

### Student Accused In Co-Ed Slaying Will Deny Guilt

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A University of Iowa psychology student today turned to poetry as he waited in jail for a preliminary hearing in the strangulation slaying of a beautiful co-ed.

The hearing was set for Dec. 21 when broad-shouldered Robert E. Bednasek, 24, was brought before Justice of the Peace C. J. Hutchinson here yesterday.

He is charged with the first degree murder of Margaret Jackson, 20, whose body, clad in a white, strapless evening gown, was found early Sunday in a men's rooming house.

With his manacled hands clasped together, Bednasek shook his bowed head sadly from side to side in a negative fashion as he heard the charge against him in the crowded justice of the peace office.

No formal plea was entered for the senior student from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but his lawyer in asking for a preliminary hearing said his client would plead innocent.

Bednasek has said he "loved that girl more than my life" and that she loved him.

Bednasek, in a signed statement released by County Attorney Jack White yesterday, said that he had his hand on the girl's throat just before his mind "went blank."

The statement related how he and the girl, also a senior in psychology, had a candle lighted wine and lobster dinner in a room at the rooming house where he stayed, went to a fraternity dance where they had several drinks, and then returned to the rooming house for a nightcap.

He said Miss Jackson had placed her hands on his throat "in a playful manner," and he had told her "that was too high up to choke a person."

"I showed her the proper place on the throat to choke a person," Bednasek's statement said.

He said the next thing he remembered Margaret "was lying on the floor and was not breathing." He said he tried to revive her as she lay on the floor, and then laid her on a bunk bed and "tried to bring her to by using artificial respiration."

"When I couldn't bring her to I became frightened and I ran from the room," he said.

### Soviet Engineer Denied Late Spy Trial

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Soviet engineer, indicted with Judith Coplon, former government girl, on an espionage charge Monday was denied a separate trial.

Trial of the couple has been set for Dec. 27. The charge involves an alleged conspiracy to transmit government secrets to Russia.

Before Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan acted on the motion, the government produced 32 affidavits from FBI agents and other employees which disclosed that the FBI had tapped telephone wires of both Gubitchev and Miss Coplon before their arrest March 4.

The affidavits also showed that the government had maintained a surveillance of mail addressed to both defendants.

**NO TAG ON HUNTERS**  
SPOKANE.—(AP)—The Washington State Sportsmen's council doesn't like the idea of tagging hunters or giving land owners the first chance at special hunting permits.

The council turned thumbs down on both proposals at its meeting here. The "tagging" suggestion would have required hunters to wear badges to show they owned a license.

### News Views

By SHERMAN PLIMPTON

Dr. Viva Boothe, of Ohio State U., made a speech and said an "educated" woman is one who can find exhilaration in almost any circumstance in life. We suppose this also covers the ladies who are trying to do the washing and answer doorbells and telephones with two or three children under foot on a gloomy day. Dr. Boothe also claims an "educated" woman feels at home in any circumstances. A good test might be to approach a seated lady and say, "Pardon me, but aren't you sitting on my pet snake?" If she takes this without a gulp, she's educated. Of course you don't make many friends this way.

Elks show, "Talk of the Town" will be the talk of the town this week. It opens at the Junior High auditorium tomorrow night. According to Hal Ayotte and Del McKay, its all funny stuff and pretty girls.

In Gallipolis, Ohio, Santa Claus was supposed to parachute from a plane to the public square; but he miscalculated and landed in the Ohio river. The affair turned out all wet.

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### Alabama Town Without Ample Drinking Water

BERRY, Ala., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Little Berry and giant New York have a common problem—water.

Two wells that furnish Berry's supply have run dry, Mayor Fred J. Johnson said yesterday. The town was left without an adequate supply of drinking water.

All residents were cautioned against waste. Water was being hauled into Berry in tanks from nearby streams.

Johnson also cautioned residents to guard against fires, as the city was without adequate water to fight them.

"Only the winter rains can help us," the mayor said.

Berry, with a population of 639, is in northwest Alabama.

**CHILD DIES OF BURNS**  
SOAP LAKE, Wash., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A three-year-old girl was fatally burned Sunday night in a fire that swept the home of her parents.

The child, Stardust Jean Searles, was rescued from the blaze, but died an hour later despite efforts of hospital physicians.

