

## Three Nuns Die Trying To Save School Pupils

CHICAGO (UPI) — Three Roman Catholic nuns stayed behind to die with their frightened charges in the blaze that swept Our Lady of Angels school. Franciscan fathers raced through the corridors of the flaming building.

Friends of Sisters Mary Seraphica, Mary Canice, and Mary Clare Therese lived to mourn the loss of the three nuns. Parents lived to mourn the loss of their children.

In the sudden, bewildering chain of events, the occasion made different demands on differ-

ent people. From the lips of survivors, school children, other nuns at the school, came various stories.

One sister explained how she tried to lead her children through a smoke-filled corridor, instructing the youngsters to hold on to the skirt of her habit. When their fear became too powerful, she said, she rolled them down the stairs "even though they screamed."

One of the dead nuns, Sister Mary Clare Therese, ordered the

trapped youngsters to scramble onto a window sill "and stay there." Some did, and were later rescued by firemen. Others jumped, and broke limbs. Others stayed behind with Sister Mary Clare Therese to die.

Students told of how the nuns tried to lead them in prayer, to lead them to safety. Most of them succeeded. Another nun made three trips back to the flaming building, rescuing 18 children.

Only the imagination could disclose the secret of how 24 children went to their deaths in one classroom. Many of the children were found clustered near the windows, apparently where they had gone in a final quest for air. Others, however, were sitting at their desks with their geography books open in front of them. Authorities assumed the nun in charge of the class, sensing all was lost, tried to keep the children calm and preoccupied to the last.

The alarm brought men of all ages on the run. Daniel Grimaldi, 32, raced to the second floor of the building and led a small column of screaming boys and girls to safety. He later was overjoyed to find his son and daughter, both pupils at the school, had escaped safely.

Another man, Sam Tortorice, 42, was in a line of workers passing children out a window "bucket brigade fashion" when he found himself holding his young daughter.

Elderly Ed Klock suffered a stroke while trying to catch children as they leaped from their windows. Klock, 74, was hospitalized.

Max Spachura, one of the first to join in the rescue operations, encouraged 12 children to leap into his arms. The 13th child was too frightened to jump—he died. It was Spachura's son, Mark, 9.

U.S. farmers use 6,500,000 tons of steel and enough raw rubber to put tires on nearly six million cars a year, according to the Agriculture Department.

## Hope Of Anti-Measles Vaccine Within Year

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — A drug firm revealed today it hopes to develop an anti-measles vaccine within a year.

Officials at Eli Lilly & Co., confirmed that such a vaccine is in the laboratory research stage. Dr. Thomas P. Carney, vice president in charge of research, said researchers are seeking a dead virus vaccine in a process similar to that used in making Salk polio vaccine.

## Center's Ice Rink Is Not Yet Safe

White Flag To Fly When Rink Is Ready

The red flag flying at the Decatur Youth and Community Center indicates that the new ice rink located behind the Youth Center is not safe for skaters at this time, according to the director, Richard Linn.

Linn stated that due to the heavy rains suffered by the city two weeks ago, the basin has filled to approximately five feet of water. The normal water level for ice skating purposes is 18 inches.

The thickness of the ice is estimated at two inches, but water under the ice draining into the overflow, causing the ice not safe for skaters. Linn continued by saying that if the weather should remain cold and the ice should continue to freeze, a white flag will be flown at the top of the flag pole located at the back of the Youth Center. Students are asked to co-operate with the attendants of the center and to watch the flags flying at the Youth Center.

The skating rink was built by the city street department this fall under the supervision of the street commissioner, Bernard Clark. It will replace the skating rink used last year near the city diesel plant.

## Ehlerding Heads Firemen At Preble Elected President At Annual Meeting

Gilbert Ehlerding was elected president of the Preble fire department at the annual meeting, held Monday evening at the fire station in Preble.

Other officers are Glen Girod, vice president; Severin H. Schurger, secretary; Walter A. Conrad, treasurer; Victor Bieberich, fire chief; Walter Peck, assistant fire chief; and Lorenz Erleben, trustee for three years.

Werner Hoffman, chairman of the fall firemen's dance held at the Hoagland Hayloft, reported the event an excellent success.

