

Lovelorn Youth Kills Rival, Dies

Special to THE NEWS
Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 26.—A blonde divorcee was in seclusion today after witnessing a Christmas love battle in which a college student suitor murdered her fiancé and then killed himself.

The student, Gerald Witherspoon, 26, opened fire after Mrs. Barbara Carpenter Keene rejected his last-ditch appeal and refused the engagement and wedding rings he brought her.

Visiting at Home

Mrs. Keene, 25, was visiting at home yesterday with her fiancé, I. C. Enochs, 30, a chemist at the White Sands Proving Ground, N. M., when Witherspoon arrived to try and talk them out of marrying.

After his rings were refused, the Texas Tech psychology sophomore asked Mrs. Keene and Enochs to step out onto the front lawn. Then he pulled an automatic.

Has a Daughter

"Put that gun away," Mrs. Keene screamed, but Witherspoon's only answer was to pump two bullets into Enochs' stomach and one into his throat.

While Mrs. Keene was still screaming, Witherspoon turned the gun on himself and put one bullet in his right temple.

Mrs. Keene, who works as a secretary and has a daughter 3, had gone out steadily with Enochs, son of a wealthy landowner, since her divorce last summer from Robert Keene, now in the Army.

Her father, a laundry branch manager, said she went out only "four or five times" with Witherspoon, son of a prominent criminal lawyer in Hereford, Tex.

Actress Does A Take Off



Barbara Ruick provides musical accompaniment with toy bell as she prepares to take off at LaGuardia Field. The actress is en route to California to see her father and fulfill recording dates here.



Cpl. Thomas Truitt and his bride, the former Jane Hadley, beam after their wedding in Washington yesterday.

It's All in the Family At Barkley Wedding

Washington, Dec. 26 (AP).—Sen. Alben W. Barkley gave the bride away today, but not far: his stepdaughter married his grandson. The bride was Jane Hadley, 21, daughter of Mrs. Barkley and the late Carleton Hadley of St. Louis. Army Cpl. Thomas Truitt, son of Washington attorney and Mrs. Max Truitt, was the groom. Mrs. Truitt is Barkley's daughter.

Truitt is stationed in Germany and his bride will fly back with him after the honeymoon. He expects to be discharged next summer.

Their romance budded during and after the former Vice President's front-page courtship and marriage of Mrs. Hadley more than six years ago. Among the guests today was the couple who

introduced the elder Barkleys—Clark Clifford, once an aid to ex-President Truman, and Mrs. Clifford.

The bride attended the University of Wisconsin and recently modeled at a Washington salon.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Malcolm Marshall, pastor of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Hope Has a Headache, But He'll Stay on Job

London, Dec. 26 (AP).—Nursing a headache, comedian Bob Hope today examined X-ray pictures of his skull and opined that they "don't look like much to me."

The photos were taken here after he fell Christmas Eve in Iceland. He tumbled while entertaining American GIs with British strong woman Joan Rhodes. Joan fell on top of him.

"The doctors weren't quite satisfied as to whether I was really hurt," Hope said after he left a hospital. "They want to take some more pictures."

Hurt or not, Hope said he "was in pain, and I've had a little headache ever since." But he plans to resume work on a movie Wednesday.



Bob Hope Gets a look at his skull

to apply a new Algerian policy. "The Prime Minister . . . must take in hand the settlement of the Algerian problems, he must stay in Algiers to overcome all opposition and all obstacles on the spot," he added.

Mendes Vows Alaiers Peace

Marseilles, France, Dec. 26 (Reuters).—Pierre Mendes-France today promised to go to Algeria—where 24 persons died in Christmas weekend violence—and settle the problems of the seething North African territory if he is elected to head the new government on Jan. 2.

The former Premier said if his Republican Front Alliance is put in power the new government must ask for "very wide powers"

CAPITOL STUFF

By JOHN O'DONNELL

Washington, Dec. 26.—Newspaper readers can be assured that there is one Senate hearing coming up next week in which Washington reporters are going to have an intense interest—personal, professional and for the strictly selfish reason that some of the publishing corporations which sign their paychecks are in the line of fire.

