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He Had 'Urge To Kill'

HUSBAND SLAYS WIFE, 2 CHILDREN

Three Stabbed, Hacked To Death

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A husband who said he had the "urge to kill" stabbed and hacked his pregnant wife and two children to death today.

Defective Lt. Earl Newberry said James G. Burmeister, 28, related to him, "it was terrible."

The officer said Burmeister, a power company lineman, under a psychiatrist's treatment, told this story: His 9-month-old baby, Marilyn, cried sometime after 3 a.m. and awakened him and his wife, Mary, 32.

His wife took the child from a crib and held her in her arms. Then Burmeister said: "I suddenly had the urge to kill them all."

He took a so-called Marine raider knife with a 6-inch blade and jammed it in his wife's back while she still held the baby.

Mrs. Burmeister cried out. Burmeister then turned to his 3-year-old son, James Jr., and hacked him to death.

Mrs. Burmeister had collapsed and he stabbed her several times, making certain she was dead. He then stabbed the little girl.

The officer said Burmeister took the children, laid them face down in a bathtub and turned on the water. His wife's body was found in the living room of the same apartment, her face in a bucket of water.

Newberry said Burmeister explained his reason for immersing them in water was "to get over with as quickly as possible."

Magnistrate Edward F. Silk termed the deaths a triple murder. An autopsy was ordered to determine the extent of Mrs. Burmeister's pregnancy.

Mrs. Burmeister's cries of "Oh, God, help us, Oh, God," awakened neighbors who called police. Patrolman Robert Stokes said Burmeister still held a knife when officers found him in the apartment.

Stokes said Burmeister calmly related: "I have just killed my wife and children. They never knew what happened."

Burmeister, weighing upwards of 200 pounds, was described by neighbors as a "quiet family man."

He came to St. Petersburg from Newark, N. J., in 1953 and was married that same year. Police reported Mrs. Burmeister's mother, Mrs. Metro (first name unknown) lives at 30 Park Place, New York. She also has a sister, Mrs. Ernest Schaffer, Bloomfield, N. J.

Burmeister has two brothers, William and Jerry, both students at the University of Arizona.

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Florida Storm Unleashes Rain On Carolinas

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—Whipping winds and generally light rains pressed into the Carolinas early today the softer edge of a storm whose hard core caused rains, flooding of four towns and at least two drownings in Florida.

Storm warnings snapped along the Atlantic Coast from Brunswick, Ga., as far north as Atlantic City as the storm's center was expected to arrive at Cape Hatteras, N.C., by late afternoon.

The Charlotte, N.C., Weather Bureau predicted peak winds of around 40 miles an hour in the eastern Carolinas, "probably not over 30."

Heavy rains also were forecast for the Carolinas coast, which had received some drizzle as well as some substantial rainfall at such points as Cape Hatteras — 1.20 inches up to 7:30 a.m. — and Charleston, 1.10 inches, and Myrtle Beach, 1.03.

MILD TEMPERATURES The two - state area was generally milder today, but temperatures remained mild, with most lows in the 60s this morning and predicted to be about the same tonight.

The storm did considerable crop damage in Florida, but the Carolinas — whose growing season is nearing its end — welcomed the rain and expected little damage from the winds.

The Weather Bureau predicted tentatively that skies would clear tomorrow afternoon or evening. The big autumn blow was centered about 110 miles off the Georgia coastline early today, moving northeast at 13 miles an hour. Winds of 30 to 40 miles an hour were being felt from Florida to Maryland.

OFF TO RESCUE The Coast Guard cutter Aurora went to the rescue of a rubberless shrimp trawler out of Southport, N.C., and had to ride out angry seas and winds up to 35 miles an hour near the Savannah, Ga., lightship about seven miles off shore. The 60-foot trawler Beulah sent a distress signal Monday.

The Aurora responded although hail her crew was at Ft. Stewart, Ga., firing on the small arms range. The two vessels proceeded toward the Savannah harbor after the storm broke.

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BROTHERLY LOVE. NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — I'm not promptly said Mrs. Parker proudly told his parents he'd been taught at Sunday School that "everybody is your brother."

The 4-year-old boy, trapped in the car, was rescued by the fire department. Mrs. Crabtree made no mention of writing a note.

CAMPAIGN TACTICS TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Lawrence E. Myers reported to police on election day that someone stole three gift-wrapped bottles of perfume from his pickup truck. In their place, Lawrence said, the thief left a brochure of campaign literature.

