

# WEATHER:-

Rain, changing to snow and colder tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy.

# The News

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## LEO HALTERMAN ADMITS SLAYING

Ora Slater is Successful in Gaining Confidence of Homicide Man Who Has Confessed to The Slaying of His Brother and Wife.

Washington, C. H.—Leo Halterman, 26, early this morning pleaded guilty to two charges of murder when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Murray for the killing of his half-brother, Charles Halterman, and the latter's wife, Carrie.

He was bound over to the grand jury without bail and spirited out of the county, as Sheriff Ramsey feared an attempt might be made on the life of the young Blessing's Corner farmer.

County Prosecutor Maddox this morning was arranging to call a special grand jury session to hear the case before January 1.

Halterman confessed late last night, after authorities and detectives grilled him for several hours, showing him the bloody clothes and the shotgun and hatchet with which the murders were committed. "I feel better now," Halterman declared after he had confessed to the double slaying. He was taken before Justice of the Peace Murray at 1 a. m., within an hour of his confession, and entered pleas of guilty to the two charges of murder.

Sheriff Ramsey then arranged to spirit the 26-year-old slayer from the community, as feeling is said to be running high against him. He was taken to an un-named jail for safekeeping.

Prosecutor Maddox announced that he will begin preparations immediately to call the grand jury into session and seek indictments.

Sam Saterfield, a former employee of the slain couple, has been released from custody. Saterfield was held for investigation after Leo Halterman told officers that he heard Mrs. Halterman, the slain woman, had screamed, "Oh don't, Sam! They are going to kill Charley!" shortly before the bodies were found.

"When I saw Sam leave the jail, I knew the jig was up," Halterman told the officers. "I haven't had a minute's sleep since the killing. The form of Charles kept flitting in and out of my cell and his voice kept crying, 'Leo! Leo! That's why I've confessed.'"

The murdered couple were killed early on the morning of last Thursday. Leo Halterman told officers that he was awakened by the woman's scream and rushed into the back yard, to find Mrs. Halterman lying on the ground, with her skull crushed, dead. The body of his half-brother shot several times with a shotgun, was found near the chicken house. Leo Halterman declared that his half-brother and the latter's wife had evidently heard a disturbance in their chicken house and had gone out to investigate. An automobile was heard driving swiftly away immediately after the killings, he said.

On information furnished by Halterman's story, county officers arrested Saterfield, a former farmhand, for the slain man with whom he was said to have quarreled recently. Certain discrepancies in the story told by Leo Halterman, however, led the sheriff to place the grill around continuously in the county jail here for three days. His confession came early today, after Ora Slater, famous Cincinnati detective, who solved the Don R. Mellet murder and other mysteries, had been called in. Halterman confessed within a few hours after the arrival of Slater here.

County officials grilled Halterman for several hours, while Slater sat in the room as a spectator. Time and time again, he refused to admit the crime.

Eventually, Slater interposed: "Leo, don't you want to talk to me privately?" he asked quietly as he walked to the door of another room. Halterman followed and in a few

## Holds House Against Troopers for Thirty Hours



Timothy Meeney (right), aided by two brothers and a sister, Beatrice Meeney, held thirty State troopers at bay for thirty hours from his house, shown above, near Jutland, N. J. He surrendered when his sister was shot and killed and he had been gassed with tear bombs. Meeney was wanted for interfering with S. P. C. A. inspectors.

minutes Slater asked for a stenographer to record the confession.

Charles and Lea Halterman rose early the morning of the murder, according to Leo's confession. They had not been on friendly terms, he said, because Charles had told him he was not a fit father for his three-year-old twin boys, who were residing on the farm. This, he said, opened an argument.

They scuffled, he said and he found himself at his brother's back. He had brought the gun along, he said in his confession, at his brother's order: as they had been troubled by chicken thieves.

Leo weighed about 120 pounds. His brother weighed about 180 pounds. "Something flashed across my mind," authorities say he remarked in his confession, "and I pulled the trigger, because he had threatened me."

