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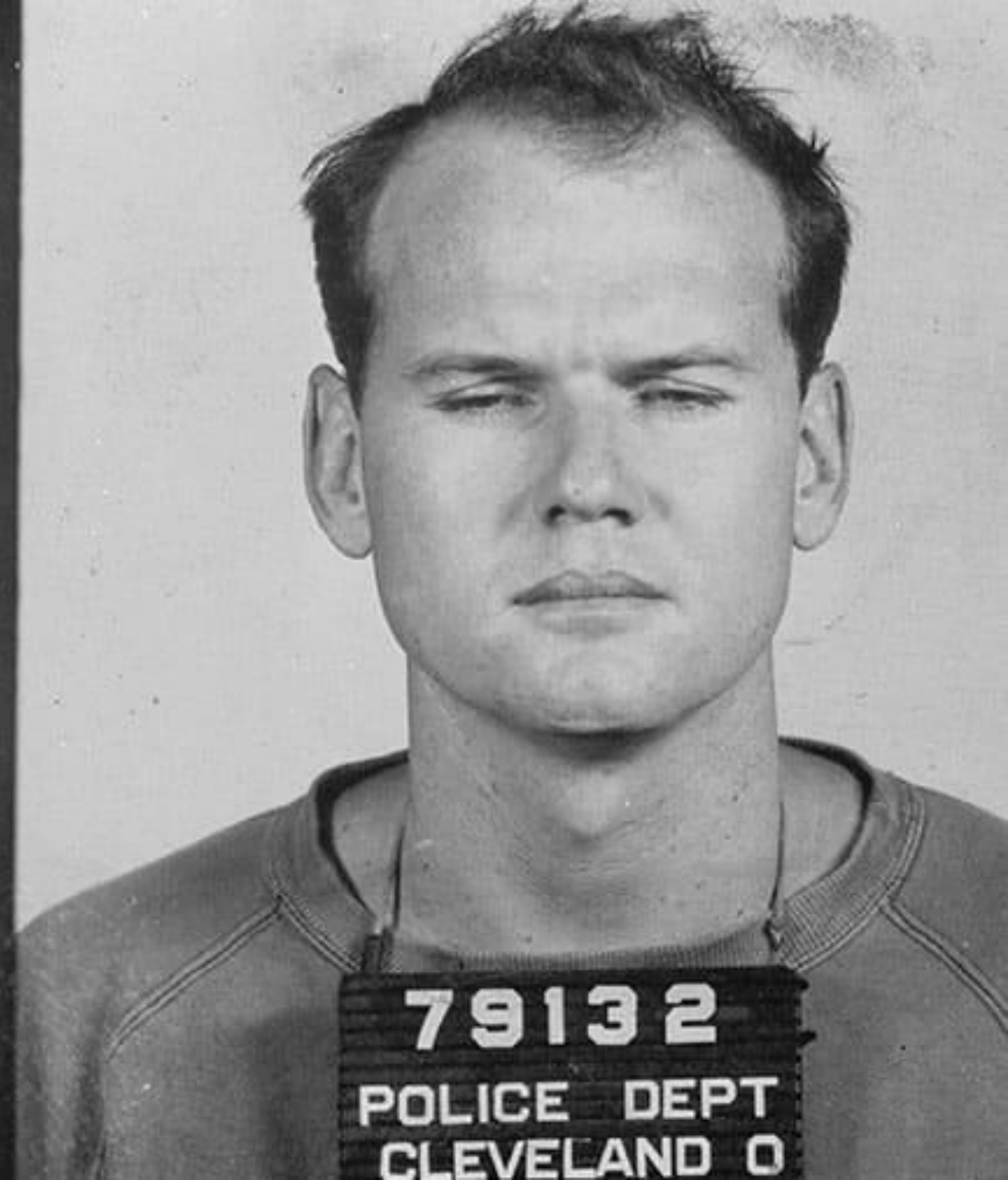












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Somebody Is Getting Away With Murder

AN EDITORIAL

What's the matter with the law enforcement authorities of Cuyahoga County?

Have they lost their sense of reason?—or at least inexcusably set aside the realization of what they are hired to do, and for whom they work?

If ever a murder case was studded with fumbling, halting, stupid, uncooperative bungling—politeness to people whose place in this situation completely justified vigorous searching, prompt and effective police work—the Sheppard case has them all.

