

AGED MAN IS STRUCK BY CAR, SERIOUSLY HURT

Charles Wilson, 70, Suffers Skull Fracture; 15 Injured Over Week-End.

Charles Wilson, 70, of 4102 East Tenth street, is in a critical condition at city hospital with a skull fracture, broken right leg, and probable internal injuries, incurred when he was struck by an automobile driven by Frank Getty, 1203 North Gale street, while crossing Tenth street near his home about 6:40 a. m. today.

Witnesses said Wilson stepped from in front of a milk wagon into the path of Getty's car. There were no arrests.

Miss Anna Thiesing, 20, Maywood, received a skull fracture, and Miss Mildred Woods, 20, Maywood, was cut and bruised when their car was wrecked against a telephone pole on State Road 47 early today.

A. L. Paugh, 3522 West Michigan street, sustained a scalp wound, and eight others in an auto driven by G. E. Shepherd escaped injury in a collision on National road Sunday night. Louie Lookovic, 48, of 1201 Ketchum street, driver of the other car, was arrested on charges of drunkenness, drunk driving and driving without lights.

Others injured over the week-end were: Paul Curtis, 17, Washington, Ind., broken nose; Finley Quinn, 22, Washington, Ind., cuts and bruises; Carl Miles, 21, Washington, Ind., cuts and bruises; Hall Smith, 18, of 816 Harrison street, cuts and bruises; Joseph Coleman, 1057 Ketchum street, bruised; Mrs. Fannie Patton, 52, 1315 Prospect street, cut on face; Everett Claton, 24, of 841 Park avenue, cut and bruised; Mrs. J. F. Zimmer, 50, of 628 North Rural street, bruised; cut; Freddy Peck, 4, of 5627 Bona avenue, scalp wound and bruises; Anne Hawkins, 7, of 324 Troy avenue, bruises; Eugene Wilcox, 28, of 1226 North Illinois street, head injury.

WATER SOFTENER URGED BY MARION OFFICIALS

Committee Reports on Water Works Reports After Investigation.

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., June 17.—Purchase of a water softening plant has been recommended here following an examination of the water works finances by a committee of city officials and interested citizens.

A present surplus of \$110,000 in the water works fund will permit the purchase of the plant and necessary repairs without an increased tax levy or immediate raise in the rates.

An estimated price of \$55,000 has been fixed by the committee as the total cost of the plant. Operating expenses have been estimated at \$18,000.

Objectionable iron in the water will also be removed by the softening process, the engineer stated. Bids will be asked at the next meeting of the board and will probably be awarded at the meeting Tuesday, July 2, of the city council.

The citizens committee also recommended the retirement of bonds totaling \$25,000, due Sept. 1, 1929, from the surplus fund.

Other proposed expenditures receiving the approval of the committee were new meters, \$7,000; concrete roof for reservoir, \$9,000; pump, \$6,500 and water main extensions, \$5,500.

ARMLESS GIRL TO TOUR

English Miss Propels Self In Chair With Legs.

By Times Special
LEICESTER, England, June 17.—Miss Mary Joyce West, 22 years old and armless, is completing plans for making a tour of Europe in her leg-propelled cripple's chair.

Miss West, who lost her two arms in an accident several years ago, says she can make thirty miles a day in her chair. She will make the tour pay for itself by selling hand-work fancy articles which she has made herself. She plans to work her way through France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy.

Burglars Get \$50

By Times Special
ELWOOD, Ind., June 17.—Fifty dollars was the loot of burglars, who early today blew a safe in the Stevens tire and battery service station, resulting in severe damage to the building. A clock in the office where the safe stood had stopped at 2:07 a. m., and it is presumed the blast occurred at that time.

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Here are the principals in Detroit's strange and confusing drama of death. Above is Ralph Wood, left, who accuses his wife of a \$50,000 insurance plot to murder him, with his attorney, Arnold F. Zeleznik. Below, left to right, are: Cecil W. Holt, the man who "tipped off" Wood and was later accused with Wood of being a bank robber; Mrs. Grace Wood, who claims that Wood and Holt "framed" her in order to kill a detective; Herbert L. Sullivan, Wood's business partner, indicted with Wood and Holt for the killing.

INDIANA WINTER WHEAT NORMAL

Eastern Section Improves, Southwest Declines.

By United Press
LAFAYETTE, Ind., June 17.—Indiana's winter wheat outlook in May showed marked improvement in the eastern sections, but declined sharply in the southwest, striking an average of the normal May decline, the monthly report of the department of agricultural statistics of the Purdue university agricultural experiment station sets forth.

Decline in the southwest was due to fear of reduced yields by Hessian fly damage, with rather heavy infestation observed in some sections. Condition was 84 per cent normal. Forecast of production for the year is 27,334,000 bushels, compared with last year's production of 9,450,000 bushels and the five-year average of 30,957,000 bushels.