Then, he said, he saw Charles' wife rushing toward him with a hatchet, and when she neared he struck her over the head with the gun. "I saw she was going to die," he said to have declared in his story of the tragedy, "and so I clubbed her again. I didn't use the hatchet though."

Halterman showed no contrition or emotion while reciting the incidents of his brother's death, authorities reported, but, when he told of Mrs. Halterman's death, his voice indicated he felt remorseful.

Leo Halterman is the father of three children. The three-year-old twin sons resided with him, on his half-brothers' farm, while a baby lived with its mother, who was estranged from her husband.

The murdered couple had no children.

## ADMITS KILLING WIFE AND HIS EIGHT STEP-CHILDREN

Texas Slayer Also States That He Killed California Woman And Three Children

Farwell, Tex.—Extra guards were placed around the jail here today as a result of the latest statement by George J. Hassell, admitted slayer of his wife and eight stepchildren.

Efforts were being made to check further details of the statement with California authorities.

After admitting that he beat, choked and shot to death his wife and children, Hassell last night told of killing a woman and three children in California three years ago. He refused to give the name of the woman or the place where the killings are alleged to have occurred.

## Personals

John Branson spent today in Troy, going on a business errand.

Earrest Reed spent Sunday and Monday in Piqua, as the guest of Melford Gear.

Mrs. Mae Metzger spent Christmas day in Tippicanoe City as the guest of Mrs. Mary Miller.

Frank G. Miller, of St. Louis, returned to his home Monday after spending a pleasant holiday vacation with friends in Covington.

Mrs. Dan Daugherty and son, LeRoy, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Daugherty's mother, Mrs. F. C. Fritz.

Rodney Rike, of Middletown, spent Christmas eve with his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rike and Mrs. Marion Kellenberger.

Mr. Louise Priest and Mrs. Martha Reis were the Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Priest at their home in Dayton.

## BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Harry Coo will entertain her Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at her home in West Covington.

Miss Josephine Reed returned to Cincinnati, Monday evening after spending a pleasant Christmas vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Reed and other relatives.

Miss Frances Berkemeyer, of Richmond, Ind., spent Friday afternoon and evening with her grandparents, Mrs. Emma Waymire. Other guests at the Waymire home were Mrs. Rodney Huffman and children, Mary Ruth and Thomas Lee and Miss Mary Edna O'Brien. Sunday, and Mrs. Anna Berkemeyer, who spent Monday with her mother.

Mr. ad. Mrs. Elmer Branson and daughter, Miss Ruth, and Miss Alcot Gear, of Piqua, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reed, calling especially to see Miss Josephine. The party with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reed and children motored to Piqua during the afternoon attending the Christmas Cantata at the Presbyterian Church.

## WARNING TO COASTERS

What might have proven a very serious accident happened this afternoon, when several children, who were coasting down the Bridge at Hill started to run across High st. with their sleds. A large machine driven by Greenville parties was just ready to make a turn and another Dayton car was coming north. It was either strike the children or the other car which was a Ford, so the driver of the large machine drove into the Ford, striking it square in the center. The small car was badly damaged as the result.

Marshall O'Rourke, who has been doing all that he can to keep the children from being hurt reports the above as a warning to the children and parents, as there will surely be some serious accident if there is not more care on the part of both coasters and drivers.

Myron D. Beane of Dayton was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flory and son of Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley of Louisville, Indiana, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Eableman, Marion, Ind., over last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Cleo Idabel and Clara Mae Smith are visiting during the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Musselman, at their home in Piqua.

## ALUMNI BASKET BALL GAMES!

Two games are scheduled for Friday evening at the armory. New Year's eve, the opening game beginning at 7:30.

Among the players will be some of Covington's old star players and all are invited to attend the games. Admission twenty-five and fifteen cents will be charged. Everybody Welcome!

Detroit—Two bandits obtained approximately \$20,000, it is estimated, by holding up a branch of the Common wealth Savings Bank today.

The bandits worked behind locked doors. The branch manager and two employees arrived at the bank together and, as they were opening the door the two bandits arrived on the scene. Without displaying their pistols, they told the bank employees they were covered and then entered the bank with them. The door was looked behind them and the three employees were forced to open the vault.

