

How Do You Know Something Is Wrong With A Boy?

NEW YORK (AP)—How do you know that something is gone wrong—really wrong—with a boy?

So wrong—in fact—that he lures a 13-year-old girl to a rooftop with a promise of 10 cents and a lollipop. Then flings her 13 stories to death, and says he doesn't know why he did it.

MOTHER'S QUESTION?

The question comes from the bewildered and grief-stricken mother of Francis Michael Medaille, 15, who has confessed the slaying of pretty little Kathleen Hegmann who lived in the same apartment house.

Margaret Medaille, 38, careworn working mother of nine, wonderingly asked newsmen if

they could explain why her son Mike did such a thing last Tuesday.

"What is the sign?" she asked as she sat in the living room with her husband, George. "Tell me, I don't know."

Only a flight of stairs in the Bronx apartment house separated the families of Mike and Kathleen and their separate griefs.

NO VISITING

Neither family visited the other. But Mrs. Medaille's thoughts were on Kathleen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hegmann, as well as on her Mike.

"I would like to help pay the funeral expenses. I could borrow the money," said Mrs. Medaille. "They have eight children and

only the husband works. They're poor. We're only medium poor."

Rita Hegmann said later that she and her husband would turn down their neighbor's offer.

She said: "I can understand a little how they must feel because they are parents, too. But this is our daughter, and we want to do this for her ourselves."

Relatives and friends gathered in the Hegmann apartment seeking to console Kathleen's parents.

TALK WITH SEVEN

On another floor Mr. and Mrs. Medaille sat with seven of their children and talked of Mike.

The father had just come home from court where Mike was held on a homicide charge. Medaille had stood at his son's side as Mag-

istrate J. Randall Creel ordered the boy sent to Bellevue Hospital for observation. He had heard the judge warn: "If it is determined that the boy knew the nature of the crime, he will burn in the electric chair."

As they sat in their six-room, 17th-month apartment in a Bronx housing development, Mr. and Mrs. Medaille searched their souls of what led to Mike's crime on their own rooftop.

Weeping over the dead Kathleen, Mrs. Medaille said: "She was a sweet, wonderful, innocent child. But Mike had never shown any particular interest in her. He had no reason to dislike her."

Telling about Mike, who was known in the neighborhood as "the professor" because of his bookish

ways, his mother said: "He just couldn't seem to concentrate in school."

NO BACK COMPANIONS

"You can't blame him on bad companions—he didn't have any," said Mike's mother. "I didn't allow him to. Perhaps I held too tight a rein on him, but children who are allowed to run loose in the streets seem to end up stabbing each other. I didn't want that to happen to Mike."

Mrs. Medaille said that a month ago Mike took \$150 from her household money and ran away to Florida.

Mike's father commented bitterly: "He was an avid reader, but today any one who can pronounce four letters is regarded as bril-

liant. They built up that idea in his mind until he began to feel he was brilliant everywhere except at home."

Medaille's take-home pay as a night hotel clerk is \$68 a week. His wife is employed as a \$75-a-week key machine puncher.

SHE TRIED

She tried to be a good mother, and force things, but how could I foresee a thing like this?" Mrs. Medaille asked.

"My boy did nothing that a thousand other mischievous boys haven't done who turned out to be fine men."

A little while before a detective had said that Mike—when asked why he played hooky—replied: "When there are eight children in the house and both your moth-

er and your father are working, somebody has to take care of the kids."

Police said that in the past Mike had come to them to confess crimes that were only in his imagination.

It was brought out that Mike was expelled from school for truancy and failing in three subjects, and that school authorities suggested he be taken to a psychiatrist. He had been destructive in school.

AVOIDANCE POSSIBLE?

The judge who committed Mike to Bellevue said: "The teachers should have brought the boy's action to the attention of the proper authorities. The whole wretched matter could possibly have been avoided."



Holdup Pair Nabbed

ATLANTA (AP)—A restaurant operator opened fire with a pistol at two holdup men last night. One surrendered immediately and the other was picked up a short time later.

11 Cars Derailed

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP)—Eleven cars of a Southern Railway coal train left the main line tracks in nearby Campbell County early today. One railroad official estimated damage at more than \$20,000.

Aerial Appeal

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesian Air Force planes today dropped leaflets on rebellious central Sumatra calling for "understanding" of government policies.

H-Bomb Delivery

LONDON (AP)—The British government announced today that it is delivering hydrogen bombs to its Air Force.

