

'They're All Mine,' Says Pop—

Quads Born on Farm Reported 'Doing Well'

MURFREESBORO, Ark., Jan. 15—Quadruplets—three boys and a girl—born in the three-room home of a low-income farm family, were reported "doing well" today after their surprised father rushed them to a hospital in the family car.

The infants, identified simply as "A, B, C and D" at the Howard County Memorial Hospital, were placed immediately in an incubator after they arrived, wrapped in blankets in the arms of George Ponder, their father.

Mrs. Ponder, a 35-year-old woman, "felt fine," her doctor reported. The Ponders already have eight children, four boys and four girls.

Superintendent of Nurses Nancy Ramage said the babies "seem to be doing well. They're very tiny, but we hope they will live."

The births began about 7 p. m. last night. The delivery was at-

tended by Dr. M. B. Duncan, who delivered seven of the Ponders' other children.

No Complications

The first to be born was the girl. Ten minutes later the first boy arrived, 20 minutes after that the second, and at 7:45 o'clock the last child was born—all of them normally and without complication, Dr. Duncan said.

Within 15 minutes, the doctor and the 41-year-old father had the infants wrapped in a blanket, and Mr. Ponder took them in his car to Nashville, 15 miles away. It took him almost an hour to get to the hospital over the rough hilly roads.

"I've got four babies," he announced breathlessly at the hospital. "They're all mine."

Doctors and nurses quickly placed the babies in two incubators without stopping to weigh them.

Dr. Duncan reported Mrs. Ponder had a "pretty easy delivery. She didn't have any trouble at all and got along just fine."

Expected 'Only Twins'

"I was surprised, too. The mother and I both were expecting her to have only twins."

"It was a very quick delivery," he said. Mrs. Ponder first began labor at 4 p. m. and the last of the quadruplets was born at 7:45 p. m.

She rested well last night, under the care of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Nan Ponder, whom the father had driven from her home a half mile away to help in the delivery.

The family lives from the produce of a 20-acre cotton and truck garden farm.

Mrs. Ponder and her husband have been too busy to think of names for the four babies.

Two Officers Killed at San Quentin



Officer Wiget



Officer Mackin

Burwell Rogers

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Jan. 15—Two prison guards were stabbed to death and two others injured by an enraged convict wielding one blade of a 12-inch pair of shears.

Prison officials said that Eugene Burwell, 24, a convict from Los Angeles, was motivated to the killings because he felt himself the object of long-standing discrimination.

They said Burwell, accompanied by another prisoner, James A. Rogers, 22, executed the slayings in a stealthy silence as a basketball game was being played between the prison team and an Army squad from San Francisco last night.

Harley O. Teets, newly-appointed warden, identified the dead as correctional officers Charles D. Wiget, 31, of Petaluma, Cal., and Vern A. Mackin, 35, of San Rafael.

Officials said Officer Wiget went into the prison library during the basketball game.

He was gone "too long" so two other guards, Virgil F. Stewart, 43, Woodacre, Cal., and Sgt. Ralph E. Dascombe, 36, San Rafael, went to look for him.

They found Officer Wiget's body on the floor of the library. The officials said Burwell suddenly appeared and lunged at Officer Stewart, cutting him several times with the blade of the shears.

Sgt. Dascombe said he was struck by a "blunt object."

The two convicts then made their way to the mess hall, used last night as a gym for the basketball game. They kidnapped Officer Mackin and stabbed him to death.

Other guards captured the pair without a struggle.

Taft Files in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 15 (UP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) formally entered the Illinois primary election today when an aid filed nomination petitions for the state's presidential "popularity poll" Apr. 8.

Soft-Spoken GI Kills 16 Reds Single-Handed

ON THE CENTRAL FRONT

Korea, Jan. 15—A soft-spoken Ohio infantryman has avenged his "kid" brother's death and, his buddies said today, probably won the Congressional Medal of Honor as well.

Pfc. Ronald E. Rosser, 24, Crooksville, O., would say little of his one-man charge up a Red-held hill in which he killed 16 Communists.

But, his buddies told of his ferocious attack, how he fired his carbine with one hand and hurled grenades with the other. Twice he swarmed up the hill in a hail of mortar and small arms cross fire.

"He was just like a madman up there," said Lt. Charles W. Williams, Holbrook, Mass., leader of the patrol which Pfc. Rosser sparked.

"I saw him when he came down for the first time," Cpl. Stan J. Kalas, Chicago, said. "He looked satisfied as if he had accounted for something."

"He grabbed me," said Sgt. B. Dalba, New York, N. Y. "He had come down the hill for more ammunition. There was a funny look in his eyes. He said 'I got me an even dozen.'"

Brother Killed in February

Asked why he had made his one-man attack on a position held by 70 Reds, Pfc. Rosser said nervously:

"My kid brother was killed with the 1st Cavalry Division last February."

Cpl. Jack Watson of New Albany, Ind., said:

"The last I saw of him he was going over the ridge in a puff of smoke. He appeared and then disappeared. It was better than any picture I ever saw."

