

# FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CITY LIBRARY TO BE CELEBRATED

## THREE HELD AFTER GIRL ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Sisters and Soldiers Involved  
—Child Neglect Charged  
—Ellen Allen May Die.

Because Ellen Allen, 22, rooming at 124 E. New York St., was said to have taken poison tablets Friday, she, her sister and one soldier from Ft. Benjamin Harrison were under arrest today on charges of child neglect and contributing to child neglect, and warrants were out for two other soldiers.

Police said that the poison was taken at 8 a. m., but that the girl told an officer she was ill and had not taken poison. It was 5:30 p. m. before the police were called again and the woman was taken to the city hospital.

Physicians said the delay might cause the poison to prove fatal. Mrs. Allen said a love affair caused her to take the poison, according to police.

**Mother Tells Story**  
Mrs. Anna Melendez, 240 Iowa St., mother of the girl, when notified of her daughter's act, said Mrs. Allen had deserted her husband and three children and had run away with a soldier. She also said another daughter, Nellie May Smith, had left her husband and two children for a soldier, according to police. Mrs. Smith was arrested at Michigan and Agnes Sts. and charged with child neglect.

**Soldiers Involved**  
Police said Gilbert Smith, 940 Lynn St., was standing on the corner watching his wife and the soldier. Mrs. Allen told police that she was separated from her husband, Vern Surface, and was known by her maiden name, Ellen Allen, officers said. She said she was the adopted daughter of Sarah Seich, R. R. No. 3, Greenwood, Ind.

She told police she had been going with Oakley and Cothran, according to officers. She gave Foster up for Cothran and later regretted it and wrote Cothran a letter, police said.

**Letter Found**  
The letter, which police found, said in part: "My Dear Boy—Darling you never can understand how you make me feel when I ask you if you are going to take me with you and you don't answer yes like you mean it. Cothran, can't you see you are killing me by talking that way. Well, by not staying in last night, your baby got into trouble. I took some medicine this morning and they called the police. They say I have to move. I can't go. I don't know where. If you ever want to find me I'll send you my address."

"I took some poison, but was prevented from taking more than just one and it happened that just one was sufficient to do the work. I certainly intended to end it all. Please remember me and when you want me to come to you I'll always be ready and love you just the same."

## GIRL REBELS AS PUPIL; MISSING

Relatives Seek Margaret McSweeney, 16, Here.

Has pretty Margaret McSweeney, 16, carried out her threat that she would not go to school any more after her sixteenth birthday?

Police today said her father, Clarence McSweeney, 605 W. Sixty-Third St., Chicago, told them Margaret was last seen April 2 in the Big Four station at Greensburg. She was on her way home for the Easter vacation from a girl's boarding school at Oldenburg, Ind. She parted from chums at Greensburg. McSweeney said it is possible she was in an institution for the insane.

The father said Margaret had declared she would not go to school after she reached 16.

Pearl Nickens, 2149 N. Pennsylvania St., and Mrs. Patrick Bailey, 1002 Cornell Ave., relatives, are assisting in the search.

## KABRIK IS GIVEN SUSPENDED TERM

After pleading guilty to embezzling approximately \$4,500 from the Midwest Crushed Stone Quarries Company, of which he formerly was assistant cashier, Paul Kabrick, 31, Baker Apts., today was fined \$100 and sentenced to two to fourteen years in Indiana State Prison, by Criminal Judge James A. Collins.

With the consent of Prosecutor William P. Evans, Judge Collins suspended the sentence.

Kabrick, when indicted, told Evans he lost most of the money playing poker in various gambling houses. His testimony helped to convict four alleged gambling house keepers, Everett Orr, Henry Cameron, George Travis and Walter Shockley.

Officials of the quarries company said they would take Kabrick back in their employ if they had a position where he did not have to handle money.

## Market Float Looks Good Enough to Eat



## BABY FIGURES IN LOVE QUADRANGLE

Husband Forgives Erring Wife in Court.

Both the man and the woman were well dressed, bearing every evidence of culture and comfortable circumstances.

The baby had been found by policewomen when they raided a children's home conducted by Mrs. Anna Fehlinger at 509 S. Harding St., several weeks ago.

The man and woman were married, but no to each other. The husband of the woman sat in juvenile court while Judge Lahr declared: "This is the most shocking case I have heard. That people reared in refined, well-to-do homes and both married to some one else should carry on like this is a bad sign for our civilization."

Judge Lahr ordered the baby reared in a Catholic institution, on request of the mother.

The husband said he was willing to forgive his wife.

**Parade to Open Show**

Fort Prepares for Horse Event at Coliseum.

