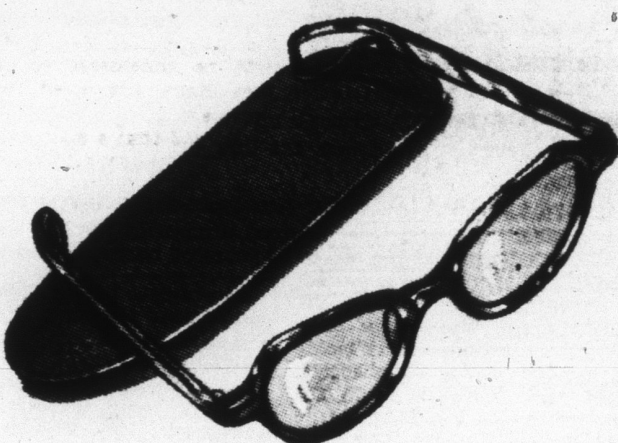
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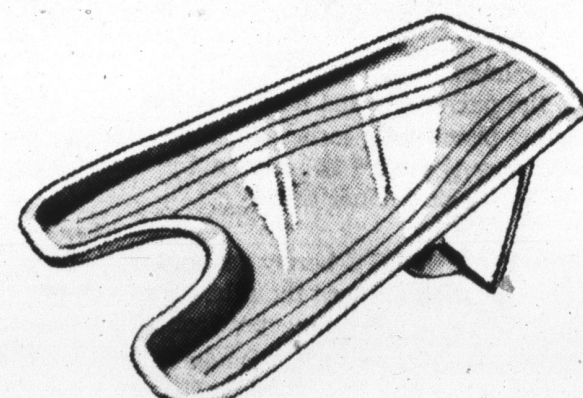
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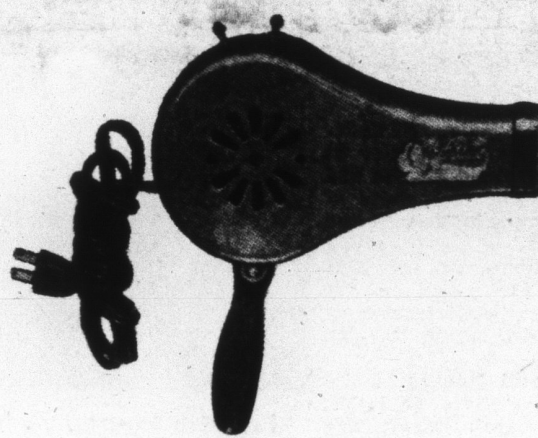
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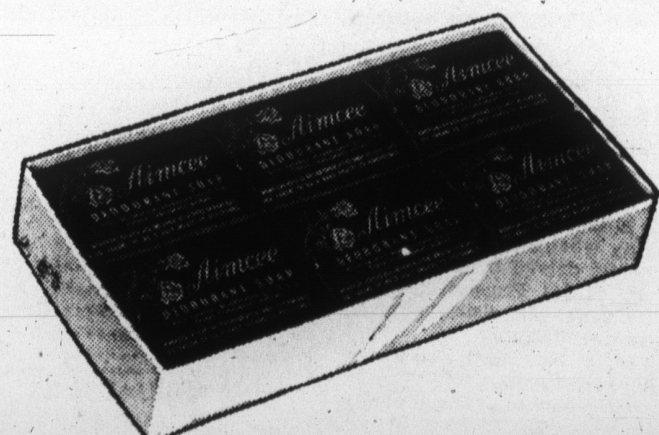
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Sunrise . . . 6:17 Sunset . . . 6:17

Precipitation 34 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m. . . . .0.85

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 . . . . .8.85

Deficiency, since Jan. 1 . . . . .1.87

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

Station	High	Low
Atlanta	67	42
Boston	56	39
Chicago	56	39
Denver	53	32
Evansville	53	32
Fl. Worth	56	40
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Indianapolis (City)	54	39
Kansas City	54	37
Los Angeles	63	53
Miami	78	68
Minneapolis-St. Paul	37	33
New Orleans	62	48
Oakland City	62	48
Oklahoma City	58	37
Omaha	58	37
San Antonio	59	46
San Francisco	69	50
St. Louis	58	34
Washington, D. C.	57	48

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

## BIRTHS

At Home—Jana, Madeline Rose, 1636 W. Market St.; George, Rowena Jones, 226 Boulevard Place; Joseph, Dorothy Messer, 1607 Belmonte St.; Oscar, Loretta Harper, 1602 Roach St.

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At General—Mack, Janie Parsons; Wayne, Helen Butler; Dale, Ruth Crider; Edward, Louella Williams; Edgar, Thomas.

At Methodist—Kenneth, Peggy George; Keith, Annabelle Scherer; John, Barbara Sparks; Laverne, Mary Peterson; John, Susette Hill; Gene, Thomas Hindley; Robert, Pauline Cole.

At St. Vincent—Edgar, Edith Uphol; Ralph, Albert Adams; Earl, Mattilda Bell; Ted, Marie Klemm; Albert, Leonard Kirk; Willie, Margaret Boggs; Leonard, Gladys Demins.

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DEATHS  
Henrietta Leonard, 86, at 2706 W. St. Clair, cerebral hemorrhage.

Virginia M. Hebbon, 62, at 3603 Washington Blvd., Apr. 24, myocarditis.

Margaret Hoffman, 88, at 3430 N. New Jersey, cerebral hemorrhage.

Herman George Muegge, 66, at General, carcinoma.

Lorenzo Woods, 72, at 1518 N. Senate, cardiovascular.

William C. Chatman, 61, at Veterans, carcinoma.

Nathan Jackson, 91, at 316 McClain Pl., hypertensive cardiovascular.

Margaret S. Monroe, 54, at 1230 Pleasant Run Pkwy., myocardial.

Walter W. Ward, 70, at 5718 Pleasant Run Blvd., North Dr., cerebral hemorrhage.

Frank, Washington, 85, at 74 W. New York, congestive heart.

Hubert Rolland, 58, at Veterans, carcinoma.

Rose R. Brown, 75, at 316 W. New York, colitis.

John Benjamin Bryan, 76, at Long, cerebral thrombosis.

Edna Louise Trahms, 48, at 421 N. Delaware, embolism.

Hilda H. Herricks, 63, at 927 N. Kings, carcinoma.

John Downing Johnson, 62, at St. Vincent, congestive heart.

James Albert Riesel, 49, at Methodist, coronary occlusion.

John Rolland, 58, at General, hypertensive heart.

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