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DESIRE TO SEE GAME COST LEGS

Seymour Youth, Journeying to Martinsville With Five Others in Roadster, Badly Injured in Bus-Auto Crash Near City.

LIMBS ARE SEVERED ABOVE THE ANKLES

Companions Receive Minor Hurts, Three Being Only Bruised—Were on Way to Regional Basketball Tournament.

Desire to see his home town team play in the regional basketball tournament at Martinsville today cost Seymour youth, who were on their way to Martinsville in a roadster, the loss of their legs in a crash in the Bluff Rd., south-west of the city.

Both legs were severed above the ankles when a Blue Goose line bus from Bloomington and a roadster driven by Ralph Morrell, 21, of 1329 Union St., collided at a turn. The youth's legs were amputated at city hospital, where attaches said his condition was critical.

Morrell received a lacerated thigh and Rex Morrell, 11, a brother, received a fractured leg bone. Three other Seymour youths in the car were bruised.

Left for Game Friday

Morrell permitted the Seymour youths to get on his roadster at Raymond St. and the left Rd. The youths left for Martinsville Friday. The roadster was skidded into the path of the bus when it swerved to avoid striking a machine stopped near a curve. The roadster was demolished.

"Don't worry. I'm all right," Ross said to his less-seriously-injured companions at a nearby house.

Driver Held Blameless

Virel Jones, 22, of Martinsville, bus driver, said he tried to drive in a side road. The bus, with twenty-three passengers, ran over a slight embankment. Jones was held blameless.

Morrell was slated for violation of the city ordinance prohibiting overcrowding of autos and riding on running boards, by Sgt. Tom Harris. Miss Helen Jones and Arlinna Grigsby, Newcastle, Indiana University co-eds, in the bus, said they heard a crash and the roadster "twisted in the air."

"It looked as if boys were flying in all directions," said Miss Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Ross, parents of the injured youth, started to the city immediately. Ross, a B. & O. Railroad conductor, was located on his run.

All of the youths were high school students, and from prominent families. They left Seymour Friday and stayed all night at the home of a friend here.

FIGHT PEONAGE ON U. S. FARMS

Government Accepts Its Coming, Says Settle.

Charge that the Government expects the American farmer soon to be reduced to a condition of peonage was made by William H. Settle, Indiana Farm Bureau Federation president, today in a wire to President Coolidge.

Settle objected to a trip to Europe to be made by C. J. Galpin, head of the farm population and rural life division of the Department of Agriculture, to study methods of European countries in uplifting their peasants. He advised the President to keep Galpin at home.

"We demand more attention to the task of obviating certainty of peonage rather than acceptance of its coming and preparation to care for Government wards," the telegram said. "Farmers are determined such a condition shall not prevail in this country, and will to whatever length necessary to prevent it."

ONLY ONE MORE DAY TO PAY YOUR INCOME TAX.

Edward Wyllis Scripps Dies on Yacht

NEW YORK, March 12.—Edward Wyllis Scripps, 71, retired, founder of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, died shortly after 10 p. m. Friday aboard his yacht, the Ohio, in Monrovia Bay, off the coast of Liberia, Africa.

News of his death was contained in a dispatch received at the New York offices of the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

A dispatch from one of Mr. Scripps' secretaries said the publisher had left directions that he be buried at sea without communicating with or awaiting any instructions from his family or business associates. Although instructions have been cabled that the body be held pending word from Mr. Scripps' son, Robert P., it is doubted if the instructions reach the yacht in time to prevent carrying out the orders.

Born in Illinois

E. W. Scripps, one of the great figures in American journalism, was born at Rushville, Ill., June 18, 1854, the youngest of a large family of James M. Scripps. His elder brother, twenty years his senior, was James E. Scripps, founder of the Detroit News.

Although born in Illinois and making his newspaper debut as a cub reporter on his elder brother's paper in Detroit, E. W. Scripps launched his career as a newspaper founder and publisher in Ohio and continued to make that state his home and his place of residence throughout a career which carried him several times around the world.

For the past five years following his retirement in 1920 from active newspaper work, Mr. Scripps had lived practically his entire life at sea. Since 1920 he had made two trips around the world and at the time of his death was headed for the Mediterranean following a cruise on which he embarked last September and which had taken him down the east coast of Africa as far as Capetown from whence he again turned north.

His Survivors

Mr. Scripps is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mackie Scripps, at present living on the Scripps ranch at Miramar, San Diego County, California; by his only son, Robert P., who succeeded to his father's control of the Scripps-Howard newspaper interests several years ago, two daughters, Mrs. James Meany of San Diego, and Miss Dolly Scripps of Escondido, Cal.; by an older brother, Fred C. Scripps, and by his elder sister and life-long journalistic associate, Miss Ellen E. Scripps of La Jolla, Cal.