## LATE NEWS FLASHES

(U. S. Dispatch)

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Grains closed irregular today, with wheat 5-8c and 3-4c lower, and oats unchanged to 1-4c higher.

Cleveland—Several hundred persons, from all walks of life, participated here last night in a testimonial dinner in honor of the 75th birthday of Congressman Theodore E. Burton. The venerable statesman was presented a great silver trophy.

Cleveland, O.—Prohibition agents seized a freight car in the local yards which contained 4,000 gallons of alcohol worth, at current bootleg quotations, about \$36,000. The shipment was consigned to the Miles Avenue Supply company, four members of which have been summoned by federal authorities.

Cleveland—Poisoned liquor caused the deaths of 133 persons in Cleveland during 1926, according to figures announced today by Coroner A. P. Hammond. This is the greatest number in history, 1925 holding the previous high record with 121. Hammond pointed out that there has not been a prosecution under the Bander booze law.

Pittsburgh—Paul Oriakowski, 27, of Pittsburgh, and Paul Fasci, 26, of Scranton, were electrocuted at Rockview prison, near here yesterday. The men were marched to the chair within a few minutes of each other and paid the supreme penalty for murder.

Blytheville, Mo., have been notified by Police Chief Hardin of Blytheville to watch for Mrs. Gladys W. Houck, missing wife of Dr. Knute Houck, of Washington, who is believed to have passed through here yesterday.

A woman whom four persons have identified by a picture of Mrs. Houck as the missing woman arrived here yesterday on a bus from Cairo, Ill., and said she was leaving last night for Springfield. She could not be located today and it was believed she is in Springfield.

Lima, O.—Three men are dead here following this city's worst snowstorms in years. John Baxter, 27, and John Baxter, 67, died in a local hospital after their milk truck was struck by a B. and O. train. The blinding snow prevented them from seeing the approaching flyer.

Michael Augustino, 45, died from injuries sustained Sunday when he was struck by an automobile while he was removing snow from the interurban traction switch.

Columbus, O., Dec. 28.—Federal officials here today were searching for Herbert W. Smith and James D. Reddy, of Harrisburg, Pa., federal prisoners, who made a daring escape late yesterday from the federal building here.

Smith, a former convict in Michigan, Missouri and other states, had just been given a term of five years for transporting stolen automobiles, while Reddy had received a 2 1/2 year sentence. The pair asked a guard for permission to enter a toilet room on the fourth floor of the federal building. Locked the door behind them, climbed along a perilous footing on an ice-covered ledge, entered another office and walked calmly to safety.

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**EMBARRASSING MOMENTS**  
**Director's Place**  
will have a formal opening  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1937  
Covington, Tenn. Evening  
Souvenirs for Everybody  
Reflexions  
Everybody Invited

**They Can Come Back**  
The Sillwater Valley News is a member of a firm which has been in business for over 100 years without disclosing the value of the state.

**Bill Deer With Arrow**  
A deer was killed with an arrow and a bow and arrow. The deer was killed with an arrow and a bow and arrow. The deer was killed with an arrow and a bow and arrow.

**Chapman's Death**  
An instrument for detecting earth tremors was used to detect a small earthquake in the city of Millington.

**Want Ads**  
Little Ads with the big pull. The Sillwater Valley News has a large number of want ads for sale.

**FOR SALE**  
A woman's dress, a woman's dress, a woman's dress. The Sillwater Valley News has a large number of want ads for sale.

**Micro-W Miller**  
The Sillwater Valley News has a large number of want ads for sale.



**Music Club**  
The Music Club will be held at the home of Mrs. L. A. Ruhl on Wed. at 7:30 o'clock. The program will be given by the club.

**Story of William Tell**  
The story of William Tell will be told by the club. The story of William Tell will be told by the club.

**Montreal Great Port**  
Montreal is the largest port in the world. The harbor is the largest in the world. The harbor is the largest in the world.



