

Teenage Pair Kidnap Family

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—The doorbell rang. It was just a youth with a package.

Mrs. Robert Theisen opened the door for the youth, beginning four hours of terror for herself and her four children, three of them ill with chickenpox.

Once inside the home Tuesday, the youth pulled a gun and demanded her husband's bank book. A second intruder entered through a back door. She told them her husband had the check book.

The youths were later identified as Billy Leroy Yant, 19, and his 16-year-old brother.

"I didn't get upset until they told me to get the kids and that they were taking us away," she said.

Driven Around City

Mrs. Theisen was ordered to dress the three sick children—Mike, 5, Mary, 3, and Patty, 18 months. The four along with Diane, 7, were marched to the family car. They were driven around Minneapolis for about one-half hour. Then they were taken to a north Minneapolis garage where they were held for over three hours.

"They blindfolded me about a block and a half from the house," Mrs. Theisen said, "and seemed to be driving around the block. I tried to listen for names but couldn't hear anything."

"The car stopped every once in awhile and one of the boys appeared to get out and get in again later. I kept asking if all the children were still in the car."

Hherded Into Loft

The four children and their mother were herded into the dark garage loft and held at gunpoint by the younger of the brothers. The older drove off in the Theisen car and didn't return.

"The children were real good," Mrs. Theisen said proudly, "until it got so unbearably hot and they began itching from the sweat running into their chickenpox. The boy holding us was very nice. After awhile he let the

three younger ones go below with him and cool off."

Finally the youth told the Theisens he was "tired of waiting." He told Mrs. Theisen he would let her and the children go if she would promise not to tell the "fuzz" the address of the garage.

Sick To Stomach

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Klenk Reassigned To Fort Wayne Squadron

SHEPPARD AFB, Tex. (UPI)—Airman third class James F. Klenk of Monroe, Ind., is being reassigned to the 235th mobile communications squadron at Fort Wayne, Ind., following his graduation from the United States Air Force technical training course for communications center specialists here.

Airman Klenk studied military communications procedures, message structure and the operation of teletypewriter equipment used in the world-wide Air Force communications system. A graduate of Decatur high school, the airman attended Earlham College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. J. Klenk, rural route 3, Decatur. He is married to the former Mary L. Ehram of 213 E. Jackson St., Monroe.

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Blame Blinding Sun For Wreck Wednesday

The blinding sun at 6 p.m. Wednesday was blamed for an accident at the intersection of road 101 and Piqua, the Adams county sheriff's department stated. Those involved in the accident were Donald Eugene Edgell, 19, route 3, Decatur, and George Edward Lambert, 22, 702 Sehrmeyer street.

The Edgell vehicle was making a left hand turn onto road 101 and Edgell said he was blinded by the sun and did not see the Lambert motorcycle going through the intersection. Approximately \$75 damage was done to the motorcycle as the tool kit, shock absorbers, and the right side were affected. Lambert suffered a pulled muscle in the left shoulder. X-rays were taken at the Adams county memorial hospital, and he was then released.

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Turtle Races Held At Sidewalk Sale

The Record Shop sponsored the turtle races for the younger set yesterday as a contribution to the Sidewalk Sale festivities. The turtles were furnished by them.

There were several races, with the winners of a group of them competing to win the prize. Three Jimmy rope sets were presented to the winners and also three lucky people won transistor radios. Each race consisted of both boys and girls doing their best to urge their turtles on to win.

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COURT NEWS

Real Estate Transfers
Thurman D. Schieferstein etux to Anna J. Nesswald, Pt. E-2 SE-4 Sec. 17; Pt. S-2 SW-4 Sec. 16, Township 28 Range 14, 108.58 acres.

Anna J. Nesswald to Thurman D. Schieferstein etux, Pt. E-2 SE-4 Sec. 17; Pt. S-2 SW-4 Sec. 16 Township 28 Range 14, 63.91 acres.

Anna J. Nesswald to Marlow F. Schieferstein etux, Pt. E-2 SE-4 Sec. 17; Pt. S-2 SW-4 Sec. 16 Township 28 Range 14, 44.67 acres.

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Booher etux, Inlet 62 Geneva.

Luella Opal Grile to Lester L.

Grile et al., Inlet 181 Geneva.

True M. Andrews etux to Willard E. Pond etux, Inlet 19 Sunnybrook Acres a Pt. SW-4 Section 8 Township 28 Range 14.

Willard G. Steizel etux to Edwin C. Korte etux, Inlets 49-50-51-52 Wil-

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Micromatic Hone Corp. to James G. McCrory etux, Inlet 930 Berne.

Jeanette Welch etux to Francis A. Ellsworth etux, Pt. Outlot 96 De-

catur.

Maude Pettibone to Francis A. Ellsworth etux, Pt. Outlot 96 De-

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Virginia Ash etux to Francis A. Ellsworth etux, Pt. Outlot 96 De-

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George J. Blum to Alejo Romero etux, Inlet 21 N-2 Inlet 20 Decatur.

Joseph E. Morris etux to George E. Andrews etux, S-2 Inlets 176-177 Decatur.

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