The death of Mr. Scripps will in no way affect the conduct or the policies of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, according to a statement made by Roy W. Howard, chairman of the board of directors of the Scripps-Howard interests.

Shortridge Put Out of Regional by Summitville

Up-State Five Beats Local Team in Close Game, 18 to 16.

By Dick Miller

Summitville was followed here by 1,000 Madison county fans. And as they followed their team to the locker room to acclaim victory over a team from the State's largest city, Shortridge rooters roared and cheered their team even though it was vanquished.

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Tourney Results

Scores in regional basketball meets are printed on the sport page of this issue.

FAIR, WARMER SUNDAY

Prediction Thermometer Will Rise to About 40 Degrees.

"Fair and warmer," the forecast for Sunday given out by the United States Weather Bureau today, brought joy to the hearts of many Indianapolis citizens who have become hardened to a diet of snow, rain and cold this month.

Snow, totaling two inches, was dumped on the city Friday, but there was only one inch on the ground this morning. The mercury stood at 17 degrees, or 17 below normal, at 7 a. m. Tonight's low mark should be about 20, bureau officials said. Sunday, however, the thermometer red is expected to mount to the 40 degree vicinity.

VERA'S NEMESIS QUILTS

Immigration Commissioner Who Barred Countess Resigns.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Immigration Commissioner Henry H. Curran has resigned, effective March 31, to become counsel for the City Club. The commissioner said he had decided to resign "long before the Cathcart case," when he was severely attacked in some quarters for his part in the exclusion of the countess. At that time he claimed his hands were tied in the matter.

MACREADY HITS GOAL?

Aviator Believes He Holds New World Record.

McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio, March 12.—After one hour and fifty-five minutes in the air in an effort to recapture the world's altitude record, Lieut. John A. MacReady landed at McCook Field this afternoon.

MacReady believed he surpassed the mark of 39,586 feet established by Calzillo, the French ace, several months ago.

His instruments will be calibrated here and officially at Washington.

SEARCH FOR BANDITS IS MADE HERE

Local Youths Suspected of Robbing Willow Branch Bank of \$1,700—Automobile Stolen in City Friday.

TWO HOLD CASHIER AND CLERK AT BAY

General Description Said to Tally With That of Hostetters, Wanted for Southport Hold-up—Machine Found Here.

Search for two youthful bandits who escaped with \$1,700 Friday in a hold-up of the Willow Branch State Bank, near Columbus, Ind., centered in Indianapolis today after police learned the auto used in the robbery was stolen from Frank Cameron, 2915 N. Dearborn St., at noon Friday while parked at 620 Superior St.

The machine was recovered this morning by Sergeant McClure and squad at Centennial and Vermont Sts. Persons living in the vicinity said two men parked the car there about 6 p. m. Friday, and walked west on Vermont St. toward Tibbs Ave.

Held at Bay

Although the burglar alarm was sounding the youths held Fred Bolin, cashier, and Mrs. Leon Curtis, a clerk, at bay while they took the money from the vault. Mrs. Curtis' husband, a director, was forced to hide up when he entered. Mrs. Curtis touched the alarm button with her foot when the bandits entered, but Willow Branch citizens failed to give aid. Bandits overlooked \$1,500.

The general description of the bandits tallies in some respects with that of Robert and Edward Hostetter, wanted in connection with the hold-up of the Southport (Ind.) bank several weeks ago. Hostetter and Kenneth Reeves escaped arrest several weeks ago when they shot their way to freedom after being surprised by deputy sheriffs at 621 Bradley Ave. Deputy Sheriff Bell was wounded.

Same Vicinity

It was pointed out that the Hostetters live in the vicinity where the machine was found.

Police, however, believe if the bandits had been the Hostetters, they would have been heavily armed, instead of carrying small caliber weapons as did the Willow Branch bank robbers. They had their faces blackened and wore false whiskers.

Miss Forba McDaniel, Indiana Bankers Association secretary, pointed out the Willow Branch and Southport communities had no protective organization. They are the most recent robberies.

COL. COOLIDGE BETTER

Spends Comfortable Night—Pain Almost Gone.

PLYMOUTH, Vt., March 12.—Col. J. C. Coolidge, father of the President, spent a comfortable night. He awoke shortly after 7 a. m. and told his nurse he was feeling much better. His pain appears to have almost entirely left him since his relapse of a few days ago.

