



CUSTODY CASE—Jean Wallace and Franchot Tone have animated conversation before entering Hollywood court for hearing on child custody case. Subjects of case are two children by the actor and actress's former marriage.

Gaming Racket Based On Bank Clearings

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By JOHN V. WILSON
Bank clearings, those numbers printed in small type and stuck way back in newspapers, are causing a new stir in financial circles here.
During the gaming trial of Tuffy Mitchell this week, his attorney charged newspapers were as guilty as the convicted Indiana Ave. gambler by printing the figures.
The attorney, Sam Blum, argued bank clearings were valuable only to gamblers.
Today, financial leaders differed on the use "clearings" and "debits" figures released daily through the Indianapolis Clearing House.
Some contended the eight-digit "clearings" have no legitimate purpose. But others insisted both "clearings" and "debits" are useful to economists to reflect business trends.
Household Word
Nevertheless, the figures have become almost a household word to followers of the Mitchell trial. Here is how they're compiled:
Five days a week, representatives of nine banks meet across a table in the Clearing House high up in the Merchants Bank building. They exchange checks with banks on which they are drawn.
The dollar volume of checks cleared are totaled. This figure is the "clearings." The "debits" include checks paid across a bank's counter, checking account withdrawals and time deposit withdrawals.
The two figures are released to newspapers shortly after 9 a. m. Another clearing, a smaller amount, is made about 2:45 p. m. but not published.
The morning release time is an important point. One of Tuffy's employees testified at the trial he refused to accept bets after 8:30 a. m. to guard against bettors getting results before plunking down a dollar.
Bets are made on the three middle digits of the "clearings." For instance, the lucky number was 103 yesterday, based on "clearings" of \$10,103,000.
This is a straight bet, based on the last three digits of the clearings.
Another way to bet the num-

L. T. Anderson Services Set

Services for Leonard T. (Hunk) Anderson, Clermont, former golf professional at Highland Golf and Country Club, will be at 10 a. m. Saturday in Clermont Christian Church.
Mr. Anderson, who was 36, died yesterday in Methodist Hospital after state police found him in his car near Clermont. He had a bullet wound behind his right ear and a pistol was found beside him on the seat.
Assistant golf professional at Highland four years, Mr. Anderson resigned year ago. Since January he had been a sales representative of the Copen Steel Co., Detroit.
Born in Eveleth, Minn., he lived here 12 years. He was a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Eveleth.
Surviving are his wife, Catherine; his son, Rodney C., his mother, Mrs. Alma Anderson, Eveleth; three sisters, Mrs. Esther Constantine and Miss Alice Anderson, both of Eveleth, and Mrs. Vi Larson, Detroit; two brothers, George, Aurora, Ill., and William, Detroit.
Friends may call at the Jones & Matthews Funeral Home until Saturday. Burial will be in Clermont Cemetery.

Teacher Here 29 Years Dies

John J. Maxwell, teacher in Indianapolis Public Schools 29 years, died of a heart attack last night in his home, 4029 S. Meridian St. He was 59.
Born at Fairfax, Minn., he came to Indianapolis in 1923 to teach manual training at School 4. Except for several years at School 44, he spent all of his teaching time there.
Mr. Maxwell served with the 29th Army Engineers during World War I.
He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1625, Fairfax, Catholic Order of Foresters, Holy Name Society of St. Roch's Catholic Church and North West Perry Township Civic League.
He was the first Scout Master of Troop 118, and was a past president of the Indianapolis Teachers' Credit Union.
Surviving are his wife, Gladys; four sons, John, Frater Bartholomew, O.F.M., Thomas and Michael; three daughters, Mary, Therese and Paula; one brother, Vincent, all of Indianapolis, and one sister, Miss Mary, of Minneapolis.
Services will be held at 8:30 a. m. Saturday in the home and 9 a. m. in St. Roch's Catholic Church. Burial arrangements are incomplete.

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'Always Keep a Sense of Humor'

By United Press
LONDON, May 22 — Gerry Fitzgerald, California textile manufacturer, was in an air crash in Germany six years ago. Every bone in his body except his spine was broken. He was told he would never walk or see again.
"I can't be destroyed this easily," he said and he fought back.
His answer was travel. As he grew stronger, he shuttled between his textile business in Los Angeles and hospitals in Britain. He hopped down a hospital corridor to an operating table 37 times.
"The miracle man," the British press called him. "Mr. Indestructible."
Today Mr. Fitzgerald can see. He walks with a limp. Tomorrow he is going home "for good."
"I am completely recovered," he said. "I was 60 years old yesterday. It is a wonderful present."
In the five weeks since his 37th—and last—operation, he has been in California, the Fiji Islands, Australia, India, Pakistan, Cyprus and Italy.
"I keep going," he said. "That's my answer. I wasn't afraid to fly after that crash in Germany. If you're in a car wreck you don't stop riding in cars. If a woman has a tough time having 'one baby, she doesn't refuse to have another. You always keep a sense of humor. You have implicit faith in your surgeons. And you remember Tennyson's line: 'Cleave ever to the sunnier side of doubt.'"

HST to Speed End of Army Rule of Rails

3 Brotherhoods Agree to Contract
By United Press
WASHINGTON, May 22—A White House spokesman said today President Truman will move swiftly to end government seizure of the railroads on the basis of an agreement signed by the carriers and three rail unions.
The agreement signed at the White House shortly before midnight brought to a close one of the longest and bitterest labor-management disputes in U. S. history.
The dispute over wages and working rules began three years ago. Mr. Truman seized the railroads 21 months ago to head off a nation-wide rail strike.
The settlement terms, which are still to be translated into the precise legal language of collective bargaining contracts, provide for retroactive wage increases which will bring immediate lump sum payments of from \$600 to \$1100 to 150,000 engineers, conductors and firemen. These payments will cost the railroads about \$100 million.
Ends During 1953
Yard workers, who now average \$1.59 an hour, will get an increase of about 24 1/2 cents an hour. Train crews will get 17 1/2 cents an hour more than their present average of \$1.95.
The agreement, which runs until October, 1953, also makes several changes in the complicated working rules of the railroad industry.
One change, which union leaders hailed as a "major improvement," allows union officials to veto demands by railroads to lengthen the "divisions" or sections of a railroad system which now constitute a day's run for train crews.
The settlement was proposed by Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman and accepted by the railroads two days ago. The unions gave their "final and binding" assent to the terms after a five-hour session in Steelman's White House office last night.

Mother Seeks Freedom In 1946 Murder Case

The mother of four children today sought her release from a prison term for the rat poison murder of her husband.
In an appeal to the Indiana Supreme Court, Mrs. Rose Masuth, 44, Elkhart, said her husband was killed by "a medical error" instead of the poison she gave him in 1946.
She blamed the death of Leo Masuth, 51, on a mercury injection given him in a hospital after the poisoning.
Mrs. Masuth was convicted in Elkhart Superior Court of second degree murder, and is now serving a life term in Indiana Women's Prison. At the time, she confessed putting rat poison in her husband's peanut butter sandwich so she could marry a 55-year-old roomer at their house.
The 153-page brief filed yesterday by her attorneys claimed the lower court was in error. It said Mr. Masuth pleaded guilty because she believed the mercury was in the rat poison.
Authorities said she confessed five separate murder attempts against her ailing husband.

Nehru Lashes at Reds

NEW DELHI, India, May 22 (UP)—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru gave Indian Communists an hour-long tongue lashing in parliament today when he said the cold war was "as bad as a shooting war." Communist leader A. J. Gopalan called his speech "a declaration of war against the people." Mr. Nehru retorted: "If that's his view, there is war between him and me."

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