**Reflexions**  
Everybody Invited. The Sillwater Valley News has a large number of want ads for sale.

**General Martin**  
General Martin is a hero. The Sillwater Valley News has a large number of want ads for sale.

**65% Paid on Stock Deposits**  
The Sillwater Valley News has a large number of want ads for sale.

**Brothers Held in Poisoning of School Well**  
The Sillwater Valley News has a large number of want ads for sale.



# Favorite Theatre

The new theatre building at Stillwater Valley is the most modern and comfortable in the state. It is a place where you can enjoy the best of the theatre in a comfortable and convenient way. The building is a masterpiece of modern architecture and is a credit to the community. It is a place where you can enjoy the best of the theatre in a comfortable and convenient way. The building is a masterpiece of modern architecture and is a credit to the community. It is a place where you can enjoy the best of the theatre in a comfortable and convenient way.

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# Today's Radio Program

WSAI-Cincinnati 10:00 Congress of the Playboys. Car Spring-Quintet. WSAI-New York 8:00 The Chicago Spanglers. 9:00 The Chicago Spanglers. WSAI-New York 8:00 The Chicago Spanglers. 9:00 The Chicago Spanglers. WSAI-New York 8:00 The Chicago Spanglers. 9:00 The Chicago Spanglers. WSAI-New York 8:00 The Chicago Spanglers. 9:00 The Chicago Spanglers.

# WEDNESDAY PROGRAM

KDKA-Pittsburgh, Pa. 8:00 Overture by the Syria Shrine Chorus. WPZ-Springfield, Mass. 8:00 Schumann's Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble. WSAI-New York 8:00 The Chicago Spanglers. 9:00 The Chicago Spanglers. WSAI-New York 8:00 The Chicago Spanglers. 9:00 The Chicago Spanglers. WSAI-New York 8:00 The Chicago Spanglers. 9:00 The Chicago Spanglers.

# Post-Play Program

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# Doings at Columbus

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# ICE BOUND STEAMERS IN GREAT DISTRESS NO LONGER HAVE FEAR

Cleveland, O.—When steamships in the Great Lakes venture into the district and become ice-bound, they worry much anymore. The ice-breakers, the only pinholes of safety, are now being used. The ice-breakers, the only pinholes of safety, are now being used. The ice-breakers, the only pinholes of safety, are now being used. The ice-breakers, the only pinholes of safety, are now being used. The ice-breakers, the only pinholes of safety, are now being used.

# Station Opened for Sending Pictures or Printed Matter Over the Wires



The first pictures ever successfully sent over a telephone wire were carried from Cleveland to New York during the Republican National Convention of 1924. Since that time the process has been improved, and developed until today the reproduction is almost perfect, even with a magnifying glass. The pictures shown above are the sending and receiving machines and pictures which were recently received in Cleveland over the best system in the world. Mr. W. B. Hopkins, Cleveland telegraph manager, Mr. J. M. Smith, New York telegraph manager, and Mr. J. M. Smith, New York telegraph manager, are shown in the photograph.

# News Flashes

**Ashland, O.**—Elliott H. J. Schultz has asked the city council for an increase of salary. He told councilmen the present salary is \$400 a year.

**Bellefonte, O.**—J. H. Harshbarger, owner of the Bellefonte Hotel, has been named as the new manager of the hotel.

**Wentworth, O.**—A letter from the state of Ohio has been received by the state of Ohio.

**St. Charles, O.**—The state of Ohio has been named as the new manager of the hotel.

**Bellefonte, O.**—The state of Ohio has been named as the new manager of the hotel.

## WLS Trio Gives "Music Pictures"



"MUSIC WITH A PURPOSE" is the theme of this talented trio, on the regular staff of WLS, the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation station, Chicago. This trio is composed of Goldie Gross, cellist; Doris Wittich, pianist, and Theodore Katz, violinist and former concert manager of the Chicago Civic Opera Company. Their concerts are of the presentation variety, each telling a story in tone. One evening they take the life of a great composer, presenting the music as it was inspired by the events of his life. Again the trio depicts in tone the life of a race, playing the folk songs, dance airs and ceremonial music. This feature is called "Picture Concerts." One evening they deal with the heaviest classics, while the following night may find them playing for frolic.

