

Officers Take Legal Look at Marriages Of Mrs. Schmidt-Fine

Nevada City, Calif. — (U.P.) — Law officers took official notice today of Mrs. Una Schmidt-Fine's two marriages.

Sheriff Wayne Brown of Nevada County said he will investigate to determine whether Mrs. Schmidt committed bigamy when she married Alford Fine, 21, in the belief her airman husband, Daniel Schmidt, 22 was killed in Korea.

"If a prosecution is in order, we certainly will do our duty," Brown said.

Brown decided to take action after receiving "a few crank letters from throughout the country" from persons wondering what he planned to do in the case.

"We will investigate it thoroughly," he said. "I probably will visit her personally."

Keeps Quiet
Meanwhile, the 20-year-old Una and her 2-year-old son by Schmidt were living in a house trailer near here. She still refused to discuss her marital problems with anyone.

"I can tell you that I like living in a trailer," she said. "You can change one view for another whenever you want. And I can

tell you I prefer being called "But I will not tell any reporter anything about my personal problems, except that I've turned down offers to write the story myself."

She was referring to the story that began in May, 1952, when she married Schmidt, a young B-29 crewman, just five weeks before he was sent overseas.

Son Born

In January, 1953, she heard from the Air Force that her husband's plane had been shot down over North Korea. Their son, Danny Walter, was born the following March.

In June, 1954, the Air Force notified Mrs. Schmidt that her husband was probably alive and a prisoner in China.

She married Fine, a strapping Sierra Nevada lumberjack, in September 1954. She has said the wedding took place "in Mexico."

In November, 1954, the Chinese Communists reported that Schmidt had been sentenced to four years' imprisonment for "spying." At that time, Mrs. Schmidt told reporters she had received the Air Force notification in June and that she had written Schmidt twice daily since then.

She did not mention the fact that she had remarried two months before.

Schmidt left Tokyo today for the United States. He arrives in California Friday morning.



MARRIAGE MIXUP—Mrs. Una Schmidt talks with her attorney, Harold Berliner, at Nevada City, Cal., with her 2½-year-old son, Danny, on her lap. She married Alford Fine, a logger, in belief that her airman husband, Daniel Schmidt, was dead. Schmidt, who has never seen his son, Danny, is on his way home after 2½ years as a prisoner of the Chinese Communists.

Deputies Seek To Recover Body At Crescent City

Crescent City, Calif. — (U.P.) — Searchers early today retrieved the body of Dr. Fred W. Holmes from the base of a 2000-foot cliff overlooking the choppy Pacific waters that claimed four members of the prominent Phoenix family.

Positive identification of the body was made by Dr. Howard Holmes, the victim's brother.

Crescent City, Calif. — (U.P.) — Sheriff's deputies turned to the sea today in their efforts to recover the body of a Phoenix, Ariz., doctor from an almost inaccessible California beach.

For the past four days all attempts at recovery including by horseback and helicopter—have been frustrated by the rugged terrain of the area.

Del Norte County Sheriff Harold Scott said he would try to take a skiff into the isolated beach at low tide today in an effort to recover the body, tentatively identified as that of Dr. Fred W. Holmes.

Sheriff's parties have shied away from attempting a sea landing because the beach and shoreline is strewn with boulders.

Holmes was one of four members of his family to be drowned in a fishing accident on Sunday. Still missing are the bodies of his father, Dr. Fred G. Holmes, and his two sons, Fred Jr., 10, and Stephen, 8.

An attempt to recover the body by helicopter failed yesterday when the 32-foot span of the craft's blades proved too wide for the narrow, cliff-surrounded inlet.

Late yesterday a test tube was washed ashore near the body. It contained an unsigned note which read: "Boat is drifting toward shore — three quarter miles north of Wilson Creek." The missing man's brother, Dr. Howard Holmes, said the handwriting was that of his brother.

Meanwhile, the sheriff's office said it plans to continue its search for the three missing bodies. Hunt said the search was being conducted by boat, beach patrols and a private plane whenever weather permits.

