

## BOMB DAMAGES ITALIAN HOME AFTER THREAT

Demand for \$4,000 to Protect Children Followed by Blast at Gary.

**GARY, Ind., June 22.**—Peter Bianco, pressed hard to meet payments on his little home, could not pay \$4,000 demanded by Italian blackmailers, so they exploded a bomb which tore a hole in a side of the house, endangering nine persons as they slept. None was hurt. Police are without clues to the bombers, although they have been trying to catch them since April when Bianco received the first letters bearing the skull, dagger and bleeding heart mark of Italian Camorristas.

Bianco, native of Italy, who has been in America twenty years, was warned in the first note that unless he paid \$4,000, his four children would be killed and furthermore, that if he did not pay about receiving the threat, his life would be the forfeit.

Thoroughly frightened, Bianco told police two weeks later, another threatening letter came. It ordered Bianco to place the \$4,000, wrapped in a newspaper, on a designated grave in Oak Hill cemetery. Bianco placed a dummy package at police suggestion, and detectives spent three nights in the cemetery, but no one came for the package. Three weeks ago the third letter was received. It warned Bianco to expect death, as he had disregarded the warning not to tell police.

The bomb exploded near the wall of the room in which Bianco's children slept. The missile was wrapped in a Chicago newspaper and was first noticed by a dairyman delivering milk to the home. He saw sparks coming from the package, made a frantic effort to awaken the family and then fled for his life.

Bianco asserts he knows of no reason why the Camorristas should be operating against him.

## UNHEEDING WITNESSES PUNISHED AT COLUMBUS

Two Cass County Men, Who Failed to Appear, Fined.

**COLUMBUS, Ind., June 22.**—Two Cass county men, John Harvey, a Legansport attorney, and Samuel Chambers a farmer, and former member of the county board of commissioners, were fined in Bartholomew circuit court here by Judge Julian Sharpnack, on charges of failure to heed subpoenas issued from the court. Each was fined \$21.60.

The men were arrested at their home by Sheriff Alonzo E. Fitch and brought here. They stayed at the county jail over night but were not confined to the barred section.

Each man made statements to the court, but were found guilty of indirect contempt and were fined. Writs of attachment were issued for the two when they failed to appear here as witnesses in the case of Abraham Grider, 72, of Delphi, who was tried and found not guilty of perjury.

## WOMAN GRABS BURGLAR

Believed at First She Held Prank-Playing Husband.

**SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 22.**—Awakened at an early hour in the morning, Mrs. James Cassman saw a man standing before a dresser in her bedroom. She leaped up and seized the man, thinking it was her husband, who was playing a prank on her. Then she discovered her captive was a Negro burglar. She screamed, awakening her husband, but the burglar escaped.

Jewelry the intruder had gathered was found piled on the dresser, ready to be pocketed. Police believe the case another in a long series by a burglar who works barefoot.

## Honolulu Teacher Visits

**MARION, Ind., June 22.**—Ernest L. Hood, former Marion resident, and for the past three years instructor of vocational training in the Honolulu, T. H. school is here, the guest of his sister, Mrs. James Campbell. He is in town to attend a national convention of vocational instructors as representative of the Honolulu school system. He will return in August.

## Railroaders to Hold Picnic

**ANDERSON, Ind., June 22.**—C. A. Ratford, Cincinnati director of the publicity department of the Big Four railroad, will be the principal speaker at a picnic of Anderson and Muncie Big Four boosters clubs at Shady-side park here Sunday. Delegations from Wabash and North Vernon will attend.

## Body Remains in Water

**MUNCIE, Ind., June 22.**—After dragging a stone quarry here for six days, Muncie police are resting while plans are made to drain the quarry in an effort to recover the body of Edward Lancaster, 23, drowned Monday night. Indianapolis police, using a submarine searchlight, assisted two days, but were unable to locate the body.

## Postal Workers to Meet

**MARION, Ind., June 22.**—A large delegation of carriers and clerks from the Marion postoffice will attend the annual convention, July 3 and 4, of the Joint Association of Postal Employees of Indiana, at Anderson. Postal officials said today, George Blackman, Marion carrier, is secretary of the association.

## Sixty Join Moose

**MARION, Ind., June 22.**—Sixty candidates were initiated into the Loyal Order of Moose at the regular meeting held Friday night. The principal address was made by M. M. Mahony, Indianapolis.

