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THE WEATHER

Showers and cooler tonight. Sunday generally fair and colder. Gentle, shifting winds.

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## YOUTH ADMITS SLAYING GIRL REPULSING HIM

Murder Mystery Baffling Police, Cleared Up As Student Confesses To Mean Act

Young Brunette Victim At Home

Lifeless Body Found In Bedroom With Cord Drawn Around Neck

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—(INS)—One of the many murder mysteries which have confronted police during the past 36 hours was cleared today when Vincent Rice, 17, of Haptonville, Staten Island, confessed that he had strangled Alice Jost, 15-year-old school girl, when she repulsed his advances in her home. Police said they had obtained a full confession.

Vincent told the authorities, they said, that he had been Alice's sweetheart, but that they had quarreled last Tuesday. The young girl was a sophomore in the Port Richmond High School.

The youth, son of an inspector in the street cleaning department struck Alice down when he repulsed him in the bedroom of her home, according to the confession given out.

At the time of the killing Alice's mother, Mrs. Lucie Jost, a widow, was away at work. Neighbors said that during the day they heard the girl playing the piano in her home, but when the mother returned she found her daughter's body partially hidden in the bedroom, a wire tightly wrapped about her neck.

Rice's breakdown occurred in dramatic fashion after he had been questioned all night in police headquarters and then released.

Police gave the impression that the 17 year old boy had cleared himself of suspicion, but he was secretly followed to his home by a detective, shortly before noon today, police disappeared at the Rice home and took the youth and his father to the scene of the crime.

Acting Inspector Van-Waggoner and several detectives were already there. The boy was haggard and pale as he entered the room, and clung close to his father. A few minutes later a detective emerged to announce that Vincent had confessed to the horrible crime. Stenographers were immediately summoned, and a formal confession drawn up.

The confession came just 13 hours after Mrs. Jost had entered her home to find the battered and lifeless body of her young daughter lying in bloodstained clothing and bed cloths, half under the bed.

Alice had been felled with a heavy blow by a blunt instrument, and then garroted with a length of insulated electric cord twisted tightly about her neck.

Reprinted Ballot Is Demanded By Polk County Republican

BARTOW, Fla., Nov. 3—(INS)—Florida today faced a situation of far-reaching political importance as the result of a suit filed here to complete a reprinting of Polk County election ballots.

The suit which was filed by H. R. Webster, local attorney, and Republicans congressional committee, is designed to force the county commissioners here to place the Republican electors named on the ballot instead of those of new printed-to-confuse voters of previous ballots in use in the county. People's office by those leaving the county prior to the election.

The suit, which Webster has instituted at the behest of the state's Congressional Committee, would affect 100,000 voters registered in Polk County, which normally votes 100,000 for the Democratic ticket. It is a personal Polk County election ballot, and if it is successful for the Republicans, it will give them another 100,000 votes, or the additional 100,000 votes that have

## Blow Over Head Supports Theory That Girl Burned In Furnace Was Murdered

Authorities Convinced That Elfrieda Knaak Was Attacked Before Being Burned Severely In Basement Of Police Station

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Nov. 3—(INS)—Following a report of Coronation, Mrs. Anna Taylor, that Elfrieda Knaak, 16, suffered a blow over the head, which caused concussion of the brain before the burns which proved fatal were inflicted, the investigation into the circumstances surrounding her death was intensified today on the theory that she had been murdered.

The finding of a light colored hairpin (Elfrieda was a blonde) on the stairway leading to the attic of the Lake Bluff police station, however, only added to the baffling mystery.

For authorities have come to the conclusion that the girl had been attacked and burned before she was brought to the police station. They base their deduction on tests of a girl who was found to stand unaided on the floor of the basement and insert her leg into the furnace as Elfrieda claimed she had done.

The girl connecting the experiments with the burning of the door and screamed at the top of her voice; but her cries were not heard outside, proving that the basement was precisely sound proof.

Other elements which cast

further doubt upon the victim's story that she had voluntarily placed herself upon a fiery seat for the purpose of "purification" in the police station furnace, were the failure to discover any traces of her hat, coat or other clothing in the ashes of the furnace. She was more than discovered last Monday morning and asserted she had burned her clothing in the furnace where she had sought self immolation. There had been no odor of burning flesh at the time of her discovery.

