

MURDER TRIAL BEGINS TODAY AFTER TANGLE

Defendant's Wife and Victim's Widow Once in Same Cell.

Ed Times Special
WASHINGTON, Ind., May 1.—Joseph Eke of Vincennes went on trial in Daviess circuit court here today charged with the murder last September of Robert Marley. The case was brought here on a change of venue from the Knox circuit court.

Self defense will be Eke's plea. It is said he and Marley quarreled over possession of a liquor still, the climax of which was punctuated with bullets.

Marley's widow will be the state's star witness. She and the principals in the tragedy were the only ones present when it was enacted.

A tangle of circumstances have served as a prelude to the trial, the latest being a trip to the state penal farm by counsel for Eke for the purpose of bringing back Peter Westmoreland as witness.

Find Witness in Jail

At the farm, the lawyers learned Westmoreland had never been an inmate of the institute. Returning to Vincennes, they found the man they wanted a jail prisoner awaiting removal to the farm to begin a sentence for violating the prohibition law. Sheriff Kruse says he has not taken the prisoner to the farm because he has a sick son.

Westmoreland was given a ninety-day sentence following arrest of Mrs. Eke, the accused's wife, on a dry law charge. It is said he made a "buy" of liquor from her at the request of federal agents.

Woman in Same Cell

For a time Mrs. Eke and Mrs. Marley occupied the same cell in the Knox county jail, the latter being detained as a witness in the murder trial.

Counsel for Eke endeavored to obtain a continuance of the trial a few days ago, on the plea that Henry Mack, former Knox county sheriff, and William Gentry, deceased as witnesses, were away from Vincennes.

Rather than permit delay, Prosecutor Arterburn agreed to admit the substance of testimony that would give it is in support of the self defense theory.

ROBERT A. BANTA, CITY BROKER 43 YEARS, DIES

Succumbs at Age of 71; Funeral Will be Held Thursday.

Funeral services for Robert A. Banta, 71, who died Tuesday at his home, 138 East Sixteenth street, will be held at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at the John F. Reynolds undertaking parlors, 950 North Pennsylvania street, with burial in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Banta was engaged in the insurance and stock brokerage business here for more than forty-three years. He was born April 23, 1858, near West Manchester, O. In recent years he has lived chiefly in the east.

He was a member of the Elks club.

Surviving are two sons, Leonard E. Banta, traffic manager of the Indianapolis Board of Trade, and John O. Banta, also of this city.

A sister, Mrs. Mary Ellen Disher, died in November at the age of 94.

ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE

Public Service Board Files Plea Against Project.

Indiana U. Graduates Will Hold Foundation Day Dinner Tonight.

John W. Cravens, Indiana university secretary, will be the principal speaker at the Foundation day dinner of Marion county Indiana alumni tonight at the Columbia Club.

Cravens has completed thirty-one years as registrar of the university.

Several radio stations will broadcast programs in observance of the 109th birthday of the school. Entertainers from the university will give a half hour program over WFBM beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. W. L. Bryan, president of the university, will talk over WLW, at Cincinnati, at 7 o'clock, and Patpage, head football coach, and George F. Heighway, alumni secretary, will speak from WHAS at Louisville at 6 o'clock.

DISPLAYS WIN AWARDS

S. Ayres and William H. Block Employe Second in Contest.

Display managers of two Indianapolis stores were awarded certificates of merit for second place in the window display contest sponsored by the Clock Manufacturers' Association of America during 1928.

The certificates were awarded to A. A. Roeder of the William H. Block Company and R. R. Paxton of L. S. Ayres & Co.

The displays featured clocks and the pictures of the windows were entered in the national contest.

Newcastle Girl Tries Suicide

Mrs. Edna Van Zant, 22, is reported in a serious condition at the city hospital as a result of taking poison at her home in Newcastle, Ind., Monday in an attempt to commit suicide. Despondency and ill health was given as the cause of the act.

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on Liberal Pay Plan
SELIG TIRE CO.
23 South East St.

ALL-WOOL SUITS
And Up
Made to Your Measure
Leon's 254 Mass. Ave.

SHUT-INS CHEERED

Workers Distribute Flowers



Mrs. Alex Metzger and Betty Lou Schmedel

SUNSHINE visited Betty Lou Schmedel today.

A breath of the great outdoors, the tang of spring and woodland song were brought to her in three pots of flowers.

Betty Lou, who lives at 1024 South Illinois street, was 3 years old Tuesday, and her grandparents gave her a brand new wicker baby buggy.

So when Mrs. Alex Metzger of the Red Cross motor corps brought the flowers to Betty Lou's home, she was put into the new buggy and wheeled into the yard.