Southern Shifting Hurting Democrats

By SAMUEL LUBELL In a curiously unexpected way this year's presidential election seems to be contributing to the further development of two-party politics in the South.



LUBELL is holding surprisingly well in the cities, his chances may be

Still, even if Stevenson manages to sweep all eleven Southern states it would be a mistake to think this means that the South is slipping back into its old, unchallenged one-party mold, without any change from the past.

Even the Southerners who are returning to the ancestral fold are not doing so with evident enthusiasm. One retired engineer explained why he wouldn't vote for Eisenhower again in these words: "All things being equal, a man ought to stick with his party."

Similarly, a painter from Georgia remarked, "I don't feel strongly about either candidate. But since I've been a Democrat all my life, I'll go back to my party."

The feeling that "both parties are after the Negro's vote" is having another significant effect — it is making it easier for Southerners to vote their economic interest. This year's election, in fact, could prove a more revealing test of how the South feels on economic issues than any election since the depression.

In Richmond, for example, a See POLITICAL on page 2-A

At Homecoming

Marian's Appetite Poses A Problem

By JULIAN SCHEER Charlotte News Staff Writer

MANNING, S. C. — Will the trip here tomorrow — the gala homecoming for America's No. 1 young lady — be her undoing?

There are those who are worried it may.

Miss America, nee Miss Marian McKnight, comes home to Southern-style hospitality, Southern-style fireworks, Southern-style entertainment and, most of all, Southern-style cooking.

This is what worries Miss McKnight. Ever since she won the Atlantic City Miss America pageant, Marian has been picking up weight. To the eye of an admiring nation, Miss McKnight still stands a lovely 35-23-35, but she admits her clothes are getting tight in spots.

EXTRA WEIGHT And the extra weight — and don't worry about it too much, friends — is coming on good hours of sleep, regular meals and a carefully planned schedule.

"I'm gaining weight," she says. "I can't tell how much because I haven't had time to weigh. But my dresses are getting tight."

It adds up to more weight for, "I never did get to bed on time at home. There was always so much to do — parties or water-skiing. But now I get eight full hours of sleep a night and eat like a fullback. Everything's so wonderful," she says.

But, say the folks here, it isn't as wonderful as it's going to be tomorrow when they put on the dog for "our Marian."

The festivities start at 9:30 a. m. and things will be rockin' until the wee hours.

Through it all — Marian plans to eat and eat and eat. She will gain a little weight, probably.



MARIAN MCKNIGHT

Woman Stabs 2 Sons To Death

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Mrs. Mary Ann Gamache, 34, was held in jail today and Sedgewick County Attorney Warner Moore said she acknowledged stabbing two of her three little boys to death.

Moore said Mrs. Gamache had written a note lamenting she had not been a good wife or mother. She had a nervous breakdown recently.

The slain boys were Jack, 8, and Kenneth, 3.

Moore said Mrs. Gamache told him she had not harmed Danny, 7, because he was a good boy.

The double slaying was not discovered until the distraught woman was picked up yesterday by an officer who found her wandering on railroad tracks about 40 miles from Wichita, near Peabody. A farmer had reported her strange actions. Officers quoted her as saying she planned to throw herself under a train.

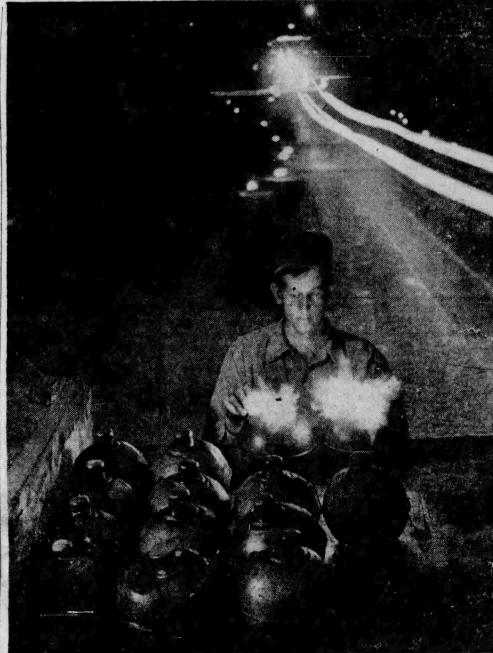
While she was being taken to the hospital at Marion, Kan., for treatment of shock, Marion County officers telephoned Wichita police about the stabbing.

