

UNCLE ACCUSED IN MURDER OF YOUNG NEPHEW

Columbia City Man Denies
Slaying of Boy, 16; Two
Reported Enemies.

By United Press
COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., July 27.—A mystery death which baffled authorities for a week, is believed solved today in the arrest of Charles Sheekler, 53, charged with the murder of his 16-year-old nephew, Delmar Sheekler, whose nude body with a bullet wound in the head was found near here.

Coroner U. F. Lehmberg, charges the uncle with homicide, in a verdict which was returned after the body was exhumed for further investigation.

During a two-day investigation, relatives of the youth were questioned, but the result was not divulged. It was understood, however, that the young and elder Sheekler had engaged in numerous arguments.

Ralph W. Probst, prosecutor, refused to state what evidence Sheekler was arrested.

Young Sheekler was last seen alive by relatives when he left his home to attend a church party. After several days' search, the body was found. Clothing had been placed in a pile and fired.

The searching party which found the body was led by the uncle. Burial followed immediately, but the body later was exhumed when authorities said they were not satisfied with suicide theories.

"I told you about all this," Sheekler said. "This is a great surprise to me," the uncle said when arrested. Probst indicated that the grand jury would not be called in special session but that Sheekler would be held for the September session.

MAN LAW DECLARED DEAD; ASKS LIFE BACK

Heir to Estate Returns to South
Bend After Five Years' Absence.

By United Press
SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 27.—Charles Brinkman is not dead at all. He admits it.

Brinkman, who was declared dead by court decree, upset the case by walking into a law office and requesting action would prove that he is alive.

He had been away from South Bend for more than five years, during which time his father died, leaving him a portion of an estate. Believing that Brinkman was dead, an administrator was appointed for the estate.

Hans Masten, South Bend, recently ran across the supposedly dead man in Joliet, Ill., and told him of his father's death.

Judge J. Fred Bingham will be asked to place Brinkman among the living again Tuesday.

POSTAL CLERK ACCUSED

Hartford City Man May Face
Embezzlement Charges.

By United Press
HARTFORD CITY, Ind., July 27.—Jesse R. Craft, clerk in the post-office here, is under arrest, accused of irregularities in handling postal funds.

A. S. Kelly, Winchester, and John A. Abelson, Columbus, inspectors, who made the arrest, intimated that charges of embezzlement will be placed against Craft. Several letters said to have contained money orders are missing.

The inspectors placed two test letters in the mail. They, too, were missing and the money orders which had been marked before being placed in the postoffice safe were found.

LAW EDITORS CHOSEN

Eleven Students Will Work on Journal at I. U.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 27.—Professor W. E. Treanor of the Indiana university law school faculty will be in charge of its publication, the Indiana Law Journal, next term.

Eleven law students will assist Professor Treanor. They are Joseph V. Heffernan, Washington; John A. Barr, Akron; James Sutton, Ft. Wayne; Robert R. Davis, Logansport; John S. Grimes, Elwood; Harold N. Fields, Indianapolis; Charles W. White, Muncie; Russell C. Hanna, Terre Haute; T. Hamer Finn, Bloomington; Kern J. Miles, Pendleton, and Chairman Dann.

Former Pastor Dies

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Friends here have been advised of the death at Nashville, Ill., of the Rev. Richard Elrich, 77, former pastor of St. John's Lutheran church. He occupied the local pulpit seven years, leaving twenty-one years ago. He was a son of the Rev. Michael Elrich, noted Lutheran minister. He leaves eleven children.

Boy Babies Exceed Girls

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Sixty-seven births and thirty-seven deaths were reported at the city health board office in June. Of the births, forty were males and twenty-seven were females. There were 121 cases of contagious diseases reported.