Since her birth Betty Lou has

had no control of her limbs, but her great big blue eyes held a joyous light as she reached for the flowers.

A thousand shut-ins and crippled children were the recipients today of similar spring messages from the Girl Scouts. Public Health Nursing Association and Red Cross.

Presentation of the blooms is a part of the observance of Child Health Week. Miss Edna L. Hamilton was general flower day chairman and Mrs. Wilbur C. Johnson, Red Cross motor corps chairman, was in charge of the distribution.

FEAR CHILD, 8, WAS KIDNAPED

Soy Last Seen Friday on Way to School.

By United Press

SUIT to collect a \$1,000 bond of Joseph Roberts, indicted in February on a liquor charge, has been filed in federal court by George R. Jeffrey, district attorney. Roberts failed to appear for arraignment March 6. The bond was signed by Anna E. Yeager, 2422 North Pennsylvania street, and Robert Alexander, 1620 Yandee street.

At a meeting tonight of the newly formed police post of the American Legion in the city hall council chambers John R. Smith, police captain of Gary and vice-commander of the northern Indiana district of the legion, will be the principal speaker. B. W. Breedlove, Seventh district commander, will preside. Harry Smith is commander of the post and Lee Troutman, adjutant.

Approximately 250 persons will attend the annual president's dinner of the Indianapolis Athletic Club to be held Monday night. Dick Miller is to be toastmaster. T. E. Myers is president of the club.

KENNETH H. DAME, district manager, and Francis Wells, assistant manager of the Indianapolis bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, United States department of commerce, will address the Indianapolis Real Estate Board at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday noon. They will discuss the assistance offered American business by the department.

Three pocket books and \$25 in cash were stolen from the home of H. C. Schrader, 711 East Thirty-third street, Tuesday night. The robbery was discovered today when the Schraders, who had been away, returned to their home. The pocket books were found near a garage in the rear of the home.

DR. ARTHUR STELDNER, professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Iowa, will conduct clinics Thursday afternoon and evening in the Indiana University medical school auditorium, under auspices of the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association, co-operating with the medical school authorities.

Mrs. Maude Ogburn, Newcastle, who has been employed as file clerk in the office of Alfred M. Hogston, state fire marshal, has accepted a position in the automobile license department in the office of secretary of state. Miss Josephine Martin, Indianapolis, who has been employed in the latter office, has taken the fire marshal's position.

It calls attention to the Monon repair shop as another state asset which might be abandoned. The main shops are at Lafayette.

It is in the interest of the manufacturers, producers and consumers of the state of Indiana that north and south lines be maintained in competition with the east and west trunk lines," the petition declares.

PURPOSE IN TIRE COLOR

Pigments Protect Rubber, Make Last Longer.

By Science Service

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 1.—Automobile tires are not colored red or black or white just because the manufacturers wanted to make them look pretty. The coloring matter serves a useful purpose, making the tire last longer.

At today's meeting of the American Chemical Society here, H. A. Depew of Palmerston, N. J., told his colleagues what he has found out about it. Pigments ground very fine protect rubber against dissolution better than pigments ground a little coarser.

George Young, attorney for whom funeral services were held at the residence, 4123 North Capitol avenue, at 10 o'clock this morning, with burial in Crown Hill cemetery. Mr. Young died Sunday night following a short illness.

A memorial service for Mr. Young will be held by the Marion County Bar Association in Superior Courtroom One at 11 a. m. Thursday.

Left to Right—Paul E. Alyea, instructor of economics; Walter Slifer, assistant professor of history; George W. Harris, instructor of journalism; J. Douglas Perry, assistant professor of journalism; De Forest O'Dell, professor of journalism; Forest E. Keller, instructor of economics; N. R. Buchan, instructor of journalism; Don H. Gearhardt, publicity director.

Profs Forget Texts for Soccer



The call of spring was too much for some of the staid professors at Butler university, who, accordingly, threw away their texts, dismissed their classes, and reported to Captain R. W. Kearney for spring training in soccer football.

The faculty team is scheduled to play a student team in a benefit game at the Butler bowl May 8.

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STATE UTILITIES SESSION OPENS TODAY AT GARY

Gas Association First of Three to Begin Convention.

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., May 1.—A three-day Indiana public utilities convention opened here this morning with an attendance of 3,000.

The first day was given over to a meeting of the Indiana Gas Association, speakers for which include M. I. Mix, Chicago; Stanley Jenks, Hammond; H. C. Wandas, Chicago; A. F. Mitchell, Hammond; L. D. Sprague, New Albany; H. C. Peffer, Purdue university, and Oscar H. Fog, New York, president of the American Gas Association.

