

GIRL 'SPOTTER' TELLS OF BENJAMIN'S LIFE WITHIN 'HAREM'

Search for 'King' of Cult Centers in Eastern Canada.

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ST. JOSEPH, Mich., May 17.—Search for "King" Benjamin Purnell, missing ruler of the House of David, was centered in eastern Canada today.

Judge Harry Dingeman, conducting a probe into charges of immorality into the strange cult, received information that Benjamin had been seen near Ontario.

The quest for Purnell, characterized as "the man who would be king" and who ruled in Shiloh palace with regal pomp, was intensified as search for additional witnesses in the probe progressed.

The story of life in this alleged twentieth century seraglio was told by a 20-year-old girl, Levina Johnson Henger, a dancer, who said she had been a "petite" and detective, reporting directly to the "king" on indiscretions of his flock.

Surrounded by his harem of "virgins," the "seventh angel," who is being investigated by Judge Harry Dingeman, lived a life of luxurious ease and splendor in this Michigan "valley of the kings."

But, was served to the modern sultan, who maintained his corps of maidens long after the abolition of the Turkish ruler's nest, on plates of gold.

Rare liquors were poured to suit his moods and tastes in glistening goblets studded with emeralds and rubies by the young girl attendants. Trained hula dancers furnished entertainment at his bidding.

His long grey beard was combed and primed by a maid in waiting. His bath was prepared, clothes carefully arranged and every want anticipated by the score of select "sisters" who vied with each other for the honor of administering to the personal wants of the self-styled "brother of Jesus Christ."

Girls Arrayed in Silks
The chosen Shiloh girls arrayed in the finest silks while their less fortunate "sisters" in the colony were allowed only roughest cotton clothes of plain styles, maintained the royal apartment.

The king's rooms were furnished with rich tapestries and furnished with luxurious couches and divans. Valuable paintings graced the walls.

Levina, who kept the faith as promulgated by the Israelites and obeyed laws to the letter, while serving as Benjamin's private detective and hula dancer, told a frank and open story of her life in the colony.

"Benjamin seldom slept at night," Levina said. "There was always a light in his room. He said he did not work then, preparing his writings and prophecies. He slept in the day time. The spirits were abroad in the night time and they would inspire his works, he said.

Wife Lived Apart
"Twenty-three girls lived in Shiloh. They were the favored of the flock. They had nothing to do but care for Benjamin. No other men lived in the apartment. Queen Mary, the king's wife, even lived in a building far separated from that of her husband.

"All other members of the colony worked hard; were given poor food and insufficient clothing. While I was in Mary's retinue I acted as a spotter for Benjamin. I was forced to work in the restaurant and do other hard labor."

"Benjamin's girls arose early, when a general bell was sounded, to be prepared for his appearance, breakfast consisting of the choicest fruits and carefully selected and prepared food were served the king in bed, if he desired."

"While Benjamin and his virgins were satisfying their appetites with the best of foods, the other members of the colony were given only the plainest viands."

No One Eats Meat
"They never had eggs, butter and cream. Of course, none in the entire family ate meat."

"Religious services and ceremonies were few. On the last Friday of each month all the brothers and sisters more than 12 years old were summoned to the assembly hall to hear Benjamin preach. He spoke plainly, especially on the doctrines which provide that women must lead virgin lives and the men must keep a pledge of celibacy."

"On various occasions decreed by Benjamin the 'cleansing fountain' ceremony was held to 'purify' the blood of the elect. There was no ceremonial attached. We simply wrote out confessions of our misdeeds, filed through an assembly hall and dropped papers bearing our signatures into a large waste basket. These were all taken to Benjamin."

"Benjamin had a small hypnotic eye and is God-like and sympathizing in his manners so it is hard to resist him."

"I didn't even tell my own mother of my experience until nearly a year later," she said.

"Benjamin don't want his girls to wear black. In fact, all black clothes were positively forbidden in the colony. He used to 'the Devil lives in black.'"

"Pink was also a favorite color until some of the favorite Shiloh girls obtained some pink silk with which they intended to make waists. Benjamin scolded them, saying 'pink is a lustful color to man.' However, he finally suggested that the girls make the pink goods into lingerie."

