

BEFORE DISAPPEARANCE



These are pictures of Miss Rose and Tom C. Eubank made before they disappeared 22 years ago from Nashville, Tenn. They were discovered this week living in Orange, Texas, under the name of "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Palmer." They are the parents of six children and grandparents of one. Below is a picture of "Mrs. Palmer" as she appears today. (AP Wirephotos)

Texas Neighbors Rally Behind Pair

ORANGE, Tex. (AP)—The enduring love of Betty McCuddy and Tom Eubank, the full story of a secret even from their children after 22 years, rallied friends and neighbors to their side today.

Back in 1931, insurance man Thomas C. Buntin of Nashville, Tenn.—called an alcoholic incapable of earning a living outside his wealthy family's business—disappeared. Six weeks later, Betty Eubank's will had been mailed from St. Louis, the pretty Russellville, Ky., girl who had been his secretary vanished too.

The cost to the lovers pair: a wife, three sons, family prestige and a thriving business to him; her family and a share in a million dollar estate for unmarried Betty. Only rumor and speculation ever connected the two disappearances. As much of the story as anyone knows began in Brownsville, Tex., weeks after the disappearances when Tom and Betty decided to let their love flower in the lush Rio Grande Valley. They flew to New Orleans was grounded there by bad weather. They moved here from Brownsville about five years ago.

ASSUMED NAME Tom, 28, proved not to be the ne'er-do-well Tennessee Supreme Court brander him. He and 22-year-old Betty stayed in Texas and somewhere along the years assumed the names of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Palmer.

Yesterday, their 22-year-old and six children—was splashed across the nation's front pages. The Nashville Tennessean broke the story in a copyrighted dispatch.

Today, guided by the quick developments, the tall, thin man and the motherly woman with gray in her hair wanted to tell their love story to children rushing to their home here.

Neighbors dropped by to chat last night as Tom and Betty, four of their children with them, ate a related Thanksgiving day dinner. Silent and miserable, almost bitter earlier in the day, they took on a more cheerful manner as their old friends rallied around.

"They're among the finest people I know," a prominent Orange resident told the Associated Press. "Everybody in the neighborhood thinks the world of them," a neighbor told reporters.

"We were in love," Betty told Nashville Tennessean reporter John Seigenthaler. "Money didn't mean too much to us. If money had meant anything, we wouldn't have done what we did."

Justice Dept. Files Brief With Tribunal

Says Constitution Requires Equality

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department told the Supreme Court today that the court is fully empowered to strike down racial segregation in public schools.

In response to an invitation of the court, where five school segregation cases are pending, Attorney General Herbert Brownell and his chief aides filed a brief asserting that the 14th amendment to the Constitution "compels a state to grant the benefits of public education to all its people equally, without regard to differences of race or color."

The brief said the question is not "whether there is equality as between schools," but "whether the Constitution requires that there be equality as between persons."

The case before the court are from Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia. Fourteen other states require segregation of Negro and white pupils and three other persons.

The pending cases were originally argued many months ago, when the government filed a brief opposing segregation practices in public schools. Subsequently, the court ordered reargument for Dec. 7 and meanwhile asked that all parties, and the attorney general, submit additional briefs designed to answer questions as to the scope of the court relating to the legislative history of the 14th amendment and its ratification by the states.

Brownell announced today that Asst. Atty. Gen. J. Lee Rankin of the Lincoln, Neb., in charge of the Justice Department's office of legal counsel, will speak for the government in its reargument Dec. 7.

The Brownell brief filed today said: "Since the United States is not a party to any of these cases and is participating herein solely as an amicus curiae (friend of the court) it submits this brief as an objective, non-advocatory discussion of the questions stated in the court's order of reargument."

The brief discussed at length the adoption of the 14th Amendment, which abolished slavery and the 15th Amendment, which made Americans "citizens of the United States" as well as citizens of the individual states. The amendment provides among other things "that no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

NATIONAL QUESTION The brief said that the court's decision in the cases before it would not be limited to those areas but would establish precedents for the whole nation. It said that if the decision is against segregated schools the cases pending should be sent back to the lower courts for handling "as expeditiously as the particular circumstances permit."

Children Were Awed and New Queen Was Delighted



It was the children's slight nod last night when the annual Carrousel parade was held. Here several of the small fry watch in wide-eyed wonder as some of the more glittering sights pass by. In festivities after the parade Miss Douglas Carrousel of Bensenville (right) was elected Queen Carrousel VIII. She will be the

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By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Miss Douglas Carrousel, a lovely girl with a boy's name, will reign over the 1954 Carolina Carrousel.

