

# COOLIDGE ENTERTAINS AMERICA'S GREATEST FLIERS

## LINDY, MOTHER ARRIVE BY AIR FOR LUNCHEON

15 Aviators Who Conquered Oceans Are Guests at White House.

## RUTH COMES ON TRAIN

Geographic Society Medal to Be Awarded to 'Slim' Tonight.

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Fifteen of the nation's greatest fliers lunched with President and Mrs. Coolidge at the White House today.

The march to the dining room was led by the President with Ruth Elder, recent trans-Atlantic aviatrix, on his arm. Behind him were Mrs. Coolidge and Charles A. Lindbergh, who first spanned the Atlantic in a non-stop flight.

Following these four were Commander Richard Byrd, Berndt Balchen and George Noville, who flew from New York to France; Charles Levine and Clarence Chamberlin, New York-to-Germany aviators; Emory Bronte, Paul Schutler, Arthur Gobele, Lieut. Albert Hegenberger and Lieut. Lester Maitland, California-Hawaii birdmen; Edward F. Schlee and William S. Brock, who hopped eastward to Asia, and Lieut. George Haldeman, Miss Elder's flight companion.

### Lindy Brings Mother

Col. Blanton Winship and Capt. Wilson Brown, aides to the President, also were invited guests.

The dirigible Los Angeles flew over the White House while the luncheon was going on.

Lindbergh, accompanied by his mother and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Guggenheim, made a perfect landing at Bolling Field at 12:15 p. m., fifteen minutes before the President's luncheon was to begin.

Lindbergh was dressed in a dark fedora with the front napped down and a blue serge suit. He wore no overcoat.

All four members of the party seemed gay as they chatted with reporters and posed for photographs.

Neither Mrs. Lindbergh nor Mrs. Guggenheim were flying today.

### Lindy to Get Medal

Most of the fliers were expected to attend a conference called by Commerce Air Secretary MacCracken at which plans for a trans-oceanic flight weather service were to be discussed.

Lindbergh's mother was the only non-flier invited to the President's luncheon, and she qualified by the hop from New York with her famous son today.

The Hubbard medal, given by the National Geographical Society for pioneer achievement, will be conferred on Lindbergh tonight at the auditorium for his New York-Paris solitary hop.

President Coolidge will pin the medal on his lapel following two speeches by MacCracken and Gilbert A. Grosvenor, president of the geographic society. In the audience will be members of Congress, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court and diplomats.

### Acosta Can't Be There

Fourteen radio stations will broadcast the medal presentation ceremonies with hookups at Washington, Boston, Baltimore, St. Louis, Memphis, Rochester, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Atlanta, Springfield, Detroit, Chicago; Nashville and Charlotte, N. C.

Some of the aviators will stay over until Tuesday to attend a National Aeronaeronautic Association luncheon.

Bert Acosta, trans-Atlantic flier, wired President Coolidge he would be unable to attend the White House luncheon because of engine trouble developed at Rockville, N. Y., while enroute from New York to Washington.

The conference with Assistant Secretary MacCracken proved beneficial, he said, because it gave him an opportunity to learn these experts' views. The conference centered around improvement of weather reporting for trans-Atlantic flights, but other topics, like safety requirements, are understood to have been considered.

Coming out of the conference, Charles Levine said he is developing plans for a trans-Atlantic air service but would give no detail.

Ruth Elder arrived by train.

## RETIRING FARMER TO BE BURIED TUESDAY

George D. Hardin Was Leader in Democratic Politics.

Funeral services for George D. Hardin, 64, retired farmer of 2311 W. Washington St., will be held at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday from the home with the Rev. Edwin W. Dunlavy, pastor of Roberts Park Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating.

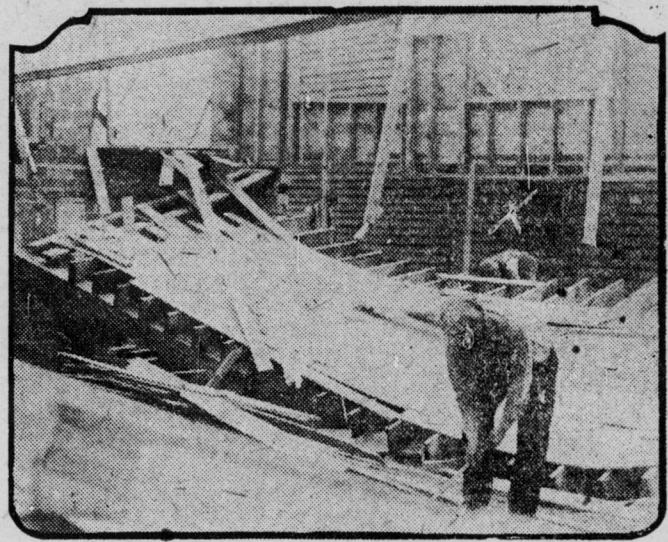
Burial will be in Croton Hill cemetery with Masonic service. Mr. Hardin died Saturday following a stroke of paralysis four days ago.

