

## BELL ENGINEER ADMITS VALUE WAS ASSUMED

Appraiser Says Two Factors in 'Fair' Figure Were Calculated.

Two of the three important factors used by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company in claiming a "fair value" of \$45,860,000 were assumptions, B. G. Halstead, Bell appraisal engineer, admitted today during examination by Samuel R. Artman, in charge of the public service commission's Bell investigation.

Halstead said the Bell's figures on the physical value of the company's property were obtained from the books and are facts, but admitted that the figures on overheads and going value are assumptions. All three entered into the company's valuation, on which it is asking rate increases of more than \$600,000 a year.

### Questioned on Expense

Artman questioned Halstead regarding expenses claimed by the Bell in its part of the State-wide inventory and valuation. Halstead said the engineering costs alone would exceed \$200,000, besides accounting and legal costs.

Taylor E. Groninger, special commission counsel, questioned Halstead concerning the method of determining the rate of depreciation of different classes of property and how they finally arrived at the percent-condition of each item. When it was brought out that pole lines, in general, are in better than 75 per cent condition, Halstead said it was the practice of the company to replace pole lines in poorer condition.

### To Quiz Engineer

The Bell plans to question Chester W. Ronine, its rate engineer, before closing its case. Edward W. Bemis, the commission's special appraisal engineer, is scheduled to return to the stand and give an estimate of the company's value of the basis of average prices from 1916 to 1920, inclusive.

The hearing may end this week. Oral arguments probably will follow.

## TWO HURT WHEN AUTO FIRED ON

Young Men Flee After Wounding Couple.

*By Times Special*  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 1.—Henry Frazer and Mrs. William Davis were recovering today from wounds received when their auto was fired on by two young men one of whom was of Noblesville last Monday.

Frazer was shot in the face and Mrs. Davis received several shots in the back.

Frazer said the men appeared out of a cornfield, fired at his car and fled.

Sixteen shot passed through the curtain of the back part of the auto.

### NO SANTY FOR STILLS

Will Be Out of Hills by Christmas, Prediction.

The stills will be out of the hills of southern Indiana by Christmas, Deputy Federal Prohibition Administrator A. R. Harris predicted today when he announced a partial report on the activities of the department for last month.

The report shows that in the southern and western district twenty-one stills, with an average capacity of seventy-five gallons each, were confiscated. Eighteen stills were taken in New Albany territory and three in the Terre Haute district.

## COLDS

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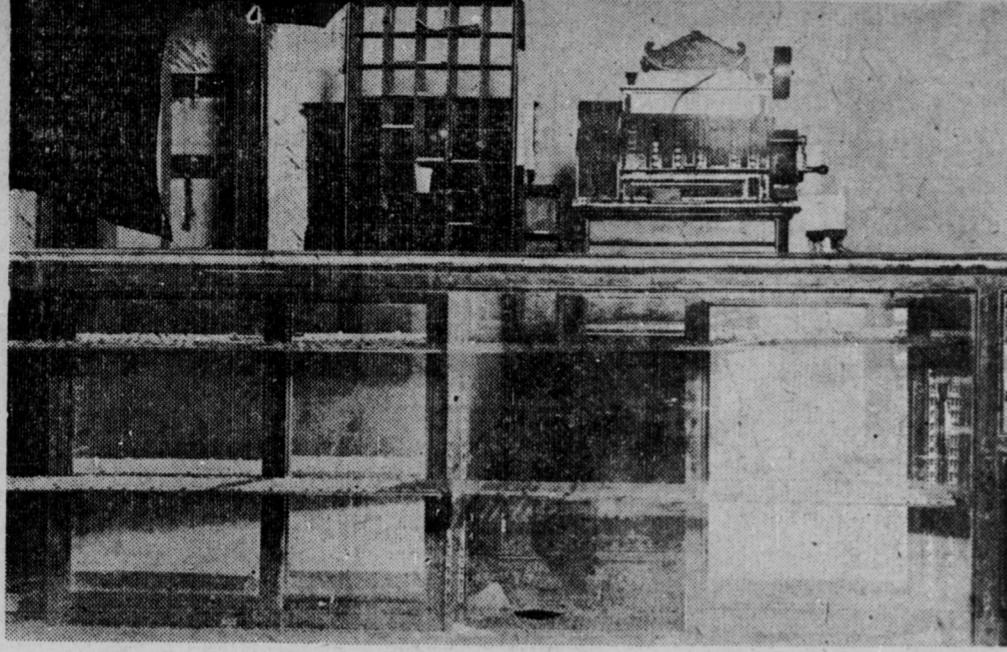
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## Fixtures of Marion Club Sold By Receiver



