

PROVIDE PLANKS ANY ROUTE TO ENTER BUILDING

Five-Inch Plank, Fifty Feet
Above Street, Helps Man
Across Roofs.

Police would have caught a burglar today if he had only slipped. They probably would have taken him to the hospital instead of jail, too.

But the burglar didn't slip. Neither did he steal anything, although he pried two bars from a window on the third floor of the Crystal Theater, 117 N. Illinois St.

The burglar placed a plank five inches wide and about ten feet long from the window ledge of the third floor of the Hoosier Building, 18 W. Market St., to the roof of a building at 105 N. Illinois St. The plank was in a diagonal position and it was raining. Across this slippery, wet plank the burglar walked to the roof of the Illinois St. building at 2 a. m. today, continued over roofs of three other buildings and dropped ten feet to the roof in the rear of the Crystal Theater building. He pried off two iron bars from the window of the Crystal Theater. The police believe the prowler was then frightened away.

The burglar climbed an air duct reaching to the roof, from which he had dropped a few minutes before, and returned to the Hoosier building across the plank. Had he slipped he would have fallen fifty feet.

A merchant police officer was told by a stranger he saw a man on the roof of the Illinois St. building a few minutes before. The merchant policeman notified the police and Sergeant Dean and a squad investigated. The theater had not been robbed.

Police say the burglar may have been one of the yeggmen who blew the Lyric Theater safe a few weeks ago.

INDIANA MAN NAMED ON COAL COMMITTEE

New Policy of National Association to
Be Outlined.

Phil H. Penna of Terre Haute, secretary of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' Association, and Alfred M. Ogle of Terre Haute, president of the Vandalia Coal Company, are among twenty-five members of a new policy committee of the National Coal Association, John C. Brydon, president of the association, announced today.

The purpose of the committee, according to the announcement, is to continue the study of problems confronting the industry, to pass on questions of policy affecting the association and to form a closer liaison between the mine owners and the public.

CONTRACT FOR POWER HOUSE ADDITIONS LET

Medical School Trustees Divide Work
Among Contractors.

Contracts for the construction of various appendages to the central power house for the Riley Children's hospital, the Robert W. Long Hospital and the Indiana University School of Medicine have been let by the board of trustees of the university. The contracts: Nurses' home, \$18,000, to the Ostrom Realty Company; tunnel connecting the three institutions, State Construction Company; steam equipment and piping, W. H. Johnson & Son Company; water supply and drainage, James Diggie; switch board and electrical distribution system, Sanborn Electric Company. The power plant and equipment funds were provided by the 1923 Legislature.

YOUTHS RESCUE FAMILY

Four Persons Saved From Drowning
by Three Boys.

By Times Special
"GARY, Ind., Aug. 2.—I. Sohr, his wife and two daughters, 12 and 6, of Cleveland, Ohio, were rescued Wednesday from death when three boys, all under 20, dove into the Little Calumet River and broke open the doors of the sedan in which the quartet were imprisoned when the motor car ran off a bridge.

The boys were Charles Davis, Chester Brownfield and John Locke, all of Portsmouth, N. H., who are motoring to the West Coast.

Betting at Ball Game Charged

Charges of gaming were pending today against John Partlow, 419 E. Market St., and Charles Calderone, 525 E. Merrill St. Lieutenant Hudson alleges the men made a wager at a baseball game Wednesday and he saw the money change hands.

Robbers Murder Merchant.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—L. J. Arnold, 50, who came to Chicago from St. Louis recently, was found murdered in the rear of his delicatessen store early today. He had been stabbed several times. Blood was spattered about the walls and furniture was broken. Several trunks and the cash register had been rifled, leading police to believe robbery was the motive.

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Traffic Officers Preach Eternal Caution



Hundreds of Indianapolis citizens weekly are receiving first-hand facts about traffic, graphically told by two veterans of the Indianapolis traffic squad, members of the accident prevention bureau recently created in the police department.

These two "corner veterans" are Trafficmen Frank Owen (right) and Walter E. Paul, shown in the photograph as they addressed Pennsylvania Railroad employees.

Owen and Paul have been making talks to department store, taxicab and railroad employees, besides civic and fraternal club members as well as the public in general, since December, preaching the gospel of "eternal caution."

Paul and Owen have "worked" every corner in the city.

Owen speaks to pedestrians. He recites the rules for foot traffic, explains the relation of the tower system to the person on foot, tells of the advantage of having side-line men at busy intersections, recounts the dangers that beset those in a hurry who will flit with a street car weighing from twenty-one to forty-five tons, and warns against the common practice of parents letting their children play in the street. He ends with a sermon directed at the person in too big a hurry to go to the intersection to cross the street or who crosses the corner obliquely.

