

# SILENCE CAUSE FOR DIVORCE

MECHANICVILLE, Ia., May 6. (NEA Special)—"I'll never speak to you again as long as we live!" It was seven years ago that Frank Cruse, in hot anger, shouted those words at his wife, Louise. For seven years he made good his threat.

During those long years he said not one word to his wife—the woman who had been his helpmate for nearly half a century, who had borne him ten children and toiled and struggled with him to make a home on the rolling Iowa prairie.

And so Mrs. Cruse has been given a divorce by Chief Justice De Graff of the Iowa Supreme Court, in one of the strangest cases in American legal history—for silence.

**Struggling Together**

Frank Cruse is 70; Mrs. Cruse is one year younger. They came into the west, these two, back in 1881, when the lush acres of Iowa spoke to the strength of youth and challenged it to garner treasure from its rich black breast.

They bought a quarter section of land. Honest, happy, struggling pioneers in this virgin country. Ten babies came to them. Love and work, tempests and then sunshine again.

Until that one night when, with nearly forty years of marriage behind him, Frank Cruse shouted to his wife that he would never speak to her again.

Just a trivial thing they had quarreled over, the children say—some little spat about Mrs. Cruse's desire to adopt a little niece.

Little—but big.

Trivial—and yet big enough to wreck a home that had been built on 37 years of love and happiness.

**SHE WAS THE "MONSTER"**

POTTSTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Twelve-year-old Fannie Young has confessed that she was the "mad monster" who for several weeks had held the neighborhood in fear. She burned her foster-father's barn with oil-soaked rags, bound and gagged herself in her room and said she had been attacked by a wild man. Then there came various reports of attacks on children.

One sign of spring is when cold weather ruins the peach crop.

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## THE OPEN COURT

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To the Editor:

My attention has just been called to an article in a recent number of your paper by E. W. Willis, of Allentown, in which he broadcasts the information that recently, at the Prossy school house, he met in debate and utterly vanquished a certain "Mr. Coe of the Cove high school." Diligent search has failed to reveal in the Cove high school, at Cove, or in the entire Cove community any such person mentioned. Mr. Willis goes on to challenge this mythical gentleman to another (?) debate.

We are inclined to think the people of the Cove community would like to see his performance in person. There will be a community meeting at Cove next Saturday evening for the further consideration of the union high school question. Time will be allotted Mr. Willis to present his objections to the union high school movement.

Just why Mr. Willis should wish to come over into the Cove community where he has no personal interest causes us to wonder who it is that is pulling the string that makes him act that way. Perhaps he will come over and tell us, or else bring the gentleman along with him?

We assure Mr. Willis beforehand that he will find no opponent named Coe awaiting him, but if he fails to state facts he will find the writer right on hand.

EDWARD E. COAD.

## HARTLEY ANSWERS OPPONENTS WITH EDUCATION DEFY

SEATTLE, May 6. (AP)—Governor Hartley, in a talk on education here last night challenged his critics to recall him.

He said he was going to take the schools out of politics and keep the educators "where they belong"—conducting the educational business of their institutions.

"And so help me, they're going to do it as long as I am chief executive of this state."

"Now, if you don't want it done that way, you want to start that recall quick."

Some 2,000 people who heard Washington's chief executive apparently received his message with mingled feelings. Applause was heard when he declared for educational aid and cheers were here when he attacked members of the "timber crowd" whom he did not name.

But when he mentioned the name of President Henry Suzzallo, of the University of Washington, the applause for the educator.

SEATTLE, May 6. (AP)—Warner M. Karshner, of Puyallup, chairman of the senate committee on education, replying to a speech made here last night by Governor Hartley, today denounced as unfair and erroneous Hartley's assertions regarding common schools and institutions of higher learning.

"The attitude of the governor is but a part in a process of painful evolution coming slow but sure," Karshner said.

## Elgin Plans Fourth Of July Celebration

ELGIN, Ore., May 6.—At a meeting of the Elgin Community club recently, July 2 and 3 were selected as the dates for the big Fourth of July celebration in this year. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and the determination was expressed that Elgin have its biggest celebration this year.

The Community club also endorsed the candidacy of H. H. Weatherpoon for the legislature as representative from Union county.

## OUT OUR WAY



## Radio

**FRIDAY, MAY 7.**

Mountain Standard Time Stations.

KFWA, Ogden, Utah. (260.7m-1150kc), 9-10 p. m., chorus; 10-11, Paramount theater music.

KFXE, Colorado Springs, Colo. (250m-1200kc), 7:30-8 p. m., Star ranch, Pines Sanatorium program; 9-11, Irish Melody boys.

KOA, Denver, Colo. (322.4m-930kc), 6:50 p. m., Brown Palace string orchestra; 8, Scheuerman's Colorado orchestra; 8:15, KOA orchestra; vocal trios; Mile High trio; Florio Merple, trombonist; Lillian Donnelly, contralto; Charles South, violinist; Mrs. Richard Osenbaugh, soprano; Clarence C. Moore, bass; Margaret Henderson, pianist.

Pacific Standard Time Stations.

KFI, Los Angeles, Cal. (467m-642kc), 7-7:30 p. m., Carlyle Stevenson's El Patio orchestra; 7:30-8, Felipe Delgado's Meolla Horn Española; 8-9, Aeolian organ; 9-10, popular songs and Mutual Motors variety contest; 10-11, Packard ballad hour.

KJON, Long Beach, Cal. (232.1m-1280kc), 7-8 p. m., program; 8:30-9, program; 9:10-10, program; 10-11, program.

KFWB, Hollywood, Cal. (252m-1190kc), 6:30-7:30 p. m., Pontiac Six dinner hour; 8-9, John Wright, the Right Tailor; 9-10, Sealy Mattress company; 10-11, Warner Brothers trotte.

KGO, Oakland, Cal. (361.2m-830kc), 6-8:55 p. m., Brokaw and his orchestra.

KJW, Portland, Ore. (491.5m-610kc), 6-7 p. m., dinner concert; 8-9, concert, vocal and instrumental; 9-10:30, concert; 10:30-12 midnight, frolic, Keep Growing Wiser Order of Hoot Owls, Pantages stars, features.

KHL, Los Angeles, Cal. (405.2m-740kc), 8-10 p. m., Times de luxe presentation.

KMTR, Hollywood, Cal. (238m-1200kc), 6-7 p. m., Radio Press Agent; 8-10, KMTR concert orchestra; 10-11, Starr Piano company studio.

KNS, Hollywood, Cal. (330.9m-800kc), 6:30-7 p. m., Atwater Kent orchestra; 7-8, studio program; 8-9, program; 9:10-10, program; 10-11, program.

KOAC, Corvallis, Ore. (280.2m-1070kc), 7:20 p. m., Arthur Kirkham, tenor; 8:15-9:15, musical program.

KPO, San Francisco, Cal. (428.3m-700kc), 6:30-7 p. m., States Restaurant orchestra; 8-10:30, H. O. T. C. band contest; 10:30-11, States Restaurant orchestra.

KWSC, Pullman, Wash. (348.6m-800kc), 7:15 p. m., Bernice Metz, pianist; Mrs. Stanley Jenner, vocalist; Jerry Satola, violinist.

KTAB, Oakland, Cal. (239.9m-1250kc), 8-10 p. m., program, Deumers.

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