



STILL AT IT—They probably played their card game at this spot last summer and these three ladies are still at it in the cold weather. Sun bathers are nowhere to be seen outside this bath house in New York's Coney Island, but these sun fanciers are still on the boardwalk.

Juvenile Hearing Postponed

SAN RAFAEL (UPI) — A Juvenile Court hearing scheduled Saturday for Clifford Fortner, 15, confessed slayer of a neighbor girl, has been postponed indefinitely. The Kentfield youth will be placed in custodial care in a mental hospital, "where, through long-term treatment, he will be rendered less dangerous to the community."

Fortner admitted stabbing and hanging Lorna Lax, 12, last November after having sexual relations with the girl in a wooded hideaway near their homes.

Marin County Probation Officer Walter Busher recommended that the gangling youth be kept in Juvenile Hall for three months until he could be placed in a state hospital for psychiatric treatment.

Busher's report said that extensive studies resulted in no significant finding of organic abnormality, but that "the boy, while neither clearly psychotic nor recognizable as a psychopath, shows significant tendencies in both directions."

"His character, cultural and emotional efficiency are such as to make it probable that he would deteriorate in long-term custodial care if such care were not attended by psychiatric treatment."

Busher recommended that the Juvenile Court hearing be postponed until completion of Fortner's commitment period at the state hospital.



ON THE SURFACE—Motionless on a shimmering pond in London, England, a lovely white swan provides a study in feathered grace at Putney Common. Its slender neck reflected in the clear water, the beautiful bird appears to be brooding about the harsh winter about to descend upon it.

Holiday Toll Sets New Mark

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's 374 traffic deaths over the three-day New Year holiday set one record and the over-all accident toll of 513 tied another.

The final count of traffic fatalities topped by 10 the previous high for a three-day New Year weekend reported in 1955-56. The holiday toll was computed from 6 p.m. Thursday to midnight Sunday.

Besides traffic fatalities, 63 persons perished in fires and 76 died in miscellaneous accidents. The total of 513 tied the over-all record for a three-day New Year holiday, also set in 1955-56.

Asks Jury Trial

WEST LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Jackie Coogan, 45, has pleaded innocent to a psychomotor drunken driving charge and asked for a jury trial.

Coogan suffered broken ribs Dec. 22 when his car hit a parked auto in the Brentwood area.

The Municipal Court trial is set for Jan. 23.

Wife Divorces Film Director

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Katherine Reddish, daughter of actress Norma Shearer, has divorced film director Jack N. Reddish.

"He was mean, disagreeable, argumentative and bad-tempered to me," she testified Thursday. "He expected me to support him."

Mrs. Reddish, 24, waived alimony. She will keep their Beverly Hills home, valued at \$60,000. Her father was the late producer Irving Thalberg. Reddish, 32, is a former ski champion.

They have no children.

Office Frees Portland Man

PORTLAND (AP) — A man arrested Wednesday on a default of bail warrant from San Francisco was released by the U. S. Marshal's office Thursday.

Ernest (Duke) Arnold, 37, Portland, while in custody, was questioned in connection with the slaying in a Portland hotel room of Charles Edwin Redd, 45. At the time of his death, Redd was under indictment for pistol whipping Arnold.

San Francisco authorities said Arnold should be released because there had been a mix-up on dates when Arnold was to go on trial in the California city.

Arnold still faces trial on an indictment stemming from a crackdown along the West Coast last February on an international narcotics ring.

Group Gets Hep Seats Hoops

TWIN FALLS, Idaho (AP)—The City Commission has straightened out a little mixup of Hoops.

William Hoops Jr. ran for the commission last fall, but the ballot carried the name William R. Hoops, a nephew.

Hoops Jr. got the votes but was not legally elected. William R. was, but he didn't want the post.

So when the new commission was sworn in Monday night the first thing it did was read a letter from Hoops—William R.—resigning from the post he never ran for. Then it unanimously appointed Hoops Jr. to the seat.

Budget Slash Plea Issued

WASHINGTON (AP) — The heads of the House Appropriations Committee joined today in a call for cuts in President Eisenhower's \$79,800,000,000 budget for next year.

Both Chairman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo) and Rep. John Taber of New York, senior Republican, agreed to separate interviews that the budget could and should be trimmed.

Eisenhower announced the proposed total spending figure Thursday. His detailed proposals go to Congress on Jan. 18, in a formal budget message.

"It certainly has to be cut," Cannon said. "It is not consistent for the President to caution

against self-indulgence in one breath and then propose spending programs that amount to self-indulgence."

Cannon said he believed the President was "very optimistic" in expecting that federal revenues during fiscal year 1961 will be large enough to produce a surplus of \$4,200,000,000 over expenditures.

The President, Cannon said, expected a balanced budget in the fiscal year that ended last June 30 "and instead we had a deficit of over 12 billion dollars."

Taber said he was pleased that the President plans to submit to Congress later this month a balanced budget.

Actors' Mother Found Dead

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Maria Tierney, 65, mother of actors Lawrence Tierney and Scott Brady, was found dead in her apartment Thursday.

Police found a bottle of sleeping pills nearby. An autopsy was ordered to determine cause of death.

Lawrence Tierney, 40, pleaded innocent earlier in the day to intoxication and disturbing the peace charges. He was accused of breaking into a woman's apartment and slugging her boyfriend, while searching for another woman.

WHY SO LONG?

LONG BEACH, Calif., (AP)—Jerome L. Colwell complained that thieves had stripped accessories from his car, parked on nearby terminal island since Nov. 15.

Why so long? Colwell, 23, explained he had been in jail—serving time for car stripping.

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