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## EIGHTY DIE OBSERVING CHRISTMAS

Pistols, Automobiles and Bad Liquor Take Many Lives.

## SIX DIE IN INDIANA

Fifty-Three Are Traffic Accident Victims.

*By United Press*  
Celebration of Christmas, the day of peace and good will, cost eighty lives in twenty-seven American cities, a survey made today by the United Press revealed.

Fatalities in cities and towns not included in the survey will probably bring the figure over the 100 mark.

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## SHORTRIDGE TO BE SOLD BY PRESENT BOARD

Bids Will Be Received at Special Session Wednesday Morning.

Bids for the sale of the present Shorridge High School site and property, North and Pennsylvania Sts., will be received at 11 a. m. Wednesday, at a special meeting of the Indianapolis school board. Charles R. Yoke, president, announced today.

If possible the board will go over the bids and complete the sale at the same meeting or a later special session before Jan. 1. Yoke said.

This will be the last official move of the present board in carrying out the building program. The new board takes office Jan. 1.

Advertising for bids on the school will be completed by Wednesday, Yoke said. The property has been appraised at \$636,000. Proceeds of the sale are to be used in financing the erection of six new elementary school buildings.

The Shorridge site is said to be ideally located for downtown purposes and has a full block frontage in Pennsylvania St. and 163 feet in Michigan and North Sts.

Yoke said allegations made by Kay K. Wark, building contractor, who filed a petition for a temporary injunction to prevent the present board from executing contracts with architects for the grade school buildings, that part of the Shorridge site could not be sold by the board, were false.

The entire tract of land is the property of the school board and can be dispensed with as seen fit by the board," Yoke said.

Judge Clinton H. Givan, Superior Court Four, dissolved a temporary restraining order against the board Thursday, following a hearing.

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## Forecast

PARTLY cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Sunday. Somewhat colder tonight with lowest temperatures near zero.

TWO CENTS

### Eggs, Not Yeggs, After Jan. 1

*By Times Special*  
T. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 26.—William Moeller, whose term as police chief ends Friday, will immediately go to work on his poultry farm and his chickens will do extra time to bring his income up to par. A new device has been installed at the poultry farm, an alarm tripping off an electrical switch each day at 4 a. m. Immediately powerful lights in the chicken houses are illuminated and the biddies, fooled into believing it is daylight, arouse themselves and go about their morning work. The result is increased egg production.

### BARLEYCORN AND POLICE 'TOO PALLY'

Whisky Can't Be Running mate for Cops, Says Mayor.

### NEWLY NAMED MEN

Records of Next Appointees to Be Scanned.

*Lecturer Will Talk to Boys Sunday on "The Track Meet."*

"The Track Meet" will be the topic of C. L. Gibbens, lecturer, who will address boys from 10-18 years Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Y. M. C. A.

Russell Berg will draw cartoons and Ralph Klare will give a reading.

### DOPE DIVISION ACTIVE

7,000 Narcotic Peddlers and Addicts Rounded Up.

*By United Press*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—With a force of less than 300 officers, Col. D. Knut, chief of the Government Narcotic Bureau, has rounded up more than 7,000 dope peddlers and addicts this year, it was learned at the Treasury Department today. Records of Colonel Knut show that 95.6 per cent of the cases taken into court resulted in convictions that carry prison sentences of more than a year.

*Skaters flock to lagoons in Garfield Park and the South Grove golf course today. Above: Left to right, Lee Stout, 2172 N. Harding St., and Edward McNay, 2012 N. Harding St., at South Grove.*

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*BURSAR TO VISIT HERE*

University of Pennsylvania Official to Call on Alumni.

Sparta Fritz Jr., burser of University of Pennsylvania, will visit Indianapolis Jan. 1, 2, in an effort to establish closer relation between local alumni and the institution.

Bowman Elder, 801 Hume-Mansur Blvd., a Pennsylvania alumnus, said the university, founded by Benjamin Franklin has an enrollment of 8,469 students and is seeking to raise \$45,650,000 before its 200th birthday in 1940. More than \$5,500,000 has been raised.

*DEFENDANT TO PLEAD*

Robert Blair Will Answer Charge of Postal Theft.

Robert Blair, alias Bert Mason, who is indicted on charges of post office theft, will be arraigned Wednesday before Federal Judge Robert C. Baitz.

Blair is alleged to have robbed postal substation No. 27 of seventy-five money order blanks in 1922, which authorities charge, he cashed in various parts of the country.

He was brought to Indianapolis last week, following his arrest in New York by Postal Inspector William C. Elia and police there.

*Prisoner Escapes Jail at Noblesville.*

*By Times Special*

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 26.—Cecil Hendrickson, 19, alleged auto accessory thief, who attempted to shoot an officer when arrested, dashed out of jail today when Deputy Sheriff Will Dickover brought him his breakfast.

Hendrickson ran into the sheriff's residence and finding all doors locked, jumped through a window, breaking the sash and glass.

Mrs. Julia Walker, colored, housekeeper at the sheriff's residence, grabbed Hendrickson as he ran through the house. She seized his sweater and held on to him until a section about a foot square tore loose.

*ANDREWS TAKES RUM ROW TOUR*

Dry Czar on Coast Guard Inspection Trip.

*By United Press*

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Lincoln Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement, was to embark here late today for an eight-day inspection cruise of the southern rum front which will take him as far as Havana.

The cruise, which also will combine the features of a diplomatic mission, will proceed by leisurely stages down the coast and back, with stops at Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., and Key West, Fla., on the outgoing trip, and Miami and the return trip, which is due to end at Savannah Jan. 4.

*HEAVY PENALTY GIVEN*

Youth Fined \$250 and Costs on Three Serious Charges.

Alex Henderson, 21, colored, 519 Spring St., was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced thirty days in jail today by Judge Dan V. White on a drunk charge. He was also fined \$100 and costs on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and \$25 and costs for assault and battery. Henderson is alleged to have drawn a revolver on Leon Williams, colored.

*WALK CAUSES ARREST*

Wanted Man Strolls Right Past County Jail.

*By United Press*

WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 26.—Five minutes after Sheriff Maloy was notified to be on the lookout for Virgil Ward, 25, he spied Ward walking past the county jail and arrested him.

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