## Pleasant Hill

Reported by Gertrude Marlin  
Telephone 3 on 40

Mrs. J. G. Myers spent yesterday in Dayton, shopping.

Mrs. Mary Witwer of Covington is spending this week at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Noffsinger.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Champion, of Perry visited Sunday and a few days with Mrs. Champion's mother Mrs. Clara Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Minton shopped in Covington, yesterday, also calling on their son, Robert Minton, who is at home because of a bad knee.

Don Deeter returned to his home in Cincinnati, last evening after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deeter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rector, Miss Ruth Mrs. Maud Longmeyer and son Jack spent the week end in Dayton as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Downing.

Mr. and Mrs. William Foulkes and little son Dickie returned to their home in Lima, Sunday after a pleasant Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beery and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Eileman and daughter Rachel, and Rev. Hook of Phenomenon, were Christmas day and Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Deeter and sons Charles and Don of Greenville spent their Christmas vacation here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deeter and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. it not.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall entertained to Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Bender, Joe Vosler of Cleveland, O., Edythe Hall of Columbus, O., Mr. and Mrs. Bende and John Hall of Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Swartz of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall and sons Norman and Dick and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall and daughter Betty of Piqua.

## Extend the Principle

An English inventor has produced a shoe that can be regulated to the growth of a child's foot. A great saving might be effected if the principle could be applied to the hats of a lot of men who have acquired a little bristly fame.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Era of Expletives

Everybody seems excited these days; people write letters in italics; voices sweet and low have become obsolete; nothing any longer is either good or bad, everything is damn good or damn bad. And the less vulgar people have to use, the more they use it.—William Lyon Phelps in Scribner's Magazine.

## BLACK BAG REAL

## "GLOBE TROTTER"

## Travels More Than 100,000 Miles With Owner.

Chicago—If a little black cowhide club bag, now in Chicago, could talk, it could tell a tale that would rival any travel story ever written.

This little bag has been carried more than 100,000 miles on travel by A. R. Buchanan, traveling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific steamships. It is completely covered with stamper, railroad and hotel tags from the far corners of the world. There is hardly a patch on the face of the globe that this little bag has not been over.

It started on its travels eight years ago. Its first journey was from Montreal to New York, thence to the West Indies, the northern countries of South America and through the Panama canal. In all, the bag made the West Indies 29-day cruise five times.

Next it "disappeared" on a 64-day Mediterranean cruise. It was on this jaunt that it was taken through Egypt to the Assuan dam on past the first cataract of the Nile.

Only recently it was brought back from a jaunt around the world on which it visited 20 countries and 27 ports. On this cruise of the Empress of Scotland it traveled 30,000 miles.

"One seeing is worth a hundred tellings," says a Chinese proverb, and if this little black bag could talk it would tell of how, when journeying 4,330 miles across northern India, it "witnessed" a phenomenal spectacle. In this holy city of the Hindus on January 14, last, there occurred a solar eclipse. Along the five miles of bathing ghats of the sacred Ganges, over a million and a quarter Hindus battled to be immersed in the stream. Hindus of inferior enlightenment believe an eclipse to be a sign of ill omen. They believe it to be caused by a ferocious demon, Hahn, who, swallowing the planet, disgorges it when so propitiated by sufficient bathing in sacred waters.

## Smallest County Is

## Great Divorce Mill

Arlington, Va.—Granting a divorce every three and a half minutes is the record being maintained by the county court at Arlington, Va., just outside of Washington, D. C. Arlington is the county seat of the smallest county in the United States.

Rivalling Reno and Paris as a divorce center, Arlington is handling hundreds of ruined love affairs because it is situated close to ample supplies of raw material—the large eastern cities.

Arlington's divorce court grinds once a week, Saturday, for four hours, during which more than 30 divorces are turned out. Long before Judge Samuel C. Brent takes his seat divorce day the courtroom is packed with petitioners.