We're talking about the public hearings, starting Jan. 4, which will be held by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee to receive evidence of Communist infiltration and subversive activity among newspaper reporters, copyreaders, editorial writers and commentators. The results should be healthy and helpful. It's going to hit the New York newspaper world particularly hard—which might well be expected because New York is the biggest, and the bigger you are the more phony, on a percentage basis, you can expect to leech onto your hide.

This reporter is going to watch the proceedings with the angry resentment of a rube who's been taken for a sucker, bought the goldbrick and at long last finds the pinko city slicker up before the court. We honestly bought the Newspaper Guild idea back in '33—were one of the founding fathers up in Heywood Brown's Manhattan apartment—and it took us six years to find out that the Kremlin lovers had taken over.

Also, we blushing horror to our still remembered horror, we hired a smart guy to work on this bureau of ours, and it took almost a year before the brutal truth percolated through our dumb and innocent brain that this smart young man was for the Moscow birds.

Okay, now let's have it on the line. Ring the bells and tell the people. Reporter John Doe was strictly wrong and that's why he curved his news reports on treason in the State Department under Acheson and Hiss and slanted his McCarthy stories. Copyreader Robert Roe did have a party card in his wallet when he was killing every reference from Washington about those two sinister characters of the New Deal—the phony alias boys, Harry Dexter White of Henry Morgenthau's Treasury setup and the White House pet, David K. (Devious Dave) Niles.

Probing Communism, Says Eastland

The two dominant Senate figures at these hearings will be the subcommittee chairman, Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), and the Senior Republican, Sen. William E. Jenner of Indiana. The direction of the investigation is clear-cut. As Chairman Eastland has repeatedly stated:

"This committee is not investigating the press, or radio or TV or the Fourth Estate or the Newspaper Guild. We are investigating Communism."

This particular probe of Communism, touching on how Red agents or sympathizers have been able to poison or distort public information at its point of origin, right here in Washington, is going to bear heavily on New York City. Subpenas already issued and witnesses already examined under oath in private hearings are certain proof of this conclusion.

These subpenas have been issued for witnesses who are in two categories: "friendly and unfriendly." The important division cannot be made clear until the individuals are put under oath Jan. 4 and 5 and formal questioning begins.

One employe of the New York DAILY NEWS is on the list. Some months back, NEWS reporter David Gordon was summoned, invoked the Fifth Amendment when questions bore down on his Communist affiliations and was promptly fired when he refused to answer.

The New York Mirror has one of its employes subpoenaed; the New York Post, one; Time Magazine, three or four and the New York Times, between 25 and 30, five of them in the mechanical department.

McCarran, McCarthy Hearings Recalled

This investigation has as its background frequent charges (some soundly justified, in this reporter's opinion) that news reports of the early hearings held by the late Sen. McCarran of Nevada (in which the present New York City municipal Justice Robert Morris did a superb job as counsel) and the later hearings by Sen. McCarthy were given a false emphasis and twisted interpretation, in print and on the air, when they finally reached the eyes and ears of great segments of the republic.

There were times when this reporter wondered when he read, in another newspaper, the news account of a McCarran or McCarthy Senate committee hearing which he himself had covered and reported. Had this other reporter and this reporter both been listening and taking notes on the same session? That seemed impossible, newspaper reader, if you studied both stories.

That is the distant background. Now for the up-to-date developments. Next week's hearings were spurred initially by the testimony given last June by Winston Burdett, now of the Columbia Broadcasting Company. Burdett told of his Communist Party membership and his newspaper Communist affiliates when he was on the now-defunct Brooklyn Eagle.

Burdett named 22 fellow newspaper workers as card-carrying Communists. Chief Counsel J. G. Sourwine of the Senate committee and his staff have been working for six months on those Burdett leads. Now the story is about to come out. None of the newspapers involved, so far as this reporter knows, has been trying to put the silencer on any of the testimony. . . . Well, good hunting, Senate committee.



Sen. Eastland Chairman of subcommittee