Headed by the 11th Infantry Band, civilian and military entries will open the Fort Harrison horse show Friday afternoon, April 27, with a parade. The show will be the social event of the spring season, it is said. It will be held in the Coliseum at the State fairground.

Three indoor polo games will be played. Two Indianapolis teams will compete with next teams. All classes of riding horses will be shown, and civilians have a chance to compete. Jumping contests and drills will be staged. No fee for entry of horses will be charged.

## MAIL BANDIT STILL BAFFLES PURSUERS

'Million-Dollar' Robber Is Trailed by Hundreds of Georgia Citizens.

**By United Press**  
ATHENS, Ga., April 7.—Gerald Chapman, New York mail bandit and much wanted fugitive, had hundreds of pursuers baffled today following his escape for the third time from armed guards and hospital attendants.

Although a corps of expert man hunters took up the trail of his latest escape yesterday immediately after Chapman staggered out of a local hospital, where he had been found by a nurse and a guard, the one-time leader of New York's underworld was still at large today.

Posses searched the vicinity of the hospital during the night momentarily expecting to stumble on the convict, weakened from bullet wounds received following his escape from the Atlanta penitentiary.

**Has High Fever**

Chapman is also suffering from lack of food and a high fever. Authorities believed he would be unable to go far without medical attention or aid from confederates in close touch with the situation involving his daring escapes.

Chapman, is hiding near his old haunts in New York, say older members of the metropolitan detective force.

They do not believe the criminal, whose daring flights have put him in the position formerly occupied by Roy Gardner, Pacific coast bandit, has fled to the mountains of North Carolina, as Georgia authorities at first believed.

Chapman was sentenced to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., after he had been convicted of being the leader of the \$1,000,000 mail robbery here in 1921.

**Cut Light Wires**

Early on the morning of March 27 Chapman and Frank Grey, convicted forger, escaped from the penitentiary. They cut the wires supplying electric lights for the prison yard and, under cover of the darkness, scaled the prison wall by means of a rope ladder, supplied by friends outside.

Chapman, however, was recaptured, after he had been shot three times. He was placed in a hospital at Atlanta, Ga., under heavy guard.

Doctors said his condition was so



CITY MARKET FLOAT (ABOVE) WITH MRS. IRMA BYRUM (LEFT) AND MRS. MARY MORIARTY. NEW POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND (BELOW) IN MUNICIPAL CLEAN-UP PARADE.

It looked good enough to eat, and it was, according to Policewomen Byrum and Moriarty, who prepared the city market float for the municipal clean-up parade Friday afternoon. Standholders cooperated fully. The policewomen helped Marketmaster Robert Sloan regulate the market.

The new police and fire department band made its first appearance in the parade.

## SHRINERS COMBINE SHOW AND DANCE

Spring Frolic to Be Featured by Passing Show of 1922.

Murat Shriners will combine a theater party and dance for a spring frolic at the Temple on the evening of April 16, according to plans being formulated.

The "Passing Show of 1922" with a company including Willie and Eugene Howard George Hassell, Ethel Shuts, Emily Miles, Nellie Breen and others together with a large chorus and twenty-five scenes will be presented in the first part of the evening. Dancing will follow in the new ball room.

Box sale will open Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Half of the house will be reserved for mail orders.

Edward J. Gausepohl is chairman of the entertainment committee.

**State Briefs**

**BLOOMINGTON**—The Sigma Nu fraternity house will be remodeled and an addition built at a cost of \$22,000.

**CRAWFORDSVILLE**—While her mother thought she was sleeping peacefully, Janice Joy Brown, three months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Brown, died of pneumonia.

**VINCENNES**—Construction of a \$150,000 collection, as a memorial to soldiers and sailors who fought in the World War is asked in a petition to the city council.

**COLUMBUS**—Because the county council refused to appropriate money to replace the Brown County log cabin jail, which has been condemned, prisoners will have to continue to go to Johnson County.

**ELNCRA**—Willis Burkhardt, 7, was seriously injured when he was struck by a truck as he was running for a school bus.

**LEBANON**—Harold Greenich, farm hand and World War veteran who has been ill since he was gassed during the war, is in a serious condition after taking poison.

**SULLIVAN**—Prosecuting Attorney Nerval K. Harris and Miss Grace Stewart were married secretly in Robinson, Ill.

**FT. WAYNE**—Two 12-year-old school girls confessed to a police nation that a desire to wear pretty dresses to public dances prompted them to steal from stores.