FORT RELIEF NEXT WINTER

No Chance Immediately, Up-dike Is Told.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—An appropriation for emergency repairs to Ft. Benjamin Harrison buildings probably will be asked of Congress next December, War Department officials assured Ralph E. Updike of Indianapolis today. There is no money for the fort in the \$26,000,000 emergency construction bill introduced by Chairman Morin in the House Military Affairs Committee yesterday.

Updike may offer an amendment from the House floor putting a fund for the fort in the bill, however. Department officials said Ft. Harrison was in their second list of posts needing emergency repairs and that only the most serious emergencies are provided for in the present bill.

LOOTED SCHOOL 5 TIMES

Boy, 15, Admits Burglaries to Police—Faces Charges.

Lionel Carson, Negro, 15, 1809 Arsenal Ave., today was sent to the Detention Home today on charges of burglary and grand larceny after he confessed breaking into School 26, 1301 E. Sixteenth St., five times.

He told police he stole \$45 the first time, \$10.85 the second, and numerous miscellaneous articles the other times.

What This Sofa Could Tell!

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, Ind., March 12.—Adam Welck, proprietor of a Warsaw second-hand store, purchased an old sofa from a home where seven daughters had been courted in the parlor. Desiring to repair the piece of furniture he took it apart and found:

Five photographs, 147 hairpins, 3 mustache combs, 46 buttons, 13 needles, 8 cigarettes, 217 pins, several grains of coffee, 2 pocket knives, 15 poker chips, a vial of medicine, 10 lumps of chewing gum, the skeleton of a rat, an old-fashioned long hatpin, 3 pennies, all dated previous of 1900, 1 woman's glove, 5 lead pencils, a fountain pen and a diamond ring.

SCHOOL BOARD TAKEN TO TASK FOR METHODS

Tax Commissioner Says Appropriation Attempt Was Illegal.

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 12.—Members of the Indianapolis school board majority faction, while not mentioned specifically by name, were taken to task today by State Tax Commissioner Philip Zoercher in an address here before the Bartholomew County assessors.

"Several days ago an attempt was made in one taxing unit in Indiana by resolution to appropriate an amount out of the special school fund for the purposes of purchasing a new location for school purposes," Zoercher said.

"Such action is contrary to the budget law and cannot legally be done if taxpayers properly assert their rights," he declared.

"The public officers in Indiana cannot spend money that way. The taxpayer has a right to know what public funds are to be used for and (Turn to Page 2)

LICENSE DENIED CITY INSPECTOR

State Board Rules Osborn Not Qualified as Engineer.

W. A. Osborn, recently appointed assistant building commissioner, has a job, but does not have the qualifications for the position set by law following refusal of the State board of registration for professional engineers to grant him a structural engineer's license today.

The ordinance creating the position provided that the holder should be a licensed engineer.

"The application did not show the necessary qualifications to practice as a professional engineer," Harvey Mitchell Anthony, board chairman, said.

Board members, however, said Osborn can take the regular engineer's examination in April and if he makes a passing grade will be licensed. He has had ten years' experience as a builder, according to the application. The law provides each person licensed should have built five houses. Osborn listed only three in the application.

R. F. MURRAY IS CANDIDATE

Enters Democratic Race for Prosecutor.

Raymond F. Murray, 2422 Bellefontaine St., today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney today.

Murray declared that he is for the enforcement of all the laws, does not desire the support of the criminal class and that no extra legal methods of obtaining convictions will be tolerated in criminal trials. The constitutional rights of every citizen shall be preserved.

Murray rose to a sergency in the World War and was commended for his work in the intelligence service. He is thirty-five years of age, was born in Bloomfield, Ind., graduated from Indianapolis public schools, Shortridge High School, Butler College and Indiana Law School. He is a member of many clubs and an active Mason.

ATTORNEY SEEKS BENCH

Frank T. Brown Files as Democratic Candidate for Judge.

Frank T. Brown, 50, of 1855 Lowell Ave., filed today as a candidate for judge of the Superior Court 1, on the Democratic ticket. Judge James M. Leathers, Republican, is a candidate for re-nomination.

Brown was born at New Bethel and is a graduate of Butler University and the Indiana law school. He practiced law twenty-six years. Brown is a member of the Downey Avenue Christian Church, Irvington lodge, F. and A. M., Indiana Democratic Club and the Indianapolis Bar Association.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	10 10 a. m.	17
7 a. m.	11 11 a. m.	18
8 a. m.	12 12 noon	19
9 a. m.	1 1 p. m.	21

ADMITTS HE SLEW WIFE; SHE NAGGED

Troy's Bathbub Murder Is Solved by Confession of Husband That He Struck Wife After Over-Night Quarrel.

