

Court Takes Children From Mother After Manslaughter Trial, Orders Sterilization

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—(AP)—In a rare court action, a Superior Judge yesterday took away the children of a young mother and ordered her sterilization after she pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the fatal beating of her baby boy.

Mrs. Georgette Brucks, 21-year-old expectant mother, had first been charged with murder last October of her son, Howard, aged seven months. The baby was badly beaten about the entire body and his skull fractured. His mother told police that she beat the child because she "couldn't stand his crying."

The charge later was reduced to manslaughter when an autopsy showed the immediate cause of the baby's death was pneumonia, the beating a contributing factor. Superior Judge Thomas L. Ambrose yesterday deprived Mrs. Brucks of all rights of motherhood as the price of her probation. He gave her a suspended sentence of one to ten years in prison and placed her on probation for six years. She must spend the first six months of her probation in the county jail, surrender her 20-month-old son, Donald, and her expected baby for adoption, and also submit to sterilization.

She had been separated from her husband, Edmond Brucks, since 1945 and had been living since as the common-law wife of Donald Redman, 23, of Los Angeles.

From her county jail cell she said today:

"I did not want to give up my babies, but it may be that Judge Ambrose is right, and it will be better all the way around to have them adopted."

Court officials said it was the first time in memory here that a judge had ordered sterilization of a woman.

OFFICES REDECORATED

The Douglas County Court-house is undergoing complete redecoration and painting. The interior of the offices of justice of peace and the sheriff are completed and the county court room is now being worked over.

Business Failures At Highest Peak in Six Years

NEW YORK — (AP) — Business failures in the week ended Jan. 20 reached the highest peak in more than six years, Dun & Bradstreet reported.

The credit rating agency said 142 commercial and industrial concerns failed in that week. There were 69 retail failures, the largest number since February, 1943.

The Pacific States reported 36 business casualties, compared with 24 in the previous week.

Sutherland

Charlene Packer, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Chuck) Packer, is very ill at her home with pneumonia.

Albert Pelland and Marshall and Dewey Parazoo bagged a 150-pound cougar last Tuesday. They were all over town, showing off their prize kill.

Mrs. Mina Hempenious is confined to her home east of Sutherland with pneumonia.

Earl Pleurard, young son of John Pleurard, underwent a major mastoid operation at Mercy hospital, Roseburg, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Quimby and children of Glendale spent a few hours in Sutherland Saturday transacting business and greeting friends.

Jesse Cooper had the misfortune of slipping on the ice last week and sprained his ankle very badly. He still is confined to his home.

Most of the mills in this vicinity started back to work Monday morning. They had much difficulty in getting the ice broken, as it was frozen about five or six inches deep. It took several days of blasting before it was finally broken on the larger ponds.

Mrs. Juanita Atterbury, and Mrs. Kate Mardin shopped and transacted business in Roseburg Thursday.

Bill Trueax, employee at the Union service station, was off work for several days last week as he stepped on a nail and had to receive medical treatment.

George Shamp is very ill at his home west of town with pneumonia.

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Seller's Market Gone, Auto Dealers Agree; New Federal Credit Restrictions Scored

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It was delivered at a used car clinic by San Francisco Dealer Charles C. Welch, Roy O. Burnett, Portland, agreed: "All of us had better take stock. The good old days of the seller's market are gone."

Dealers conceded there are now more used cars than buyers.

Henry J. Kaiser, a scheduled speaker at the general convention sessions, is expected to make new his recent complaint that federal credit restrictions are hurting new car sales. The new regulations require a one-third down payment and the balance within 15 or 18 months.

Kaiser is chairman of the Kaiser-Frazer Corp., which recently curtailed new car production.

Directors of the National Automobile Dealers Association already have asked the Federal Reserve Board to relax restrictions to permit speeding payments over more months.

President B. T. Wright of Evanston, Ill., said that new cars can replace 17,000,000 old-timers now on American highways "if we get out and sell, and if the

government permits decent, long time financing for middle income buyers."

Of 40,000,000 automobiles in the country, he explained, 17,000,000 would normally have been junked long ago—but they're still in use.

The Massachusetts lawmaker said he thought Brewster's old-age pension would cost the government around \$15,000,000,000 a year.

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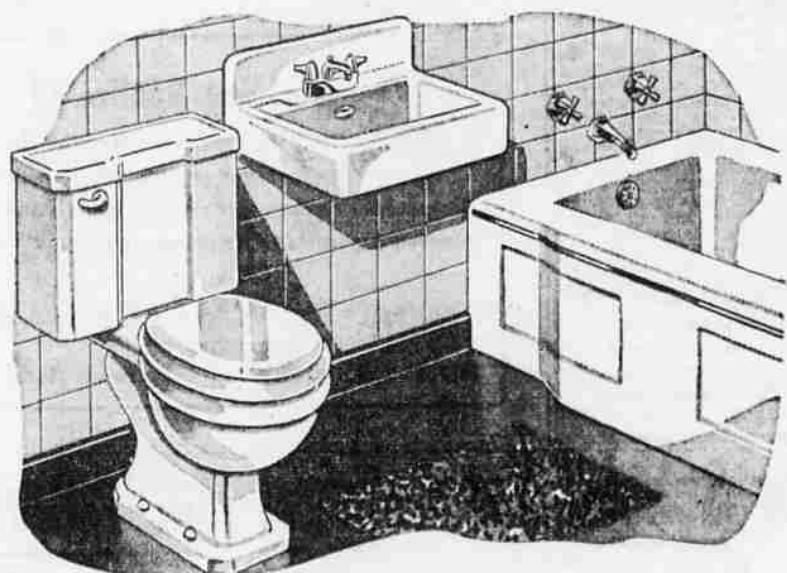
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News Views

By Sherman Plimpton

Hospitals report that naming children is a problem that ranks just a little lower than the atomic bomb. Picking the right name seems to panic parents, with the result that about 10% of the stork's passengers are labelled "Mary" or "John." Other top monickers are James, Charles, George, William, Robert, Barbara, Linda, Patricia, Joan, Susan, Carol. Best advice is don't pick a first name that sounds funny with your last name, and don't pick initials that spell out such things as R. A. T., M. U. D., etc. Of course, if there's a rich relative in the family, name picking is simpler than signing a blank check.

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Brewster said the pension plan would be no more expensive than the "excesses" of the Truman administration, but he disagreed with McCormack's estimate.

The Massachusetts lawmaker

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