**ALEXANDRIA**—A. M. Ebaugh is under arrest on charges of criminal mistreatment of his 12-year-old foster daughter.

**RUSHVILLE**—Jack Pod Conn, held in jail here, is charged with the murder of a man in Rowan County, Kentucky, in January, 1921.

**GARY**—Jewels valued at \$1,200, stolen in three cases, were recovered by Police Captain Linn.

**ELWOOD**—The Ku-Klux Klan staged a parade here with about 600 in line.

**COLUMBUS**—An attempt of John McCoy to end his life by taking rat poison failed and he is recovering.

**GREENFIELD**—In a gas explosion the building of the Interstate Public Service Company's pumping station was nearly wrecked and Dock C. Jackson, an employee, was seriously burned.

## Program Planned in Observance of Half Century of Growth of Institution Started in 1873 by Public-Spirited Citizens.

Not many persons today recall an event April 8, 1923, just fifty years ago Sunday, the results of which probably are as important to Indianapolis as any single happening in the city's century of existence.

On that day, the first Indianapolis public library, the initial one of a series of five culminating in the modern structure that now houses the city's literary collection, formally was opened.

In commemoration of this event, a program of remembrance talks and music will be held at the library at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Credit for the beginnings of the library is placed by Charles E. Rush, present librarian, with the Rev. H. A. Edson.

In a sermon Thanksgiving Day, 1868, Edson deplored the lack of a library. The result was the formation by 100 men of the Indianapolis Library Association, with annual dues of \$25. A book collection soon was put together, and early in 1869 the library—not a public one, however—started in Martindale's building, northeast corner Pennsylvania and Market Sts. Non-subscribers were given library privileges by payment of \$5 a year.

**Free Library Urged**  
A. C. Shortridge, superintendent of schools, was among the first to urge a free public library. In 1870 he called together seven or eight interested men, two of them Legislators. They prepared a bill providing for a public library as part of the Indianapolis school system. It passed the Legislature in 1871. The school board named a library committee. An old residence on the northeast corner of Michigan and Pennsylvania Sts., previously used by the Indianapolis Female Seminary, was acquired. The old part of Shortridge High School now stands on the site.

Charles Evans, a famous bibliographer, was chosen the librarian. "In certain fields Evans was the best bibliographer we have had in the library," Librarian Rush said. He was the father of Chick Evans, famous coffer.

The library soon became well known and caught up with those of other cities.

**Institution Moves**  
In January, 1875, it moved to the old Sentinel building, southeast corner Meridian St. and Monument Pl., recently torn down to give way to the new Guaranty building. Rapid growth.

**Had 12,000 Volumes**  
In 1873, when the first public library opened, the collection consisted of 12,000 volumes, mostly bought in Europe. Four thousand books were gifts of the Library Association. There were 500 readers. At the end of six months the library boasted 4,000 readers.

Today the library has 300,000 volumes and more than 90,000 readers. The number of readers has gained more than 100 per cent in five years. There are eighteen branch libraries and sixty-seven other distributing centers.

It is the ambition of Librarian Rush to have at least one volume for every person in the city.

Five librarians have left their mark in the evolution of the Indianapolis Public Library. They are: Charles Evans, Albert B. Yelm, Albert W. Tyler, W. DeM. Hooper, Miss Eliza Gordon Browning and Charles E. Rush.

Miss Browning, who is now assistant librarian, directed the progress of the library from 1892 to 1917, when Rush succeeded her.

## League Is Notified of International 'Dope Fleet'

Drug Runners Operating Off Canadian Coast With Regular Trade and Route.

**By United Press**  
GENEVA, April 7.—An international "dope fleet" is operating off the Canadian coast, landing drugs for shipment to the United States and other countries, the dominion government has notified the secretariat of the League of Nations.

This flotilla of drug runners operates similarly to the liquor fleet off the New York and New Jersey shores. The notification to the league states that the "dope" smugglers are engaged in transporting cocaine, morphine and other narcotics. A Canadian official,

it is stated, discovered a regular route of smuggling drugs from Germany to Spain, thence to France, thence to St. Pierre Miquelon off New Foundland, and finally into Canada and the United States.

The international "dope fleet" is composed largely of French trawlers which sail from French ports, the notification said.

Canada also notified the French, Spanish and German representatives on the league's opium advisory commission, demanding that their governments stop the traffic and break up the "dope fleet."

## Youthful Czech Singer Carves Exquisite Articles From Wood



HANDIWORK OF ADOLPH POUZNER

When Adolph Pouzner, youthful singer in the Bakule Chorus coming from far-off Czech-Slovakia to Indianapolis to sing under auspices of the Junior Red Cross, April 28, strolls in the woods of his native land he takes his pocketknife along. He carves birds and animals out of pine cones, chestnuts and twigs, like those above.