STRAY BULLET HITS MAN

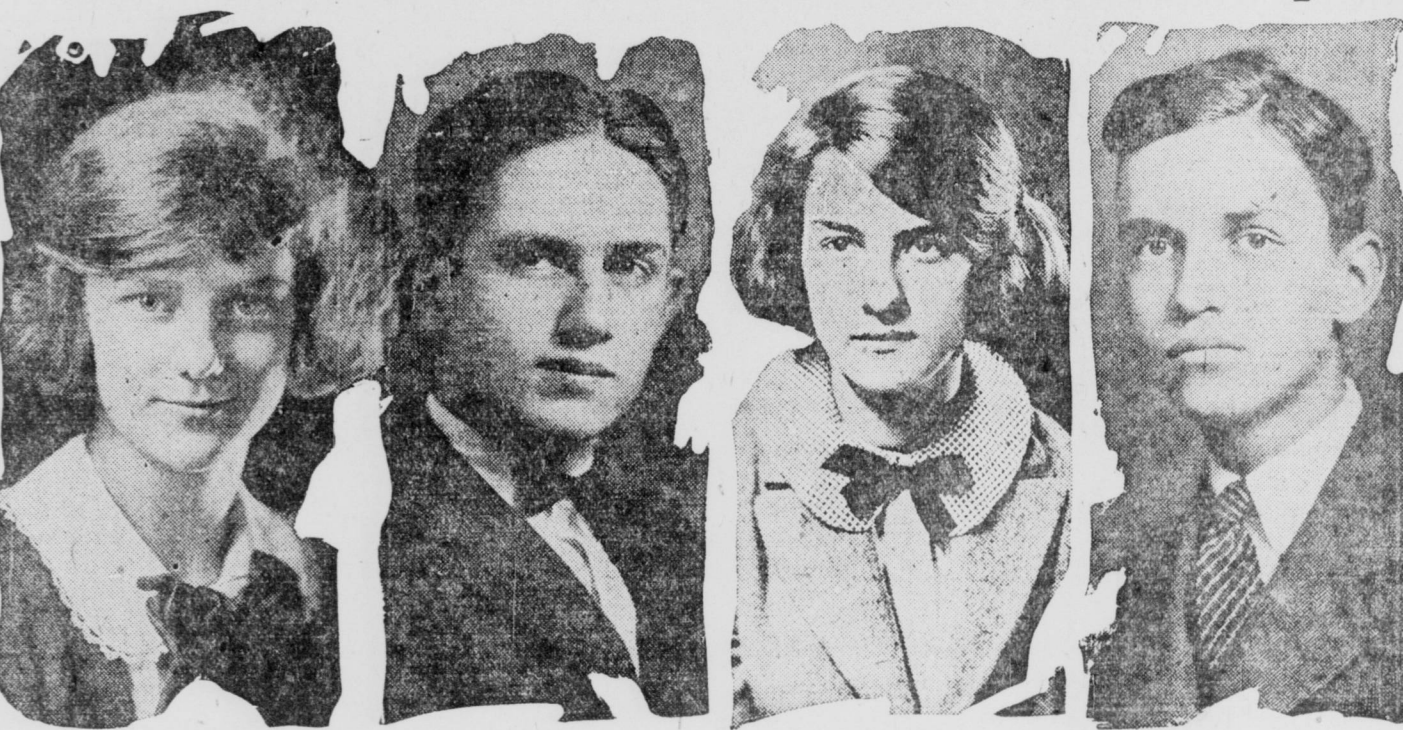
Motorman Struck by Shot Fired During Avenue Fight.

Detectives Duncan and Purvis today were searching for the colored man who fired a shot at another colored man on Indiana Ave. Wednesday.

The bullet went wild, striking Dewey Brooks, 311 W. Ohio St., a street car motorman, in the face. Brooks was sent to the city hospital. His condition is not serious.

Police say Harry Bass, 24, colored, and a man named Rudolph were having a fight on Indiana Ave. They allege Bass drew a gun and fired. The bullet went through Rudolph's coat sleeve, struck the woodwork of the car and was deflected toward the motorman.

Roman State to Eat 'Latin' Food at Annual Banquet



LEFT TO RIGHT, ELIZABETH HURD, EDWARD CHAPMAN, MARGARET ELROD AND WILSON DAILY.