## Singer



Miss Florine La Cluyze

**SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 22.**—A former South Bend resident, Miss Florine La Cluyze, a graduate of St. Mary's academy here, is now singing operatic roles in Chicago.

## WOMAN SEEKS \$50,000 IN SUIT

Mother of Boy Killed by Racing Auto Acts.

**BLOOMFIELD, Ind., June 22.**—A \$50,000 damage suit filed by Mrs. Hazel G. Kimmell, following injuries received while attending an automobile race during which her son was killed, has been brought here for trial in Greene circuit court on a change of venue from Sullivan county.

Mrs. Kimmell alleges that as a result of suffering fracture of her legs, she is a permanent cripple. In a separate suit, the husband of Mrs. Kimmell seeks \$10,000 for the death of the son, John Kimmell Jr. Mother and son were struck when a car driven by Ira Hall left a track operated by the Greene County Fair and Race Association, with which Hall and the Cole Auto Company, owner of the car, are defendants.

## SPEAKER WINS \$1,000

Wabash Student Places Second in National Contest.

**CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., June 22.**—Robert G. Goodwin, a senior at Wabash college, placed second in the national oratorical contest conducted at Los Angeles, Cal., by the Better America Federation. Goodwin was given a cash prize of \$1,000.

Goodwin, whose home is in New York, has been a consistent winner of oratorical contests during the past two years. Under the tutelage of Professor W. N. Brigrance, head of the department of speech at Wabash college, he won first place in state and middle west sectional competition.

## TIERED FUGITIVE HELD

Anderson Man Faces Charge of Attack With Flat Iron.

**ANDERSON, Ind., June 22.**—Edward S. King, 24, wanted on a charge of assault with intent to kill Glep Saunders, 25, was brought here today from Tipson where he was arrested Friday night.

King was apprehended in the Nickle Plate railroad yards at Tipson, covered with mud and almost exhausted after eluding a search for twenty-eight hours.

The condition of Saunders, who was struck on the head with a flat iron alleged to have been used by King is critical.

## Auto Thieves Sentenced

**MARION, Ind., June 22.**—Harry Anthony, 21, and Dillard Taylor, 20, both of Gas City, were each sentenced to ninety days on the state penal farm on their pleas of guilty in the Grant circuit court on charges of vehicle taking. The youths confessed taking a car from Gas City and driving it to Kokomo, where it was abandoned.

## Four Have Smallpox

**GREENCASTLE, Ind., June 22.**—A smallpox epidemic is feared here, four cases having been reported, three in one boarding house. Bert Steele, the first victim, is caring for the second and third, Levi Carpenter and George Shepard, under quarantine. The latest case is Vernon Shirley, filling station attendant.

## Union Services Planned

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## CALUMET AREA GROWTH HELD WORLD RECORD

Population Gain of 1,420 Per Cent Since 1900 Cited By Bank.

**HAMMOND, Ind., June 22.**—The Calumet district of Indiana and Illinois is reputed to hold the world's record for rapid population growth. According to a survey of the territory made by the First Trust and Savings bank, Hammond, the largest financial institution in northwestern Indiana. This shows population of the district, comprising Hammond, East Chicago, Whiting and Gary, in Indiana, and Calumet City, in Illinois, has increased 1,420 per cent since 1900.

These five cities in 1900, the survey reveals, contained only 19,770 persons, as recorded by the United States census. At present, estimates based on school enumeration figures and on the general average increase since that time, gives the region a total population of 280,639.

The survey outlines the following tabulation of population growth since 1900:

	1900	1929
Hammond	12,374	51,476
Calumet City	3,411	18,143
Whiting	3,983	16,320
Gary	10,309	14,200
Totals	19,770	280,639

"It noted," the survey explains, "that the population of the region has doubled itself every ten years since 1900. Economic factors now taking form indicate that the population growth for the next ten years will be as great as in past decades. Three new industries only recently began construction operations on large production units here; another three other plants, started this year, are now rapidly nearing completion. These six industries will employ almost 10,000 persons, but that figure will be materially augmented by the need for labor in extensions of present industries now being finished."

## MRS. CASSLER AND SON FACE MURDER CHARGES

First Degree Indictments Returned in Death of Miss Cameola Soutar.

**VALPARAISO, Ind., June 22.**—In true bills returned by the Porter county grand jury, Miss Catherine Cassler, Chicago, and her adopted son, Edward G. Cassler, were indicted for the murder of Miss Cameola Soutar, whose body was found near Hebron.