The treasurer reported that approximately half of the members have made donations to pay for the new truck chassis, and that donations may still be made.

Members voted to hold the annual fall festival again next summer, with a supper and amateur contest Friday evening, Aug. 14, and a tractor pulling contest Saturday, Aug. 15. Members of the tractor pulling contest will be Vernon Macke, Donald Selking and Richard Longenberger, and amateur contest committeemen are Arthur Bieberich and Carl L. Mann. The retiring president appointed Irvin Worthman and Walter Koenen to the auditing committee.

## 9,000 Dimes Stolen At Gary Resturant

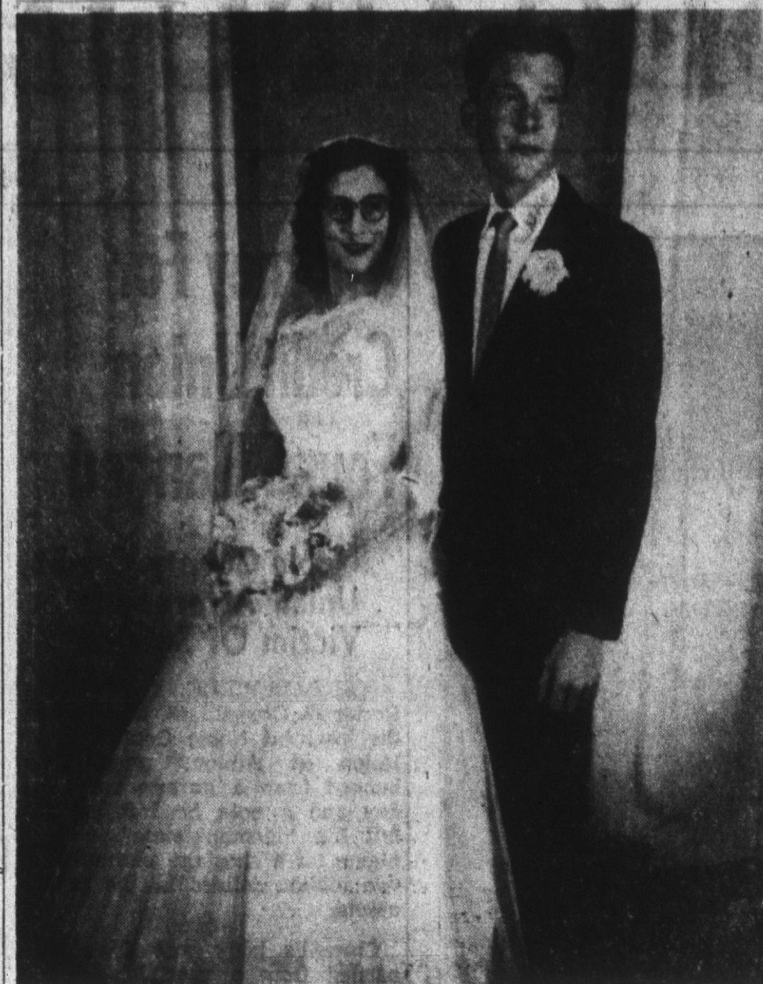
GARY, Ind. (UPI)—Gary police looked today for a thief with a liking for silver.

The burglar broke into a restaurant southwest of Gary and took \$1,000-including 9,000 dimes. Lester T. Sullivan, owner of the restaurant, reported the loss Monday after opening for business.

## Trucker Arrested On Traffic Charge

A trucker arrested by the state police is scheduled to be tried in justice of the peace court next week for the charge filed against him Monday.

Harley Flowers, 35, Poneto, was arrested by the state police Monday on Monroe street for not displaying a PSCI decal on the vehicle he was driving as prescribed by the public service commission of Indiana. He is scheduled to appear December 9 at 8 o'clock for the offense.



Mr. and Mrs. Gail Gerke —Photo by Briede

## Vivian Patrick Is Married Recently To Gail F. Gerke

Wearing a waltz length gown of nylon tulle over satin, Miss Vivian Kathleen Patrick became the bride of Gail Franklin Gerke in a double ring ceremony read by the Rev. Harry H. Behning in the Zion Lutheran church November 22.