In an interview with Chat, a

W. Hitchcock, the man for whose love this girl had declared, he had sought "purification" by fire.

Elfrieda, previously repudiated her previous statements that the torture by flame had been self inflicted.

Hitchcock visited her a few

hours before her death yesterday morning, and when he asked:

"Did you mean to do this?" he was answered with the single word: "Yes."

This negative answer to a question up, which so far, mystery hinges has caused authorities to give credence to the mugging theory.

## DEMOCRATS OF COUNTY FACING CRUCIAL TEST

Hoover Seems Ahead In Rural Districts With Smith Having Lead In This City

Silent Vote Will Decide Election

Record Vote Seen In Heavy Registration And Great Interest

Wilson Appeals For Support Of Doyle-Earlton

Calls Party Nominee One Of Florida's Outstanding Figures

In an interview today with a Herald reporter, Fred R. Wilson, Sanford Attorney, who was an ardent supporter of Doyle E. Carlton in the recent Democratic primary, expressed the hope that general G. O. P. leaders would firmly assert and Democratic chicanery reluctantly but frankly admit.

Little interest centers in any

thing but the national election,

as is a foregone conclusion

that Democratic nominees for every

other office will be chosen by

able majorities. However, it is

probable that Republican candidates

for governor and congressmen

will receive more votes than

any other members of their party

seeking the same offices in past elections.

Workers in both parties are

agreed that, barring inclement

weather, Tuesday's election will

attract a record vote. There is,

however, a slight variance in their

estimates. The Democrats look for

a poll as high as 3,300 while Re-

publicans forecast a top vote of

3,000. Between 3,000 and 3,300

are considered equally probable

and the difference is not great.

There will be many other prob-

lems to be solved in the election

of the various offices.

There will be no interruption of

service. It will be "around the

clock."

State writers will interpret, anal-

ysis and classify the statistical de-

tails with broad strokes at frequent

intervals. At New York, where the

polls will be supervised by Barry

Farr, general news manager, the

general lead stories will be written

by George Holmes, chief of the

Washington bureau. William K.

Hutchinson will write editorials

articles showing the make-up of

the new Senate as revealed by the

return of the House of Representa-

tives. Raymond L. Burd will cover

Smith Headquarters and Justice A.

King will write features and color stories.

Larry Sullivan will be appointed

to Hoover headquarters at Palo

Alto, Cal.

At Washington, D. C., Duran will cover the White House and Kenneth Clark, Harry Miller and Robert S. Thernburgh will write editorial stories.

In conclusion, says Mr. Wilso-

n, "I want to say that I believe

and hope that Spokane

County will again be found in the

Carlton column by a tremendous

majority and I know he will

have no cause to regret having

helped to elect this splendid

native son to the highest office in

the gift of the people.

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## BANDITS GET PAYROLL

NEW CASTLE, Ind., Nov. 3—(INS)—The first payroll robbery in the history of this city was staged at the office of the Traylor National Spring Factory today when three bandits terrorized seven officers and employees of the manufacturing company and escaped with two weeks' payroll amounting to about \$1,000.

However, the motion has not been presented to a court judge yet, and Du Frank Enright, the defense attorney, planned to privately question Harsh at the fall term.

In the midst of the examination of Harsh, it was learned from Misses, his former home, that his father, the late George Harsh, a millionaire shoe manufacturer, died seven years ago, and the victim of a brain tumor.

The trial of the youth has been indefinitely set for next Monday, Nov. 11, when he is to be tried in connection with the robbery of the bank in which he was born.

He was born in the same house in which he was born, and the family moved to the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, when he was about 10 years old.

He was educated in the public schools of Indianapolis, and graduated from the University of Indiana.

