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Train Kills Four

CARLYLE, Ill. (AP) — A west-bound Baltimore and Ohio Railroad freight train struck a car loaded with school children at an unguarded crossing today. Three children, all members of one family, were killed. A 33-year-old passenger died an hour later.

Faubus To Run

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Gov. Orval Faubus, who vaulted into national prominence during the bitter Little Rock integration controversy, announced today he will seek a third term. He said he intends to defend states rights as part of his platform.

Bombing Planned

SINGAPORE (AP) — The Indonesian Air Force was reported tonight to have warned the American owned Caltex and the Dutch BPM oil companies that it intends to carry out bombardment of the companies' installations at Menado in north Celebes and Padang, Central Sumatra.

No New Oath

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said today his disability agreement with Vice President Nixon does not contemplate that Nixon would have to take a new oath to act as chief executive.

Door Open

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said today the United States never will close the door on any efforts to arrange a summit conference with Soviet leaders.

Fuel Received

PARIS (AP) — France today received the first shipment of nuclear reactor fuel under the U. S. program for sharing atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

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Queen Of Them All

Miss Sally Kendrick, shown at her desk this morning at the Consolidated Credit Corp. here, has been named Miss Office Queen. A 20-year-old, five-three brunette, she will reign over the Southeastern Business Machine and Office Equipment Show set for Radio Center March 11-13. Sally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kendrick Jr., of 2039 Cartier Way, also won a four-piece set of luggage and a weekend at Grove Park Inn in Asheville. She is engaged to David Trull of Charlotte.

Police Help Out

Children In River Just 'Scare' Call

A police search which began with an anonymous tip that a father had "thrown his kids in the river" ended merely as a scare today, and husband and wife were together again after police stepped in to help.

The search became state-wide when police were unable to locate a man listed as O. C. Tucker, 3226 Sedgewood Rd.

Mr. Tucker was found this morning, however, and his children were safe after having spent the night at the home of an unidentified friend. Mr. Tucker was located when he went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cole, 3201 Randolph Rd., where his wife was staying.

WARRANT WITHDRAWN

Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn, who said the entire matter was "a misunderstanding," explained that a domestic warrant taken out against Mr. Tucker by his wife was to be withdrawn.

Chief Littlejohn said the matter is not entirely closed, however, since police want to learn the identity of the mystery caller. The call reportedly came from Washington, D. C., and the caller was identified only as "Mike Hammer," the fictitious detective created by novelist Mickey Spillane.

When the caller is identified, he could be charged under a statute which makes it illegal to give false information for a police broadcast.

—MILLS' DEATH SPURS ONE-OFFICE TALK—

Council Talks Of Tax Merger Again

By DICK YOUNG

News Staff Writer

Revival of the proposal for consolidation of city and county tax collection offices, came today in a discussion of a successor to John H. (Jake) Mills, city collector of revenue who died Sunday night.

While there was some support for another try at combining the agencies, the proposal didn't get approval of all members of the City Council.

Councilman Steve W. Delinger doubted there would be much financial saving in the consolidation but he added, "The convenience to the public would be worth the effort."

MONEY SAVER

Councilman Everett Wilkinson said, "There ought to be a revival of the proposal for consolidation."

Those mentioned include Joe Woodruff, home-improvement operator, George Houston, insurance man, Victor Shaw, former tire dealer and former Charlotte mayor, Sam Hinson, former city councilman, Sandy Jordan, former city councilman, Bill Taylor, realtor, Lawrence McBrayer, accountant, James L. Gardner, justice of the peace, and Roy Yarbrough, assistant tax collector and now serving as tax collector.

Mr. Yarbrough, who has been in the tax office for 30 years said today, "I appreciate the council's confidence in me but I am not a candidate."

Councilmen pointed out that some of these have expressed no personal interest in the job and that their names had been advanced by others.

On the other hand, others

FCC Quiz May Spread To Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican on the House committee investigating the FCC served notice today he will press for questioning of senators named as intervening in a Miami TV case.

Rep. Wolverton of New Jersey, senior Republican on the subcommittee, told Chairman Harris (D-Ark.) he disagrees with Harris' position that the committee may not address a direct invitation to the senators named as intervening in a Miami TV case.

Harris has taken a stand that the House group not only has no authority to call the senators as witnesses, but may not, under House rules, directly invite testimony from them. He says there is an "open invitation," however, for any members of Congress to testify if they wish to do so.

NAMES GIVEN

The senators whose names have occurred most often in testimony of maneuvering over Miami's TV Channel 30 are all Democrats—Kefauver of Tennessee and Holland and Smathers of Florida.

