

MYSTERY IN SHOOTING OF F. L. BICKFORD

Former Manager of W. K. Stewart Company Dies From Revolver Shot.

CORONER BEGINS SIFT

In an effort to determine if the death of Frank L. Bickford, 47, was suicidal or accidental, Dr. Paul F. Robinson, coroner, today started a probe into the shooting mystery which occurred late yesterday at the Bickford residence, 3545 East Michigan street.

A high-powered revolver in a Boston hand bag from which one bullet had been fired is the weapon which caused the death of Bickford, the bullet passing through the side of the hand bag and striking him. It went through his heart and lodged near the spine, according to Dr. George Christian, deputy coroner. Bickford was until recently manager of the W. K. Stewart Company book store.

THREE NEAR HEAR MUFFLED REPORT.

At the Bickford home at the time of the shooting were Mrs. Bickford, her son, Frank L. Bickford, Jr., and Everett Agnew, 225 Tabbot avenue, a department head at the Stewart store. These three were in the living room when Mr. Bickford spoke about having a revolver in the Boston bag in the closet, the weapon belonged to the Stewart store. He walked to the closet in the reception hall adjoining the living room. An instant later there was a muffled report. Those in the living room looked through the opening into the reception hall and saw Bickford lying on the floor. He fell on his right side and the bag was about three or four feet distant.

Dr. W. F. Kelly, 5503 East Washington street, was called by Mrs. Bickford, but when the physician arrived Bickford was dead. Dr. Kelly notified the coroner and police. The call was received by the police at 4:40 p. m. and Sergeant Deeter and two detectives went to the Bickford home to investigate.

BODY OF VICTIM POWDER BURNED.

There were four loaded shells and one empty shell in the weapon. In the bag besides the revolver were a handkerchief, and some scraps of wrapping paper. The bullet had passed through the side of the bag and the side of the bag was powder burned. The wound according to Dr. Christian who examined Bickford's body was also powder burned. The body was removed to Shiloh brothers' funeral parlors. No autopsy was held.

While those in the adjoining room heard the muffled report they at first attached no importance to the noise until the boy called attention to the fact his father was lying on the floor. Sergeant Deeter, who examined the revolver, said the empty cartridge should have been removed under the hammer, but instead empty chamber was under the hammer. The discharged cartridge was at the left of the hammer. Persons in the house denied handling the pistol.

RECALLS REVOLVER IN TRAVELING BAG.

Bickford left the Stewart company position several days ago, and Mr. Agnew went to Bickford's home at 3:30 o'clock yesterday to discuss some business matters. As he was about to leave Mrs. Bickford and her son came into the living room and the four were talking when Mr. Bickford said, "By the way, I have a gun which belongs to the store. You might as well take it back with you." It was then that Bickford walked to the closet to get the weapon.

Deaf Hod Carrier Fatally Injured

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 31.—William Bishop, 70, hod carrier, was probably fatally hurt here today when he was struck by a southbound Pennsylvania train. He was deaf and did not hear the approach of the train.

Sheriff Candidate Favors Abolishment of Old Fee System



MORRIS D. MOSS.

Morris D. Moss, 520 North Meridian street, vice president and superintendent of the Quigley-Hyland Agency, a well-known local detective agency, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff at the May primary on a platform advocating the discontinuance of the fee system. He also promises he will run the office, if elected, on strictly business lines and will keep himself free from any factional alignments in politics.

Mr. Moss has been opposed to the fee system for many years and was one of the early supporters of the movement to put all county officers on a straight salary basis.

Two years ago he was a candidate for the same nomination and ran second to George Sulder, present sheriff, in the primary race.

SEVEN ADDED TO STATE LIST

Candidates for Congress in Every District but Third.

Seven candidates filed papers with the secretary of State today for congressional nominations. Both parties as a result are represented with candidates except in one district the third, where the Republicans have no candidate.

The congressional candidates who announced are: William F. Spooner, Valparaiso, Democrat, Tenth district. Harry E. Reed, Delphi, Democrat, Ninth district. John W. Becker, Indianapolis, Republican, Seventh district. R. C. Brown, Bedford, Democrat, Third district. William E. Wilson, Democrat, Evansville, First district.

Henry P. Schrieker, Knox, Democrat, Thirteenth district. Raleigh L. Morgan, Bloomington, Second district. One candidate for State Senator appeared in Marion County's list, Thomas A. Dailey, Republican, Marion and Johnson counties. The new candidates for representatives are: Omar U. Newman, 1302 Pleasant street, Republican. Elizabeth Rainey, 1541 North Gale street, Republican. Alexandre Leon Asch, Democrat, 515 Twenty-Eighth street. Martin H. Walpole, Democrat, 950 High street.

Paul W. Patrick, Republican, 201 North Mount street. Clarence C. Wyson, Republican, 602 North Colorado.

Richard L. Ewbank, Republican, filed his candidacy for Judge Marion County Superior Court, room 5. Jesse Sanford of Cumberland, Democrat, announced his candidacy for Judge of the juvenile court. Richard M. Coleman, 2407 North Meridian street, filed his declaration for prosecuting attorney.

