

## CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE VOICED TO MINISTERS

Detroit Clergyman Speaks;  
200 in Attendance at  
Conference Here.

"Nothing that has been written about Christianity can exceed the story of what is being written today," declared the Rev. Merton S. Rice, pastor of Metropolitan M. E. church, Detroit, in an address at the Indiana Pastors' conference in Broadway M. E. church today.

Speaking on "Perfect Salvation," Mr. Rice stated, "Our religion is written in the three embracing terms of history, experience, and hope. It covers with assurance the past, the present and the future. Coming out of the past into today we stand with confidence unto tomorrow. This is the perfect salvation offered in Jesus Christ to a needy world."

The Rev. John Timothy Stone of Chicago was to speak this afternoon. A fellowship supper will end the day.

### 200 Are Welcomed

The conclave began Monday morning, when the Rev. H. B. Hostetter, executive secretary of the Indiana Presbyterian synod, welcomed the 200 visiting pastors.

Calling attention to the absence of sectarian hostility throughout the program of the inter-denominational pastors here in the last four years, Hostetter voiced the hope that any disheartened minister might find new encouragement through the medium of the conference.

Ministers were urged to take an active part in politics and to stop listening to the criticism of the world outside the church, by Dr. W. P. Dearing, president of Oakland City college, Monday night.

### Urge Unfolding of Bible

The Rev. R. H. Miller of Kansas City, Mo., spoke Monday afternoon, stating that the task of the modern minister is not to prove the truth of the Bible, but to prove that it is the only truth.

"We just have passed through the stage when people asked us to prove the truth of the Bible," said Rev. Miller. "Now they accept it as true and want to know what it matters if it is true. And they are beginning to think that it may not be the only truth."

Friends, Congregational, Protestant, Presbyterian, United Brethren, Disciples of Christ, Baptist and Methodist Episcopal ministers are attending.

### CITY ENGINEER GIVEN CAR REROUTING JOB

Moore Gets Task of Solving Down-town Traffic Problem.

The problem of rerouting downtown street car to relieve Washington street congestion has been turned over to A. H. Moore, city engineer.

Robert E. Springsteen, council safety chairman, asked Moore to study the downtown tangle and suggest a plan of relief. City council safety committee is planning revision of traffic rules. Several members are desirous of rerouting several street car line to lessen the traffic on Washington, enlarging the business loop.

City Clerk William A. Boyce, Jr., is working on the local traffic code to make it conform with the model traffic ordinance recommended by Herbert Hoover, former secretary of commerce.

### Ingalls Man Kills Self.

By United Press  
INGALLS, Ind., Nov. 13.—Martin Freeman, 60, believed despondent over the death of his wife a week ago, committed suicide by shooting. He was a retired clothing merchant and a former Chicago resident.



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## FATE ROBS COP IN KNAAK CASE OF MOVIE JOB

"Hitchy" Mourns Publicity's  
Puff That Comes Too  
Late.

BY JACK HIERTZ  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
LAKE BLUFF, Ill., Nov. 13.—Fate has robbed Charles W. Hitchcock, prominent figure in the "furnace girl" mystery, of the desserts of publicity.

Hitchcock, Lake Bluff night policeman and former motion picture actor of the days when an announcer explained the film, is at his back with a broken leg, reading offers from Broadway and Hollywood with a sigh.

"I believe I have a good voice for the 'talkies,' but I don't suppose I'll be able to take advantage of all this priceless publicity," he said to-day to the United Press.

"If I had got this puff when I was in the movies, I'd have my name in lights all over the country," he sighed as he gazed at the plaster cast on his leg.

### Criticizes Probe

He was hurt in a fall a week before Miss Elfrieda Knaak, 30-year-old book agent, was found burned in the basement of the Lake Bluff police station.

Hitchcock criticised the handling of the investigation.

"The official investigation was a farce," he said. "Why in heaven's name did they wait until Miss Knaak was dying before I was allowed to visit her? I might have been able to solve the whole case if they would have let me see her. She would have talked to me sooner than some of the others."

