

Engineer Is Held In Holdup Attempt Attempted Holdup Solely For 'Thrill'

Chicago, Oct. 4 — (UP) — A well-to-do engineer who began a life of crime "just for a thrill" admitted today that a bottle-swinging coed and her plucky boyfriend stopped him cold on his first holdup attempt.

Bearing two black eyes and reeking of cleaning fluid, Ernest B. Knight, 44, a "first class citizen" of suburban Naperville, told DuPage county authorities he "decided to rob someone just to see what it was like."

Knight, who earns \$430 a month as a designing engineer, was charged

ed with armed robbery and held to the grand jury on \$5,000 bond.

Chief deputy sheriff Roland Hall credited Rose Hodel, 21, Beckley, W. Va., and her companion Dwight Freshley, Naperville, with thwarting the holdup attempt in a forest preserve Saturday night.

Miss Hodel, by coincidence, was the dormitory roommate of Knight's stepdaughter Maria Brett, at North Central college in the town. But she said she had not met Knight nor had ever been in his \$18,000 home in the suburb.

Masked, carrying a four-foot length of rope, and armed with a revolver, Knight yanked open the door of Freshley's car and told the young couple, "this is a stickup."

But the 24-year-old speech student at the college grabbed for Knight's revolver, knocking the cylinder out of it. Then he began to beat Knight, Hall said.

Accident Monday Is Blamed On Rainfall

One accident occurred Monday due to the rain when two cars collided at the Five Points intersection, because, they reported to police, they were unable to see one another. Also Monday, two men appeared in justice of the peace court to answer charges of reckless driving resulting from a weekend accident.

A car driven by Naomi Eyanson, 412 South Winchester street, in making a left turn from Winchester onto Adams street, collided with a car driven by Donald Fifer, 904 South Line street, which was making a right hand turn off Second street onto Adams. No one was injured and damage was minor: to the Eyanson car, \$10; to the Fifer car, \$35.

The two men to appear before justice of the peace Floyd Hunter, William Flueckiger, of Berne, and Homer Gause, of route 5, were both charged with reckless driving by city police as the result of an accident at the intersection of Second and Marshall. Flueckiger, pleading guilty, was fined \$5 and costs totaling \$15.75. Gause's case was continued: he neglected to bring his driver's license with him to court.

"Hit him with something," Freshley shouted to Miss Hodel. She grabbed a bottle of fluid Freshley used to clean tar from his auto and shattered it over Knight's head. Knight broke away and fled.

Mrs. Knight hinted at a weird Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde tragedy when told of the crime. Her husband had been acting strangely and was worried about money matters she said.

"I'm glad it happened this way, for now nobody has actually been hurt," she said. She would not explain the statement.

But police said there had been a mysterious and unexplained attack on Knight's stepdaughter, Miss Brett, last April 19. While staying in LaSalle, Ill., with her grandmother, Mrs. John Welter, she awakened to find a prowler trying to tape her mouth and rape her.

She screamed and the prowler fled. LaSalle police said that the prowler apparently was familiar with the house, having turned off the electricity at a switchbox located high on the kitchen wall and cut telephone wires.

Miss Hodel said she had not yet seen Knight to identify him as the robber.

"I hope I never see him again," she said.

Samuel Kaehr Hurt In Farm Accident

Berne, Oct. 4. — Samuel Kaehr, 53, French township farmer, is a patient at the Clinic hospital in Bluffton, recovering from injuries suffered at his home when he was pinned between a wagon and tractor. He was holding a pole between the tractor and the wagon while the wagon was being pushed into the barn. The pole fell out and he was crushed between the tractor and wagon. He is suffering from a blood clot in a leg and other injuries.

**Notice of Final Settlement of Estate
No. 4512**
Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Bertha M. Linton, deceased to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 24th day of October, 1949, and show cause, if any, why the estate of Bertha M. LINTON, deceased, be not distributed to the heirs and legatees of said deceased. The estate of Bertha M. LINTON, deceased, is closed.

