

Young Girl's Trial Opens

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was plunged in, pulled out only part way and pushed in again." He said the wounds "inside the body" were "quite different" that one wound carried to the left lobe of the left lung while the other was more to the center of the body, cutting many blood vessels. These back wounds, he said, caused "considerable" internal bleeding and a collapse of the left lung and were the cause of death.

Here is the state's version of the events leading to Swanberg's death, according to Venn's opening statement:

Mr. and Mrs. Swanberg left their residence about 5 p.m., Oct. 1, to borrow a gun so Swanberg could go hunting the next day. Ella Louise stayed home to babysit for her two-year-old cousin.

The couple had planned to return home in time to eat and take Miss Starmer to a football game that night and the dance which was to follow.

When her parents didn't show up on time, the girl phoned two places trying to locate them. Then, about 8:45 p.m., Swanberg phoned and said he and his wife would be home shortly to take Miss Starmer to the football game.

Finally, at 9:15, the Swanberg car pulled up in front of the house. The girl heard her mother call from the car.

Mrs. Swanberg said that she and her husband had been quarreling in the car.

Later, they went into the house where Mrs. Swanberg and her husband argued over a billfold which she had taken from his coat pocket. A struggle followed as he sought to regain the wallet.

As they wrestled each other from the bathroom to the front room, Mrs. Swanberg somehow grabbed a flashlight and hit her husband on the head at least twice.

During this fight, the girl yelled to Swanberg: "I will knife you if you don't let go."

Swanberg, for a moment, turned his attention toward his step-daughter, backing her toward the front door, but he let go of the girl as Mrs. Swanberg struck him again with the flashlight. As he turned toward his wife, Ella Louise plunged the knife into his back, drew it out, and stabbed him a second time. He staggered around the front room and collapsed. He died about four minutes later.

The state contended that Swanberg never struck his wife during the battle, but was only "holding and wrestling with her."

Venn said there was no basis for her fearing that her life was endangered by her husband's actions.

The defense, however, placed a different interpretation on some of the state's contentions.

DEADLY FEAR

Hendershott said Mrs. Swanberg was placed "in deadly fear for her own safety" during an argument the two had had in the car as they drove home. The attorney said they had been drinking at a Willamette St. tavern before the quarrel and that liquor "will play a part in this case."

Hendershott told jurors that Swanberg, during the fracas in the house, grabbed Ella Louise by the throat and pushed her against the front door. "He then turned again to his wife, grabbed her with both hands and was shoving her into a china closet."

Miss Starmer, the attorney asserted, then "unconsciously stab-

bed him in the back." The defense contends she only stabbed him once, not twice as alleged by the state.

Swanberg said only two words before he died: "You dirty," according to Hendershott.

"The defendant looked at the bloody knife and for the first time realized what had happened," Hendershott said.

One of the state's first witnesses Tuesday was Dr. G. A. Ross, family doctor who answered the call within four minutes after the stabbing.

"He was still alive when I arrived. He took two breaths and then his heart tones ceased. I pronounced him dead about 30 seconds after I arrived."

THE JURORS

Other state witnesses who testified briefly Tuesday afternoon were R. C. Sederwall, Eugene policeman; Howard Ramsey, deputy coroner; and Warren C. Wiley, identification officer for the Eugene Police Department.

Members of the jury trying the manslaughter case are:

Everett Beatrice, 1040 N. 7th Ave., Springfield, housewife; Josephine Adamsey, 233 W. M St., Springfield, housewife; Wallace Swanson, 878 Almaden St., merchant; Roy C. Sanborn, Rt. 1, Eugene, farmer; Evelyn Ensign, 255 Whitbeck, homemaker; Harvey A. York, 405 W. 29th Ave., accountant; George Fisher, Rt. 2, Springfield, farmer; Marjorie Taylor, 2086 Roosevelt Blvd., housewife; Eleanor Schellhorn, 1337 Water St., Springfield, housewife; Fawn Anderson, Dexter, farmer; Ben F. Rawlings, 1381 Taney St., farmer. An alternate juror is Winifred Hall, 1301 W. Broadway, housewife.

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Mrs. Ruth Sherrill, vice president of the First National Bank here said Tuesday that women spend 85 cents out of every consumer dollar and own 70 per cent of the private wealth in this country.

"Men may get their pictures on money," she said, "but women get their hands on it."

Macfadden in Canada 'Till Things Cool Off'

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (AP)—Bernarr Macfadden, 87-year-old exponent of the body beautiful, says he's staying in Canada a while in hopes of keeping out of the clutches of the law.

U. S. courts have ordered the thrice-married former publisher and physical culturist to fork over nearly \$10,000 in alimony and other payments to two of his divorced wives. Macfadden says he hasn't got it.

Checking into a hotel here Tuesday Macfadden told newsmen he planned to stick around "until things cool off back home."

Government Moves To End Competition

WASHINGTON (AP)—Government departments and agencies have been ordered to examine all their activities that compete with private enterprise and decide which can be "reasonably ended." Budget Director Rowland R. Hughes, in a memo made public Tuesday night, urged that all federal business activities be ended unless "it would not be in the public interest."

Free South Africa Seen

CAPETOWN, South Africa (AP)—Prime Minister Johannes Strijdom has pledged that his government will take no action to turn South Africa into a republic before the present Parliament ends in 1958.

But the fiery Nationalist told the crowded House of Assembly Tuesday that South Africa will abandon its allegiance to the British crown "on the broad basis of the peoples' will," when the nation is ready. Presumably J. G. N. Strauss.

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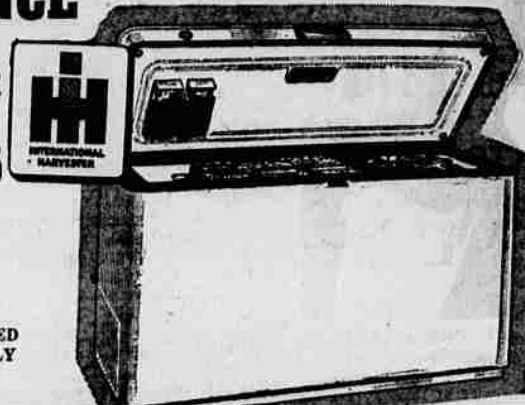
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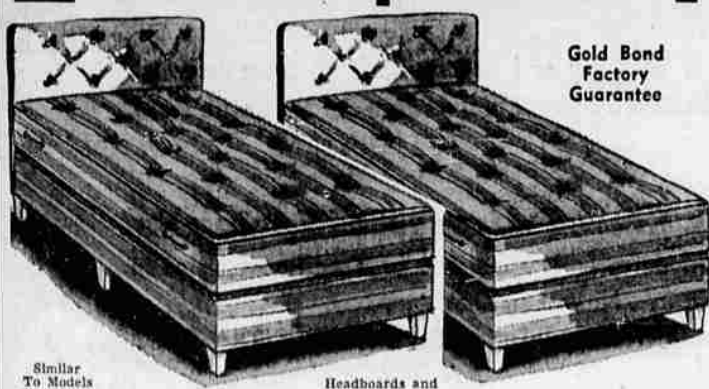
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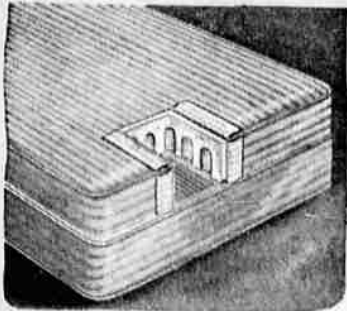
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