Pvt. Rosser killed all the

Chinese in a ridge top trench. Then he ran to a bunker and tossed a white phosphorous grenade and backed away.

A Chinese soldier came out of the bunker. Pvt. Rosser shot him dead. He used the same methods on two other bunkers, killing their occupants.

Grabs Bullets, Grenades

He ran out of ammunition. He dashed down the hill through crossfire pinning down his company. He grabbed more bullets from Pfc. Stan W. Smith, Los Angeles. From other buddies he grabbed about 15 grenades.

"Let's go, let's go," Pvt. Rosser yelled as he charged back up through the murderous crossfire. When he ran out of ammunition again, Pvt. Rosser helped wounded down the hill until his company was ordered to withdraw.

"I've never seen anything like it," Pvt. Smith said. "All the time he was running up the hill he was yelling and urging the men on."

"I heard him shout 'I'll be waiting for them at the top,' when he ran up the hill," said Lt. James K. Blackman, Hartsville, S. C.

In Korea since Aug. 15, 1951, Pvt. Rosser has been in the Army since 1946. He suffered a slight wound in his left forearm in his charge.

Boy Playing 'War' Opens Rail Switches

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Jan. 15 (UP)—A 14-year-old boy has told police he broke locks on two switches of the Milwaukee Railroad tracks while playing "war games."

The open switches were discovered yesterday before any trains came along.



NARROW ESCAPE—Carolyn Hull, stewardess of the Northwest Airlines plane which crashed in New York's East River yesterday, waits in a hospital after being checked for possible injuries. She was unhurt, but her uniform was torn and she could not leave until new clothes were obtained. Five persons remained in hospitals today as an aftermath of the crash landing, but none was critical. Thirty-one others were released after treatment.

Democrats Gain Control In Princeton

Times State Service

PRINCETON, Jan. 15 — The Democrats were back in power here today.

In a political game that has patronage turning flip-flops, Democratic Mayor Vernon Woodruff was given back the power to fill city jobs. This ended—at least for now—his two-week patronage scrap against Republicans controlling city council.

Mr. Woodruff won a major victory over the GOP city council yesterday when Gibson circuit judge A. Dale Eby ruled he has the power to name his city attorney and select members of the important city board of works and public safety.

The decision gave Mr. Woodruff a 2-to-1 margin over the council, and meant the council's appointed workers were out of jobs. But observers predicted the council will appeal.

Contrary to predictions, Judge Eby, a Democrat, did not excuse himself from the case as the court reconvened after a three-week lapse. There was no motion for a change of venue or for a special judge.

Judge Eby also dissolved a restraining order the council obtained against Mayor Woodruff in neighboring Pike County last week. He granted also Mayor Woodruff's petition for an injunction against the council, to keep it from interfering with his duties.

The judge made one ruling favoring the Republican city workers. He said they should get paid for the jobs they performed last week when they took over from the Democrats.

INDIANAPOLIS TRAFFIC CASUALTIES

(14 Days)	1951	1952
Accidents	338	270
Injuries	141	109
Killed	2	4

Case Under Study—

3 Senators 'Interested' in Appeal Of Mother Reservist's Discharge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP)—Mrs. Loren B. Thompson, a woman soldier stripped of her uniform because she had a baby, protested yesterday that motherhood should not be a bar to military service.

"Women being what they are, many, in and out of service, will have children," she said in a letter to Assistant Defense Secretary Anna M. Rosenberg who also is a mother protesting her discharge.

A woman with a baby should be permitted to stay in the Army and "defend her home, which has become all the dearer because a child has come into it," she declared.

Three Senators, including Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, the only woman Senator, have taken an interest in her case and she has been promised a chance to tell her story to a Senate committee.

Mrs. Thompson, 33, is the wife of Col. Loren B. Thompson Sr., 45, of Newark, N. J. He is an active Reservist in the 303d Military Government Group, but has not been called to duty.

About three months ago Mrs. Thompson, listed on Army books as Reserve Maj. Alba C. Martinelli, Corps of Military Police, bore a baby. The infant found itself up against special regulation 140-175-1, change 1, dated 30 October, 1950, paragraph 6A (12).

It requires the discharge of "female personnel not on extended or active duty who have . . . a child or children under 18 years of age."

Mrs. Thompson, who has six



MRS. LOREN THOMPSON—Reads copy of appeal she sent to Anna Rosenberg.

including prewar service in Korea, plus four years in the reserves, called this "discriminatory."

She wrote Mrs. Rosenberg the policy is "shortsighted," "unrealistic" and "unjust." The Army, she said, has not approached the problem of motherhood with "realism or understanding."

Under present policy, she continued, the country is losing the skills of many qualified women.

"I do not think we can afford to be wasteful of skills and experience during these dangerous days," she said.

"We shall all be threatened and we shall all be needed," she declared. "Surely a woman should also be permitted to defend her home, which has become all the dearer because a child has come into it."