SAVED BY REFUSE PILE

Bayonne, N.J. — (U.P.) — James O'Neil, 22, of Jersey City, fell 60 feet from the rooftop of the factory where he works but escaped injury Tuesday because he landed on a refuse pile, police said. O'Neil works at the Maidenform brassiere factory.

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The show opened with three convertibles full of pretty girls driving around the bull ring. Behind the convertibles walked the picadores, banderilleros and matadors dressed in their formal costumes.

After the parade, the bulls appeared, accompanied by an SPCA ambulance.

Manolo Navarro, famed Spanish matador, drew shouts of approval for his fancy capework. Juanita Aparicio, pretty 19-year-old Mexican torera, had trouble with a "bad bull" which refused to perform properly.

The bulls were of Andalusian fighting stock imported from Mexico. Their horns were tipped so they could not hurt the bullfighters, who in turn were not allowed to kill the animals.

Promoter Jes Cortes of Manila said the opening was a success. He will move the show to Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit and New York after its six-day stand here.

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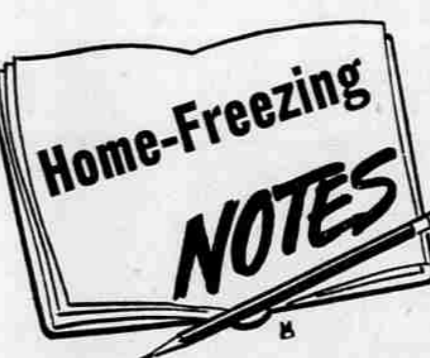
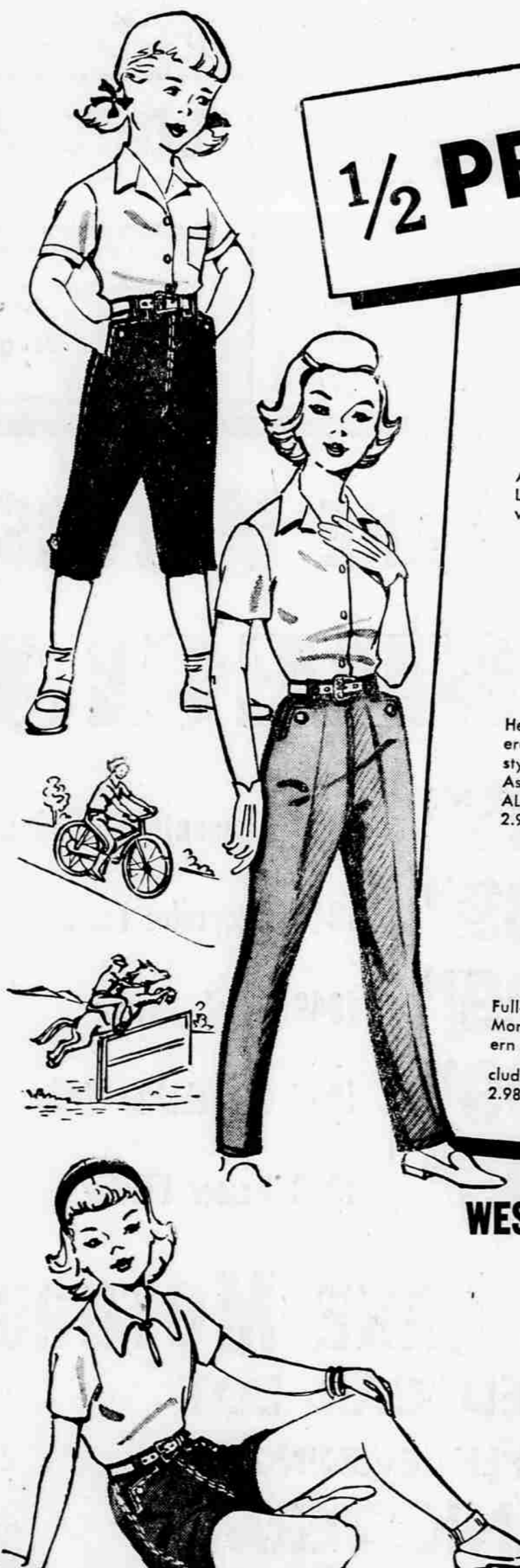
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