LIONS CANDIDATES FORM TICKETS FOR COMING ELECTIONS

Rivalry Keen as Nominating Committees Make Their Reports.

Three tickets have been named for officers of the Lions Club.

The Rev. C. C. Gohn heads the regular ticket submitted by the nominating committee at a luncheon of the club Wednesday at the Lincoln. Others on the ticket: E. E. Katterhenry, first vice president; R. R. Bair, second vice president; James G. Thomas, third vice president; Harry M. Carr, secretary treasurer; directors, Roy F. Hartz and A. C. Waggoner.

The Spark Plug ticket: President, Dr. Clarence R. Strickland; George R. Weigand, first vice president; R. R. Bair, second vice president; Harry M. Carr, secretary treasurer; directors James G. Thomas and Albert Stump.

The We Win ticket: President, Dr. Strickland; John H. Armstrong, vice president; Oscar Allen, second vice president; Otto Buschmann, third vice president; G. A. Rochford, secretary treasurer; directors, W. D. Niman and Millard Warner.

Delegates to the national convention to be held at Atlantic City, June 27, 28 and 29 are R. R. Bair, Albert Stump, James G. Thomas, Leroy Sanders and L. H. Mann.

Jack Ross, R. R. Bair, R. W. Leonard, Claude A. Rochford, Joseph O'Mahoney, Otto Buschmann, E. E. Katterhenry, E. O. Steele, S. P. Matthews, Albert Stump, Roy F. Hartz and E. B. Hill will attend the State convention at South Bend May 21 and 22.

MISSIONARIES ARE MET BY DISCIPLES

Church Is Making Extensive Building Program.

By Times Special
FRANKFORT, Ind., May 17.—A feature to the closing session today of the eighty-fourth annual convention of the Disciples of Christ was the presentation of outgoing missionaries.

Those who will work in foreign fields are: Miss Hazel A. Harker, Frankfort, to Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peterson, Indianapolis, to Tibet; Miss Margaret Conkright and Mrs. Don McGavon, Muncie, to India; Leland Emerson, California, to Tibet; Miss Marie Serrill, Chicago, to the Philippines; Miss Euenno Stover, Oklahoma, to Africa; and Dr. Hope Nielsen, Terre Haute, to India.

Reports showed the Disciples are doing a great deal of church building. Ministers who are in the better building campaign made reports.

Evangelists attending the convention told of their plans to aid in the 1,000,000 new members campaign. The quota of Indiana is 150,000. The campaign will begin Oct. 1. The first lap will close with Easter Sunday, 1924.

gram was presented by the College of Missions. Following a lively tilt between Anderson and Rushville for the next convention, delegates voted in favor of Rushville.

BODY OF FIFTH VICTIM IS FOUND IN RIVER

Stream Dragged for Sixth Member of Party After Bridge Tragedy.

By United Press
DAVENPORT, Iowa, May 17.—All hope the third missing couple in the street car bridge tragedy Sunday night have escaped, disappeared Wednesday with the finding of the body of Charles Lannigan, 21, of Rock Island.

The river now is being dragged for the body of Mrs. Merle Newton, companion of Lannigan and the sixth victim of the picnic party. They leaped to avoid an onrushing street car.

Sixty electric lines operate motor buses in outlying territories. Forty railroads are using motor buses on short lines.

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ARREST OF THREE MEN MAY CLEAR AUTO 'STRIPPING'

Police Night Riders Make Capture After Chase; Jugs Hurlled From Car.

Police night riders took part in two thrilling and fruitful chases before dawn today.

Three arrests were made which police believe will go far toward clearing up recent automobile "stripping" and bootlegging.

Officers Glish and Glenn arrested two men who gave their names as Roy Davis, 21, of 514 Holly Ave., and James Beckman, 20, of 446 1/2 W. Washington St.

Shots Fired
Shots were fired and five-gallon jugs were hurled to the street during the chase in which Officers Shover and Morrissey arrested Tony Mazza, 25, of 909 S. New Jersey St. He was charged with speeding. With him was a man who gave his name as Joe Thomas, 23, same address. He was not arrested. The prosecuting attorney is investigating this case.