## KINGSTON GIVES DRY LAW VIEWS

### Safety Board President Talks at Cabinet Meeting.

Prohibition has brought added woes to law enforcement officials declared Ernest L. Kingston, board of safety president, at Mayor Shank's cabinet meeting Monday.

"The Voilead said has made bootleggers out of crooks, hi-jackers out of bootleggers, hold-up men out of hi-jackers and yeggs out of hold-up men," he said.

"It also has been a big social asset. Hundreds of men are buying homes and have savings accounts who would not have them if they were still laying around saloons.

"Sometimes it seems there are more people who want liquor than prohibition. As long as it is the law we must enforce it; and we have tried to meet the problem."

### ATTACK STIRS TEXAS

"Ma" Ferguson Trying to Becloud Issue, Enemies Say.

*By United Press*  
AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 1.—In her attack upon the rich who can buy liquor in defiance of the law as opposed to the poor who, when caught, are the only ones to suffer enemies of Governor "Ma" Ferguson see an effort to becloud the movement on foot to impeach her. The attack has stirred up "the folks back-country," who always have been the backbone of the Ferguson political support. Prohibition is a red hot issue in Texas, a dry State.

### COP DENIES HE'S SHEIK

Patrolmen's Fate Taken Under Advisement.

"I don't recall my recollection on that fact," Patrolman Admiral Harris, 29, colored, as he faced the board of safety today on charges of unbecoming conduct. The board took the case under advisement, instructing Harris to report next Tuesday.

Harris was charged with beating Wayne Carr, also colored, in a quarrel over a woman at 222 W. Eleventh St.

However, Harris denied influence with the women when asked by Elmer Gay, board member:

"Haven't you quite a reputation as a ladies' man?"

### DRIVER DROPS DEAD

Coroner Seeks Identification of Man Who Was In Texas Auto.

Coroner Paul F. Robinson sought identification of a man about 65, driving an automobile with Texas license 616,165, who dropped dead today at Fifty-Ninth St. and Washington Blvd.

Death probably was due to heart disease, it was said. Motorpolicemen Brennan and Wenz said the man had an attack at Canal and Delaware St., where he drove his machine in the ditch. He had gone to get a rope when he fell dead.

Body was taken to city morgue. He was about five feet eleven inches tall, weighed 165 pounds, and wore a gray overcoat, light shirt, gray striped trousers and coat.

### GOLDEN RULE MESSAGE

Motograph Flashes Word of Indiana University President.

A Golden Rule message being flashed by the motograph operated by the Merchants' Heat and Light Company, at Washington and Meridian Sts., is signed by William Lowe Bryan, Indiana University president. It says:

"If you cannot give money, give service. If you cannot give service, give money. But give for the sake of the life of a little child. Eat a Golden Rule dinner, Sunday, Dec. 6, and make a sacrificial gift—William Lowe Bryan."

Out of the \$1,000 visitors who signed the official album at the birthplace of William Shakespeare in Stratford-on-Avon, 32,000 were from the United Kingdom and 14,160 from America.

**IN LAST 24 HOURS**  
Three persons have been injured in traffic accidents in Indianapolis.

**TOTAL INJURED THIS YEAR** **TOTAL DEATHS THIS YEAR**

**2,184** **63**

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