

MICHIGAN ST. IS SAID TO BE 'MISERY ROAD'

Mr. Fixit Receives Complaint on Condition of Thoroughfare.

Do You Know?

Police who are forced to practice pistol target shooting must provide their own ammunition.

Submit your problems concerning improvements to Mr. Fixit. He is The Times' representative at the city hall. Wrist him at The Times.

W. Michigan St., "Misery Road," is the target of an attack from a citizen who wrote to Mr. Fixit today. The street is so rough a baby will fall out of its car crossing it the other day, according to the letter.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Is there any law that will compel the property owners or the city to repair about one hundred dangerous holes on W. Michigan St., between Tibbs and Olin Aves?

I saw a lady overturn a baby buggy yesterday, throwing the baby out after hitting one at Berwick and Michigan. Also saw a man hit one big hole with his automobile and break his wind shield. Auto springs are broken in big numbers every day.

Cars zig zag to miss holes and people on foot are nearly run down by them. The whole street from White River to Olin Ave. is in a disgraceful condition. The railroad tracks at Warman, Holmes and Michigan are getting in a death trap condition.

I saw several drivers loose control of their cars and start up the railroad tracks.

MR. MISERY ROAD.

Jolt and Hole Aves.

Michigan St. is an abomination. William H. Freeman, board of works member, agrees. However, the property owners must present a petition for permanent improvement if it is corrected. The railroad company is contemplating repairs at the crossing soon, Mr. Fixit was informed.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Won't you please try and coax an ash man around this way? Our ashes are of summer's standing. They have been moved only once this summer and then I had to telephone.

Ash men are difficult to coax sometimes, but the matter has been brought to the attention of Truly Nolen, Inspector of garbage and ashes who will conduct an immediate investigation.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: North St., the only crossing between N. Gray and N. Oakland, is in bad condition. Several hundred automobiles each day pass over this street, and now it is almost impossible to

get across in places. Please remember us with some cinders.

TAXPAYERS.

W. P. Hargan, clerk of the street commissioner's office, will investigate.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Why doesn't the city grade our street on N. Traub? There are so many holes in the street it is a wonder the automobiles don't break their springs. We would like to have it graded and oiled. When they paved Belmont the big truck ruined our street. It is up to the city to fix it.

TAXPAYER.

Please give Mr. Fixit the street number so he may pursue the investigation with certainty.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: We can hardly drive in our street in summer and can not even walk in it or cross it in winter. We try to get it graded, but have no luck. We offered to grade it ourselves and haul cinders on it if the city will let us have the cinders and they even refused that. Can you do anything for us?

STEPHEN SHOCKENAY.

Frank Reid, inspector of the street commissioners' department, will conduct an immediate investigation.

GARY SLAYER TO DIE NEXT WEEK

Only Governor Jackson Can Halt Execution Oct. 16.

By Times Special
LA PORTE, Ind., Oct. 8.—Commutation of sentence or a pardon from Governor Jackson is the only hope left for John Koval of Gary, who murdered Mrs. Martha Segersky, April 18. He is confined at Michigan City prison, where on Oct. 16, he will die in the electric chair. No appeal in his case is pending, according to Warden Walter Daly.

Koval, tried at Crown Point, pleaded guilty and was sentenced July 3, by Judge Martin Smith. His crime was particularly atrocious. The story is that Koval and Mrs. Segersky were drinking moonshine at the woman's home where Koval boarded. He is supposed to have asked for cigarettes and being refused cut her throat in a fit of anger. He was later captured by Gary police.

Mrs. Segersky was the mother of six small children.

Big Root Taken From Sewer

Internal Revenue Agents Must Trace Mistakes.

About \$100,000 in delinquent and unpaid income taxes is collected each month by officials and agents of the Internal Revenue Department here.

Most of the collections of unpaid taxes grew out of bookkeeping mistakes in the files of corporations, according to George Foot, deputy collector. Many individuals can not be traced when they have not listed their incomes and escape payment, while mistakes in the records of corporations are disclosed by the agents, he said.

"The public does not help us much in getting in touch with people who have not listed all their sources of income," Foot said. "Most of the work of tracing incomes not listed is done by our agents."

"Many persons will inquire about their neighbors' income tax and stand aghast at the figure quoted. But none of them want to tell us why they believe their neighbors should have paid more than they did."

In Scottish homes the porridge bowl is yielding to the breakfast plate of fish, ham and eggs.