He was born in Wayne Township near Ben Davis. Mr. Hardin had been active in the Democratic party for many years. He was Democratic nominee for county commissioner in 1920, 1924 and 1926. He was trustee of Wayne Township from 1908 to 1914. Mr. Hardin quit farming and dairying six years ago.

He was a Mason, member of the fraternal Order of Eagles, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Mt. Olive M. E. Church.

Surviving him are the widow: two sons, Joseph A. and Raymond B. Hardin, and a daughter, Mrs. Francis H. Jennings, all of Indianapolis.

## Several Hurt in Crash



Wreck of the temporary floor of Tabernacle Baptist church (Negro), North and Douglass Sts., where twenty-four Negroes were injured Sunday. The floor collapsed during corner stone laying ceremonies, dropping 100 persons nine feet to the basement.

## Spends Life Sending News of Tragedy; Dies in Fire

### Western Union Clerk Leaps to Death to Escape Hotel Flames.



## ONE HELD FOR WATCH THEFT

### Youths Arrested Tampering With Store Lock.

Following a police emergency run to the Wolf Sussman Jewelry Store, 239 W. Washington St., where a brick had been hurled through the window, police arrested a man giving the name of Hugo F. Smith, 27, of 1741 N. Illinois St., as he ran from the store at midnight Saturday.

"Don't jump. We'll have a ladder down in a moment."

But Miss Kimberling, frantic, told Miss McDowell to hold the improvised rope she swung out the window. Miss McDowell could not support the weight of her friend and Miss Kimberling fell. Her back was broken. She died in city hospital at 7:50 Sunday morning.

Funeral services will be held at Flanner & Buchanan's mortuary, Fall Creek Blvd. and Meridian St., at 8 o'clock tonight. Burial will be at Norristown, Ind.

## WOMAN, 104, WILL REMAIN IN KOKOMO

### Mrs. Mary Walker Says 102 Years in Kentucky Enough.

*By Times Special*  
KOKOMO, Ind., Nov. 14.—Mrs. Mary Walker, 104 years old, who spent the first 102 years of her life in the hills of Kentucky and the last two in Kokomo, is here to stay. "I'm not goin' back for no more," she has announced. "I've climbed enough hills down than in Kentucky."

The automobile is the invention for which Mrs. Walker has the most admiration. "I could ride in one of them automobiles to the end of the world," she says. Quilting is the favorite occupation of the venerable woman, and her eyes are still strong enough to enable her to thread a needle.

### HELD AFTER ACCIDENT

Motorist Fleeing From Officer Crashes Into Another Car.

Loren Frost, 25, of Greenfield, is in City hospital suffering a broken collar bone and is charged with reckless driving, failure to stop at a through street and driving with four persons in the front seat.

He was fleeing from Motorcycle

Policeman Tim McMahon when his auto crashed into one driven by Harold Headlee, 24, of 4246 Cornelius Ave., at Capital Ave. and Thirtieth St., Sunday night.

Both autos were overturned and two girls with Frost were hurled through the top of the car. Frost's three companions fled after the accident.

### ATON ROUGE, La., Nov. 14.—One of America's most peculiar murder trials was scheduled to begin here today, with Ed Payne, a Negro leper, as the defendant.

Payne is charged with the murder of Lloyd Richards, a fellow inmate in the Federal leprosarium at Carrollton, La.

Authorities were admittedly skeptical as to whether citizens

could be induced to sit on a jury where the defendant was a leper and ten of the witnesses were affected with the disease.

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## VAST ARMY OF PRIVATE SPIES OVER-RUN U. S.

### Government Joins in Game With Thousands of Its Own Snoopers.

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—A few months ago Scripps-Howard newspapers, in a series of eleven articles, exposed the methods and menaces of private and public detective agencies, now so forcibly brought to public attention by disclosure of the activities of William J. Burns International detective agency in connection with the Fall-Sinclair jury case.

The articles reviewed the manner in which spying grew from an object of abhorrence to a certain respectability in this country in the last 150 years, only to come into ever greater disrepute in the past few years.