**Albert O. Soldner,
Administrator
Decatur, Indiana, September 26, 1949
Attorney DeVoss, Smith & Macklin
Sept. 27, 1949**

**Appointment of Administrator
Notice is hereby given** That the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Ida K. Poling late of Adams County, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

**Holland G. Poling, Administrator
Ferd L. Litterer, Attorney
September 19, 1949.
Sept. 20—27—OCT. 4**

**SON RESIDENT NOTICE
STATE OF INDIANA,
COUNTY OF ADAMS, SS:
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CLARA E. HALTER**

**ESTATE OF SOPHIA SOLDNER
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Now comes Albert O. Soldner, Amanda M. Yager and Clara E. Halter and file their claim against the Estate of Sophia Soldner, deceased, et al, together with the affidavit of a competent person that the deceased did not die intestate, and unknown of the following named defendants in said cause of action, to-wit: Edwin Fox, Roy Luginbill and Sylvia Hamrick; that said cause of action accrued on the 20th day of September, 1949, for the purpose of collecting a claim against the Estate of Sophia Soldner deceased in which estate said defendants claim an interest; that a cause of action exists against each and all of said defendants; that all of said defendants are necessary parties to said action.

Notice is therefore given that unless they be and appear on the 20th day of the November Term, 1949, in the Adams Circuit Court, held on the 20th day of November, 1949 to begin and holden on the 5th day of September, 1949, at the Court House in the City of Decatur in said county and state and answer or defend to said claim, the same will be heard and determined in their absence.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court in the office of the Clerk thereof in the City of Decatur, Indiana this 1 day of October, 1949.

(Seal) EDWARD F. JABERG
Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court
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Trade in a Good Town — Decatur



Truman Views Top Secret Equipment

War Games Staged For Pres. Truman

Fort Gragg, N. C., Oct. 4—(UP)—President Truman today watched top-secret combat equipment of the army field forces in action at war games staged for his benefit here.

The chief executive, accompanied by army secretary Gordon Gray and Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff, came here by plane this morning.

After reviewing an honor guard at Pope Field, the president drove immediately to army field forces board one, a research center where highly secret radar and antiaircraft fire devices were demonstrated for him.

So secret was the demonstration that White House reporters were kept 300 yards from the area where the president conducted his inspection. Reporters stood with army post school children and watched huge weather balloons sent aloft with glittering metal attachments slung beneath them.

Across a broad grassy field, huge radar screens were seen turning slowly to follow the upward path of the balloons.

Mr. Truman, wearing a double-breasted light gray suit, gray felt hat, and a light blue tie, rode in a constellation plane. The plane he generally uses, the Independence, still is undergoing a checkup.

On "Days"—The house has voted to set aside Nov. 19 as "dedication day" to mark the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address and to designate Feb. 6, 1950, as "national children's dental health day."

SENATE GROUP

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leaders were hopeful that congress could adjourn in about two or three weeks. Chief stumbling block to an early adjournment was removed yesterday when President Truman and his congressional aides decided to hold off their fight for a civil rights bill until next year.

Farm — Administration leaders in the senate predicted defeat for a proposal that basic farm commodities under production controls be supported permanently at 90 percent of parity.

Backlog—The house passed 209 to 69 a bill setting up a \$100,000 fund for planning standby "make work" projects for use in the event of a depression.

Indians—The house and senate completed congressional action late yesterday on legislation authorizing an expenditure of \$88,570,000 over the next 10 years for the rehabilitation of the Navaho and Hopi Indians.

Supersonic—A house armed services subcommittee has approved a bill authorizing \$170,000,000 to expand research on supersonic plane flights and guided missiles.

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a time when the Yugoslavs were accused of selling out to the west. Msgr. Stepinac was sentenced in 1946 to 15 years in prison on a charge of collaborating with the Germans.

Marshal Tito's declaration yesterday that Yugoslavia would fight until "the last breath" if attacked and would take its stand with Russia before world opinion was being studied with the greatest interest here. Two points in particular were said to have made a deep impression on eastern diplomats.

"First was the unusual reply of Tito's declaration that the stepped-up Russian campaign against Yugoslavia in the last few months is designed to seal Yugoslavia and 'Titovia' from the rest of eastern Europe.

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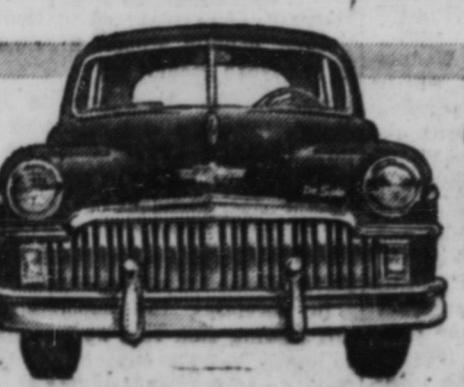
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