



RALPH E. DUFFY
10 Years in City Government

Revenue Agents Resume Check Of City Area

Nineteen Internal Revenue agents of the Worcester division today resumed their door-to-door check for tax evaders. Eleven are working where they left off last month on Main and Front street. The others are working in county areas. They will resume checking Monday. In addition to Worcester, houses and business districts in Webster, Southbridge, Spencer, Westboro, Warren, Uxbridge, Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner, Clinton, Athol and Ayer are being checked to ferret out delinquent federal income taxpayers.

Federal tax collecting officials said the drive will continue for an indefinite period during the last few days of each month.

The first canvass was made the end of last month after which authorities said about \$20 was collected in delinquent taxes for each \$1 spent on the drive.

The system is for agents to pick out residences and businesses at random and ask for proof that a federal income tax form was filled when it was due last March.

Townsend in England, Princess in Scotland

LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP) — RAF Group Capt. Peter Townsend flew to England today from his post as air attache in the British embassy in Brussels, where the British press said he was "exiled" in July to thwart a romance with Princess Margaret. The princess is vacationing in Scotland with the royal family.

The 39-year-old divorced father of two served as royal equerry for Queen Elizabeth II and the queen mother before he was assigned to the Belgian capital. He was often seen in the company of the princess and rumors flew that the two were in love.

Townsend was called to London for an air ministry conference of air attaches from British embassies in several countries. He is scheduled to return to Brussels soon.

... Duffy continued today the reports and said he has definitely decided against seeking another term.

Elected in 1942

The president and treasurer of the George E. Duffy Mfg. Co., began his career in city government in the old Common Council, in 1942. After two years in the Council, he served four years in the Board of Aldermen as Republican representative from Ward 10.

He did not seek re-election in 1947, but two years later, entered municipal affairs again by winning a seat in Worcester's first Plan E Council. He was re-elected for a second term two years ago.

Mr. Duffy has been closely associated with the vast public works program carried out in the city during the last three and a half years.

As chairman of the Council's public works committee, his three-member group passed on millions of dollars worth of improvements to the city's streets, water and sewer system.

Important Post

Chairmanship of the committee has been one of the most important and time consuming posts in the Plan E Council, combining, as it has, the work that formerly was divided among three committees under the old city charter.

Thus far, Mr. Duffy is the only member of the present Council who has said he will not run again.

Besides his activities in municipal government, Mr. Duffy has played a prominent part in the city's civic and business life. He is a trustee of Mechanics Savings Bank and of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, has served as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Bureau, and is a former president of the Worcester Area Council, Boy Scouts.

Wellesley Blonde Reported Missing

MARBLEHEAD, Aug. 28 (UP) Miss Penelope Protze, 18-year-old blonde from Wellesley Hills, was reported missing here today.

Police said the girl had been working at the Eastern Yacht Club on Marblehead Neck. Tuesday night, she left by bicycle to visit an aunt, Miss Emily Thorner, here.

When she failed to arrive, Miss Thorner assumed she had gone home to Wellesley Hills.

A checkup disclosed that she had disappeared.

The girl was described in a police broadcast as "an attractive, blue-eyed blonde with wavy hair; five feet six inches tall, 135 pounds."

Miss Protze is the second Wellesley girl to be reported missing this week. The other, Miss Sylvia Plath, 20, Smith College student, was found in the cellar of her own home after an organized search.

Nantucket Sound.

McDonald Girl Pleads Not Guilty

May Escape Trial In First Degree; Meets Father

SOMERVILLE, Aug. 28 (AP) — Mildred McDonald, 25, the stenographer who admitted she killed the young sister of a man who left her to marry another, may not have to undergo a first degree murder trial.

That indication was given last night by Middlesex County Dist. Atty. George E. Thompson, a man who would have to prosecute her.

He said, from his Vermont vacation spot, that he had just completed studying "all aspects of the case and I am convinced the ends of justice will not be served by attempting to send this girl to the electric chair."

Thompson added: "This is a terrible tragedy involving two substantial, highly respected families of the community. The public is shocked by it. I will not seek a first degree murder indictment nor shall I press for capital punishment for her."

Thompson's statement to reporters followed a day filled with developments that were heartbreaking to both families involved—that of Miss McDonald and that of Mary DiRocco, 14, who died from five bullet wounds, superficial throat slashes and burns from newspapers that were piled around her and set afire.

Hundreds at Funeral

Hundreds of persons attended the funeral of Mary DiRocco yesterday a few hours before Miss McDonald was brought back from New York and arraigned on a first degree murder charge.

Mrs. Angelo DiRocco, the victim's mother, bordered on collapse at the graveside but nonetheless sobbed out her forgiveness to the frail accused slayer.

"God, forgive her," she cried. "I forgive her."

About four hours later and a few miles away, Miss McDonald was reunited with her father for a few minutes at the courthouse.

Her father, Alfred McDonald, a Somerville junior high school teacher, had been waiting for her to be brought here by train from New York, where she was arrested Tuesday, the day after Mary was slain in the DiRocco home.

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HOME AFT

Cecile Forand, 7, in wheelchair of Mr. and Mrs. Armand of 210 Constitution avenue home today after 11 weeks

TORNADO VICTIM V

Seriously Celebrate

By JAMES R

A cute, brown-eyed young girl celebrated at her homecoming party. It wasn't done with rollers with other youngsters on the floor. Cecile Forand, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand A. Forand of 210 Constitution avenue, did it with crutches. She took 10 steps, almost the length of the family's new living room.

Except for once in The Memorial Hospital when with the aid of a nurse she first stood on the crutches, these were the first steps she had taken since June 9.

Was Seriously Injured

Cecile was one of the most seriously injured of the children hospitalized by the tornado. One leg had been seriously mangled and the other badly gashed.

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