Rye declined 3 points to 85 per cent normal, and oats and barley were reported 4 and 6 points below the ten-year average respectively.

Hay and pasture were 3 to 7 points above average, except alfalfa, which was 1 point above. Apples were slightly above average, pears a little better than usual, and the peach outlook excellent.

Supply of farm labor declined and the demand increased.

LAUD MRS. COOLIDGE

Smith College Gives Degree to Ex-First Lady.

By United Press
NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 17.—Mrs. Grace Goodhue Coolidge former first lady of the land, was one of four recipients of honorary degrees at the fifty-first commencement of Smith college here today.

In awarding her a degree of doctor of laws, President William Allan Nelson said: "Grace Goodhue Coolidge, B. A. of the University of Vermont, LLD of Boston university and of George Washington university, who for nearly seven years has occupied the most conspicuous position open to a woman in America and has fulfilled its delicate, onerous duties with such perception of graciousness and dignity, and has earned the admiration and devotion of the whole nation."

FOUR GIVEN SENTENCES

Youths Involved in Missing Girl Case Draw Suspended Terms.

By United Press
ROCKVILLE, Ind., June 17.—Four young men who pleaded guilty to assault and battery with criminal intent in connection with the disappearance of Mary Frances Whelan, 15, last week, received sentences ranging from six months to from one to ten years' imprisonment, all being suspended.

Andrew Grimes, 21, was sentenced to from one to ten years; Lester Jackson and Homer Stockwell, to one year each, and Paul Hovermale, youngest of the quartet, six months. They were placed on probation during the terms of their sentences.

PENNSY MEN RETIRED

Three Indiana Railroad Veterans Quit Active Duty.

Three Pennsylvania railroad veterans were given certificates of retirement by J. T. Ridgely, Indianapolis division superintendent, at the union station today.

The ceremony marked the retirement from active service of Henry Fox, Columbus, Ind., for more than forty years track foreman on the Richmond and Madison branch; Charles Cochran, Lewis Creek, Ind., forty-five years in service, track foreman since 1891, and John D. Anderson, Logansport, since 1898, an engineman on the north end of the Indianapolis division.

The City in Brief

Roland Lee Dove, of Indianapolis, will be graduated magna cum laude Tuesday from Boston School of Theology, Boston, Mass. He will receive the degree of bachelor of sacred theology. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dove, 5800 East Tenth street, and was graduated from Shortridge high school in 1922.

Seventy-five members of the Clifton family held their ninth annual reunion Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. A. Clifton, 3205 East New York street. Following the home meeting the family held a business session and devotional at Riverside park with a basket dinner ending the day. New officers of the family organization are: Fred Ball, Roachdale, president; Mrs. Mabel Worley, Connorsville, secretary and treasurer.

With the formation of a chapter of the American Association of Master Locksmiths in Indianapolis Oliver W. Isensee was elected president of the new body. Other officers are: B. W. Mulhaupt of Lafayette, vice-president; E. W. C. Brumfield, secretary; Audley Dunham, treasurer; George Kaufman and Adolph J. Auch, advisory officers. Charles Courtney of New York, national president, installed the chapter.

Six Indianapolis physicians will take part in the fifty-ninth annual session of the National Eclectic Medical Association, which meets Tuesday at Pittsburgh, Pa. They are Dr. William P. Best, recording secretary of the association; Drs. J. E. Holman and F. L. Hosman, members of the finance committee, and Drs. F. W. Moates, John T. Stewart and C. C. Edson.

Carl A. Bundy, Los Angeles, formerly of Knightstown, Ind., has been elected president of the Los Angeles Advertising Club, the third largest in the world. He was born and educated in Knightstown and is the son of Mrs. J. T. Bundy there.

Pete Smith, Negro, 411 West Thirteenth street, told police early today that while he was walking in an alley in the rear of his home Sunday night a strange Negro stabbed him in the shoulder. The wound was dressed at city hospital.

Father and son day will be observed by the Rotary Club Tuesday in the Claypool. Frank H. Sparks, past president of the club, will speak on "Gentlemen of Tomorrow" and John David Millett, son of Grover A. Millett, Rotarian, will deliver the oration which won him honors in the Shortridge high school oratorical contest last March.

The Indianapolis Medical Society will hold a picnic at the Sunlight Dairy farm, Greenwood, Tuesday. Chicken dinner will be served at 5 p. m. Dr. Herman G. Morgan and Dr. Chester A. Stayton are in charge.



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ROBBERS CUT HOLE IN SAFE, OBTAIN \$800

Trace Finger Prints as Clues; Intruder Found Under Woman's Bed.

Police today were tracing fingerprints and seeking other clues to robbers, who early Sunday cut through the roof of the W. C. Stedfeld drug store, 4901 North Pennsylvania street, drilled a safe and escaped with \$800.