BLUE PAJAMAS, BLOODY HAIR IN COMB TRAP HIM

Young Salesman Breaks Down After Posing as Heart-Broken Mate for Three Weeks—Helped Police in Clew Hunt.

By Times Special
TROY, Ohio, March 12.—The shadow of the electric chair today hung over Jacob Nesbitt, 28, handsome young salesman, confessed slayer of his wife, Frances Drake Nesbitt.

A bloody hair in a comb, a missing blue pair of pajamas, solved Troy's one and only murder mystery.

He confessed last night, after being grilled five hours—confessed in his own home.

where the murder was committed three weeks ago, and where he was taken ostensibly for the purpose of reviewing the apparently insoluble crime.

"God, yes, I killed her," cried the man who had posed as a grief-stricken husband, who had helped newspaper reporters and detectives hunt for clues.

The confession tells a story of inhibitions, of love ended by nagging, of a murder provoked by superior business ability of a wife.

Frances had nagged him. She had belittled him in front of their friends. She had chided him because he was not a success as a salesman.

And at last the reserve of a man who had never been known before to lose his temper snapped. He hit his wife, and she—an athlete and Ohio State University tennis champion—retaliated.

Failed to Make Up

All this happened on the night of Feb. 18. For the first time in their married life they had quarreled and failed to make up before going to bed. She slept on a cot. He slept in their bed.

"On the morning of Feb. 19," said Nesbitt, "We arose from bed. The quarrel was renewed. She slapped me. I hit her. She hit me. And then everything went red."

Nesbitt said he remembered nothing from then on until he found himself in the bathroom, his hands and pajamas covered with blood. Mrs. Nesbitt was lying in the half-filled bathtub. Her skull was crushed.

Nesbitt burned his pajamas in the furnace. He combed his hair.

The comb was found, with a bloody hair.

The Loophole

On Wednesday night preceding the murder, Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Brown of Columbus Grove, Ohio, had been house guest of the Nesbitts. Mrs. Brown saw Nesbitt in blue pajamas. She told the authorities this. The blue pajamas could not be found after the crime. This and the comb trapped Nesbitt.

Nesbitt in his confession said after he had killed his wife, he dressed, performed his usual household tasks, swept off the snow from the walks and went to work.

The "Discovery"

That night he returned, "discovered" the body and led authorities to believe his wife had been murdered by a tramp.

"I kissed her good-by this morning," he told authorities.

The Nesbitts had been pointed out as an ideally happy couple. Their marriage was the culmination of a "small town" romance which had its beginnings here and grew to the engagement stage while the couple attended Ohio State University at Columbus. Mrs. Nesbitt was the woman's tennis champion at Ohio State and after her graduation was a social worker in Cleveland.

CITY FIREMAN DIES

Funeral for William Landers Monday at Home.

Fire Lieut. William H. Landers, 45, died this morning at his home, 1121 Hoyt Ave. Landers was appointed in June, 1915. He had been ill for a year.

The widow, a son, D. H. Landers, three brothers and three sisters survive. Aurie and Irving Landers, brothers, are members of the fire department. Funeral services will be at the home, Monday at 2 p. m. Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery.

TO BUILD APARTMENTS

Company Incorporates to Erect \$200,000 Structure.

Erection of a modern forty-unit apartment building at Virginia Ave. and McCarty St. is contemplated by the Virginia and McCarty Realty Company, for which incorporation papers were filed today at the State house.

The three-story building will cost about \$200,000, it was said. A ninety-nine year lease will be obtained on the site. Capital stock of \$180,000 will be distributed, \$60,000 common and \$120,000 preferred. Incorporators are Edwin D. Logsdon, James W. Hambley and A. J. Wichmann.

Murder of Tennis Star Solved



Mrs. Frances Drake Nesbitt, former tennis star of Ohio State University, whose murder has been solved with the confession of her husband.

ANOTHER PEACE PROPOSAL FOR LEAGUE REFUSED

Belgium and Sweden Offer to Make Way for Poland.

GENEVA, March 12.—The League of Nations council convened secretly today to seek a new solution for the problem of the council members which has kept the League of Nations in furious disagreement since Monday.

It appears that the other council members do not wish either Belgium or Sweden to retire from non-permanent council membership, but which they offered to do today in order to provide a place for Poland, which seems to be a prerequisite to any settlement.

Just before the council convened Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany met M. Guani, the Uruguayan council member, giving rise to reports that Uruguay, instead of Sweden or Belgium, would be asked to make room for Poland.

The embarrassing impasse which threatens to wreck the reputations of all the statesmen engaged in an effort to overcome it, appeared to be less hopeless, however when it was announced that the League of Nations council would not be convened today for a final vote on Germany's entry into the council.

