

SWEETHEARTS TO WED AFTER 63 YEAR LAPSE

DETROIT (AP) — George Archibald and his girl, Edna, got engaged in 1903, the year the Wright brothers made their first successful flight. They plan to get married next month, 63 years, separate marriages for each and a serious illness later.

Archibald, 82, a widower, and Mrs. Edna Hopkins, 80, a widow, have taken out a marriage licence. They plan to marry here April 2.

They met in 1901 in Bloomville, N.Y. He was 17. She was 15. They became engaged in 1903.

Archibald became a railroad man and seldom got to Bloomville.

"Then his letters stopped coming, recalled Mrs. Hopkins. "I kept hoping for a couple of years, but then gave up."

Archibald said he didn't write because he had been stricken with polio and didn't want to "have her marry a cripple." It took him two years to recover.

In 1908, Edna married Arthur Hopkins. Later, on the same day she left on her honeymoon, Archibald arrived at her home to claim his bride. He left alone and three years later married his wife, Ora. She died in 1963. Mrs.

Hopkins' husband died in 1962. In the years between, Mrs. Hopkins had come to the Detroit area where her husband had a job. Archibald travelled the country for a now defunct auto company and then later ran a service station at Vestal, N.Y.

Once on a trip to Detroit Archibald saw Mrs. Hopkins. "GOT COLD FEET"

"I saw a woman and her daughter on the street," Archibald said. "My heart stopped. It was Edna. I wanted to speak, but I got cold feet."

The couple was brought together again by a cousin of Mrs. Hopkins. They began to write. Last summer they met in Bloomville for the first time in 63 years.

"He had changed," Mrs. Hopkins said. "But it was the same old smile, the same old disposition. I was so pleased."

"We didn't have to say anything," said Archibald. "After all, I popped the question 63 years ago."

They probably won't go on a honeymoon, said Mrs. Hopkins, because "I don't think we have enough money for that."

But it doesn't matter. "We figure we have 5 or 10 years, maybe, even 20," said Mrs. Hopkins.

Something Funny Going On Truscott's Mother Declares

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Mrs. Daniel Truscott, mother of Steven Truscott, 21, who is serving a life term for the murder of a 12-year-old girl seven years ago, says she believes something funny is going on.

She said here four psychiatrists have seen her son recently and she and her husband are worried.

While Mrs. Truscott visited her son, his father, Warrant Officer Daniel Truscott, of Richmond, near Ottawa, called Allan MacLeod, the commissioner of penitentiaries, Tuesday to protest the rush of psychiatrists.

Steven has served almost seven years for the 1959 strangling of Lynne Harper, 12, of Clinton, Ont. Public interest in his case has been spotlighted by publication of the book *The Trial of Steven Truscott* in which Toronto writer Isabel LeBourdais says he is innocent. Steven, 14 at the time, has maintained he is innocent.

Mrs. Truscott said she and her husband are particularly worried about the psychiatrists because of an earlier suggestion by a psychiatrist at Collins Bay Penitentiary that Steven go for treatment to Penetanguishene Hospital for the criminally insane.

that their son was under pressure to change his steadfast story of innocence.

Mrs. Truscott said Steven hadn't been allowed to read the book by Mrs. LeBourdais. A copy was taken to the penitentiary last week by his brother, Kenneth, 23, of Montreal.

Warden Fred Smith said Wednesday that it is against prison regulations for prisoners to have access to books other than those in the prison library.

Warden Smith said suggestions that Truscott may have been pressured to admit guilt of the murder are nonsense.

He called Mrs. Truscott earlier this week to come and visit her son. "I was worried about the effect all this pressure might have on the boy."

Mrs. Truscott said the warden told her her son was upset over the publicity and campaign for a review of the case caused by the book.

She drove the 100 miles from her home to Kingston but said she found Steven his usual healthy, unworried self.

PROTEST TO OTTAWA
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Jurors From Truscott Trial Held Picnic Following Year

CLINTON, Ont. (CP) — The jurors at the trial of Steven Truscott held a picnic the year after they found the 14-year-old boy guilty of the strangling of 12-year-old Lynne Harper here in 1959.

The picnic, some of the jurors said, was meant to be an annual event so their wives and children could get to know each other on a social basis.

"After all, we got to know each other pretty well in the two weeks we were locked up together at the trial and we thought our wives and kids should get together too," said juror Wilmer Dalrymple, a farmer at Hensall near here.

Young Truscott now is serving a life sentence for the crime, which he has maintained he did not commit.

Speaking of the jury picnic, the wife of jury foreman Clarence McDonald of Exter said it was just a simple affair at Goderich at which the men played baseball.

Juror Anson Coleman, an elderly retired farmer from Clinton, said the original idea was to have a picnic every year. But the first one was never repeated.

Asked to comment on a just-published book by Toronto writer Isabel LeBourdais which maintains Steven Truscott is innocent of the crime, juror Dave Kyle described the book as "laughable."

"Truscott was guilty on all of the evidence and the Appeal Court bore us out," said Mr. Kyle. "What's she trying to do?"

view he was convinced Truscott was guilty because among other things he did not appear in the witness box in his own defence. "I'd like to have seen him and his father in that box," Mr. Coleman said. "All I can say is if Truscott didn't do it, who did?"

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