

33-Year-Old Falmouth Mother Of Four Charged With Murder In Stabbing Of Husband

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A 33-year-old Falmouth mother of four died of stab wounds Friday afternoon at Maine Medical Center and his wife immediately was charged with murder.

Police said James S. McGowan Jr., of 11 Washington Ave. Extension, died of a knife wound that entered his left side, puncturing internal organs.

His wife, Theresa, 31, pleaded innocent in District Court here Friday afternoon, and Judge Mark L. Barrett ordered her case continued from day-to-day for hearing. She was held in county jail without bail.

Police said the stabbing took place at the McGowan's Highland Lake cottage Thursday night.

County Attorney Earl J. Wahl said McGowan was returning from a week-long hunting trip Thursday evening when he stopped at a neighboring cottage on the lake.

McGowan's wife was at the McGowan cottage with the

couple's four children cleaning the cottage for the winter, the county attorney said.

McGowan left his neighbor's cabin for his own cottage but returned shortly holding his abdomen, investigators said. He sat down in a chair and immediately fell to the floor, calling for an ambulance, according to police.

He was taken to the hospital by police, where he underwent four hours of surgery.

State police said they found Mrs. McGowan shortly afterward sitting on a couch in her living room before the fire.

Wahl said the weapon with which McGowan was stabbed was a kitchen knife with a 7 1/2-inch serrated blade.

Leading the investigation late Friday afternoon at the dark brown, recently winterized McGowan cottage, Wahl said one of the couple's children was reported to have witnessed the stabbing.

HE SAID the children, ranging from two to eight, were in a second floor loft at the time.

State Police found blood



James S. McGowan Jr., victim of the kitchen fire, was in a second floor loft at the time.

Wahl said she had suffered

a bruise on her chin and a chest scratch. He said Mrs. McGowan told him they were the result of a fall.

McGowan operated a seafood store and salaried business. J and J Seafood.

The four McGowan children are being cared for by Ernest Smith at his South Portland home. He has five children.

The McGowan cottage, called "Husband Lodge" was built in 1952 and was full of articles of marine salvage including ships' bunks, galley, wicker, wicker, and ammunition containers.

Besides his widow, McGowan is survived by his mother, Mrs. Viola McGowan, 161 Pearl St., two daughters, Tammy, 8, Kimberly, 6, two sons, James Jr., 3 and Kevin, 2, and a brother, Richard W. of Massachusetts.



Mrs. Theresa M. McGowan, center, of Falmouth, walks to District Court Friday for arraignment on a charge of murdering her husband, James S. McGowan Jr., at their Windham cottage. Accompanying her are Sheriff Charles Sharpe and Mrs. Celia Sawyer, assistant jail matron.

Accused

By Staff Photographer JAMES

Johnson Has Doctors Enthusiased Following Successful Operation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson underwent a 2 1/2-hour operation Friday and his doctors were reported enthusiastically about a presidential performance which included a few slow steps less than five hours after surgery.

Johnson said he felt some discomfort but "I think I'm in good shape." His doctors agreed. One of them said the operation went beautifully.

Within three hours of the operation's completion, at 9:15 a.m. White House press secretary Bill D. Moyers said he believed Johnson able to make any presidential decision that might be necessary.

Johnson, who went into surgery at 6:15 a.m., Johnson began their work 45 minutes later. They were finished at 9:15.

The President was partially awake and able to follow instructions, "I visited with him and carried on a conversation at 11." He told me that he thought the doctors had done a splendid job, that he was of course in some discomfort, that he would be glad when he got to his room.



View of the press room at the Bethesda Naval Hospital Friday after the announcement that President Johnson's operation was a "complete success."

Teachers Given Warning On Raising of Children

By MARION ROBERTO
Staff Reporter

A record 8,732 members of the Maine Teachers Association wound up their 63rd annual convention here Friday after being warned that American children are brought up on the "concept of aloneness."

some people think more of furniture and wall-to-wall carpets than they do of their children," she said.

Parents have a job too, she said. They must teach attitudes of responsibility, and set the standards for today's youth. A mother can't punish her child for telling a lie, and then ask her child to tell someone on the other end of the phone that "he's not home," Dr. Alperfeld said.

Children must be taught behaviors and beliefs that won't have to be changed as they grow older.

Hospital Press Room

View of the press room at the Bethesda Naval Hospital Friday after the announcement that President Johnson's operation was a "complete success."

'Rather Difficult Assignment,' Reports Humphrey On Role As LBJ Stand-In

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey did his best Friday to stay out of the limelight and hang a "business as usual" sign on the Johnson administration.

Humphrey acknowledged his role as a stand-by President while the President was having his gall bladder removed, and for the uncertain period afterward, was not usual.

Humphrey said he was "rather difficult assignment."

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FIRST REFUGEES to leave Cuba under Fidel Castro's "open door" policy tell of a "hysteria about the possibility" of getting out of Communist island, Page 2.

NEGROES MARCH on courthouse in Crawfordville as leaders in Atlanta reject truce move, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to visit Crawfordville on Monday, Page 2.

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Indonesian Youths Burn Communist Headquarters

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesian demonstrators Friday burned the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) headquarters to the ground and shouted "Long live America!"

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2 Persons Die In Auto Accident

HOULTON (AP) — Two persons were dead and a third reported in satisfactory condition at Houlton hospital Friday evening after the car the trio was riding in smashed into a bridge over a creek on U. S. Route 2A and was demolished.

U.S., Aussie Troops Use Tear Gas To Flush Cong

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. paratroopers and Australian infantrymen used nonlethal tear gas Friday to flush out elusive Viet Cong guerrillas in a sweep through the Communist "iron triangle" of Salween, 20 miles northwest of Saigon.

Prayer For Today

Our Father, we thank Thee for the good men and women in our communities, who give of their time and abilities to minister to the needy and underprivileged. We pray for them and all who unselfishly share their gifts with those who have none to give, and we ask that their efforts to enlighten others in noble causes may meet with co-operation and success. May those servants whose ministry in some times overlooked and unappreciated, be encouraged and challenged to continue their good works in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Today's Chuckle

It's amazing how many people go into mental combat, every day — completely unarmed.

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