Leadership Assured

TUNIS (AP)—President Habib Bourguiba said today that he would personally lead the Tunisian people in a guerrilla war if necessary to get French troops off Tunisian soil.

Our Weather

Clearing this morning, fair and continued cold tonight and Friday.
Low this morning 28
Low tomorrow morning 20
High today 39
High yesterday 47
High tomorrow 45
Sunrise today 7:11 a.m.
Sunset today 6:04 p.m.

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Miners Lift Body of Buddy From Mine Car

Anti-Slump Plan Begun In Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Democrats are drafting a 10-point antirecession program which party leaders plan to give a speedy start through Congress.

The program is being put together by individual committees under the guidance of the Democratic Policy Committee headed by Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. It will represent the party's answer to demands that Congress act before the business slump gets worse.

Johnson is understood to have told his colleagues that while he is opposed to a "gloom and doom" attitude, he thinks "immediate steps must be taken to combat unemployment, which now has reached 4 1/2 millions."

He has asked committees operating under Senators Fulbright (D-Ark.), Sparkman (D-Ala.), Anderson (D-N.Y.), Bill (D-La.), Kerr (D-Ore.) and Gore (D-Tenn.) to come up with legislative proposals to cover a wide field of government activity to bolster the economy.

PROGRAM SEEN

As Johnson views the program, it would shape up like this:

A comprehensive housing bill aimed at getting this limping industry going full blast.

Legislation to permit Federal Reserve banks to make loans to small businesses which certify they can't get credit in ordinary channels.

Passage of a post office construction bill.

Authorizations to put on extra shifts of workers on public works projects for which Congress has provided the money.

Construction of military housing in areas with soft spots of unemployment.

Action to start and speed up

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Evening Prayer

O Christ, make me over into Thy pattern. Mold me into Thy spiritual likeness. I too, would be one of God's own, and bear Him say: "This is my son, in whom I am well pleased." In Thy name I pray. Amen.



Dr. Schwartz Leaves House Office Building.

'Heart Balm' Case To Be Tried Here

By JOHN BORCHERT

New Staff Writer

An allegation of affection suit, in which a Maryland woman is seeking \$200,000 in damages from a Charlotte woman, is scheduled for Western Federal District Court tomorrow.

Judge William Warwick presiding, said the case is scheduled for tomorrow's docket, which begins at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Ellen R. Smith, the plaintiff, a former Atlanta resident who now resides at Gathersburg, Md., is suing Mrs. Christine C. Tate, widow of G. Charles Tate, of 2011 Sharon Ln.

Court officials say an allegation of affection case is rare in federal court, and was brought on the docket via the diversity of citizenship clause (plaintiff and defendant from different states).

Mrs. Smith charges that a divorce action on the part of her

husband, Eugene Williamson Smith, was "prompted, directed and financed" by Mrs. Tate.

Mrs. Smith said she and her husband were residing in Atlanta, Ga., when on Sept. 29, 1953, her husband instituted an action for absolute divorce in Fulton County (Ga.) Superior Court.

In her reply to the allegations, Mrs. Tate states that she first met Mr. Smith in the spring of 1954 at a dinner with friends. She says she saw him occasionally after that, having dinner about once a month at a Charlotte supper club.

CHARGES DENIED

Mrs. Tate has denied allegations she paid for these dinners, gave Mr. Smith a diamond ring, or financed trips to Florida or other places where Mr. Smith does reside that she went with Mr. Smith and "a lady friend" to Florida and attended the Orange Bowl game with him. But she denies traveling with Mr. Smith outside the United States or of ever having an affair with him.

Mrs. Tate, in her reply to a set of 40 questions asked by Mrs. Smith in the suit, says Mr. Smith was a guest in her home twice in May of 1957 while convalescing from operations at a Charlotte hospital.

However, she says her mother-in-law and an adult woman friend were in her home "at all times" during Mr. Smith's convalescence.

Mrs. Smith is seeking \$150,000 actual and \$50,000 punitive damages, and costs of the court action.

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Says Act 'Common Knowledge'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bernard Schwartz, fired counsel to a House investigating committee, declared today it was "common knowledge" that money was passed in the grant of TV channel 10 in Miami to a subsidiary of National Airlines.

Under oath in the witness chair of the committee, Schwartz did not immediately name directly the Federal Communications Commissioner but he contends received a money payment.

