

WOMAN AWAITING TRIAL FOR LIFE

Tears and Remorse? Ohio Hammer Slayer Goes to Bridge Party Instead

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PERRY, Ohio—A fluffy, blond-headed bride of 21, weighing less than 100 pounds:

Smashed her young husband's skull with a claw hammer and table leg in this little town the other night—

Round his dead body with cords—

Nonchalantly pulled a new green hat over her sleek bobbed head—

From 55 miles to a friend's home and a bridge party, where she won all the prizes and sang jazz songs—

Slept all night like a child—

Ate a hearty breakfast—

Spent a day Christmas shopping, buying some gifts for the murdered husband in the love nest—

And only asked for more cigarettes, calmly puffing when the sheriff came to get her.

"The Modern Murderess"

And there, in the person of Mrs. Velma Van Woert West, you have a perfect picture of what officials are calling "the modern woman murderer."

The poise and coolness of modern woman have been much discussed of late. But Velma West, known as "The Girl in a Curious Town," is the first woman known to execute a murder with something of the same attitude with which other modern young women handle home and job, or do other feats unknown to the more hysterical women of olden days.

The murder of young "Ed" West, 26, has startled the country.

The murdered man belonged to a nationally known family. His father, "F. B. West," is a man whose name is known in the country over. West shrubs and trees and needs grow in yards of "love nests" from Maine to California, "love nests" very much like the trim little bungalow to which Ed West took his bride less than two years ago.

Perry Thrilled when it heard that popular Ed West had brought a city girl home for his bride. Perry wanted to meet the bride.

A reception was given by the young groom's parents. All Perry was invited to the big West home. All Perry came. Just what happened is not clear. But the family of the murdered man "taken up" by Perry.

Velma West was "different." She smoked cigarettes, and plenty of them in public. Maybe other Perry girls smoked, too, but behind locked doors with only a bosom friend or so for beholder.

Velma West was indifferent to all things that Perry held dear—old families, old books, old music, old friends.

Velma laughed at the old and talked much about the "kicks" and "thrills" of life.

She was invited out a little at first by "Ed's" friends. But Velma was bored by the parties. Besides, the invitations seemed to die a natural death.

So the young Wests began finding their good times in Cleveland, about 25 miles away.

Couldn't Agree

Three and four times a week the shiny green roadster took the road to the big city. The dead man's relatives say that Ed didn't always want to go. He worked in his father's nursery all day long, managing gardens, transplanting, hanging, working with the famous West shrubs. He was tired nights.

"Let's stay home tonight Velma," he is quoted as often saying. "Let's just stay home alone and you play and sing while I sit in the big chair with the paper. It'll be cozy."

But Velma wouldn't stay. The city was in her blood—part of her. Eds went to bed at 10 o'clock in Perry.

It was a party that made Ed West die. Velma told him they were going to a bridge party at a girl friend's home on the farthest part of Cleveland that night. They were driving home from another nearby city when she told him.

"But I'm tired," West told her. "Let's stay home tonight."

After supper, Velma began driving for the party, urging Ed to hurry up.

"But I'm not coming," he said, and she knew that he meant it. They quarreled. Ed got mad. Said things about her friend. "You hardly know her—she's not your kind—won't have you running with that crowd—why won't you play bridge with some of these nice Perry girls? Might join the young people's set, etc. etc."

Almost 24 hours later Velma West told the sheriff and county prosecutor what happened. They had not even questioned or accused her. Hardly suspected.

"Why did you leave the back door open when you went away?"

Yes the calm question that brought a complete written confession from the flapper bride.

"All right, I'll tell everything," she did.

Ed finally struck her as they quarreled, she said. She "saw red." Went down to the cellar, got a hammer, came back, hit him over the head with the hammer, and when he went down finished the job with a library table leg which was "just lying around" until the table could be repaired.

She bound him, threw a blanket over him, left the lights burning, went to Cleveland, and was "the life of the party" all night, talked and giggled with her girl friend until late in the night, slept well, ate a good breakfast, then went Christmas shopping with her mother. She bought a box of nice smoked hams for Ed and almost forgot a scarf she thought he would like.

Officials were waiting for her

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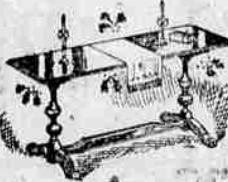
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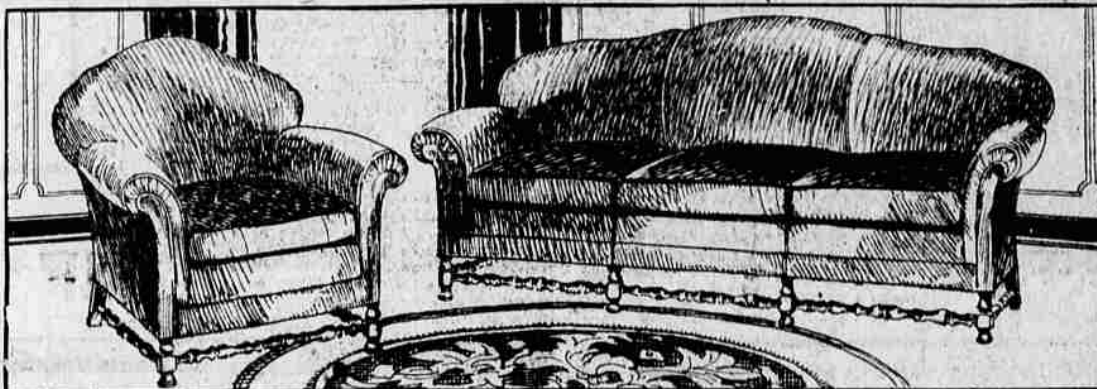
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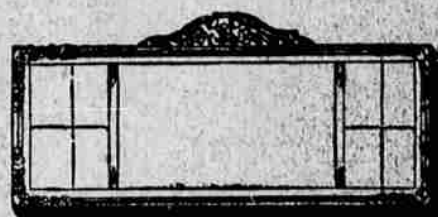
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at her mother's home and took her court when the first degree murder trial opens in January. She has only asked for more fags, and sometimes hummed snippets of modern jazz songs.

HAT FIVE-DAY JOB by native women in sight to 12 CURACAO (AP)—Five days hours, but Uncle Sam, who buys work is required to make a straw hat in this center of manufacture, that is much more particular. An ordinary hat is made in seven days; consequently the better hats are

slowly and carefully made, trimmed, washed in sulphur and bleached in the sun. They sell for about \$2.50 a dozen.

It has been estimated that the volume of stone in the great pyramids weighs nearly 2,000,000 tons; there is enough to build a city of 25,000 ordinary-sized houses.