She was, she said, named for her mother's family as was the 1953 Carrousel. "My mother was a Douglas," she said, "and I was named to carry on the name."

Miss Carrousel, 16, is five feet, seven inches in height and weighs 116 pounds. Her eyes "well, I don't know," she laughed. "Brown, I guess."

For winning she received a \$200 check and a bouquet of yellow roses. All the girls were promised several gifts and favors while here.

"She'll be back to Charlotte long before next year's event. Next week, as a matter of fact," she said. "My boy friend will play in the Shrine Bowl game. He's a senior at the school."

Bennettsville Comes Up With Second Queen For Carrousel

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By WARREN ROGERS JR. He issued a statement which said the internal security subcommittee is trying to determine who was responsible for their continued employment, which in most cases, involved promotions, increased authority, continued access to government secrets, and increases in pay."

It was thus apparent Jenner plans no further steps until there is a fresh exchange of views between Secretary of State Dulles and Canadian Foreign Minister Lester B. Pearson.

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Refugee-Packed Port Of Pusan Hit By Blaze

PUSAN, Korea, Saturday (AP)—Flames 25 feet high roared out of control in this jammed seaport today, driving thousands of refugees through the crowded streets as they razed hundreds of cluttered homes and sheds.

The fire endangered American installations and some U. S. units and members of neutral nations. True insurance teams fled their quarters.

Winds up to 30 miles an hour whipped the fire to within 200 yards of Pusan's main railroad station shortly after midnight.

The fire burst out first about 8 o'clock last night in a shanty-town area called the HILIN.

Another officer estimated in the early hours of the fire that as many as 1,000 to 2,000 houses and sheds "almost exploded," like a match that is lit with your thumb.

Pusan, a key port city on the southeast corner of the Korean peninsula, was war-time capital of South Korea.

Jenner Pushes On With Government Red Probe

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Flying Boxcar Crash Kills 5

PARIS (AP)—A U. S. Air Force C-119 Flying Boxcar from Douglas base at Greenville, S. C., crashed near Orly Field just outside Paris today, killing all five occupants.

The plane had flown from Greenville to a more distant ferrying mission en route to the Rhine-Meuse base near Frankfurt, Germany. Air Force officers at Orly Field said.

Those aboard included the pilot, cockpit radio operator, engineer and navigator. All five bodies were recovered.

Fatror said the plane was flying at about 600 feet and apparently trying to get into Orly Field, 1,500 feet away when it suddenly dived into an open field and exploded.

Comic Dictionary

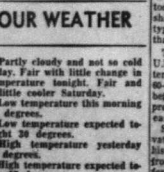
APOLGY The only thing that enables a man to have the last word in an argument with his wife.



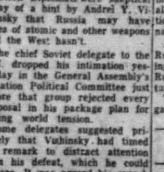
This modest house in Orange, Texas, is the home of the couple known as Thomas D. and Betty Palmer, who turned out to be Thomas D. Buntin and Betty McCuddy, missing 22 years from Nashville, Tenn. Both had been given up for dead. The couple has six children. Buntin had three sons by wife in Nashville before he disappeared. (AP Wirephotos)



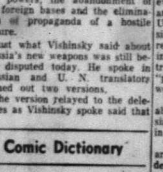
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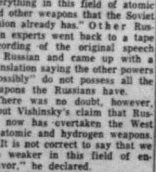
Soviet Weapons Superior? West Skeptical Of Red Atomic Bomb



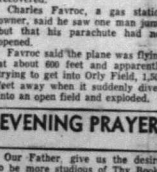
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. Western Diplomats were skeptical today of a hint by Andrei V. Vishinsky that Russia may have types of atomic and other weapons that the West hasn't.



The chief Soviet delegate to the U. N. dropped his intimation yesterday in the General Assembly's 60-nation Political Committee just before that group rejected every resolution in its package plan for easing the Korean situation.



Some delegates suggested just that Vishinsky had timed his remark to distract attention from his defeat, which he could foresee. It was agreed his speech drew more attention than the vote.



The Vishinsky speech package called for a ban on all atomic and hydrogen weapons, a one-third reduction in the armed forces of the big powers, the abandonment of nuclear weapons, and the elimination of propaganda of a hostile nature.