Was the murder of Mrs. Sheppard a polite matter? Did the killer make a dutiful bow to the authorities and then proceed brutally to destroy the young child-bearing wife?

Why all of this sham, hypocrisy, politeness, criss-

crossing of pomp and protocol in this case?

Who is trying to deceive whom?

From the very beginning of this case—from the first hour that the murder became known to the authorities by a telephone call from the husband to the town mayor—from that moment on and including this, the case has been one of the worst in local crime history.

Of course the trail is cold. Of course the clues have been virtually erased by the killer. Of course the whole thing is botched up so badly that head or tail cannot be made of it.

In the background of this case are friendships, relationships, hired lawyers, a husband who ought to have been subjected instantly to the same third-degree to which any other person under similar circumstances

is subjected, and a whole string of special and bewildering extra-privileged courtesies that should never be extended by authorities investigating a murder—the most serious, and sickening crime of all.

The spectacle of a whole community watching a batch of law enforcement officials fumbling around, stumbling over one another, bowing and scraping in the presence of people they ought to be dealing with just as firmly as any other persons in any other crime—that spectacle is not only becoming a stench but a serious threat to the dignity of law enforcement itself.

Coroner Sam Gerber was never more right than when yesterday he said that the killer must be laughing secretly at the whole spectacle—the spectacle of a community of a million and a half people brought to

indignant frustration by Mrs. Sheppard's killer in that white house out in Bay Village.

Why shouldn't he chuckle? Why shouldn't he cover up, shut up, conceal himself behind the circle of protecting people?

What's the matter with us in Cuyahoga County? Who are we afraid of? Why do we have to kow-tow to a set of circumstances and people where a murder has been committed?

It's time that somebody smashed into this situation and tore aside this restraining curtain of sham, politeness and hypocrisy and went at the business of solving a murder—and quit this nonsense of artificial politeness that has not been extended to any other murder case in generations.



BAY COUNCIL TO ASK CITY AID IN MURDER







CLEVELAND — Partly cloudy today, increasing cloudiness tonight. Expected high today 34, low tonight 20.

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SHEPPARD GUILTY GETS LIFE; INNOCENT. DOCTOR INSISTS

QUAKE DAMAGES WEST COAST TOWN, TOSSES MAN TO DEATH IN POOL

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Susan mum on conviction; Dr.

Score Injured; Damage Exceeds Million in Temblor

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 21—(AP)—This northern California lumber port city and logging towns around it were violently shaken just before noon by a two-minute rolling earthquake that caused one death.

At least 20 persons were slightly injured. The damage exceeded a million dollars.

The sudden shock at 11:57 a. m. P. S. T. (2:57 p. m. E. S. T.) hurled Carl Wilkerson, 42, into a lumber mill pond while he was eating lunch. He drowned.

Mrs. James Walsh, wife of a dentist who had just given

DEATH URGED BY AT LEAST ONE WOMAN

Jurors Fail to Keep Score on Number of Ballots; Hurry to Homes

BY SANFORD WATZMAN
Jurors in the Sheppard case balloted "so many, so many times" they did not keep a running score and at least one woman held out for an electric chair verdict before an agreement was reached, it was learned last night.

One member of the panel, Mrs. Luella Williams, was asked whether much time was spent in argument with those who might have fa-



SECOND-DEGREE VERDICT COMES IN 102 HOURS

BY TODD SEIGON

The jury found Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard guilty of second-degree murder of his wife, Marilyn, yesterday at 4:12 p. m.