Baskets of white pompons and altar vases formed the setting for the candlelight ceremony. A white carpet and white satin bows completed the scene. Don Bieberich, organist, played the "Lord's Prayer," "Wedding Prayer," and "O Promise Me" preceding the appearance of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon F. Patrick of 416 Stratton Way and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gerke of route 3, are parents of the newlyweds.

The lace bodice of the wedding gown featured a portrait neckline edged with hand clipped scallops of lace and short sleeves. The full skirt of the gown was scattered with lace appliques. Mitts, edged with lace scallops, came to points over her hands. A heart shaped satin pleateu embroidered with seed pearls and sequins held her fingertip veil of silk illusion and

she carried a cresent bouquet of pink sweetheart roses and carnations surrounded by white snow-drift mums.

Miss Donna McKean served as the bride's only attendant. She wore a white nylon organdy dress embroidered with pink double wedding rings. A pink cummerbund encircled her waist and formed a large bow in the back and the bodice was styled with a scoop neckline and brief sleeves. Tiny pink tulle mints completed her ensemble. For a headpiece, she wore a pink satin picture hat edged in pink nylon tulle and she carried a pink basket with pink sweetheart roses and satin streamers.

Dale Busick served as best man and ushers were Luther Patrick and Glen Zimmerman.

A two-piece bittersweet suit with black accessories and an autumn gold carnation corsage was worn by Mrs. Patrick, and the mother of the bridegroom selected a two piece brown print silk suit with black accessories and a matching corsage.

The Decatur Elks home was the scene of a reception held from 7:30 until 10 o'clock for 300 guests. A white damask cloth covered the table, which was centered with a four tiered cake. Roses and baskets of white mums were also used in the decorating. Servers included the Mesdames Dwight Redding, Robert Selking, and James Maley and Miss Kathy Hullinger and Miss Betty Hough.

For a southern wedding trip, the bride changed to an avocado green wool suit with brown accessories and a corsage of roses.

The bride attended Decatur high school and the bridegroom is a graduate of Monmouth high school and will leave for the service Thursday.

## BIRTHS

At the Adams county memorial hospital:

Paul and Phyllis Jean Stauffer Bauermeister of route 1, Ossian, are parents of an eight pound, six ounce boy born at 5:18 a.m. today.

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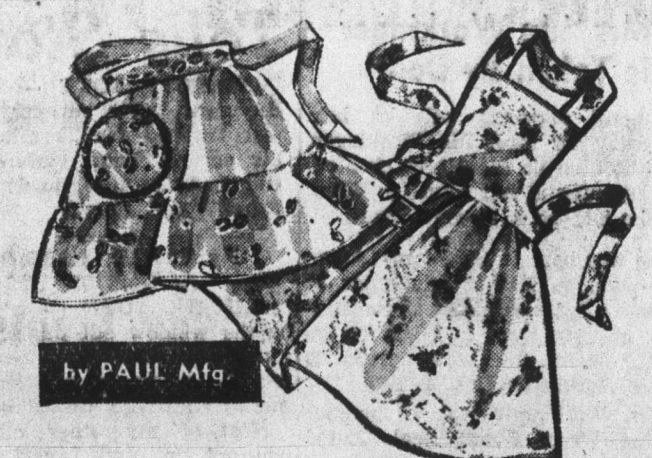
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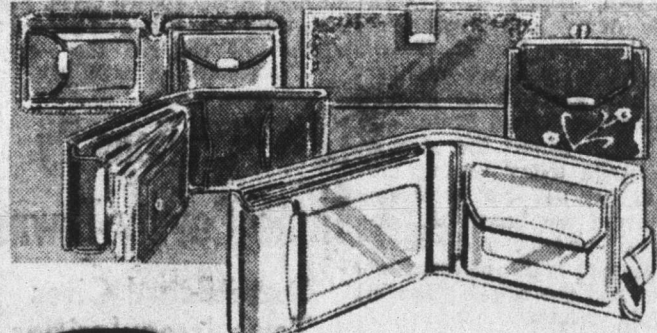
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