The chase started when the officers followed a speeding automobile out E. Washington St. The trail was lost at Davis St. and resumed at State and Prospect Sts.

As the cars sped along jug after jug, which, police said, contained white mule whisky, was hurled out of the fugitive car, according to the officers.

When the cars turned into Shelby St. and Southern Ave., the officers opened fire and the first car stopped.

Car Without Lights
Glish and Glenn made their capture on Harding St. south of Kentucky Ave., after trailing a car without lights. They overtook one of the men as he left the car. The other was taking a tire off a car with an Ohio license. It is alleged.

Police records showed, it is asserted, this car was taken from a front of the Plaza Hotel, where the owner, Atlee R. Miller of Elyria, Ohio, is stopping.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT IS DENIED BY GIRL

Grace Ferguson, 17, Expected to Recover.

Miss Grace Ferguson, 17, rooming at 648 1/2 Fletcher Ave., is in the city hospital following what police believe to be an attempted suicide Wednesday night. Physicians said she would recover.

Miss Ferguson today denied an attempt to take her own life. Motor Police Ambler and Hyland said they found a bottle of poison partly empty in her room.

Miss Ferguson's home is said to be in Marion. She is employed at the Eli Lilly Company.

Dayton, Ohio, has the most motor vehicles per square mile—1,885. Twelve per cent more motor tourists visited national parks last year than in the preceding year.

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COMMITTEE IS SELECTED

Board of Trade Names Members to Nominate Officers.

A committee to nominate the regular ticket of officers to be elected June 11 has been chosen by the Board of Trade in the annual primary election.

These committeemen were chosen from twenty candidates: Bert A. Boyd, Charles C. Perry, Edward D. Evans, Eugene H. Darrach, Otto P. Melus, Mark H. Miller and Carl F. Walk.

MINISTER'S FUNERAL SET

Rites for Rev. Neighbor to Be Held Saturday.

Hundreds of friends of the Rev. Robert E. Neighbor, 80, who died in Portland, Ore., a week ago, plan to attend his funeral at the First Baptist Church here at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

The Rev. Neighbor had held several important pastorates in the United States and was well known as editor of Baptist publications.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! Mrs. McCarty's Lucky Day

Receives Chest Full of Money. Immediately Invests in World's Greatest Asset. Real Estate.



Mrs. Hazel McCarty, 148 N. Arsenal Avenue, had never had very much faith in her luck until a few days ago, when her daughter persuaded her to take a drive out to Forest Manor, Section "C."

It had been advertised that the opening sale of lots was to start, and as an attraction a chest of money was to be given away. As the visitors arrived each was presented with a key. While waiting for the money chest to arrive a look around this beautiful new Addition was taken.

Many visitors who came as sight-seers were so impressed with Forest Manor, Section "C" that they immediately became lot buyers. The half-mile of boulevard lights, many massive brick, stone and cement street entrances, wide swinging boulevards, beautiful ornamental shrubs, evergreens and shade trees all blended together into a picture that thrilled one with delight.

The lots were large, high, level and beautiful. One hundred thirty fronted on beautiful parkways and forty on paved streets. The prices were so low and terms so reasonable that Mrs. McCarty's daughter joined the throng of enthusiastic purchasers and bought a nice lot suitable for a bungalow home.

The lots in this new Addition sell as low as \$25, \$35, \$45, \$50 and up. Terms \$10 or more in cash, \$1 or more weekly. No interest or taxes for one year. No payments while sick or out of work.

This Addition has been developed by The Kinneer Company, who also have it for sale. They are located at 607 Fletcher Trust Bldg., Main 1409. Salesmen will gladly call for interested persons and drive them to the Addition, which adjoins the other new Famous Forest Manors, lying along E. 38th St. Boulevard—Advertisement.

As soon as the money chest arrived a line was formed and each person was permitted to try their key in the lock. About half way down the line was Mrs. McCarty, who had been watching the unsuccessful efforts of those who had gone before her. She inserted her key and immediately the lock opened and the money was hers.

The picture shows her with her hands full of money taken from the chest.

Mrs. McCarty, fully realizing that real estate is the safest place to invest money, and that lots offered for sale in Section "C" would not only make a delightful home site, but would also be a good investment, purchased a lot next to her daughter's.

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