Briefly, this is the story they told: Large industries have adopted the habit of employing spies to learn what labor unions are doing. Private detective agencies hire men to take jobs in the employer's plant and join the unions. These men seek to be elected to union positions of trust.

### Job to Report Trouble

The labor spy's job is to report trouble. His job leads him frequently to falsify his reports, or create, through his own influence with the workers, a basis for reporting trouble. If he had no trouble to report his job would be at an end.

Until after the Civil War, the United States Government had no undercover activities of any kind.

Now there are 4,500 men and women on the United States payroll doing undercover work. Every government department has its spies.

The Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Justice grew to abnormal size and power during the World War.

When the war ended, a great cry of reds, bolshevism and anarchists was raised. Much talk of bomb plots followed.

Deportation raids were organized. Hundreds were accused of communism. The Department's activities in this connection were called into question again and again.

### Spied on Officials

The Bureau of Investigation, under William J. Burns, raided a Communist convention in Michigan and arrested a number of men.

Long afterward, it developed that Department of Justice Agents, disguised as delegates to the convention, had supplied the necessary votes to sweep the meetings over to a resolution with illegal declarations of policy.

William J. Burns' activities in the Department of Justice were called into question repeatedly by Congress.

### Condemned by Courts

Men were sent out to Montana to "smear" Senator Thomas J. Walsh, chief inquisitor in the naval oil scandal.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler led an inquiry into the Department of Justice itself.

A few months before Burns left, a series of letters was published, apparently establishing beyond doubt that Burns was operating both the Government and his own spy systems at the same time.

In the Internal Revenue Bureau and in the prohibition unit equally large and powerful undercover systems flourish.

Courts and legislators have condemned this growth of Government espionage.

## O. K. MERGER DEAL

### Approve Financing of Bus Transaction.

## MAN, 90, SUES WIFE

### Civil War Veteran at Denver Wants Property Back.

*By Times Special*  
PERU, Ind., Nov. 14.—Joseph W. Warren, 90, Denver, has filed a suit here seeking to have real estate conveyed by his wife to him at the time of their marriage, two years ago, turned back to him.

The realty suit is the sequel to an action 15 years ago started by an attorney.

The note was brought to the Statehouse for approval by Attorneys

W. H. Latta and David E. Watson of the company. This afternoon they were to confer with President Robert E. Todd, regarding coordination of lines and universal transfers. All changes of service must be taken on petition for approval by the commission according to Commission Chairman Frank Singleton.

It is alleged by Warren that he was induced by fraud to convey the property to his wife to whom he was married two years ago. Warren is a Civil War veteran and draws a large pension.

Old Coaches Prance Out

*By United Press*  
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—William H. Vanderbilt and E. Von Der Koch turned time back a good many years Sunday when they took their friends on a coaching party through Central Park—each driving a great coach and four.

## LEPER FACES NATION'S MOST BIZARRE DEATH TRIAL

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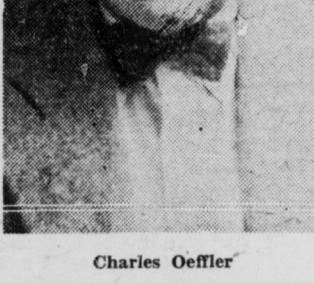
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## Two Hoosiers Will Sing at Chicago in National Audition Semi-Finals

### Ft. Wayne Contralto and Jasonville Bass Represent Indiana.

Indiana's champion amateur singers—Miss La Rue Schmidt, contralto, of Ft. Wayne and Charles Oeffler, bass, Jasonville—this week will go to Chicago to compete for inter-state honors in semi-finals of the Atwater Kent Foundation's national radio audition, which will be broadcast from station WGN Saturday at 7 p. m.

Charles G. Dawes, vice president of the United States, will receive and congratulate Miss Schmidt, Oeffler and twenty-two other champions of mid-western States with whom they will compete, when they reach Chicago. Oeffler and Miss Schmidt will represent Indiana in this semi-final try for the foundation's gifts of \$17,500 and musical scholarships by virtue of having won first place in the Indiana State Audition, broadcast by radio station WKBF, Indianapolis, Oct. 18 and 19.



Charles Oeffler



Miss La Rue Schmidt

## BRIDGE PLAN OPPOSED BY EVANSVILLE

Delegation Urges Building of Span by State, Out of State Funds.

Citizens of Evansville, who have been fighting for years for a bridge across the Ohio River, were to appear before the State Highway Commission today to advocate State construction, with State finances, and oppose a plan for private financing submitted by Chapman & Co. of Chicago.

The Evansville citizens contend that while on its face the proposal of the Chicago