President G. T. Baker of National Airlines issued a statement, saying Holland, Smathers and Kefauver used "all the power they could" to coerce the FCC to vote for A. Frank Katzenine, a rival applicant for Channel 30, to vote against National Airlines.

Baker said he thought the senators should resign just as Mack did and for the same reason, "because their usefulness in the high positions that they held have been seriously impaired. Their halos have slipped." He said that if the House can't "call senators to account" for their actions, then the Senate should do it.

In separate replies, both Holland and Smathers, now in Florida, described Baker's statement as that of a desperate man. Smathers called it "reckless and irresponsible and unworthy of further comment."

Holland said, "The people of Florida are quite competent to pass on my representation of them in this matter and every other. There was no new comment from Kefauver, who had said earlier he sought only to assure an FCC vote on the merits of the case."

Today's

Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today. Increasing cloudiness and not so cold tonight. Tomorrow, cloudy and mild with a slight chance of light rain late tomorrow.

High yesterday 52
High expected today 58
High expected tomorrow 60
Low this morning 34
Low expected tonight 40
Sunrise, 6:48 a.m.; sunset, 6:22 p.m.

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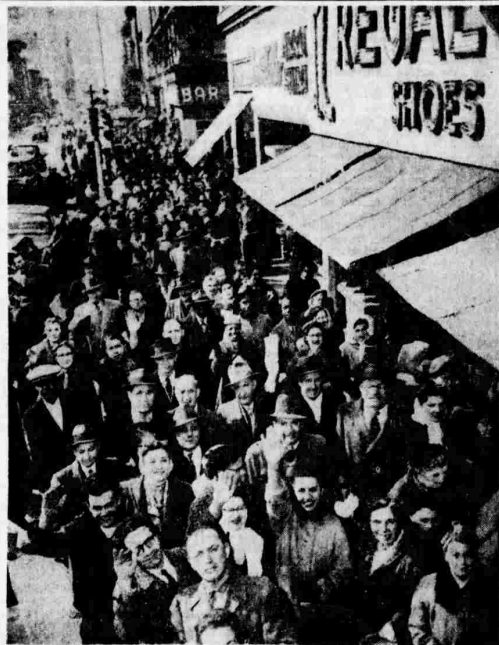
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Wood Alcohol Sellers Arrested In 26 Deaths



No Stitches, Timely Or Otherwise

Stitches in time are forgotten as throngs of striking garment workers jam sidewalks along New York's 8th Ave. on their way to a mass meeting after walking off the job today. The industry's first strike in 25 years. It effects 105,000 workers in seven eastern states who ask higher wages and shorter hours.

Youth Sought For Slayings

HAMPDEN, Mass. (AP) — A "wanted for murder" alarm was out today for Robert G. Clifford, 17, in the shooting death of his father, mother and young brother.

The bodies of Robert G. Clifford, 47; his wife, Marie L., 43; and their son Ronald, 14, were found yesterday in their modest home.

Police said all three had been shot in the head several times with a 22 caliber rifle.

The mother's body lay sprawled on the bed with her house clothes on.

The bodies of the father and son were found near the door with heavy jackets on.

Police theorized Mrs. Clifford was shot first and that Clifford and the boy were shot as they entered the house.

The alarm for Robert was sent to all northeast states when it was discovered he was missing.

Also missing were the gun and the family's red and white 1954 automobile.

Police could not determine immediately why the three members of the family were slain.

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Jury Selection Near Completion

By BILL HUGHES
News Staff Writer

SANFORD—The prosecution was expected to begin presenting evidence this afternoon in the second murder trial of Frank E. Wetzel here.

Only one regular juror and two alternates remained to be selected as the trial went into mid-morning recess shortly before noon.

Attorneys started questioning persons from a new 40-member panel. The 11th juror picked was Charles Donihuan, a sheet metal worker, was the 11th juror picked.

Defense attorneys had only three peremptory challenges remaining. A peremptory challenge means that the juror is dismissed without any reason being given.

In this morning's session 10 prospective jurors were questioned, and the defense used its 10th and 11th peremptory challenges in dismissing two. The defense is entitled to 14 peremptory challenges. Seven were dismissed "for cause" by defense or prosecution.

Wetzel is being tried in a special term of Lee County Superior Court for killing Patrolman J. T. Brown. The handsome New Yorker has been sentenced to a life for slaying Patrolman in a Wister L. Reece.

