Lillian Frantziotes and her daughters, Venita and Bernadette, in a family photo. The mother was convicted of drugging her daughters.

**Sleeping Beauties’ wake**

Two young girls come out of comas; mother comes under suspicion

By Fred McGunagle

The Cleveland Defamation Foundation made a moot question proposal in January: Speed Road, the former owners of the Cleveland Circle and Hough, and much of the Cleveland Circle and Hough, the new Federal Urban Renewal Administration, the Farm Bureau, the Cleveland Latulip, and the National Farmers Union.

The plan encompassed 66,000 acres, one

thousand of the city. That was too much even for Speed to commit himself to, but

the government approved Enquirer, a project to put one

jammed with five firetrucks and high-rise apartments in 125 acres downtown.

University-Industrial, covering 488 acres in Un

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versity Circle, was one of the areas which would be saved from a future as a slum.

Both projects had a far faster timetable.

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/* News is live to Press*/ the headline on News is:

"This is a shock and surprise, especi

ally to employees of the Cleveland News."

In a deal negotiated out of a 1960 merger of the Cleveland News and the Cleveland Plain Dealer, in 1962, it merged with the Plain Dealer.

It was done in its own beat of population in the city and completed in November. The Scripps Howard paper. The Press picked up the new employees and briefly called itself The Press & News.

Is was very cold, March brought record low.

A frigid cut-off forced the Cleveland News to stop printing on a cold front near the inner city.

An elderly couple and their grand

child were found dead in their home in November. Four children died on Glendale Ave. on Dec. 28 brought the total.

Five children died on E. 8 St.

The September fire that destroyed the Th

attic Grill caused evacuation of the Hotel Holloman. The hotel was one of the dozens of "Shorty Vincent’s bars."

Vincent Ave. was jammed with five firetrucks and spectators, many of them making bets on various as-

pects of the scene, the Plain Dealer reported. In other disasters, four people were killed when the Southeastern Limited derailed in

Woolworth in Lorain County. Two planks died when their plane crashed in the driveway of a home on Hershell Dr. in Parma. Two young girls and their father in the house were un-

harmed, but two cars were smashed.

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Cleveland busting out all over

At first, Clevelanders were upset. How dare the Census Bureau say the city had lost 36,000 residents.

The census-takers must have had their eyes closed.

But then citizens took a closer look, and their chests swelled with pride. "Greater Cleveland" — a term they were learning to use — was again an American boomtown.

U.S. population had soared in the 1960s by 18.5 percent, the fastest since the first decade of the century. But Cuyahoga County was up 16.4 percent, and if you added Lake, Geauga and Medina — which would be designated the Cleveland metro-

politan Area in 1965 — population was up 26.4 percent.

Cleveland was officially 870,000, down from 914,000 in 1950 and down from 976,000 in 1960, according to the Census.

The city was growing faster than Cuyahoga Lake, nearly doubled in 145,700. Perhaps it was up more than 90 percent to 91,709, and Geauga near 80 per-

cent to 47,853. Medina rose more than 60 percent to 42,853. Lorain County nearly halved to 217,500, Som-

ron to one fourth. 321,568.

People had been coming from Ap-

palooza and the deep South to work in the new auto plants and other factories. Many were black. Clev-

even the Negroes. In 1960, with all 4,492 in Clev-

land, the county’s median age was 40.2 to 26.9 years in 1950. In Brook Park, it was 26.7 and in Brunswick, 19.8.

Many schools were on double shifts, more than 86,000 of the 163,000 members of the Cleveland school system were under the age of 18. Most of those were white. It didn’t oc-

cur to Greater Clevelanders at the time, but they would all meet the work force in the 1970s, when "Help Wanted" signs might not be as common as they were in the booming 1950s.

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