First come, first served, is the rule. There are always more divorce applicants than can be heard before adjournment, so many have to stay over another week.

The divorce procedure is short and snappy. Desertion is the customary cause of complaint. The petitioner declares desertion has covered a period more than three years and that he has lived in Arlington one year. One witness corroborates these statements, and the divorce is granted.

That's all—except the "divorce specialist" lawyer collects a fee ranging from \$100 to \$200. And he generally has a dozen or more cases each divorce day.

## Man Without Country

## Gets "Nansen Passport"

Constantinople.—The problem of 200,000 refugees without nationality—most of them from various parts of Turkey and Armenia—will be solved, at least in part, by the adoption of a suggestion made two years ago by the Near East Relief that an international passport be issued to them by the League of Nations.

The new document will be called a "Nansen passport," and it will serve for identification purposes and for use in traveling between countries. A charge of \$2 will be made for each passport, to meet the expense of issuance and registration. The passports must be renewed annually.

Every country in Europe has a certain number of these people, who are diplomatic anomalies in being called "men without a country."

## Real Home Joy

Smile—As self-satisfied as a fellow who has just succeeded in threading a needle for his wife.—Baltimore Sun.

## Middle Ages Denied

The Middle Ages generally are considered to include the period from A. D. 476 to the beginning of the Reformation in the sixteenth century.

Cincinnati—Heavy clouds and smoke pitched Cincinnati into midnight darkness shortly after ten o'clock this morning. Street lights were turned on and automobiles were forced to run with beaming headlights. United States Meteorologist W. O. exceptionally heavy clouds caused the phenomenon, which lasted for nearly an hour.

Bucyrus—Corporations, public utilities and combines of chain stores and oil filling stations doing business in the cities of Crawford county will have to hold up their annual audit of a January 1 for several days or carry a line concerning taxes not paid. With the revolution of property in Crawford county tax duplicates have not been certified as yet, nor will they be until late January.

Columbus.—Ohio's police problem will be discussed here Tuesday when 20 members of the police committee of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce meet to consider plans for an Ohio state constabulary. The committee will seek the co-operation of farm organizations to formulate a rural police program to present at the January session of the state legislature.

Washington.—Grant B. Miller, formerly of Willard, Ohio, today was named chief postoffice inspector, succeeding Rush B. Simmons, who will be detailed as inspector at St. Paul, Minn., at his own request. The appointment is effective January 1. Miller has been inspector at Chicago and will be succeeded there by William J. Marles, now inspector at St. Paul.

New Richmond—Harold, Lindsay, merchant, and his two-year-old son, Richard, were to be taken to a Cincinnati hospital today to be treated for probably fatal burns. Lindsay was seriously burned late yesterday when he extinguished the burning clothing of the baby, which had caught fire when kerosene poured on an open fire exploded. Physicians said the baby would die.

New York.—The body of Bella Stokes, a pretty 22-year-old blonde, was discovered early today crumpled in the snow in the rear of a building at 442 West 41st st. She was, apparently, hurled to her death from a third-story window by assailants.

Police are searching "Hell's Kitchen" for two gangsters who are believed to be the murderers.

FLOODS REACH CREST TODAY:  
13 DEAD; \$1,400,000 LOSS  
(I. N. S. Dispatch)

Memphis, Tenn.—With 13 dead, hundreds homeless and property damage estimated at \$1,000,000, flood waters in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi were expected to reach their crest today.

No immediate relief was promised nearly 5,000 flood victims who were forced to leave their homes in the lowlands and it may be days before they can go back to them.

Nashville—After an all night rain of more than an inch, flood conditions grew worse here today, with the expectation that the Cumberland river would swell several feet more before it reached its crest tonight.

Approximately 3,500 are homeless in Nashville as the result of the overflowing of the Cumberland river. The property damage alone here will reach \$600,000, it was estimated.

Towns up and down the river from Nashville are inundated with business virtually suspended and rail and highway traffic demoralized.

Clarksville has more than 600 without homes; Carthage, 500; Hartsville, 10; Celina, 200 homes abandoned.

