

LIBERATION HELD JUST

Board Defends Clara Phillips

Parole Grant Upheld With Review of Husband's and Victim's Acts

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, June 19. (AP)—Defending Clara Phillips, the "hammer murderess" of Alberta Meadows, as "not an inborn criminal," the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles issued a statement today explaining its action in paroling her after serving twelve years of a life sentence.

The statement was made after a session of the board lasting most of the afternoon.

VIOLATED HOME
The crime was committed "under great provocation," the board declared, against a woman who "had violated her home and was about to elope with her husband." The husband's affidavit calling himself "the guilty one" was quoted by the board in support of its action.

Mrs. Phillips's sentence would have been eighteen years and two months, with deductions provided by law, the statement said.

"In our opinion, greater likelihood of rehabilitation and greater protection to society are assured by permitting her to serve the last six years on parole," it added.

The prisoner's record of conduct and industry while serving her term also was cited by the board.

CASE REVIEWED

"In view of the publicity and criticism of the parole board which has appeared in the press and elsewhere upon the release of Clara Phillips from the women's prison at Tehachapi, the board has reconsidered the entire case and wishes to make the following statement: "On May 17, 1924, she was granted a 'future date' parole, effective June 17, 1935. She had been in prison a little over twelve calendar years.

"The board gave consideration to the following facts: Her life history indicates no inborn criminal nature. She was reared in a Christian home; was a dutiful wife for several years and committed no infractions of the law. Her crime was committed under great provocation."

ABOUT TO ELOPE

In an affidavit sworn to by the husband, the board reported, he admitted the slain woman had "violated her home" and was "about to elope" with Mrs. Phillips's husband. Phillips's sworn statement reads: "I was the guilty one. I was the transgressor. She was found guilty because she failed in every instance to help her in the trouble I had brought upon her."

The board members declared: "The board appreciates the gravity of the crime, but it is also cognizant of the fact that, under similar circumstances, many men and women who have slain the intruder were acquitted by juries or have received a lesser sentence than did Clara Phillips."

NOT PREMEDITATED

"The jury in its verdict indicated that in its opinion it was not a premeditated murder and she was entitled to some degree of clemency. The rumor that the body of the slain woman had been mutilated was without foundation, as shown by the report of the autopsy surgeon."

Quoting an unnamed deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles, who aided in the prosecution of Mrs. Phillips, the board said:

"This man declared: 'We believe that no premeditated intent to kill existed in the mind of the defendant.'"

CONDUCT SATISFACTORY

"The prison conduct and industry record of the prisoner has been satisfactory. Her conduct and mental attitude have not indicated any traits that constitute her a menace to society. On the contrary, they indicate that she can and will make herself a useful citizen."

"In conclusion, the board respectfully submits that in the year or more which has elapsed since the parole was granted no new information has been presented to the board which would justify any change in its decision as previously made."

The board feels, therefore, that as long as Clara Phillips does not violate her parole there is no justifiable reason for rescinding it."

Mexican Land Magnate Dies

TJUANA (Mex.) June 19. (Exclusive)—Jese Ortiz, 55 years of age, wealthy Baja California rancher and landowner, died there today following an operation.

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French Screen Actress Becomes Bride



Lily Damita and Errol Flynn, Irish actor and athlete, pictured following their marriage at Yuma. They made the trip to Arizona's Gretna Green by plane, the ceremony taking place within an hour after their arrival. Bud Ernst was best man.

F.A.A. HEAD TO RESIGN

WASHINGTON, June 19. (AP)—

In a clash with Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee, Joseph H. Choate, Jr., chairman of the Federal Alcohol Administration, tonight said he will resign soon and return to private law practice in New York.

Choate appeared at a hearing in behalf of legislation to create an agency to control the alcohol industry to replace the F.A.C.A., which died with the Supreme Court's decision on the old N.R.A.

Asserting the bill was not sponsored by the F.A.C.A., but apparently drafted by Democratic members of the committee, Choate said the provision putting the control agency under the Secretary of the Treasury was a "fatal defect."

"It will destroy efficiency, it will destroy prestige," Choate said.

"You are more worried about prestige, aren't you?" asked Representative Fuller of Arkansas.

Looking straight at the Arkansas, Choate said:

"I'm not worried about prestige for myself because I don't expect to hold this position long."

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VALIDITY OF OIL HEIR'S RENO WEDDING ARGUED

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19. (AP)—Validity of Nevada marriages between minors was argued before the State Supreme Court here today in the annulment action of James McDonald III, heir to an oil fortune, against Aleka McDonald.

The couple married at Reno, June 7, 1932, when he was 18 years of age and the bride was 16, and later the youth's mother, Mrs. John J. Martin of Hillsborough, Cal., sought an annulment on the ground they were under age.

Denying the annulment, the Appellate Court upheld the late Superior Judge Swart of Redwood City, who held the Nevada statutes

on marriages performed in that State should be observed. The Supreme Court took the case under advisement after extended arguments.

Miss Hester Webb, daughter of Atty. Gen. Webb of California, arguing for young McDonald, contended that the couple married in Nevada in a deliberate evasion of the California law and that such evasion destroyed validity of the marriage.

If California courts have no power to annul such marriages, she contended, they have no power to render divorces between couples married in other States.

SCHABER'S Cafeteria 620 SO. BROADWAY LOS ANGELES. Advertisement for a raw food eatery. Includes text: "You may even be a RAW FOOD eater!" and "Tastes differ as radically as personalities. One man likes his vegetables; another must have his meat twice a day." Also features a small illustration of a woman eating.