### Swing In Ranks Of Lawmakers May Terminate Ceilings On Rent

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Present prospects are that federal rent controls will not be extended beyond the expiration date of June 30, 1950, set forth in the existing law.

The tip-off comes from Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama, who is chairman of the Senate Banking committee which has charge of such legislation. He says there will be no further extension of controls.

Nothing definite on the subject has been heard from Rep. Brent Spence of Kentucky, chairman of the House Banking committee where control proposals are considered in the lower chamber. But Sparkman's opposition is enough.

President Truman is pretty sure to ask Congress for a renewal of federal rent ceilings, on the ground that the housing shortage is not yet ended. Still, he cannot hope to win his point unless he has the active support of the congressional leaders who must drive the program to passage.

Ever since World War II was over, rent control extension has

been just squeaking by in Congress. The law has been progressively weakened each year. The current version contains a provision allowing state and local action to wipe out controls, and many areas have availed themselves of the opportunity.

Republicans have spearheaded the opposition and can be expected to maintain this attitude. Only the defection of big city party members kept the lid on when the GOP ruled Congress in 1947 and 1948. There undoubtedly will be fewer in this rebel group in 1950.

On the other side, more and more Democrats have come over to the opposition with the passing years. Loyal administration backers, and big city lawmakers formed the hard core that helped preserve federal restrictions.

Sparkman's statement indi-



**AMERICAN MINIATURE**—This new lightweight car, built to sell for about \$500, was introduced in San Diego, Calif., by its designer, T. P. Hall. The car weighs only 775 pounds, has a top speed of 45 miles an hour and can get 45 miles to a gallon of gas. Hall says it is built largely of aluminum alloy and plastic materials.

icates that next year even the Democratic faithful for the most part will be found in the opposing camp. If he does not choose to pilot a rent control bill to the

Senate floor, it is virtually a foregone conclusion that federal regulation of rents will die when the present deadline arrives.

The clincher in the minds of

### Standards For Rating High Schools Will Be Revised

SPOKANE.—(AP)—Revised standards for rating high schools will be released in 1950, D. A. Emerson of Salem, Ore., says.

Emerson, assistant superintendent of the Oregon State Department of Education, spoke at a meeting of the Northwest association of secondary and higher schools. He is president of the association.

"The new revisions will be an attempt to further the use of uniform standards," Emerson told 200 delegates attending the conference. "The first edition of Criteria was published in 1940. The new edition will be the result of research and experimentation during the past three years."

The organization serves schools in Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine islands and seven western states.

many congressmen has been the huge volume of home building in the last two years, plus the outlook for only slightly reduced construction activities in 1950.

The government expects this year's building to surpass the record 937,000 private dwelling units erected in 1925. Next year a drop of about seven per cent is looked for, but the total is forecast at a substantial \$13,100,000,000.

This situation probably has convinced most on Capitol Hill that the housing shortage is over, though some may have strong reservations about conditions in particular localities. But state and lesser authorities will be counted upon to deal with re-

maintaining critical areas. Whether the housing pinch is really ended is naturally a debatable issue. Certainly the tremendous pressure of the immediate postwar period has been relieved. And another near-peak year of construction unquestionably will further ease the problem.

Whatever major housing deficiencies do still exist—either in specific areas or income groups—it is apparent from the temper of Congress that they will have to be eliminated during a future period largely without safeguards against possible high rents. From next summer on, the renting population will generally be on its own.

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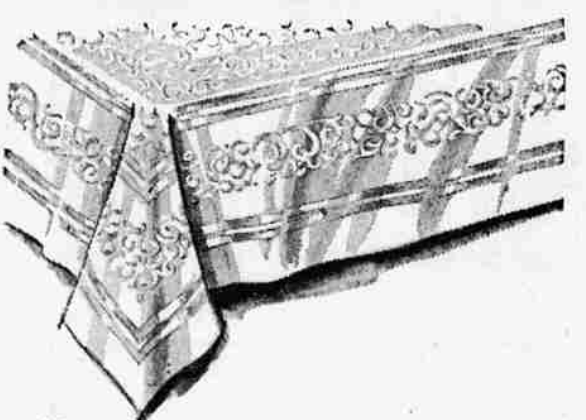
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