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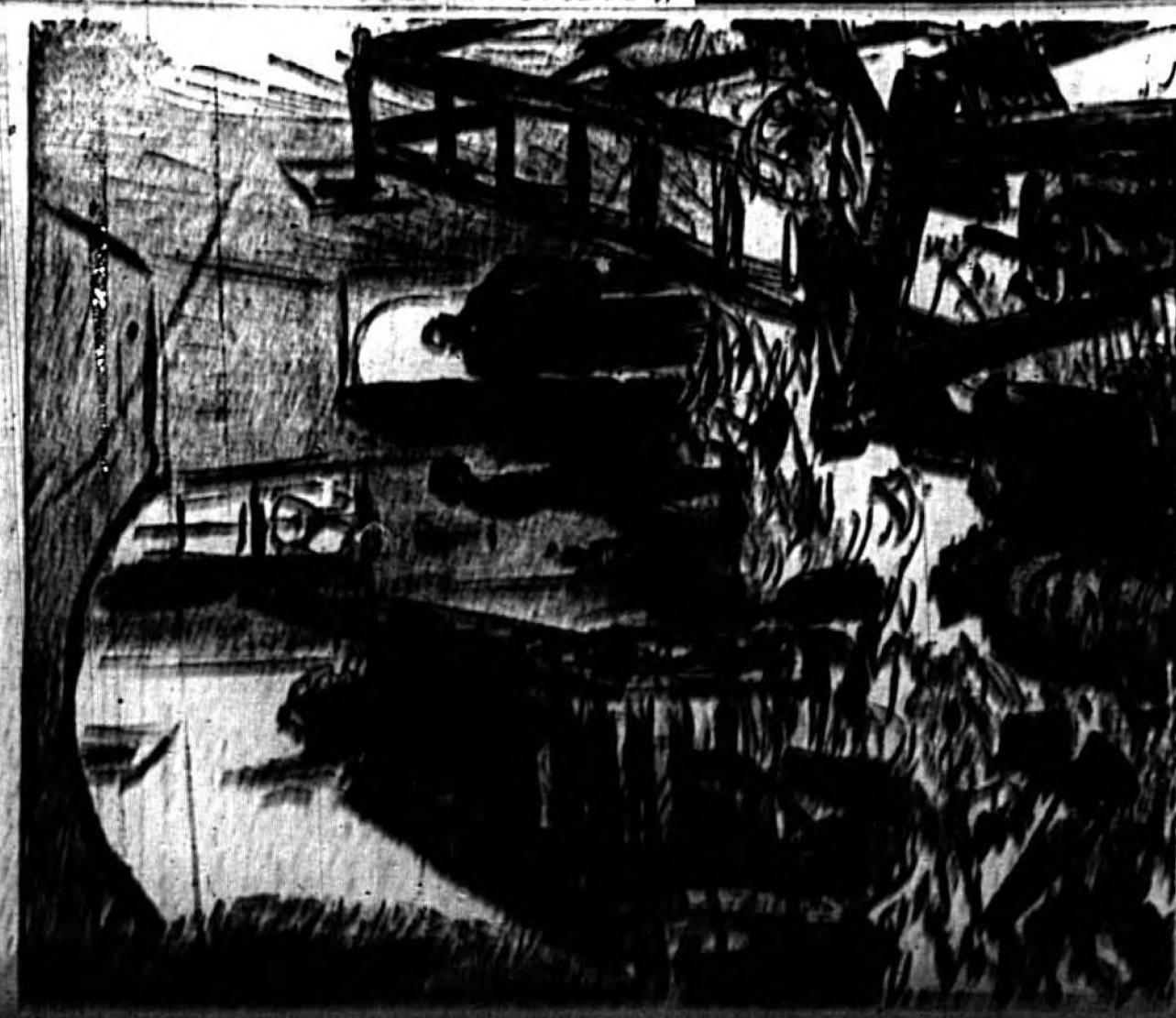
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## EVERYDAY MOVIES



New York Stock Exchange Reports

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## Broadway's Electric Cat Inspires Girl

Crusaders in Fight for Literal Bible

Tells of Developing Company Is Abroad

Chrysler Engineer Head Of Chandler

Who Will Win Election?

TELEGRAMS

TO FOURTH DISTRICT VOTERS

The opportunity for you to exercise your franchise in the election of members of Congress is now upon us.