AFTERNOON OFF

Yesterday court took an afternoon off after a 100-minute jury panel was exhausted with ten jurors selected. Presiding Judge George M. Fountain recessed court after ordering 60 new jurors.

In hand this morning was a large group of witnesses, many of whom appeared in Wetzel's January trial in Rockingham. The prosecution is expected to present nearly 30 witnesses.

Widows of the slain highway patrolman arrived at Sanford yesterday and were expected to be present for some of today's proceedings.

Judge George Fountain agreed they did not want the kind of crowd which was on hand in Rockingham. The sheriff requested public support in conducting the trial "in the best manner possible."

In Sanford discussion of the trial is heard only casually. The word of mouth communication that kept Rockingham abreast of every trial development is absent here.

Part of the explanation probably lies in the fact that Sanford is about four times the size of Rockingham. Also the Wetzel story is older by two months than where the first trial was held.

In Rockingham the courthouse is near the central business district, here it is isolated on the edge of town.

All these may be reasons why the Sanford police urbanely respond to a police request: "Don't crowd."

ADVICE FOLLOWED

But he is following the advice of public officials — notably the Lee County sheriff — by staying away as the trial proceeds.

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'King Kong' Mixture Is Fatal

HOBOKEN, N. J. (AP) — A tragic series of wood alcohol deaths in New York City — believed to total 26 — today was blamed on two Hoboken men said to have peddled the poisonous potion after one stole it at a chemical plant where he works.

The two men were picked up as they sat in an automobile. What led to their arrest was not immediately disclosed, but New York Police Lt. Frank Weldon said afterward they were responsible for the 23 alcohol deaths recorded up to that time.

Early today New York police added three more names to the fatality list, two men and a woman.

The men picked up here were identified as Pedro Rodriguez, 26, and Francisco Padin, 32.

Hoboken police said Padin stole 20 gallons of the fluid from the chemical plant at Carlstadt, N.J., where he is employed.

Rodriguez diluted the alcohol into a drink commonly known as "King Kong," and then it was sold in New York, officers said.

In New York three alleged distributors have been charged with homicide.

FRANTIC SEARCH

Police have been waging a frantic effort to locate the source of the wood alcohol amid the growing daily death toll.

The latest fatalities believed to have come from drinking it occurred last night and early today. Juan Hernandez, 34, of The Bronx, succumbed at a hospital this morning. Juan Marquez, 35, also of The Bronx, died last night.

An autopsy report issued today said tests showed Lillian Benet, 23, The Bronx, who died last Friday, definitely was a victim.

Rodriguez and Padin were arrested here last night when detectives Harold Winrow and Paul Koska spotted the men sitting in their parked cars.

They were brought to the station for questioning by Hoboken and New York authorities and held overnight on fugitive warrants.

SOLD 30 GALLONS

Weldon said the men sold five gallons of the deadly alcohol in The Bronx and 15 gallons in Harlem. They reportedly became frightened and disposed of the remaining 40 gallons, he said.

The pair's contact man in The Bronx was Ernesto Vegas, 30, Weldon said. Vegas was being questioned by Bronx police there.

Weldon said police have so far been unable to learn the identity of the contact man in Harlem.

He said it was Vegas who arranged the sale of the alcohol to two other Bronx men, Norberto Diaz, 33, and Jose Billido, 42.

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Soft Pedal Applied To Patrol Death Trial

By News Service Reporter

SANFORD — Frank Wetzel or no Frank Wetzel, it's business as usual in Sanford.

This city is untroubled at the preliminary stages of the dramatic battle on the outskirts.

In the battle the State of North Carolina is making its final bid to average the deaths of two highway patrolmen by sending Frank Wetzel to the gas chamber.

The man on the street in Sanford is aware of the drama in the brick courthouse about a mile from the business district.

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11-Year-Old Admits Two Drownings

NEW YORK (AP) — An 11-year-old boy says he pushed a 4-year-old girl into the Hudson River to drown last summer because she told his mother tales about him.

He earlier admitted drowning a 7-year-old boy.

"I was mad at her," George Jones, the 11-year-old, told police late yesterday after he admitted drowning Theresa Murphy.

DI got blamed for things I didn't do and she was always the cause of the blame," he added.

Jones, said earlier he drowned Foster Lewis, 7, last Sunday because the younger boy requested on a promise of a dime to go roller skating with him.

Because of his age, Jones was held as a juvenile delinquent for a children's court hearing March 10.

He is Negro, as was Theresa whose body was recovered last June.

As grappling operations continue in an effort to find Louis' body, his parents, orthodox Jews, are using the traditional "Shiva," a week-long mourning period.