PARIS SEES SOLUTION.

Foreign Office Spokesman Says Settlement Expected Today.

PARIS, France, March 12.—France expects the crisis at Geneva to be solved today, the United Press was informed by a spokesman at the foreign office.

The politicians are stunned at the prospect of collapse of the Locarno agreements and base their optimism on the disastrous consequences which would follow failure to settle the dispute at Geneva.

The afternoon papers, however, are pessimistic and almost unanimously blame Germany for the League of Nations trouble.

HOPE TO QUELL NOISY AIR SETS

Radio Listeners Plan to Conduct School.

Indianapolis Broadcast Listener's Association today sought cooperation of radio owners in quelling the noisemaking "bloopers," or regenerative receiving sets, according to Herbert A. Luckey, president.

The plan is to conduct a "School for Proper Operation of Radio Sets," in cooperation with the work of the interference committee. Meetings are held each Tuesday night when competent instructors give advice on proper operation of sets. Listeners sending in their names to Luckey, 501 J. F. Wild Blvd., will be advised of meetings. Station WISM will broadcast talks on the proper operation of sets.

FALL FATAL TO BABY

Injuries in Highchair Accident Result in Blood Infection.

A fall from a high chair two days ago proved fatal to Paul Bernard Oder, fifteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Oder, 2334 Valley Ave., who died at home today.

In falling from the chair, the baby hit his tongue, the parents said. Later a blood infection set in. This was given as cause of the death by Coroner Paul F. Robinson.

MAYOR BEATS WEATHER

Duval Appears at City Hall After Sore Throat Attack.

Mayor Duval today overcame March weather.

He had a home Friday with a sore throat but he appeared at the city hall today and mingled with other employees suffering from what Dr. Herman G. Morgan, city health officer, terms "the most dangerous weather of the year."

"If you hold out another week your chances are good to be well the rest of the year," Morgan said.

LEGAL FIRM RETAINED IN SITE BATTLE

Filing of Petition for Injunction on New Shortridge High Location Change Delayed Until First of the Week.

MERLE WALKER TO BE ACTIVE IN COURT

Complaint Signed by North Side Property Owners—Will Be Read Over by New Attorney—Ready to Ask for Order.

With the retention today of Walker and Hollett, attorneys in the new Shortridge High School site controversy, filing of the petition for an injunction to prevent the board from relocating the school was delayed until the first of next week.

Merle N. A. Walker of the firm will be active in the court action. Following a conference this morning, attorneys announced they would withhold filing the petition until Walker had an opportunity to read over the complaint this week-end.

Attorneys Friday night had definitely decided to file the petition today, probably in Superior Court. Four before Judge Clinton H. Givan.

Property owners already have signed the complaint, which is quite lengthy, and all is in readiness to ask the court for a temporary restraining order.

Attorneys representing the Indianapolis Public School Welfare Association, composed of north side residents and school patrons, have drawn the complaint, which seeks to prevent the school board from abandoning site now held at Thirty-Fourth and Meridian Sts., and buying another on Forty-Sixth St., between Central Ave. and Washington Blvd.

The petition has been in the hands of William Bosson, attorney for the welfare association, for more than ten days. Emsey W. Johnson, attorney, and J. Clyde Hoffman, attorney, president of the association, announced the petition had been carefully drawn and covered all legal phases of the case.

To Stress Inconvenience

It was understood that the major points to the petition will be the inconvenience to property owners and patrons if the school is erected on Forty-Sixth St.; the fact that the

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TRACK REPAIR FORESHADOWED

Opinion Given on Railway Improvements.

Extensive repairs between tracks of the Indianapolis Street Railway, where many motorists have come to grief were foreshadowed today by a legal opinion of John K. Ruckelshaus, city attorney, that the city had the right to enforce the repairs.

"The authorities in our own State as well as in other jurisdictions would make clear that a street railway company in the city of Indianapolis is under a legal duty to keep in repair that portion of the surface of the street which a company uses for its tracks," the opinion to the board of works states.

"The board is determined to enforce repairs on some streets all over the city. Many are in terrible condition," Roy C. Shanberger, board president, said.

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

Girl Burned in Explosion Not Recovering at Hospital.

Rosena Schoemake, 4, daughter of Mrs. Clara Schoemake, 731 E. Maryland St., is in a critical condition at the city hospital, where she has been since March 5 when she was burned at her home in a fire that started from a coal oil explosion. Decline has been noted in her condition, attaches said.

Mrs. Schoemake and her two children, Dewey and Virginia Mae, also burned, are said to be improving.

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