The chorus arrived in New York Friday. It will spend four weeks touring the United States.

E. L. K. McComb, chairman of the Indianapolis Junior Red Cross, with the cooperation of the executive committee of Red Cross chapter, plans to show the young musicians the time of their lives while they are in Indianapolis. Their visit is looked forward to as one of the unique musical events of the season.

The remarkable results achieved by the Czech professor, Frantisek Bakule, founder of the Bakule School of Prague, in taking crippled children from the streets and making wonderful performers of them, are being studied by half a dozen countries in Europe. From the standpoint of the school-teacher, Bakule's methods offer suggestions which may revolutionize manual training methods. In addition to music the children are taught handicrafts. Some of them make exquisite articles out of wood. Their work will be exhibited in the public schools here.

Professor Bakule started his school near the close of the World War with a dozen boys, while some of the children have had musical training under operatic stars of Vienna and Prague; their native folk-songs are said to be the best part of their program.

**FORMER SLAVE BURIED**  
Jack Dishman Was Porter at Meyer-Kiser Bank Twenty Years.

The funeral of Jack Dishman, colored, porter for the Meyer-Kiser Bank for twenty years and a slave before the Civil War, was held at his home, 619 N. West St., today.

Sol Meyer, president of the bank, paid this tribute:

"By his unobtrusive modesty, as quiet sense of humor, his never-failing sense of courtesy and tact, as well as by conscientious performance of duty, this colored employe won the regard and admiration of all who knew him. The world has need of more men of the Jack Dishman type, men who can perform the tasks of which they are capable with dignity. In Jack's death a good man has gone to his reward."

## Readers Double in Rush's Five Years

Library 25 Years



CHARLES E. RUSH

Rush became librarian of the Indianapolis public library in 1917. In the last five years the number of library patrons has increased more than 100 per cent.

## Guided Indianapolis Library 25 Years



ELIZA GORDON BROWNING

From 1892 to 1917 Miss Browning directed the development of the Indianapolis public library. The opening of the present library building in 1917 was a tribute to the success of her administration.

**Safety Gates Not Down**

The safety gates at the crossing were not down, Charles Koismier, 2120 Ashland Ave., crossing watchman said. He said he rang the warning bell and started to lower the gates. The mechanism did not respond as quickly as usual, he said, and the truck was on the track before the gates were down.

## REVENGE BELIEVED MURDER MOTIVE

Police Hunt Gangsters as Girls' Slay.

**By United Press**

NEW YORK, April 7.—Believing revenge the motive in the brutal slaying in Staten Island of Mrs. Irene Blandino, 21, and Bessie McMahon, 18, of Utica, N. Y., police today concentrated their efforts on a hunt for Italian gangsters. The women were stabbed and slashed to death some time Friday morning and their bodies carried by automobile to an unfrequented road and thrown out.

Investigation has revealed that gangsters who killed Mrs. Blandino's first husband eighteen months ago threatened to wreak further vengeance. Mrs. Blandino's death is believed to be the fulfillment of this threat, while the killing of her companion was for the purpose of eliminating a possible informer.

Three men are being detained pending solution of the affair. They are James Blandino, husband of one of the two victims, Rosario de Lorenzo, an employe in Blandino's barber shop, and Alfred Montepare.

## W. C. T. U. PLANS MEETING

Young People's Branches to Hear National Secretary.

A mass meeting of young people's branches of the Marion County W. C. T. U. will be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the United Brethren Church, Walnut St. and Park Ave.

Mrs. Maude B. Perkins, national secretary of the Young People's Branch, will speak. Spencer Henshaw will give a baritone solo; Mrs. E. B. Foster, a reading, and A. L. Hall, a whistling solo, accompanied by Miss Thelma Baker.

## EX-PASTOR BLAMES BOTH SIDES FOR K. K. K. STRIFE

Editor of Bible Magazine Speaks at K. of C. Luncheon.

Speaking upon problems confronting the American people today, the Rev. Gustave E. Hiller, D. D., former pastor of the New Jersey Street M. E. Church, and now editor of The Promise, a Bible magazine, declared they can be solved only by following the spirit of Christ, in a speech at the Knights of Columbus luncheon at the Spink-Arms.

Among things mentioned as problems was the Ku-Klux Klan movement. Dr. Hiller said:

"I cannot be a member of this organization because I consider it unchristian. I consider it the spirit of Christ. But I will tell you candidly, gentlemen, that both sides are to blame for the conditions by which this strife has been brought on."

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