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**CARNES SLEW SELF, DECISION**

Widow Returns From Indiana; Tells Of Domestic Troubles

Suicide is the verdict reached by Charles Wilson, chief assistant prosecutor, in the investigation of the death of Clayton E. Carnes. The case took a new angle Monday with the voluntary return to Birmingham of the widow who had been in South Bend, Ind.

Mrs. Carnes was sought for more than a week by police who wanted to question her concerning a quick departure from Detroit the night before her husband was found shot to death in his rooms at 251 north Bates street, April 12.

Police were unable to locate the woman in South Bend. When she heard they were looking for her, she returned, however, and made the statement.

She said she was afraid of her husband who had been in ill health and threatened her. She went to South Bend, she said, to be away from him. The widow did not know of the shooting until informed by Sergt. Edward Myers of the Birmingham police department Monday when he accompanied her from South Bend.

**TRACK TEAM BOWS TO MT. CLEMENS**

Baldwin tracksters bowed to Mt. Clemens yesterday afternoon on a rainy field in the Bath City by a score of 74 to 49. It was the first meet of the season for Birmingham.

Four firsts were chalked up by the Baldwin men. Fortius came first in the 100 and 220 yard dashes and Berger copped the pole vault. The half-mile relay team headed out Mr. Clemens by a comfortable margin. It is composed of York, Portius, Rollins and Welch.

The next scheduled meet is with Grosse Pointe, May 4.

**GROUP AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR**

For his group, "John and Mary at the Cross," which will be placed on the north side of Christ Church, Cranbrook, Urie Elterhusen was awarded the gold medal of honor for sculpture by the New York Architectural League at its annual exhibition last week at the Grand Central Palace, New York.

Marriages in France increased by 2,000 last year, while there were 300 more divorces.

**AFTER 25 YEARS**  
Old Gang—Now Prominent Citizens—Gathers For First Time In Quarter Century



In the picture are Roy Monier, Judge Merrill Otis, Judge G. A. Roberts, Col. Roy Godsey, Henry L. Jost.

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"Judge Merrill E. Otis," that invitation went to the old gang from the home town, and here's its record—not bad for a bunch of boys who sipped watermelons:

Roy Monier, state grain and warehouse commissioner for Missouri.

Col. Roy Godsey, publicity director for the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

Henry L. Jost, former mayor of Kansas City and former representative in congress.

And Judge Otis.

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Later those five boys came to Kansas City and never happened to be together at one time in the last 25 years. All of them became men of affairs.

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**STEWART THINKS STIMSON'S JOB WILL BE MAINLY TAKING ORDERS**

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
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Washington.—"Please, Mr. Secretary, go through the motions of signing your name," said about a dozen newspaper photographers to Col. (another cabinet colonel) Henry L. Stimson the other day, following the colonel's swearing-in as head of the state department.

The new secretary obligingly picked up a pen and traced it across a blotter, while the cameramen move and shift shot pictures galore of the operation.

Cynical folk say it was a significant ceremony.

The impression in Washington is that President Hoover means to be "his own secretary of state." Even so, somebody else has to wear a title and "go through the motions."

Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg, who stepped out as Colonel Stimson stepped in, had an official mind of his own.

He may have made mistakes but he was no rubber stamp.

He had opinions and policies. President Coolidge occasionally overruled him but he acted on his individual initiative in the first place. For instance, he nearly got us into war with Mexico. The president stopped him at the last minute; nevertheless he did require stopping.

The other members of President Hoover's cabinet are specialists in their various lines of business.

Secretary of War Good and Postmaster General Brown supposedly were given their portfolios because they are more experienced politicians than Mr. Hoover himself and he needs them, to advise him.

The president not only asks Attorney General Mitchell to solve his legal problems for him, but does as Mitchell tells him to do.

Nobody understands financial technique like Secretary Mellon.

Secretary of the Navy Adams is a practical sailorman, and Secretary of Labor Davis carries a union card.

Secretary of Commerce Lamont is perhaps as able an engineer as his chief. Secretary of the Interior Wilbur's department deals, among other things, with education—and Dr. Wilbur is one of the foremost educators in the world. Secretary of Agriculture Hyde may not know how to relieve the farmers, however, neither does Mr. Hoover. He says frankly that he is leaving that to congress.

All these cabinet members are in a position to make suggestions to the president—to explain matters to him that they are better acquainted with than he is.

With foreign affairs he is far more familiar than Secretary

Stimson. Schemingly the latter's job will be simply to obey orders.

The colonel is a peppy-appearing individual. He has an air of extraordinary vigor. When Chief Justice Taft swore him in he shouted "I do" in a tone that had the rafters ring. The impression he gave was that the word "I do" amounted to a very original utterance.

The new secretary is lean and extremely erect-solidly.

He smiles a fixed, mechanical smile, with no particular mirth in it.

He and retiring Secretary Kellogg, lined up alongside, presented a decided contrast.

Kellogg is very small in stature—up to 5 feet 7 inches—60 years old. He looks his 70-odd years.

Stimson does not look his 60-odd. Without being especially tall, he makes the most of all the stature he does possess.

Kellogg is sentimental. He cried.

Stimson is the hard-boiled type—as if thumbcrews could not wring a tear out of him.

The colonel spent his first few days, just back from the Philippines, as President Hoover's guest at the White House, which is a great honor—but pretty hard work maybe.

The president, according to executive office chat, gave him a

mighty intensive course of training in his secretarial duties.

That, of course, was the idea back of the invitation.

It was not a purely social visit. Official business was its main purpose.

Incidentally the colonel had to get up an hour or two ahead of his usual time in the morning to play medicine ball with his host; Secretary Wilbur, Doc Boone and other members of Mr. Hoover's athletic cabinet.

Stimson was to have stayed a week at the executive mansion, as originally scheduled, but he cut it short by several days, for some reason or other, and moved into a hotel—until he has time to rent a home of his own and set up housekeeping with his family.

Query—

Had he had about as much of the White House as he could stand, for one while?

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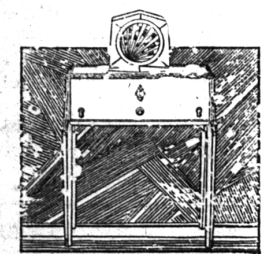
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**"Pie" TRAYNOR**

"Pie" Traynor, Pittsburgh third baseman, and one of the best in the league at the hot corner, is trying to switch back to the short-stop position, the post he held before breaking into the National league in 1921. He has played there occasionally for the Pirates, and in great style, but whether he can readjust himself to that position permanently after so many years at third remains to be seen.