After the audience has been instructed as to the proper method of walking, Paul speaks to motorists. He explains that throughout the year eighteen coast-to-coast tourists pass through Washington St. every hour, and calls attention to the fact that no tourist ever has been jailed here for traffic violations. Paul stresses carelessness as the principal cause of accidents. The boulevard stop system is explained. Paul warns motorists to have regard for children, even if they are violating an ordinance by playing in the street.

Both officers made a thorough canvass of city schools last year and are planning return engagements this winter. In addition the officers are the star performers at the Thursday afternoon traffic matinee in city court.

VAN-AUKEN STAYS TO FINISH ORDER

Public Service Commissioner
Presents Resignation.

The resignation of Glenn Van Auker of Auburn, member of the public service commission since 1919, probably will not become effective until after Van Auker has completed work in connection with drafting the Indiana Bell Telephone rate order, to which he was assigned, it was believed today.

After it became generally known Wednesday that Van Auker desired to retire, Governor McCray announced that the commissioner's resignation had been in his hands since July 1. McCray said he had withheld announcement because he wished to persuade Van Auker to remain.

McCray spoke highly of Van Auker's connection with the commission and said he regarded him as one of the most valuable utility men on the commission. Van Auker's friends say he desires to return to his law practice.

Wounded by Negro Burglar

By United Press
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 2.—When Ethel Plant, pretty 17-year-old girl, heard a noise in her father's store room, below the rooms in which her family lives and in which she was asleep, she went to investigate shortly after midnight. Finding a negro robbing the store, she sought to detain him while she screamed for help. Today she was recovering at a hospital from the effects of a bullet wound in the shoulder, inflicted by the negro as he ran, after she had broken away from his efforts to stuff her cries. Police have no trace of her assailant.

What Is to Become of Busts of Former Governors on English?

What is to become of the busts of nine former Governors of Indiana or Indiana Territory on front of the south half of the Hotel English building when it is razed to make way for the new Famous-Players Lasky Corporation photoplay theater?

William E. English, owner of the hotel property, who has leased the south half to a holding company for the movie corporation for ninety-nine years, today said he hopes the State will preserve them.

"I have thought of taking the matter up with Governor McCray," said English. "It would be a pity to see them destroyed. They are excellent likenesses."

The busts were placed on the hotel by English's father, the late William E. English Sr. Busts of members of the English family are on the other half of the building.

Since the movie corporation controls the building, the Governor busts will be its property, but English said he thought the corporation would be willing to give them to the State.

The busts are of Claude Mathews, Thomas Posey, second Governor of Indiana Territory; Oliver P. Morton, Civil War Governor; William Henry Harrison, first Governor of Indiana Territory; Thomas A. Hendricks; Abram A. Hammond; Jonathan Jennings, first Governor of the State; Ratcliffe Boone and James Brown Ray.

What I Was Doing at 20

—By—

John J. O'Brien,
Fire Chief

I WAS driving a meat wagon for Kingan & Co. I did not become a member of the fire department until five years later.

Cadet Drowns at Winona

By Times Special
WARSAW, Ind., Aug. 2.—Togo Swem, 16, sophomore at Morgan Park Military Academy, Chicago, was drowned while bathing in Winona Lake Wednesday night. Swem's body was found in three feet of water, and as he was a good swimmer, it is supposed he suffered from a heart attack. Three years ago a younger brother was drowned.



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Dancers Head Variety Bill Opening at Palace

Helen Higgins and Edith Blossom heads the new show opening at the Palace today. Their program of dances includes a "Song Dance," Waltz, "Acrobatic," Nautch Dance, and popular and jazz steps. They are assisted by Horace Bently at the piano. Misses Higgins and Blossom were at one time featured in Harry Carrol's "Varieties."

"Tarzan" is a baboon that rides a bicycle, uses a typewriter, handles a knife and fork like a gentleman, and does a number of other surprising things. Felix Patty is his trainer.

Gene Augustin and Roy Bergere are singing comedians and dancers of eccentric steps; Browning and Roberts present a comic skit, "Two Boys From the South," and Two Davies are jugglers and strong men.

Alice Brady in "The Snow Bride" is the screen attraction, being the tale of a sophisticated little French girl, an Indian poacher, and the Northwest mounted police.

Other reels are the Pathe News, a two reel comedy and Screen Topics.

Other attractions on view today include: "Enter Madame" at the

Murat; "Marriage Vs. Divorce," at the Lyric; "The Woman Game," with Elaine Hammerstein at the Isle; "Tribby," at the Circle; "Backbone," at the Ohio; "Trifling With Honor," at the Apollo and "Boston Blackie," at Mister Smith's.

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