

Moline-East Moline, Ill.

THE DAILY DISPATCH: TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 13, 1951.

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Is Sentenced to 14 Years For Murder of Bartender

William Riddell, 27, of 814 LeClaire street, Davenport, pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon in circuit court to the murder of William Powers, 24, Rock Island, last October and was sentenced to 14 years in an Illinois penitentiary by Judge A. J. Scheinman.

In sentencing Riddell to the minimum penalty provided by state statutes on a murder charge, Judge Scheinman said he was taking into consideration the fact Riddell confessed to the fatal shooting against an innocent man.

The judge was referring to a quirk of circumstances which linked a Rock Island man, Richard J. Quilty, 24, to the shooting. Quilty was arrested and charged with the slaying prior to Riddell's confession.

According to State Atty. General J. Morris, Riddell, with good behavior, can reduce the 14-year sentence to eight years and three months.

In anger, intoxication Yesterday's trial, delayed for almost three hours, was concluded in a half hour once it got under way. Atty. Herman H. Rimmerman, selected to represent Riddell yesterday morning, accepted Rimmerman's account of the case with only a plea for leniency.

"I don't feel in my heart that I was responsible because of intoxication," Rimmerman asserted.

"If the defendant is granted the minimum penalty, it will be a long time to atone for a mistake which might have gone one way or the other in a period of five to 10 minutes," Rimmerman asserted.

When Judge Scheinman asked the defendant if he had any statement to make prior to the formal sentence being pronounced, Riddell replied:

"I don't feel in my heart that I was responsible because of intoxication," Rimmerman asserted.

"Drunkness doesn't excuse murder or any other crime. However, since the crime grew out of a brawl and an insult, which undoubtedly aroused anger and possibly rage, this crime can not be

classified as one of the worst types of offenses," the judge declared.

At the opening of the trial, Riddell, who previously had pleaded not guilty, withdrew the plea and then entered a plea of guilty.

In a brief summary of the case, Moran related that Powers, then co-manager of the New Diamond night club, 1815 Second avenue, Rock Island, died October 16 of ten shot wounds from a .25-caliber rifle the previous day.

He told how Riddell on October 17 learned of the death of Powers and that Quilty was charged with the murder. He recounted that Riddell first went to the Scott county attorney to confess and then came to Rock Island county and also confessed.

He quoted Riddell as saying he had become involved in an argument with Powers, working as a bartender, and was ejected from the tavern.

According to the state's attorney, Riddell said he went to his car parked on Nineteenth street, drove in front of the tavern, but on the opposite side of the avenue, and fired at a man in a white shirt when he came to the door.

Had Neurosis Circumstances linked Quilty to the case when police uncovered evidence that Quilty, also in the tavern the night, had threatened Powers and told a cab driver he was going home to "get a gun to take care of the fellow."

Police found Quilty actually had a .25-caliber pistol and had fired one shot from it.

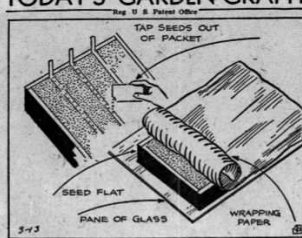
It later was learned the shot was fired in Quilty's bedroom and he then had fallen asleep.

Moran said ballistic tests linked Riddell's rifle and not Quilty's pistol to the murder.

Riddell, formerly employed at the Oscar Mayer Packing company, Davenport, served five years with the navy and then entered the army as a technical sergeant.

State's Attorney Moran said he was discharged in November, 1948, after six months service in the army. The medical discharge was attributed to "anxiety neurosis." Riddell is married.

TODAY'S GARDEN-GRAPH



Safety-First for Seeds Started Indoors
By DEAN HALLIDAY
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Certain safety-first measures are necessary for the success of seeds planted indoors, and these protective measures should be taken before the seedlings make their appearance.

When sowing seeds in flats, distribute them as evenly as possible. The tendency of the average home gardener is to sow seeds too thickly. This causes over-crowding of the seedlings and predisposes to "damping off," a disease caused by fungus parasites which destroy the young plants.

One of the best ways to sow seeds of average size is shown in the accompanying garden-graph. Cut off the corner of the seed packet and then "tap" out the

seeds, one or two at a time, as illustrated. Seeds sown in a flat should be evenly covered with soil. Very fine seeds are merely pressed down

into the soil. Label the rows for identification. After the seeds have been planted the flat should be watered from the bottom up. Set the flat in a tub or large container holding about one inch of water. When the soil on top of the flat becomes moist, lift the flat out of the water and place it in a room with a steady temperature of 65 degrees. A pane of glass placed over the top of the flat, as illustrated, helps to keep the surface of the soil from becoming too dry. If the glass is slightly ajar to allow for circulation of air, place a sheet of wrapping paper over the glass, as shown. This provides warmth and darkness for the seeds.

B. A. Shearer Estate Is Listed at \$20,000

The widow and a son and daughter are named heirs to a \$20,000 estate of Bruce A. Shearer, 61, Moline insurance man, who died March 3, according to terms of his will filed for probate today in county probate court.

As provided by the will, dated Jan. 23, 1950, a son, John W., and daughter, Mrs. Cleve L. Sayers,

are to receive an equal life interest in the stock of the B. A. Shearer agency in Moline.

Also under terms of the will, the widow, Mrs. Minnie L. Shearer, and the son and daughter are to share equally in all other real estate and personal property, the latter valued at excess of \$10,000.

Mrs. Shearer, under provisions of the will, also is to receive a \$27 a week salary for the remainder of her life from the Shearer agency.

Davenport Y. W. C. A. basketball team defeated the Moline Y. W. C. A. team, 28 to 23, last night in the Moline gym. High scorers were Mary Anderson of Moline, with 16, and Wanda Schreck of Davenport, with 15.

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Cooking's Fun!

By CECIL BROWNSTONE

LENTEN SUPPER
Spaghetti with Curried Shrimp Sauce
Tossed Green Salad
Stewed Fruit French Bread
Beverage
(Recipe for Starred Dish Follows)

SPAGHETTI WITH CURRIED SHRIMP SAUCE

Ingredients: One 8-ounce package spaghetti, one 10½-ounce can condensed mushroom soup, 1½ cups (1 tall can) evaporated milk, one 7-ounce can shrimp or ½ pound fresh cooked shrimp (cleaned), 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 teaspoon curry powder, paprika, parsley.

Method: Cook spaghetti until tender according to directions on package. Meanwhile blend soup and milk. Add shrimp and heat to serving temperature over low heat, stirring often. Mix lemon juice with curry. When ready to serve, stir lemon juice-curry mixture into shrimp sauce and blend well. Add salt to taste. Serve shrimp sauce on mounds of hot spaghetti. Sprinkle with paprika and garnish with parsley. Makes 4 servings.

LEVANDER SPEARS
Theodore Levander, associate professor of speech at Augustana college, gave the principal address at the observance of scholarship recognition day in Monmouth college this morning. The convocation, sponsored by Omicron Sigma Phi honor society, was in honor of students who have been elected to the scholastic group.



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