Other town along the river suffering were Lebanon, Jacksonville, Ashland City and Gainsboro.

## It Worked

San Antonio, Texas.—The latest wrinkle in jury service evasion worked like a charm in a case here. "What's your profession?" one of the attorneys asked a tale-smen. "I'm a lawyer." "Dismissed," ruled the judge.

## Heiress Goes to Work

Philadelphia.—Miss Elzior Dorrance, eighteen-year-old heiress, is pushing the time clock at 8:30 a. m. for her father's company, which makes soups. Tired of social life, she wants a business career.

## Beginning of Opera

Opera is dated from the production of "Turiddu" in Florence, Italy, in 1600.

## VIOLIN LESSONS UNDER

## MUSIC CLUB

The first lesson in violin was given yesterday, by Prof. Simpkinson of Piqua, with an enrollment of eleven pupils. The lessons are sponsored by the Covington Music Club and both parents and pupils seem very glad to take advantage of the offer. Parents are asked to send in the entire amount for the twelve lessons, which will be \$1.80.

Any who desires to enroll this coming Thursday are welcome. Pupils in advance classes will be taken separately by Prof. Simpkinson.

Prof. Simpkinson has taught for over twenty-five years, both in class and privately, and there is no mistake as to his ability.

The next lesson will be given Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. R. F. Alberty.

Voice lessons will be directed by Miss Tenny and will start when school opens. Pupils are also welcome to enter these classes, under the direction of Miss Tenny. The rate of admission is just the same in all classes fifteen cents per lesson.

## BRIDE AND GROOM BELLED!

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Wick were honored by over a hundred of their neighbors, last evening, who came for congratulations and hopes for their future happiness.

Many nice gifts were brought; also all spending a very pleasant evening together in music and games.

Mr. and Mrs. Flick served sandwiches all remaining with them until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Faun, of Indianapolis, spent Christmas day and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Killian and daughter, Miss Mildred. Christmas afternoon callers at the Killian home were Mr. Clarence Gorrell, of Chicago, Alph. Fridrich of New York City, Charles Halch and Edward Myers of Piqua. Sunday and Monday evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mannig and children, Miss Ethel and Harold.

Mrs. Killian is still unable to be up and desires to thank all friends who so kindly remembered her with cards and greetings.

## WEIGHING STATION

Miss Tisdale will meet the mothers of Covington and Pleasant Hill, Thursday, Dec. 30th. Miss Tisdale will be in Pleasant Hill in the morning and in Covington in the afternoon.

All mothers are asked to bring the little ones, Thursday.

Canton—Unless present plans of Prosecutor C. B. McClintock go awry Patrick McDermott, convicted of 1st degree murder in the death of Don R. Mellett, Canton Publisher, will be on his way to the state penitentiary within the next 24 hours.

## Markets

(I. N. S. Dispatch)

Toledo, O., Dec. 27.—Cash grain close:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 141½ and 142½.  
Corn—No. 3 yellow, 74½ and 75½.  
Oats—No. 3 white, 50 and 51½.  
Rye—No. 2, \$1.00.  
Barley—No. 2, 66c.  
Clover seed, cash (imported), bid, 20.40; domestic, \$2.75; Dec., 17.80; January 17.80; cash (imported), 21.00; March 17.85.  
Alfalfa, cash, 20.75; March 21.00.  
Timothy, cash, old, 2.65; December 2.85; February 3.00; March 3.05.

## LOCAL MARKETS

Young Leghorns 14c.  
Heavy hens 22c.  
Heavy chicks 20c.  
Leghorn Hens 14c.  
Old roosters 8c.

S. S. Rudy and Sons

Wheat 1.22 1/2  
New Corn per 100 lbs. 70 7/8  
Oats 40c

Val Decker Picking Co.

Calves 8c to 11c  
Hogs 91 1/2  
Steers 4 to 6c  
Lamb 5-11

## Grief Torn



Here are the sorrowing parents of six-year-old Walter Schmuth who was slain by Harold Croarkin in Chicago's latest brutal murder.

(International News)