Recommendations were made by the jury to Prosecutor W. W. Bozarth that Chester Johnson, sweetheart of the dead woman, be released on his own recognizance. Mrs. Cassler was alleged to have killed Miss Soutar because of intimacies between her husband and the girl while the accused woman was in prison on another murder charge.

After voting the indictments, the jury was discharged by Judge Grant Crumpacker.

## DIVORCE SUITS HALTED

Muncie Judge Refuses Couple Decrees on "Wild Party" Evidence.

**MUNCIE, Ind., June 22.**—"Those who wallow in filth and mire can not win the courts and obtain divorces," Judge L. A. Guthrie declared here in halting the sensational case of Charles and Ruth Rowlett, Muncie confectioners. "Civilized life will not tolerate drinking and wild carousing and parties such as have been described in this case," the judge said in informing the man and woman that neither would be granted a divorce. The trial had been under way four days.

Both charged unfaithfulness, and stories of wild parties were detailed, all of which were denied later by those accused.

## Banquet Monday at I. U.

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 22.**—Students and faculty members of the Indiana university school of education will hold their seventh annual education dinner Monday. Approximately 300 summer term students and directors are expected to attend. Dr. I. Somers of the school of education is chairman of the arrangements committee.

## Sheriff Interrupts Swimmers

**ANDERSON, Ind., June 22.**—Twenty-five boys caught swimming in an abandoned stone quarry near here, Sunday, were interrupted by Sheriff Frank G. Daniels not to repeat the practice.

## I. U. Brings in \$5,000,000

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 22.**—John W. Cravens, Indiana university registrar, asserted in an address before the local Kiwanis club that the university brings \$5,000,000 annually to Bloomington and the rest of Monroe county.

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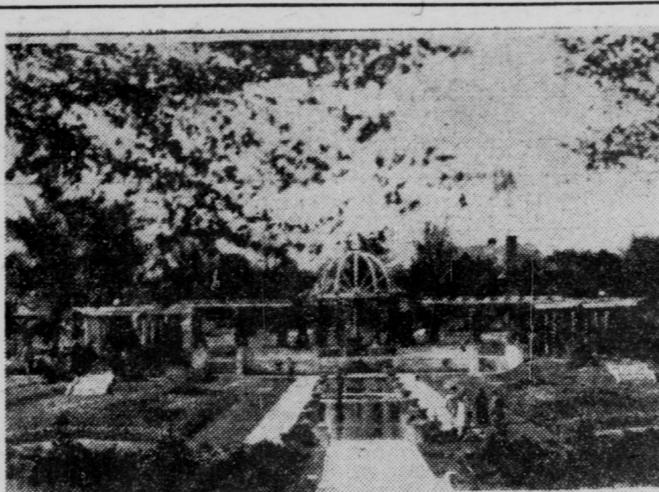
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## Beauty Spot at Ft. Wayne



This sunken garden in Lakeside park, Ft. Wayne, is one of the city's show places. At the time the picture was taken, thousands of tulips were in bloom.

## INDIANA TO WAIT FOR FARM RELIEF

Aid Will Not Be Immediate. Senator Watson Tells G. O. P. Editors.

**BEDFORD, Ind., June 21.**—The annual two-day outing of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association will be concluded here tonight with a banquet.

With a record number of editors in attendance, surprisingly little campaigning was done by prospective candidates in the next election. Although there was the usual handshaking, no political talk of consequence was heard.

What campaigning was done apparently was carried on in groups of persons who gathered on hotel verandas and behind closed doors.

Addresses, a luncheon and other entertainment, including a trip to Bedford's stone mills, were to close the last day of the program.

In a letter addressed to the editors in care of Allen C. Hiner, president of the association, Senator James E. Watson, explained to Indiana farmers that they need not expect "immediate response" from the enactment of the farm relief bill.

Governor Harry G. Leslie declared that he favors capital punishment. "Hardened criminals who are serving life sentences in states where they do not have capital punishment feel as if they are beyond the law," Leslie said.

Newspapers and press associations were praised by various speakers for their work in elections.

George B. Lockwood, editor of the National Republic, in an address Thursday, expressed a belief that President Hoover's law enforcement commission would find a link connecting politics with law violations.

## \$10,000 SNAKE DIES

Overeating Believed Fatal to 400-Pound Python at Anderson.