Records, Two for \$1.00 Each, 59c

Latest hits and standard favorites, including "Ain't Nature Grand," "Granny," "Skeik," "Tucky Home," "Angal Child," "Ka-Lu-a" and "Bow Wow Blues." —The Basement Store.

Advance Sale of Children's Skuffer Sandals



\$1

For boys and girls

All sizes 5 to 8, 8 1/2 to 11, 11 1/2 to 2. Well made of brown leather with extension soles. Sturdy, neat and practical.

—Third Floor.

THE W. H. BLOCK CO.

Hart Schaffner & Marx Guaranteed Clothes for Men, Young Men and Boys, 8 to 18.

Concentration on Certain Prices, Combined With the Desire to Further Establish Our Supremacy, Results in This Sale of

Women's Pumps, Oxfords and Sandals

\$3.95 \$4.95 \$5.95



This is a sale of high-grade fashionable footwear. It is a sale in which every desired last, style, leather and color is generously represented. LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF PAIRS of fashion's favored shoes are included in this occasion.

We Urge All Who Can to Shop in the Morning, Please

Plenty of Walking Heel Oxfords
Plenty of Sport Oxfords
Plenty of Patents

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Boys' All-Wool Suits With Two Pairs of Trousers

Sizes 8 to 13 Years

\$9.90

All are brand new, in the season's most desirable styles and colors.



A timely sale with the Easter holiday so near—a wonderful collection of strictly all-wool suits. Every suit has two pairs of full cut, lined trousers.

Suits that are skillfully tailored and that will retain their excellent appearance even with the hard wear that only growing boys can give.

Boys' Fine Satin-Lined Caps, \$1.00

Newest tweeds and other materials. All wool, satin lined.

Boys' All-Wool Topcoats, Sizes 3 to 10, \$5.98

Newest models, in all-wool fabrics.

New Spring Blouses, Sizes 6 to 16, 95c

Light and dark patterns. Guaranteed fast colors.

Boys' Wash Suits, Sizes 2 to 9 Years, \$2.98

Aeroplane linen and other fine wash materials; finest make; guaranteed fast colors.

Headquarters for Boy Scout Equipment

—Boys' Shop, Third Floor.

In Our Model Grocery

Quality—Service—Moderate Prices

Exclusive distributors for Indianapolis and vicinity of Park & Tilford's world best food products.

BREAD On sale only from 8:30 a. m. to 12 m. Sunlit bread, hot from our ovens. All pan breads, including rye, graham and whole wheat. One-pound loaves, while supply lasts, loaf, 5c

COLD BOILED HAM—Special sweet cured, machine sliced, lb., 55c

DRIED BEEF—Fresh machine-chopped, pound, 50c

POTATO CHIPS—From our Sunlit kitchen. 1 pound, 55c; 1/2 pound, 15c

PEANUT BUTTER—Sunlit, made fresh at the counter, one pound, 14c

CHEESE—Wisconsin cream or Belk cheese, pound, 28c

CREAMERY BUTTER—Sunlit, delicious, churned fresh from pasteurized cream; pound, 42c

COFFEE—Royal Luncheon our own blend of the finest coffee, perfect aroma and flavor (3 pounds, 95c), pound, 32c

SALAD DRESSING—Premier—11-ounce jar, 37c; 8-ounce jar, 18c

OLIVES—Park & Tilford brand, 4-oz. bottle, 15c; 1-lb. plain, 15c

FARD DATES—Pound, 39c

FRESH PORK ROASTS—Pound, 20c
FRESH BEEF ROASTS—Boned and rolled, pound, 23c
FRESH SHOULDERS—Half or whole, pound, 19c
CHICKENS—Milk fed, full dressed, pound, 35c
NO PHONE ORDERS.

FIGS—Turkish layer, pound, 39c

BARTLETT PEARS—Sunlit brand, No. 2 1/2 can (dozen cans, \$4.00), can, 39c

SMALL ASPARAGUS—Luxury brand, No. 1 can (dozen cans, \$2.50), can, 21c

RAISINS—Spanish Sultan, pound, 19c

APRICOTS—California fancy, pound, 39c

FRESH NUT MEATS—English walnut meats, Jordan almonds, lb., \$1

—Fifth Floor.

THE BASEMENT STORE

GIRLS' ORGANDY DRESSES \$1.98—\$2.98

A very timely offer, with Easter so short a time away. Six hundred dresses—a manufacturer's surplus—priced greatly beneath value. Lace and medallion trimmed styles, of sheer white organdie. Sizes 8 to 14. Special, \$2.98 and \$1.98.

\$10 Coat and Dress Sale!

For Women and Misses

Up to \$25.00 Qualities

\$10

Manufacturers' Samples and Dozens of Models From Our Regular Stocks



The assortment is so large, the styles so smart and the values so extreme that this sale should result in a tremendous response.