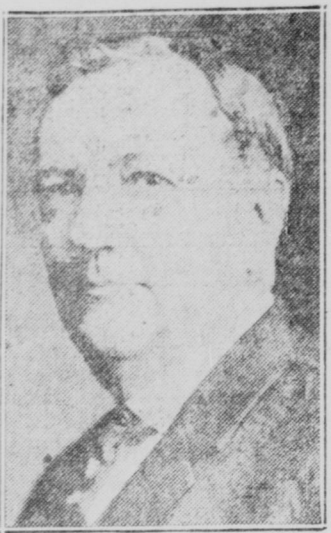
Prepares for 103rd Birthday

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Abraham Doyle, 102, oldest resident of Madison county, advises friends that he is making plans to celebrate his 103rd birthday anniversary next Valentine's day. He lives on one of his farms on Indian creek, six miles northeast of here.

Installment Taxpayers Offered

By Times Special
ST. WAXNE, Ind., July 27.—Treasurer Kent Sweet of Allen county, announces an installment plan for payment of taxes on either a weekly or monthly schedule.

Heads Schools



A. J. Reifel

GAS CITY, Ind., July 27.—After nineteen years as superintendent of the Brookville schools, A. J. Reifel has been chosen to head schools here. He attended Ball Teachers College, Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana university and Miami university, the latter in Ohio.

BROTHERS HELD IN AUTO THEFTS

Indianapolis Youths Wanted
Spending Money.

By Times Special
ROCHESTER, Ind., July 27.—Found in possession of three stolen automobiles Lowell Driskell, 16, and Lovell G. Driskell, 16, sons of Lovell G. Driskell, Indianapolis druggist, 2737 North Illinois street, are held in the Fulton county jail here today.

Arrests were made near Monon by Sheriff Ora Clark after he had been informed by a Rensselaer resident that the youths had attempted to sell him an automobile at a very low price.

After a five-mile chase, the youths were taken into custody. They were driving a small coupe stolen from W. J. Molley, Brookville road, Indianapolis, in which five quarts of alcohol were found. The car they tried to sell was stolen from C. F. Kauffman, 2112 Central avenue, Indianapolis. The third stolen auto is in a garage at Peru.

The youths told authorities they started a career of auto thefts and liquor dealing nine months ago to get spending money. They said that prior to the coming of a stepmother into their home, their father had been liberal in giving them money, but after his marriage they received less. They turned to crime to make up the deficiency. Lovell stated he was expelled from Technical high school last winter, where his brother was also a student.

UNION TRACTION MAY REORGANIZE

Receiver Announces Offer
of Midland Company to
Buy Bonds.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Arthur W. Brady, receiver of Union Traction Company of Indiana, commenting on reports with respect to a disposition of the property, announces a plan which may mean reorganization of the company. Brady stated that the Midland Utilities Investment Company had made an offer for bonds now held by bondholders' committees.

At a recent conference between officials of the Midland Utilities Investment Company, the receiver and representatives of the committees representing the bondholders, it was announced that the Midland Utilities Investment Company had made an offer for bonds now held by bondholders' committees.

"Because of the fact that the bondholders deposited their securities with the committees with a view to a re-organization, rather than a sale, the proposal that the bonds be sold will be submitted to the owners of the bonds by the various committees. The bondholders' committees will send out notices shortly advising them of the offer made for their holdings. The bondholders will be given a period in which to accept the offer or withdraw their bonds."

"Negotiations with the bondholders and the conclusion of pending legal proceedings will, of course, take several months, during which period the affairs and operations of the traction company will continue to be conducted by the receiver under direction of the Madison circuit court."

The Union Traction Company of Indiana operates an electric interurban railway system in central and eastern Indiana, connecting a large number of communities with Indianapolis, and also provides electric light and power to a number of communities. The company has been in receivership since Dec. 31, 1924, when Brady was appointed receiver by the Madison circuit court at Anderson.

The Midland company controls a number of electric light and power, gas and transportation companies in Indiana.