**ANDERSON, Ind., June 22.**—A 32-foot python, weighing 400 pounds, and valued at \$10,000, died here after overeating. The snake, owned by O. F. Strible, San Antonio, Tex., was brought here for exhibition purposes. It was said to have thirty chickens during the past week.

## Motorist Injured

**CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., June 22.**—Francis A. Martin, operator of a bus line between here and Greencastle, was injured when an automobile that he was driving was struck and overturned by a machine driven by Mrs. Ernest Patton, New Richmond, near here. Martin was pinned under his car, but Mrs. Patton and her mother, Mrs. William Frame, freed him.

## Road Contract Approved

**NEWCASTLE, Ind., June 22.**—The city council, in special session, approved the contract entered into by the city and the Indiana state highway commission, relative to widening of Bundy avenue, which becomes part of State Road 3. The contractors are preparing to pave the road from Newcastle to Dunreith and the National road, by way of Spiceland.

## Priest Transferred

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 22.**—The Rev. Albert V. Deery of St. Charles Catholic church here has been appointed to St. Joseph church at Evansville. The Rev. Mr. Deery previous to his charge here was assistant seven years at St. Catherine church, Indianapolis.

## Twelve to Attend Meeting

**MARION, Ind., June 22.**—Twelve members of Fred D. Ballou Camp No. 32, United Spanish American War veterans, will attend the state encampment at Muncie, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

## Fair Dates Set

**MARION, Ind., June 22.**—The annual Grant county fair will be held Aug. 27, 28, 29 and 30 at Fairmount, according to an announcement by E. H. Felton, president of the association.

## Menegitis Victim Buried

**MARION, Ind., June 22.**—Funeral services for Jessie M. Collins, 19, who died at her home here of spinal meningitis, were held today at North Manchester. She leaves her husband Paul and one son.

## Salary Raised to \$5,000

**GREENCASTLE, Ind., June 22.**—A raise in salary of \$1,000 per year, to \$5,000, was given Ralph Howard, superintendent of the Indiana state farm, by the state budget committee.

## CREEK PROJECT COMPLETED AT \$60,000 COST

Four Years Spent in Work on Wildcat Stream at Kokomo.

**KOKOMO, Ind., June 22.**—After four years work, expenditure of \$60,000, a struggle at times to get funds, and political wrangles, the Wildcat creek improvement project here is complete.

Instead of a crooked, sluggish stream, breeding place of mosquitoes and foul odors, there is now a fairly straight, deep and clean stretch of water.

With completion of the work, the city of Kokomo will sell the Jimmie Willis, a dredge which has been in use throughout the operations. It was named for James Willis, mayor in 1925, and Willis B. Dye of the Thomas J. Dye Lumber Company, which built the boat.

Actual work on the project was started in the spring of 1925, with an appropriation of \$15,000. Most of this was spent in preliminary work. Dredging was started near the plant of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. That was strongly opposed in some quarters. Then the money ran out. An additional \$900 was appropriated and quickly spent.

Next, the project got into politics during a city campaign year. The city council refused to permit further expenditure, but with victory of the Spurgeon forces, more money was allowed and the work proceeded.

The first attempt to improve the creek was made in 1846, when Kokomo was a tiny settlement and Howard county but two years old. The state legislature passed an act for formation of the Wildcat Navigation Company, to improve the stream as a connector with the Wabash and Erie canal, but the work was not carried out.

During the 1913 flood, the worst in Indiana's history, the creek overflowed, water filling several homes.

## ENGINEERING STUDENTS PREFER SHORT BLONDS

Purdue Professor's Opinion Based on Questionnaire Replies.

**LAFAYETTE, Ind., June 22.**—Do likes and dislikes of a boy point to the vocation he should enter? Professor H. H. Remmers of Purdue university believes that they do. He has prepared a questionnaire regarding various likes and dislikes and had it filled by 218 freshman students, of which 112 are taking the agricultural course and 106 are preparing to be engineers.

Professor Remmers found that many of the things liked by one group are strongly disliked by the other, and that there is comparatively little overlapping of the interests of the two groups.

Among the items liked by the engineers group were short women, blondes, shop work, laboring, work living in the city and methodical persons.

The agricultural students like such widely different items as Jersey cattle, caring for poultry, digging in a garden, excursions, very polite persons and work with children.

## Newcastle Girl Missing

**NEWCASTLE, Ind., June 22.**—Another girl has been placed on Indiana's "missing girls" list, with the disappearance of Miss Lillian Shims, 16, of Newcastle, who left with saying, "I am going to Ohio with two girl friends." Frantic parents have called on police to aid in the search for her. It is the first time she has left home.