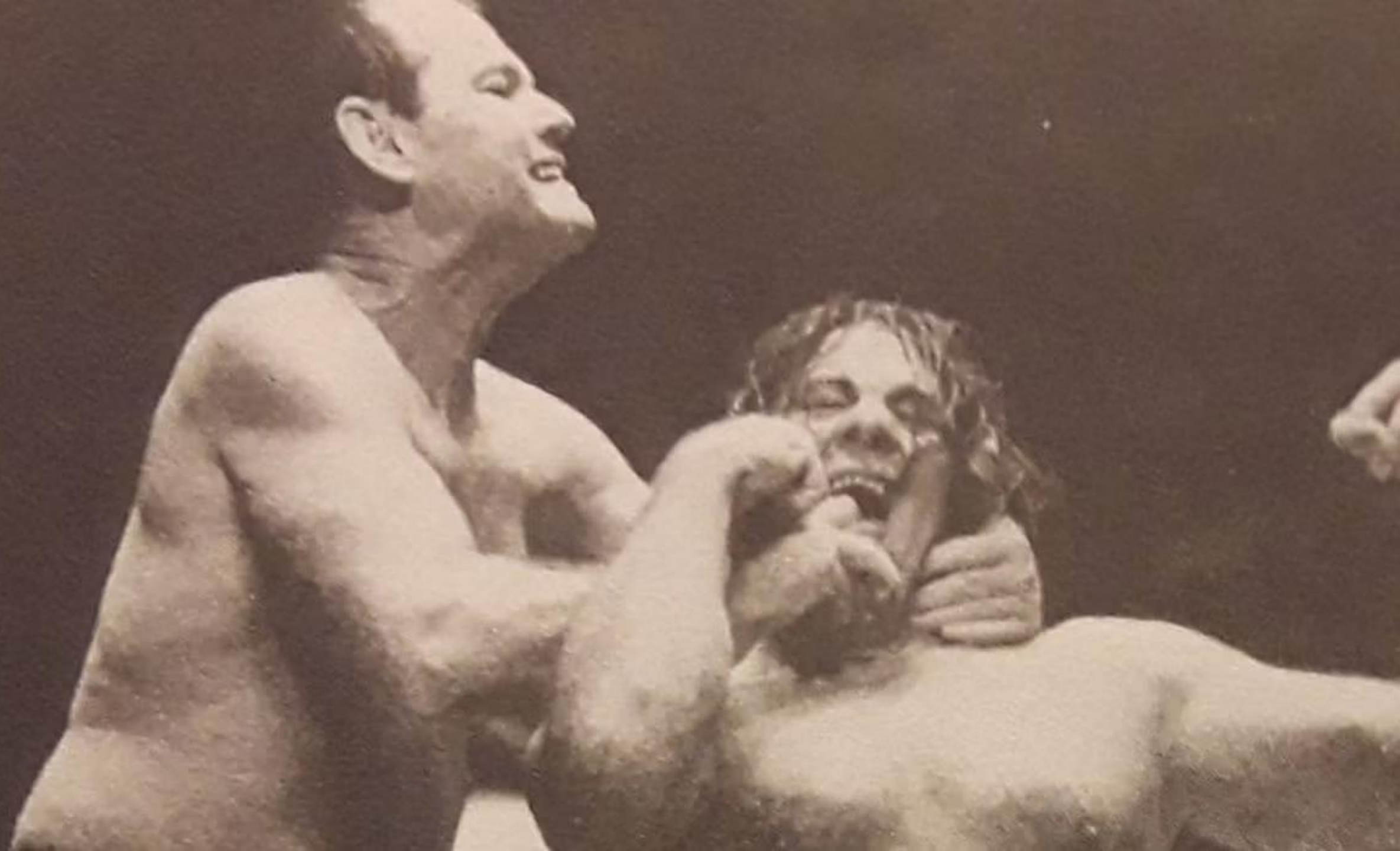
Shaken but able to give a 31-word "I am not guilty" speech, the boy-faced osteopath was promptly sentenced to "life" in the Ohio Penitentiary. In 10 years he could be paroled.

That is the inescapable punishment brought on by the jurors' agreement, reached after they had considered the evidence 39 hours and 23 minutes. They had been out some 102

