

# Parents Dive To Death After Daughter Dies

By GEORGE CORNELL  
NEW YORK—A distraught Brooklyn couple clasped hands and plunged 15 stories to their death early today about three hours after their 5-year-old daughter died under mysterious circumstances.

The couple wed in 1948, had been plagued for years by illness and perhaps financial troubles. The father had not worked since 1952, when he was employed in some type of civilian defense.

The father's neighbors as being a cheerful couple, but the family physician described Kennedy as being a hypochondriac over a longtime stomach ailment. Mrs. Kennedy suffered from asthma. The doctor knew of no ailment affecting the child.

Police said they pieced the story together this way: About 3 a.m. the mother and father climbed a flight of stairs to the roof of the building and, linking hands, plunged 150 feet to a concrete courtyard in front of the apartment building.

When their bodies were discovered, officers went to their apartment and found the daughter lying dead on the bed in the bedroom. The apartment was in some disarray, with articles of clothing and paper scattered about.

**BLOODSTAINS FOUND**  
A shirt of the father, with bloodstains, was found lying on a television set. There also was blood on a divan pillow in the living room, a broken glass in the kitchen and specks of blood on the sink and wall nearby but not on the glass.

The condition of the girl's body indicated she had died around midnight. A brownish liquid appeared to have flowed from her mouth and nostrils. A police medical examiner said he couldn't tell whether it was blood or chocolate from a bar found in the refrigerator.

Because of the blood on the divan pillow, police believed the girl had died in the living room and was carried to the bedroom. She was dressed in blue jeans, brown jersey shoes and socks.

**NO VIOLENCE**  
Detectives said that, although her body had no marks of violence, it was possible she could have been smothered, fed something dangerous or have choked on something.

The father's body bore slight slashes on the wrist and throat. This, together with the blood shirt and broken glass, gave rise to a theory he might have tried to commit suicide in the apartment but failed.

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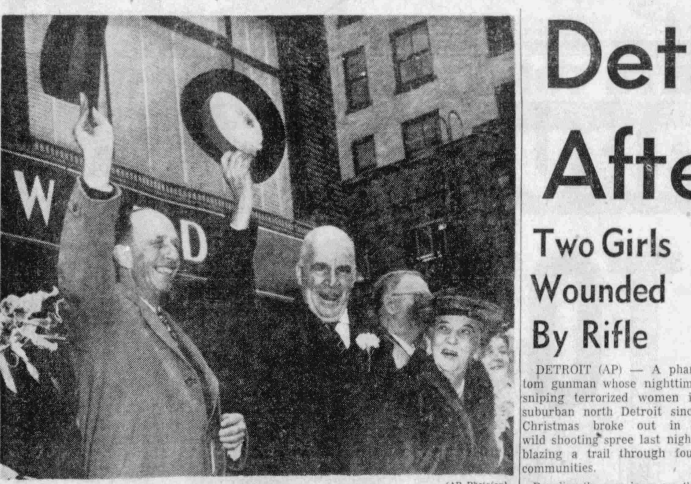
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### N.C. House, Senate Convene For Abbreviated Session

By JULIAN SCHEER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Raleigh—North Carolina's General Assembly went back to work today after a full round of pomp and pageantry.

The "big event" of the session, however, is the introduction of bills which will hit the legislative wheels.

There's no indication yet as to when the bills will hit the legislative wheels.

However, bills on highway matters—separation of prisons and highways and reorganization of the State Highway Commission—are expected to be first.

### Runaway Goat Buffaloes Police

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Police have tangled with killers, burglars, hit-and-run drivers, runaway cattle, and even Charlotte's famous runaway elephant, "Vicki."

Once upon the ride, the goat was apparently dissatisfied with his backseat position and, in one leap, he settled himself on the front seat, smugling up beside Officer McGraw.

When Officer McGraw opened the patrol car door, Billy suddenly jumped inside the cruiser and seated himself on the back seat. Then the officers continued to patrol the neighborhood looking for the goat's owner.

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### Senator Disagrees With Passage Of Bill

SANTA FE, N. M. (AP)—A bill making false statements to a peace officer unlawful was passed 22-1 by the state senate yesterday, but not without argument.

Sen. Earl Parker, Torrance County Democrat, earnestly declared:

"I'm against this bill. It strikes to the very foundation of human rights. I say you should have the right to lie to whomsoever you please."

**Our Weather**  
Cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle and moderate temperatures today, tonight and Saturday. Fog during the night and early morning hours.

Low tomorrow morning... 53  
Low tomorrow morning... 53  
High today... 69  
High yesterday... 67  
Surprise today 7:16 a.m.; sunset today 5:39 p.m.

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# Detroit Sniper Caught After Shooting Spree



### Two Girls Wounded By Rifle

DETROIT (AP)—A phantom gunman whose nighttime sniping terrorized women in suburban north Detroit since Christmas broke out in a wild shooting spree last night, blazing a trail through four communities.

Provoking the area in a car, the trigger-happy sniper wounded two girls, fired on women standing in bus stops and peppered cars and homes with 22-caliber rifle shots.

Two hours after the first shot was fired, police nabbed a police car chase that led down city streets and alleys.

Oakland County Asst. Prosecutor William Lang and Taylor told him he was the phantom sniper.

Lang said Taylor, a factory worker, appeared to be a mild-mannered, shy youth.

He was held without charge. Last night a 9 1/2 break was shot in the shoulder as she stepped out to the porch of her home in Bloomfield Hills about 20 miles north of Detroit. She was not seriously hurt.

Then the gunman headed through southern Oakland County toward Detroit.

A bullet was fired from a passing car at two women standing in a Royal Oak bus stop. The shot went between them, piercing the cloth of both their coats.

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### Itinerant Faces Assault Trial

TAYLORSVILLE (AP)—Sheriff T. E. Beiber said today that North Carolina will try a Negro cotton picker on charges of assaulting a white woman here before Georgia can press murder charges.

### They Don't Budge Until Sugar's Back

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Until Sugar Ray is found, Mrs. A. L. Newcomer is making the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal her home.



Officers from four cities have fired questions at the Negro, Ross McAfee, 39, of Meridian, Miss., held in an undisclosed jail. He was known here as J. C. Adams.

"We're staying here until they find my dog," she said last night.

The "we" includes her husband, a bailieman in the Navy; their other dog; a young cocker spaniel named Peanut; and their parakeet, Baby.

### Marine's Dad Talks With DI Director

MAJ. GEN. HOMER L. LITZENBERG, NEW COMMANDER  
Litzenberg came to Parris Island as depot commander last year from Camp Lejeune after a tragic night march here on which six recruits drowned. Their drill instructor was convicted of negligent homicide.

Young Porter, a member of recruit platoon 399, wrote a letter to his parents saying he had been struck with an iron bar and was "forced to march with sand in his mouth."

Porter declined to elaborate on accusations he and several other recruits have made against drill instructors. He said he would not discuss the matter until he had talked with his father.



DAVID PORTER

Into Thee, O God, do we lift our thoughts. Send down Thy benediction upon us that we might know Thy peace that passeth all understanding and Thy love which will not let us go. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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The father wrote of his son's charges to Gen. Homer L. Litzenberg, the base commander, who ordered a preliminary inquiry. It was this inquiry which caused the four drill instructors to be relieved of duty.

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But let it spread. I was here found before I check into the hospital."