But the name of Commissioner Richard A. Mack came into an exchange between Schwartz and Chairman Owen Harris (D-Ark.).

After contending there was "common knowledge" of a payment, Schwartz blasted at the committee.

NO ACTION

In spite of this, Schwartz said, a majority of the committee took no action to obtain financial records of a commissioner so as to establish "essential facts" in the case.

Schwartz said he had requested subpoenas for four individuals, submitted a memorandum in justification of his request, and was "fair for me to assume" that Harris and other members knew all about it.

Harris told Schwartz that he had agreed to issue subpoenas for the four individuals, but not Commissioner Mack.

Harris identified the four individuals in question as George T. Baker, Robert Anderson, Thurnham A. Whiteside and Paul R. Scott.

Harris said he and Rep. Moulton said: "A man from the Long Island Lighting Co. is coming with some kind of testing machine to check all the wiring in the house."

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But at this point, she continued, "I don't even want to know what the reason is, I just want to get it over with."

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MRS. HERRMANN Bouncers Studied

Expert Called Upon To Cure Case Of Shakes

SEAFORD, N.Y. (AP)—An expert electrician today enters the case of the bouncers bottles which blew their tops — a today enigma which has the Herrmann family in a tizzy.

On Feb. 3, the first of all sets of bottles mysteriously began doing just as capricious. Literally blowing their screw-tops began the detonating containers have held liquids of all kinds, ranging from perfume to washing bleach to holy water, in all parts of the six-room ranch house.

Suggestions as to the probable cause of the phenomena have poured in on the Herrmanns — James, his wife Lucille, a daughter, Lucille, 13, and a son, James Jr., 12.

HOPES ON TEST

Mrs. Herrmann pinned her hopes of ultimate solution on another test scheduled for today. She said: "A man from the Long Island Lighting Co. is coming with some kind of testing machine to check all the wiring in the house."

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Beaches On Gulf Coast Get Coating Of Snow

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mobile, on Alabama coast, had more than an inch of snow in a 7 1/2-hour fall. Ft. Morgan at the mouth of Mobile Bay said Wednesday's deposit amounted to four inches.

TRIPLE BEATING

Jacksonville, Fla., took a triple beating yesterday's rain turned to last night's sleet and the sleet in turn changed to snow early today.

Students left classrooms and dormitories at Florida State University and staged snowball fights in Tallahassee's snow. Townspeople were quick to get into the act as they built snowmen on their front lawns.

Further south in Florida, a grim touch was noted. Editor Robert Ledwell of the Daily Highlander at Lake Wales started a drive to send food and clothing to Seminole Indians hit hard by the inclement weather.

'FRIENDLY' CRACKDOWN STARTED New ABC Chief Says He'll Raid Locker System

By JULIAN SCIEER

News Staff Writer

North Carolina's new ABC chief is ready to level a shattering blow at the drinking habits of thousands of Tar Heels.

That is—under his interpretation of state law.

Chairman W. S. Hunt Jr., recently appointed to boss the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, told The News that drinking intoxicating liquors in private clubs—even with the old locker system—appears to be illegal.

His office, he said, will next move in the direction of enforcement of this law, although it may take months to get around to it.

Yesterday he started a quiet and "friendly" crackdown on places which have beer licenses and where liquor is also being consumed.

AGENTS VISIT

Local private and county clubs were visited and officials told by a state agent that they were in violation of state beer laws if they allowed the consumption of liquors on the premises when they also hold beer permits.

Some club officials suspended the sale of beer immediately to await decisions by their boards of governors on whether to give up beer or their lockers.

One officer told The News that he thought his club would quit beer and let members keep lockers, but Hunt said he doubted if lockers were legal either.

The locker system has been a simple and frequently used device by clubs all over the state. Dues-paying members merely own lockers in the clubs and give bartenders the keys when they want a drink. The bartender uses the individual's personal bottle and serves a setup of ice and/or mix.

THE SITUATION

Here is the situation as seen through Hunt's eyes.

A restaurant with a beer li-

cence cannot give a customer a glass, ice, etc., knowing the customer will pour his own drink. This is covered under state beer laws.

However, a restaurant without a beer license could serve a setup as long as the customer does not "publicly display" his bottle or flask. Interpretations in the past of what is a public display and what is not have generally agreed that a public display is when you pour the drink above the table—not behind it.

What of the county club and the private club?

There have been various interpretations of North Carolina