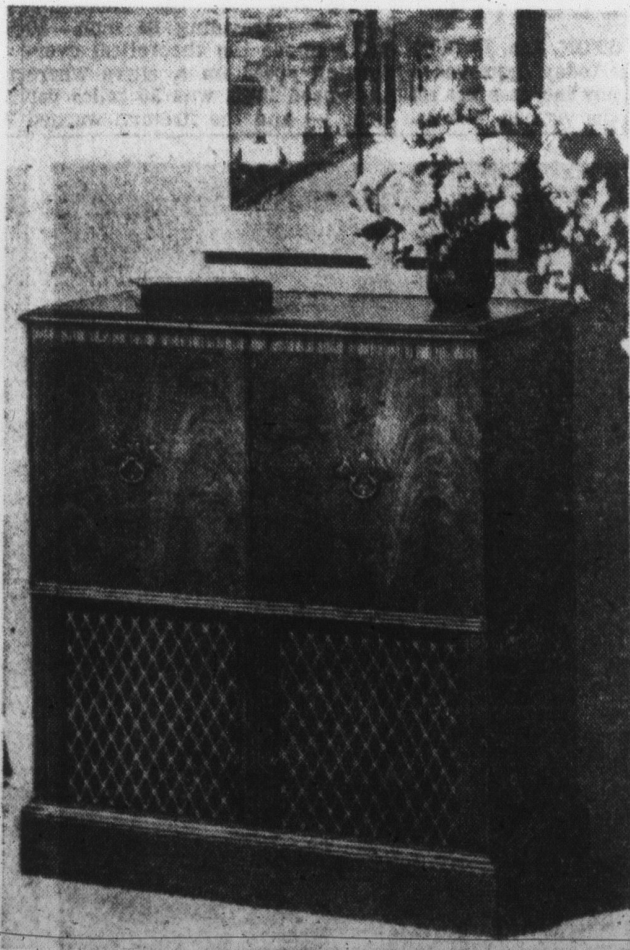
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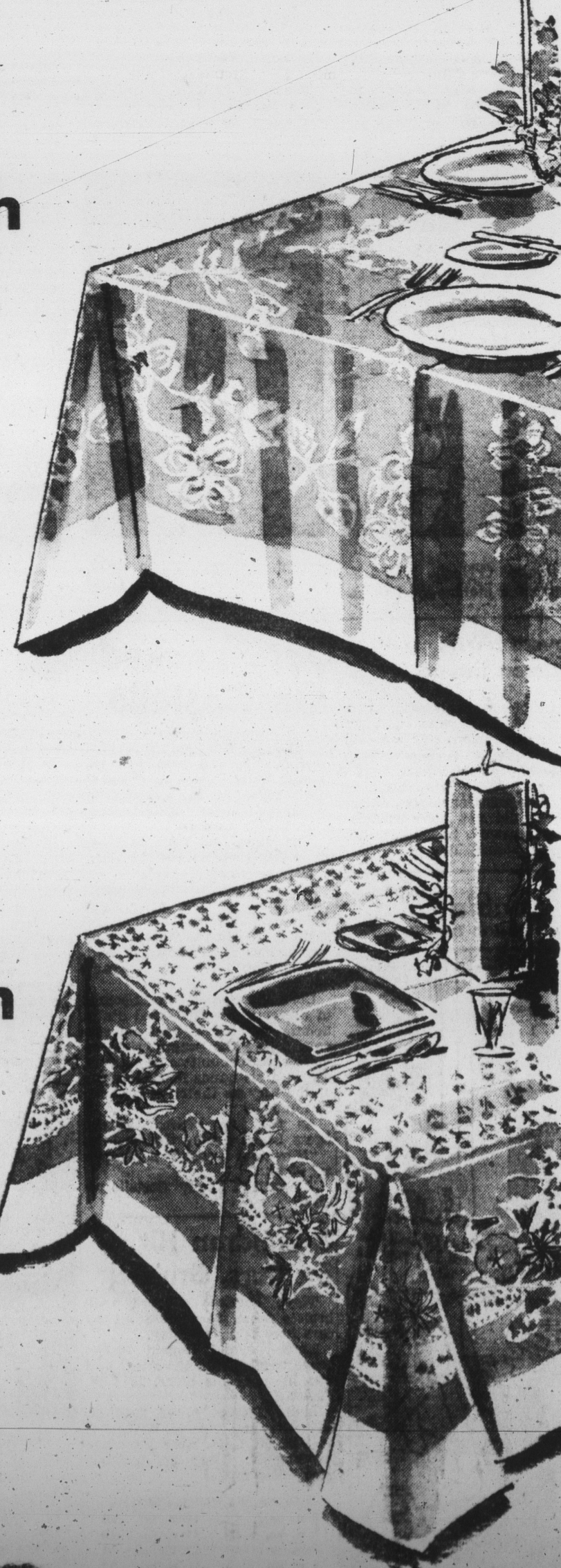
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