Parrot Writes Its Own Poetry

RS. KATE KENDALL,

caretaker at the James Whitcomb Riley home on Lockerbie St., has a parrot—very old and wise, who frequently surprises visitors with bits of apt conversation. Mrs. Kendall recently conceived the idea of teaching the parrot to recite a line of a Riley poem for the anniversary of the poet's birthday.

Upon several occasions lately by the bird placidly repeated: "Good-by, Jim, take keer of yourself," but on Wednesday the parrot took to improvising and all he was heard to say on the anniversary was, "Hello, Jim; how are you today?"

INDIANA MAKES FINANCIAL GAIN

Increase in Balance on Hand

Oct. 1 Shown.

Indiana began the fiscal year Oct. 1 just \$3,240,529 better off than she was the year previous, it was shown today in a report by L. S. Bowman, State auditor, based on the total balance of all funds in the State treasury.

It was pointed out that \$1,400,000 should be deducted from this amount, representing the increase in receipts brought about by the extra

one cent gasoline tax. That would make the State's net increase \$1,840,199.

The balance in all State funds on Oct. 1, according to State Treasurer Ben H. Urbans, was \$8,623,300, as compared with \$5,882,770 a year ago. The new composite general fund showed a balance of more than \$6,000,000.

The biggest balance increase was shown in the benevolent institutional fund, which grew from \$5,803 to \$1,193,012. The old general fund grew from \$399,579 in 1924 to \$1,784,278.

AUTO INJURIES FATAL

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 8.—John Bender, 65, is dead in a local hospital today as a result of injuries sustained last week when he stepped in front of an automobile. Bender was partially blind.

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Martin J. Hyland and pieces of thirteen-foot root taken from N. Audubon Rd. sewer.

Rd. sewer pipe, grew into an immense root, measuring thirteen feet, 6 inches and was removed with much difficulty.

The pipe, from which the root was removed, was twelve feet under ground, and men with cables and hooks worked from one man-hole to another for several days before they were able to remove the giant root. In circumference, it almost filled the ten-inch pipe through which it grew, and a willow tree, fully forty feet away, was the parent of the phenomenon. Martin J. Hyland, street commissioner, said.

"While this root is the largest we've ever removed," said Hyland, "we frequently find roots several feet long, obstructing the sewers. This is particularly true in Irvington, where the sewer pipes are

much smaller than in any other part of Indianapolis."

RAZOR - PISTOL BATTLE

Four Hurt As Police Try to Halt

Downtown Duel.

By United Press
GARY, Ind., Oct. 8.—Four men are in a hospital here, today seriously injured, two probably fatally, as the result of a pistol-razor fight on a downtown street corner Wednesday.

The injured are William Boger, deputy sheriff and John Poe, colored outlaw, probably fatally hurt, and Thomas Ladsworth, deputy constable and William Thomas, colored, severely cut.

The fight occurred when the officers attempted to halt a razor duel between the colored men.

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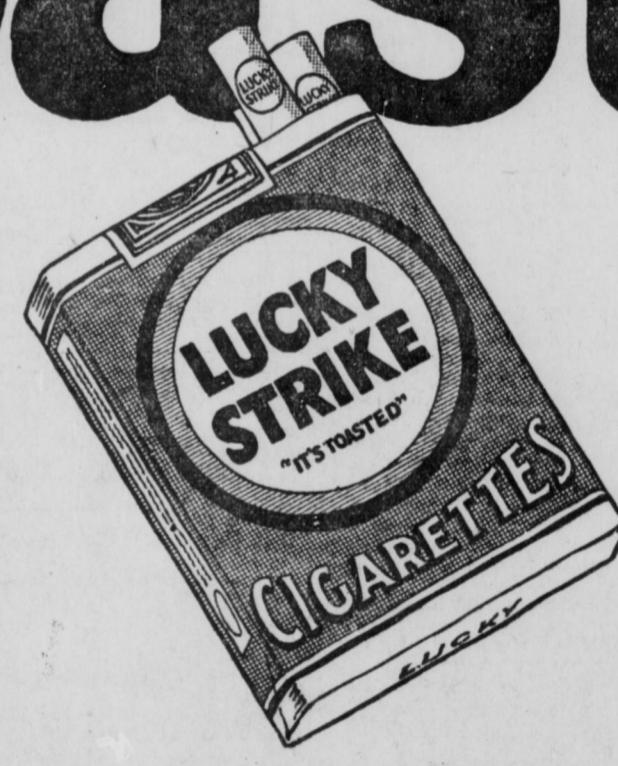
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