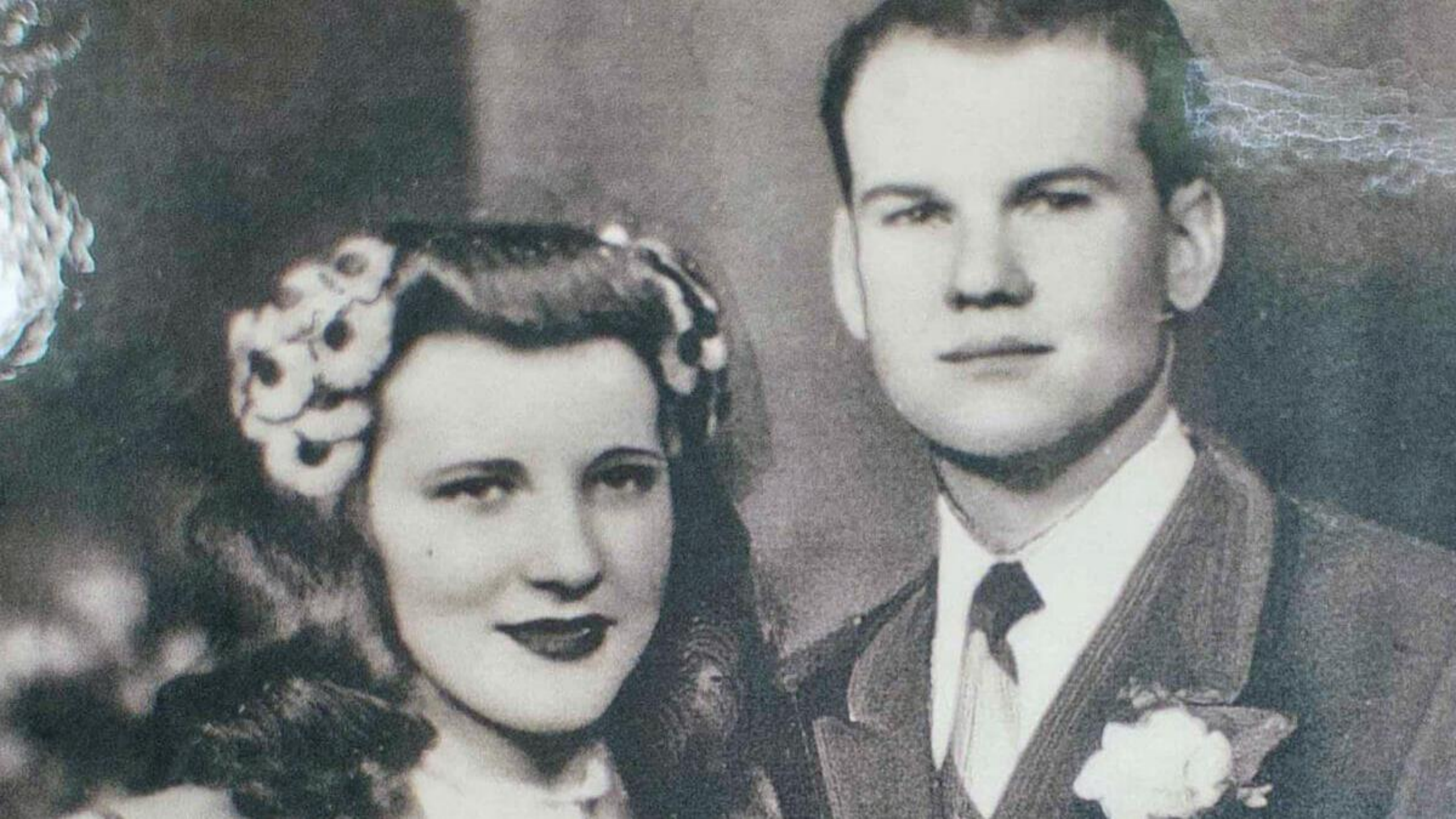












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Luke 7:36-50 (ESV): “One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table. 37 And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, 38 and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment....”



“...39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.’ 40 And Jesus answering said to him, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you.’ And he answered, ‘Say it, Teacher.’ 41 ‘A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?’...”



“...43 Simon answered, ‘The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.’ And he said to him, ‘You have judged rightly.’ 44 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet....”



“...46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.’ 48 And he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ 49 Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this, who even forgives sins?’ 50 And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’”





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Colossians 2:13-14 (ESV): “And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”



John 3:16 (ESV): “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”





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Luke 5:30-32 (ESV): “And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, ‘Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?’ 31 And Jesus answered them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.’”



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EVEN WHEN GOD IS “WRONG,” HE’S RIGHT.

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1 Corinthians 1:25 (ESV): “For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”



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WHAT YOU DON'T

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Romans 11:33-34 (ESV): “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?’”



Luke 6:37 (ESV): “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.”



John 7:24 (ESV): “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”



Colossians 1:19 (ESV): “For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.”



**Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV): “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us.”**





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A MAN IN HIS ELEMENT

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ELIJAH

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