LILY DAMITA WED IN YUMA

Bride of Flynn, Irish Athlete; Lillian Bond Betrothed to New York Broker

"I never knew a wedding she could be so tres grande! She was heavenly!" Lily Damita, French film actress, so exulted yesterday as she became the bride of Errol Flynn, Dublin actor and one-time boxer, who found his way to Hollywood via the 1928 Olympic Games.

MISS BOND TO WED
And while Lily was going into ecstasies over the nuptials, another film actress named Lillian was announcing her engagement to one of the Damita's erstwhile devoted swains—Sidney Smith, New York stock broker and big game hunter. By telephone from San Francisco, where she is appearing on the stage in "Accent on Youth," Miss Bond said she will marry Smith soon, "possibly within a short time after the close of the play Saturday night."

TRIP MAID BY AIR

The marriage of Miss Damita and Flynn was the fortieth ceremony in which film couples were united by Justice E. A. Freeman, famed as "the marrying judge," according to dispatches from the Gretna Green of Arizona. Bud Ernst, airplane pilot, flew the pair to Yuma.

Until shortly before the take-off from here a double marriage had been in the offing. Ernst having planned to take Lydia Roberti, blonde actress, as his bride.

LYDIA'S PLANS UPSET

But Miss Roberti at the last moment was called on location, and Ernst participated only as best man. "Flynn was about as nervous as any man I've ever seen," Judge Freeman said, according to the dispatches.

"Everything was all right until he couldn't find the ring. He searched every pocket and at last realized it was stuck on his thumb."

Both the principals gave their ages as 28 years.

NAME GIVEN BY EX-KING

Miss Damita signed the license with her true name, Lillian Madelena Carre. The name "Damita" was the benediction of Alfonso, deposed King of Spain. It means "Little Lady."

The romance between Lillian Bond and Sidney Smith began about six months ago. They met in New York while she was en route to London. After several weeks of wooing by cable he went to London and presented her with a diamond ring.

That, of course, as long after his romance with Damita was at an end.

Twenty-four-hour mail service, \$1 per month, and safe deposit boxes are advertised in Class 10, Times Classified Ads.

Actress Tells Betrothal



Lillian Bond, actress, who admits she'll soon become bride of broker. Sidney Smith, broker and sportsman, who will wed Lillian Bond.

PLAY PARKS TO GET FUND

Big Pine Among Winter Sports Areas of California to Be Improved by S.E.R.A.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19. (AP)—The State Emergency Relief Administration announced today it is preparing to make California a better winter playground for pleasure seekers and sportsmen by enlarging and improving the State's winter resorts.

Included in projects approved are: Construction of a ski track and toboggan slide in Plumas county and a \$50,000 project to improve the Big Pine recreation camp, the municipal winter playground of Los Angeles.

A two-mile ski trail is being built at Big Pine as well as a Girl Scout Clubhouse, a shrine at Camp Yeresita and a shower building, cabins and concrete tent floors at Camp Juniper Serra.

Project applications approved by the administration to date total 13-329. The amount allocated stands at \$12,000,000, of which \$87,000,000 was for labor.

SWOPE TAKES BAKER'S POST
NEW YORK, June 19. (AP)—General Swope, president of the General Electric Company, today succeeded to the chairmanship of the mobilization for human needs, an office held for the last three years by Newton D. Baker.

THREAT SUSPECTS HELD
HAVANA, June 19. (UP)—Army secret service operatives today arrested two persons suspected of sending a threatening note to Mrs. George P. Seeley, Jr., demanding \$10,000 last week.

NEW FLOODS HIT LEVEES

Water Cover 150,000 Acres in Arkansas as Families Evacuate Homes

CHICAGO, June 19. (AP)—Floods subsided in the muddy Middle West tonight but rivers launched fresh assaults in Arkansas and Texas.

Two more levees—one at Ned's Lake near Van Buren, Ark., and the other in the vicinity of Morrilton—broke. Three others had collapsed previously and more than 150,000 acres were covered by the waters.

More than 3000 families were endangered or had already evacuated their homes. The Arkansas River continued to rise.

TEXAS SUFFERS

Waters from the Colorado River swirled into Wharton, Tex. Fifty houses in one district were inundated and thirty-five blocks were covered to the curbs. About 1000 lowlanders evacuated their homes.

Abatement of the abnormal rain in most of the plains States resulted in a recession of many swollen streams after a long flood siege that claimed an unofficial total of more than 175 lives and caused property and crop damages of more than \$28,000,000.

THREAT DECLINES

The Republican River carried off the surplus water with little threat of further havoc in Kansas and Nebraska. The Solomon and Smoky Hill rivers were out of their beds in the latter State. The Grand was on the rise and Medicine Creek spilled over its banks in Missouri.

Burbank Choral Club Will Sing at Exposition

BURBANK, June 19.—Fifty members of the Burbank Choral Club will leave Friday for a two-day engagement at the California Pacific International Exposition at San Diego, where they will give four concerts in response to a special invitation from Exposition officials.

Under the leadership of Charles LeRoy Munro, the group will sing at 2 p.m. Saturday at the open-air organ pavilion and at 8 p.m. at the House of Hospitality.

On Sunday, which will be Burbank Day, the club will sing at 2 p.m. at the House of Hospitality and at 8:30 p.m. at the organ pavilion. Soloists include Ted Kiser, baritone; Bessie Penhollow, soprano, and Leonard Green, trombone player.

SHIPBUILDER DIES

LONDON, June 19. (AP)—Viscountess Pirrie, president of Harland & Wolff, Belfast shipbuilders, died in London today.

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