"But I'm not finished with the case. As soon as I am able I'll be out on it, and believe me, I'll do everything I can to find out who burned 'Fritzie.'

"'Fritzie'" was the nickname Hitchcock called Miss Knaak. She called him "Hitchy" and that was the first word she mentioned after being taken to the hospital. She professed a great "spiritual love" for him, but he said he knew nothing of it.

"We were just friends," he said. "She used to come to the station and tell me how well she was getting along with her book selling.

"You know I taught her sales psychology," he said, with a touch of pride.

Hitchcock still holds his job as night policeman, but it appeared he will lose it shortly.

To Pension Police Chief

"I expect they'll fire me when I go back in two weeks," he said.

And Hitchcock is the only person in this village who will be affected by the mysterious "fire order."

To Barney Rosenhagen, 60-year-old chief of police, the case probably means retirement on a pension.

To Eugene Spaid, the day policeman, it probably means promotion to Rosenhagen's job.

To Lake Bluff, it means increased business and seeing its name appear in the nation's headlines for a few days.

Rosenhagen professed not to know anything about a move to retire him.

He said today he was glad the case was over but added, "Something else will turn up."

Spaid predicted today, that there would be an arrest in the case in a week.

"I'm out every night on the case and before another week passes there ought to be plenty of popping around here."

He refused to go into detail concerning his statement.

## SENATE FIGHT FACED

Harlan After Presidency:  
So Is Nejdl.

Denver C. Harlan, Richmond attorney, hold-over state senator from Wayne county, again will contest with James J. Nejdl of Whiting re-elected state senator from Lake county, for the office of president pro-tem of the senate, in the legislative session opening Jan. 10.

Harlan today announced his candidacy, immediately after Nejdl.

In Republican caucus preceding opening of the legislature in January, 1927, Harlan was defeated for the important senate post by Nejdl by one vote.

Harlan's friends are optimistic of his chances. They point out that the Tenth district, from which Nejdl comes, already holds the three major state offices, Governor, treasurer and secretary of state, by Republican successes in the Nov. 6 election.

Further, they declare, a Tenth district legislator, Representative J. Glenn Harris of Gary, again is seeking speakership of the house.

Because of lack of space in the power company's windows the exhibit will be shown in three different sections.

Today and Tuesday, French, Italian and Spanish cards will be on display. American, English and German pasteboards will occupy the windows, Wednesday and Thursday, while on Friday and Saturday the early cards of the Orient, Japanese, Chinese and Hindu, will be on display.

## SLAYER IN LOVE CASE WILL PLEAD INSANITY

Hammond Man Who Killed Cousin  
to Be Tried Nov. 26.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Nov. 13.—Troy McDonald, Hammond, will plead insanity as a defense when he appears in the Porter circuit court here Nov. 26 for trial on a first degree murder charge. He killed his cousin, Mrs. Edna Elliott, 18, last July when she rejected his love.

Counsel for McDonald has filed a written insanity plea. Oliver Starr, prosecuting attorney, countered by having two alients appointed to examine the accused.

After slaying the woman, McDonald attempted suicide, firing a bullet into his breast. It missed his heart, although a serious wound resulted.

### JOHN WINGFIELD BURIED

Wholesale Confectioner Laid to Rest  
in Crown Hill.

Funeral services for John G. Wingfield, 68, wholesale confectioner, who died Saturday, were held today at 2 p. m. at the residence, 2525 Broadway.

Burial was in Crown Hill. Mr. Wingfield had lived in Indianapolis forty-eight years. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and Central Avenue M. E. church. The widow, a daughter and two brothers survive.

Schoolmen Will Meet

SEYMOUR, Ind., Nov. 13.—The Southern Indiana Schoolmen's association, composed of principals, superintendents and school administrators in southern Indiana will meet here Dec. 11. Dr. W. A. Mills, president of Hanover college will be the principal speaker.

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