William J. Hamaker, 3732 Salem street, a clerk, discovered the robbery when he opened the store Sunday. A few fingerprints were found on store tools, which were used to cut an eight-by-ten hole in the bottom of the safe.

Harold Carpenter, roomer at 5747 College avenue, was held today on \$1,000 bond on vagrancy charges, following his arrest Sunday on complaint of Warner Strelow, his landlord, that Carpenter was the only person to leave the house before theft of three purses containing \$46.95 was discovered.

When a maid in his home saw a man creeping past a window, early Sunday, Guy Lemmon, 3545 Washington boulevard, sent his wife and the maid to bed, and phoned police. In a few minutes he walked to Mrs. Lemmon's room, and knocked at the door.

"Everything all right?" For a few seconds there was silence, then: "Everything all right, but get this man out from under my bed!" Switching on the light Lemmon

saw two feet protruding from beneath the bed, and leaped on them. They belonged to Chester Moore, 18, Negro, 1841 Highland place, a former employee in the Lemmon home. He was charged with vagrancy and entering a house to commit a felony.

Thieves discounted that Ira Haymaker, 307 East Tenth street, is a safety board member, when they stole a .32-caliber automatic pistol from his automobile in a downtown garage early Sunday.

Fifteen dresses, two coats and a hat, valued at \$280, were stolen Saturday night from the home of Fred Jarvis, 1815 Massachusetts avenue.

BYRD TO GET TALKIE

Sound Movie Will Be Broadcast to Antarctic.

By United Press
ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 17.—Although they won't see the pictures, Commander Richard Byrd and his explorers in Little America, Antarctic, next Saturday night will hear the spoken parts of a talking-motion picture, S. R. Kent, general manager of the Paramount Famous-Lasky Corporation, announced here.

Vocal and sound parts of the film, as yet unnamed, will be broadcast from radio station KDKA at Pittsburgh at 11 p. m. eastern standard time.

Commander Byrd has advised that his party will stand by for the program.

ERROR COSTS TWO LIVES

By United Press
NEWTON, N. J., June 17.—As the result of sprinkling a fertilizer nitrate of soda, which they believed to be sugar, on wild strawberries, Janis Roe and Elizabeth Dudgeon, each 4 years old, are dead, and their brothers, Earl Roe and Ernest Dudgeon, 8, are seriously ill.

FRIEND'S STORY CLEARS YOUTH IN NURSE DEATH

Declares He Was Near Scene When Girl Shot Self on Joy Ride.

By United Press
INDEPENDENCE, Kan., June 17.—The story of David Sterling, has convinced county authorities that Elmer Cales, young farmer, did not kill Miss Marguerite White, pretty nurse, for whose murder he has been held since Thursday.

Sterling, 20-year-old friend of Cales, was sitting in his car in front of his home, about 200 yards from where Miss White, 20-year-old student nurse of Caney, Kan., was shot to death.

According to his story, Sterling had returned home from the theater at Caney, and was preparing to follow his parents into the house, when he heard a shot.

He turned out the headlights of his car and sat still. A second later, he said, he saw the lights of another motorcar flicker off and a short distance down the road.

Later that motorcar, parked near where the report of the shot came from, sped away toward Caney. David believed nothing unusual had occurred, he said, and he went to bed.

Saturday he attended the coroner's inquest into Miss White's death and told what he had heard and seen.

A check of the distance from the

spot where Miss White was shot to the place where tire tracks indicated Cales' car was standing at the time has convinced officials Cales could not have fired the shot, run back to his car and turned on the lights during the interval which Sterling declared elapsed between the shot and the flickering of lights.

Cales has told authorities he turned the lights on and off immediately after the shot and that he then ran down the road back of the car to the girl.

He started to pick her up, he said, but realized she was dead. He returned to his car and drove away.

Cales insists Miss White killed herself. He does not know why, except that she acted strangely that night.

Cales is held in jail facing a murder charge.

FLEET OWNERS TO MEET

Sixty-five fleet truck owners participating in a "no-accident" contest sponsored by the Indianapolis Safety Council will meet tonight at 6:30 at the Chamber of Commerce. Data on accidents to each participant in the contest will be discussed and plans made to prevent their recurrence. Jesse Suter, truck superintendent of the American Railway Express Company, is president of the association.

RUTH ELDER'S HUSBAND GETS FINAL DIVORCE

Canal Zone Court Grants Lyle Womack Decree From Girl Aviator.

By United Press
BALBOA, C. Z., June 17.—A final decree of divorce has been granted by the Canal Zone court to Lyle Womack, former resident of the Canal Zone, from Ruth Elder, trans-Atlantic flier. Womack sued on grounds of desertion and the suit was not opposed.

The split between Womack and his adventure-loving wife began at the time of her trans-Atlantic flight with George Haldeman on Oct. 11, 1927.

On her return to New York, Miss Elder was greeted by Womack, but their relations were none too cordial and the wife refused to give up her flying ambitions to return to him.

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