Over 400 cloth coats and more than 300 silk dresses—latest models in scores of styles—garments that belong in lines regularly selling up to \$25.00

The Coats at \$10

Women's and misses' Johnny coats—the latest sports style.
—VELOURS —HERRINGBONES
—TWEEDS —POLAIRES

Coats with smart, swagger lines—pockets and narrow string belts.

Colors: Tangerine, Copen, deer, tan and brown.
Choice \$10.00

The Dresses at \$10

Selection can be made from dresses of
—CANTON CREPE —TAFFETA
—CREPE DE CHINE —SATIN

Surprisingly good qualities, well made and effectively trimmed.

Colors: Mohawk, navy, black, brown, colonial, sparrow, bisque, silver, platinum, etc.
Choice \$10.00

The Greatest Coat and Dress Values We Have Announced This Season At \$10.00

Two Trouser All-Wool SUITS for Boys

\$6.90

Smart pleated back styles; fine all-wool fabrics; mohair lined coats; two trousers, full lined; wide selection. Sizes 7 to 17, at \$6.90.

Beddings, Table Oilcloths

BLANKETS—Regular bed size, white, gray or tan body with washable color stripe border. Special, a pair, \$1.75

SILKOLINE COMFORTS—Double bed size, all over stitched, soft cotton filling, medium and dark colors; \$2.95, quality at \$2.95

UNBLEACHED CHEESE-CLOTH—Yard wide, nice quality for dust cloths, lin. expensive curtains, etc. (no phone orders); 3 yards for \$2.8c

UNBLEACHED MUSLIN—39 inches wide, excellent for curtains, bedspreads and general use. Special, a yard \$12 1/2c

QUILT SIZE BATTIS—Soft and fluffy, 22x30, 1-3 yards for \$35c

BEDSPREADS—Regular bed size, in neat all-over patterns (no phone orders); extra special \$1.55
81x90 \$1.55
80x90 \$1.55
72x90 \$1.25

SEAMLESS BLEACHED SHEETS—81x90, made of heavy, firm thread sheeting; 135 quality, each \$1.18

PILOWCASES—Neatly made of good quality muslin; assorted sizes; up to 40c quality, each \$2.2c

PILOWCASES—Mohawk, 42x 26 inch size, dependable grade; special, each \$3.3c

SANITARY COUCH PADS—Standard size, filler of felted cotton, folded in layers, 20 pound weight; attractive coverings \$5.95

TABLE OILCLOTH—45 inches wide, best quality, desirable patterns for wall coverings, also plain white; special for Saturday, yard \$34c

Save on Shoes at Rapp's Saturday Open Till 9:30 P. M.

Women's New Spring Patent Strap \$3.98 OXFORDS

A special purchase of spring's most favored creation in footwear—patent strap and lace oxfords with military or low heel. Elegant quality at Rapp's cut price...\$3.98



MISSSES' patent and tan one-strap slippers, sizes 1 1/2 to 2, at \$1.98

CHILDREN'S patent and tan one-strap slippers, sizes 8 1/2 to 11, at \$1.79

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88 Women's Spring Coats...\$5.98
89 Wom. Spring Suits...\$14.95
90 Wom. Spring Suits...\$26.75
91 Girls' Spring Coats...\$4.98
92 Girls' Spring Coats...\$7.98
93 Misses' Spring Coats...\$5.98
94 Wom. Spring Coats...\$9.98
95 Wom. Spring Coats...\$13.95
96 Wom. Spring Coats...\$16.95
97 Wom. Gause Unions...\$3.98
98 Sample Yoke Waist...\$5.00
99 Wom. Lisle Hose...\$3.98
100 Wom. Coutil Corsets...\$6.98
101 Bungalow Aprons...\$6.98
102 New Silk Walsts...\$2.98
103 Spring Undermuslins...\$4.98
104 Girls' Sateen Bloomers...\$3.98
105 Auto Brand W. Shirts...\$9.98
106 Auto Brand Overalls...\$13.98
107 Men's Summer Unions...\$5.98

95c Boys' Summer Unions...\$4.98
\$1 W. Sateen Petticoats...\$3.98
\$1 New Flaid Skirts...\$3.98
\$3 New Gingham Dresses...\$3.98
\$1.50 Girls' Gingham Dresses...\$3.98
\$25 Wom. Spring Coats...\$19.95
\$15 Wom. Silk Dresses...\$9.98
\$20 Wom. Silk Dresses...\$14.95
\$23 Wom. Silk Dresses...\$19.95
\$1 Men's Work Shirts...\$4.98
\$1.50 Men's Heavy Overalls...\$9.98
\$20 Men's Work Shirts...\$9.98
\$1 Men's Ribbed Unions...\$7.98
\$1 Boys' Knee Pants...\$4.98
\$8 Boys' 2-Pants Suits...\$4.98
\$1 Boys' Coverall Suits...\$7.98
\$20 Chil. and Wom. Hose...\$1.00
\$1.25 Girls' Gingham Dresses...\$7.98
\$1.50, \$2 Girls' Sample Hats...\$9.98
\$2 Gingham Dresses...\$1.48

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