Reports by committees and officers and election was also on the program.

A meeting of the Indiana Public Utilities Association will be held Thursday, the session to open with an address by its president, Arthur W. Brady. Speakers will be Dr. E. C. Elliott, president of Purdue university; Samuel Insul Jr., president of the Midland Utilities Company; H. Allen, Chicago, and J. B. Wootton, editor of the Public Service Magazine and Public Service Management. A board of governors will be elected.

Thursday afternoon will be devoted to a tour of Gary industries by the utilities men.

The annual dinner of the gas and utilities association and the Electric Light Association will be held Thursday evening, followed by dancing.

The light association will be held Friday, the first number on the program to be an address by Norman A. Perry, Indianapolis, association president.

The plane was shipped to Terre Haute after the accident, in which neither the English woman flier or her mechanic were injured.

The plane, which was en route from Cincinnati to St. Louis, sustained a crashed tail and other minor damages, mechanics said.

The plane was the one used by Amelia Earhart when she toured the country last summer.

Lady Heath spent the night here and said she would take off again for St. Louis as soon as the plane is repaired. Although several mechanics were immediately set to work, it was not known whether repairs could be finished in time for her to take off this afternoon.

Two brothers, Elmer, 6½ years old, and Edgar, 11, met him at the school and started home with him when Gerald asked them to wait a minute while he returned for a book. That is the last seen of him by any of his family.

The two boys waited until they became tired and then went on home, believing their brother had taken another route home.

Mrs. De Souza is prostrated and believes the boy was kidnapped. She told police a woman had threatened the family and a search is being made for the woman now.

Furniture Plant to Be Sold

By Times Special
BRAZIL, Ind., May 1.—The plant of the Stout Furniture Company will be sold by May 16, by John F. Brown, trustee in bankruptcy.

"However, I know nothing about the power trusts and any implication that I do, or that any paper I may own, has anything to do with trusts is unfair and unjust," he said.

"A few months ago when the money market was in a bad condition I found it necessary to sell some securities in order to carry out contracts for the purchase of two newspapers."

"As the interest rate was exceedingly high in the open market, I chose to accept an offer from the International Paper Company to purchase certain notes and minority stock in three of the seventeen newspapers of the group which I absolutely control, namely in Albany, Ithaca and Brooklyn. Instead of offering these securities to the public or to banking institutions. There was nothing whatever irregular in the transaction."

CIVIC GROUP TO ASK FOR NORTH SIDE PARK

Wheeler Estate Favored as Site by Citizens.

BUTLER-Fairview Civic Association leaders will request the city to develop a north side park before the park board Thursday. John Shafer, association president, will head the delegation.

The Wheeler estate north of the canal, between Washington boulevard and Capitol avenue, will be suggested. Dr. H. H. Wheeler, owner, has made numerous attempts to sell the property to the city.

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PUPILS WIN AWARDS

Five National Prizes Won by Manual Training Students.

FIVE STUDENTS WIN PRIZES

Five students of the Manual Training high school have won prizes in national contests this year it was announced today. The contests were held in the city.

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INDIGESTION BANISHED BY VER-WIL-KO

Rheumatism and Run-Down Condition Also Relieved by Famous Prescription.

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"I was bothered with indigestion so bad I could eat very little fruit or pastries and could not drink coffee. After every meal I would bloat so bad I felt as if I would burst. I also suffered from Rheumatism for quite some time and my system was in such a run-down condition. I felt as if I had no life left. I had been reading reports of others who had been suffering as I did and how Dr. Vermilye's wonderful prescription, Ver-Wil-Ko, had given such quick and satisfactory relief, so I began taking it myself and now, after taking three bottles of this miracle medicine, I can say I am free from all discomfort and can eat anything I wish with no distress or gas formation.

Miss Laura Nelson won \$10 in a national literary contest.

Blanchard Smith received second

prize in a jewelry contest while Miss Irma Roempler was awarded \$5 in the Binney and Smith contest held recently under the auspices of the magazine.

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CLUB GIVES PROGRAM

West Riverside League to Stage Entertainment Tonight.

A vaudeville and musical entertainment will be given by the West Riverside Civic League tonight at 8 at Municipal Gardens, Lafayette road and West Riverside drive.

Speakers will be E. O. Snethen, president of the Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs, and the Rev. Clarence G. Baker of the Hawthorn Settlement. Entertainment will be provided by the Expression Club, by courtesy of George Stellhorn.

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The weather was warm, but since a few members of the squad are a trifle overweight, heavy sweatshirts were issued.

The candidates who failed to report for the first

practice were Paul D. Hinkle, Robert Nipper, and Herman Phillips, all of the school of physical education.