## Liberal Arts Dean Retires

**GREENCASTLE, Ind., June 22.**—Dr. Edwin Post has retired as active dean of the college of liberal arts at De Pauw university, after twenty-six years, with the title of "dean emeritus." For thirty-three years Dr. Post has been on the administrative staff at De Pauw, and for fifty years professor of Latin. He is an ardent and Shakespearean scholar. He will continue as head of the Latin department.

## Mother to See Soldier's Grave

**TIPTON, Ind., June 22.**—Mrs. W. B. Sturdevant will avail herself of the privilege offered by the United States government to mothers of men killed in the World war to visit their graves without expense. Her son, Charles C. Sturdevant, killed in action at Montdidier, France, May 18, 1918, is buried in the American Somme cemetery.

## Pocketbooks Found in Pool

**GREENCASTLE, Ind., June 22.**—Three empty pocketbooks were found in a pool at the Lone Star Cement Company plant following a barbecue party. One was identified as belonging to George Potter, Russellville town marshal, but the other two have no names.

## Takes Auto to Spain

**SPELTZVILLE, Ind., June 22.**—Servando Sanchez, proprietor of a little grocery here, is visiting in his native Spain, having taken with him his American wife and American automobile.

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Rite's Jewelry Shop  
45 S. Illinois St.

## Heads Rotarians



Hugh Vandivier

**MARION, Ind., June 21.**—The Marion Rotary club has chosen Hugh Vandivier president. He is principal of the Marion junior high school and active in basketball. Other officers are the Rev. H. R. Ford, vice president; Lloyd Jones, secretary; John Digs, treasurer; Jack Serviss and Monte Neidler, trustees.

## LEGALLY DEAD MAN RETURNS

Sues at Covington in Effort to Get Property.

**COVINGTON, Ind., June 22.**—George Ackerman, long absent from here and declared legally dead by the Fountain circuit court, has returned and started a suit to recover property he lost when his estate was settled.

A sister of Ackerman, Mrs. Pauline Morris, left him a one-fourth share of her estate when she died twenty-nine years ago, but as he could not be located, he was declared dead and the property distributed among his heirs. He asserts that he has just learned of Mrs. Morris' death and of the court action against him.

## MAN BELIEVED SLAIN

Body of Hammond Resident Shows Evidence of Strangulation.

**HAMMOND, Ind., June 22.**—Believed to have been strangled, the body of William Busma, 37, missing since June 16, was found near a canal here.

According to authorities, marks about the throat and face indicated that he had been in a fight.

Police said they learned that Busma engaged in a fight with a brother-in-law, who is missing.

## Anderson May Get Meeting

**ANDERSON, Ind., June 22.**—State headquarters of the United Brethren in Christ church has indicated the White River conference annual meeting will be held in August, according to the Rev. H. C. Schlarb, pastor of the First United Brethren church here. Hartford City also has made a bid for the convention. The 1928 meeting, held at Indianapolis, awarded the next session to Marion. Delayed construction of Marion's new Swayzee Street church caused the congregation to ask state officials to place the meeting elsewhere.

## Student Flier Hurt

**ANDERSON, Ind., June 22.**—An old Jenny airplane crashed near the Welch airfield here, injuring Garnet Estle, 27, student pilot. The ship was brought to the airport a few days ago, and Estle, not knowing that it was out of condition, took it aloft. The plane fell from an altitude of 200 feet. Estle suffered a crushed leg, which may have to be amputated.

## Homecoming at Church

**BRIDGEPORT, Ind., June 22.**—The Bridgeport Methodist church will hold its annual homecoming Sunday, the program to open with a rally day Sunday school session at 10 a. m., followed by services with Dr. A. T. Briggs, Greencastle, speaking. A basket dinner will follow. A homecoming and roll call session will be held at 2 p. m.

## Secretary Resigns

**MARION, Ind., June 22.**—Fred Johnson, secretary of the Junior Association of Commerce for the past year, has resigned, effective at once. He will accept a position in another city.

## Three Get Farm Terms

**MARION, Ind., June 21.**—Walter McClain, John Ferguson and John Yount have been taken to the state penal farm to serve sentences for violation of the liquor law.

## ANGRY THRONG PUTS STOP TO SCHOOL MOVING

Township Trustee Retreats to Monticello After Burnettsville Objects.

**BURNETTSTVILLE, Ind.,**