The unsuspecting husband and father, Joseph C. Gamache, 36, arrived home from his job as a Wichita eagle printer at the same time police got there.

The doors were locked. Gamache didn't have a key, so a policeman hoisted him through a window. The father found Jack's body in the bathroom, Kenneth's in a bedroom. Both had been stabbed again and again by a large hunting knife.

Danny had come home from school, found the doors locked and played outside until the father arrived.

Police said Mrs. Gamache took Jack to his school about 2 p.m., and the slayings occurred shortly thereafter.



THE MODERN VERSION of the village lamplighter has a more down-to-earth job than his Colonial counterpart. But the night is brighter, nonetheless.

GOP Didn't Win Peace, Says Adlai

WITH STEVENSON IN MICHIGAN — Adlai E. Stevenson said today that the "most shameful thing" the Republicans have done in the presidential campaign is to "claim credit for the peace of the world."

Stevenson, the Democratic Presidential Nominee, told a crowd of about 700 persons who gathered around his special train in Kalamazoo that while peace there is was won by Americans who fought and died on the battlefield.

"The most shameful thing this administration has done is to claim credit for the peace of the world," he declared.

Aide Believes Minnesota To Vote For Ike

SEATTLE (AP)—President Eisenhower turned his campaign today to the battle for Washington state's nine electoral votes with an aide picturing him as optimistic about his chances for carrying Minnesota.

The President's big pitch for the Washington vote comes tonight in an address at a rally at the Civic Auditorium here. He will be plugging top for election of Republican Gov. Arthur B. Langlie to the U.S. Senate, who is running against Sen. Warren Magnuson.

Eisenhower arrived in Seattle late yesterday after being greeted by huge, enthusiastic crowds in Minnesota, where he spoke in downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. Newsmen who have traveled with the President throughout his campaign figured the turnout as the largest so far.

Asst. Police Chief Frank Schmidt estimated 250,000 to 300,000 people gathered for the rally and along the way. Acting Police Chief Elmer Nordlund put the Minneapolis crowd at an overall 200,000. There probably was some overlapping in the estimate.

The Campaign In A Capsule

(From AP Reports) The H-bomb issue was laid aside temporarily in the campaign today as Adlai E. Stevenson, in a speech at Lansing, Mich., discussed what he called the "hard money" policies of the Republicans. The noon speech at Lansing was part of Stevenson's train-plane whistle-stop tour of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. He has scheduled a speech in Flint tonight.

President Eisenhower's big pitch for Washington State's nine electoral votes comes tonight with a rally address at Seattle's Civic Auditorium. He yesterday made speeches in Minnesota. After tonight's speech the President drives to nearby Tacoma, Wash., to spend the night at the home of his brother, Edgar.

Vice President Nixon turned to a new field of controversy — civil rights — in a speech today at Rochester, N. Y. He was then scheduled to fly to Ithaca, N. Y., to a meeting of college newspaper editors.

Two days of campaigning across Missouri and Kansas are ahead for Sen. Estes Kefauver, beginning today with a speech at St. Joseph, Mo., and a conference with Democratic leaders. He has an evening speech scheduled in Shiraz Auditorium, Springfield, Mo. (More Political News on Page 2-A)

Here's A Hot Tip: WSOC In Ninth

By EMERY WYSTER Charlotte News Staff Writer

It's far from official and no body's saying for sure, but WSOC may wind up with the long sought and hotly contested television channel 9.

A rumor that WSOC is favored by the Federal Communications Commission for the channel was printed by the Magazine Broadcasting Telecasting magazine in a recent issue.

The article makes it plain that the commission is making no statements until it issues a decision, but states that "word has spread" the FCC will favor WSOC over Pleimont Electronics Corp. and Carolinas Television Inc., the other applicants for the channel.

The commission completed its hearings on channel 9 some weeks ago, and a decision is expected momentarily. It is understood here that members of the body have come to an agreement on the matter but the findings must be written into an opinion which must be signed by all members before the decision can be announced.

Broadcasting - Telecasting said the rumor that WSOC is favored is based on the fact that the radio station and the proposed television station are locally owned.

The three applicants stated their cases before FCC examiner Giff.

See WSOC on page 2-A Go First to REGULARS — Expert Watch Repairs.

Evening Prayer

O God, make us worthy of that love that knows all, understands all, forgives all and redeems all. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

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