Eyesore Becomes Park

By Times Special
YORKTOWN, Ind., July 27.—Once a swampy land, now a park, where townspeople and tourists gather, is the history of a stretch of land surrounding Buck creek here which has been made into a public park by Daniel Cox, town board member. Cox bought the land four years ago and has beautified it himself, building drives, making flower beds and constructing a small lagoon.

HIDDEN MONEY HINTED AS FIRE DEATH MOTIVE

Brother of Dead Columbus
Woman Indicates New
Theory.

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., July 27.—Henry Nolte, Indianapolis, brother of Mrs. Anna McKevitt, 63, whose body was found in the ruins of her home Saturday night following a fire, today in furthering investigation into the affair, stated that it is possible there was a sum of money hidden in the house at the time of the fire. Bartholomew circuit court has filed a petition for appointment of an administrator for the estate of Mrs. McKevitt, and recommended the First National bank be appointed. The estate is valued at \$4,000.

The body was found in the home during the fire. Her husband, Andrew McKevitt, was arrested when he was caught leaving the home with a satchel containing his wife's personal effects, including jewelry, insurance papers and other articles. He is still in jail, facing a charge of arson.

The county grand jury which was called into special session by Judge Julian Sharpnack to investigate the death of the woman has adjourned until Monday.

Prosecuting attorney, William H. Dobbin, however, while giving any definite information concerning the investigation said the evidence was satisfactory.

I. U. BUILDING SITE CHOSEN

Work on Chemistry Hall
Planned for Fall.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 27.—Agreement on a site for Indiana university's new \$360,000 chemistry building was reached by university trustees at a meeting in President W. L. Bryan's office, following several efforts to find a place which would be satisfactory to all elements engaged in placing the structure. Announcement was made that the building will be located east of the center of Wylie hall and that work on detailed plans and specifications will be started at once so that bids may be opened, contracts let and construction operations started this fall.

This is the first building of the ten-year building program for which the last general assembly made provision by authorizing a 2-cent tax.

Dirge Follows Wedding Bells

By Times Special
ELWOOD, Ind., July 27.—Mrs. Genevieve Cornwall, 20, mother of two children, is dead of injuries suffered while on a charivari party given Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Cornwall at Alexandria. She fell from the running board of an automobile driven by her husband, Edward Cornwall, suffering a skull fracture.

PLANT WORK DELAYED

Power Unit to Anderson Now Expected to Be Ready Aug. 15.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Installation of a new 10,000 kilowatt capacity turbine at the municipal electric light and power plant has been delayed. Efforts failing to have the new unit in operation by July 4, C. B. Stelle, superintendent, has fixed Aug. 15 as a new date. Installation of a condenser as an accessory to the turbine was delayed three weeks because of a city hall controversy involving the second payment of the machine. The payment was finally made and the work has been resumed. The plant will have 24,000 kilowatts capacity when the expansion program is completed.

MAY SNOW PHONE RAISE PLEA LOST

La Porte Company Sought
Money to Make Repairs
After Freak Storm.

Telephone companies must exercise forethought in maintaining adequate reserves to care for emergency expenditures and they can not expect a rate raise to care for such a crisis.

Such was the rule laid down by the public service commission Friday in denying the petition for rate increase of the La Porte County Telephone Company.

The company's poles and lines were damaged considerably by a snow storm May 2, and it asked temporary rate increases and toll charges to care for capital outlays in making repairs. The rate increase was to be effective at La Porte and the toll charges at Westville, Union Mills, Wanatah, LaCrosse, Hanna and Rolling Prairie.

Commission accounts found that while the company had been listing a reserve for such emergency, the funds were not actually available. The commission ruling permits spending of such a reserve on repairs for the next year, but refused

How to Avoid Detours



Where detours are not available, the state highway department builds but one-half of a road at a time, permitting traffic to use the other half during the construction period. The picture shows a car using State Road 62, from Sulphur to St. Meinrad, while a highway department truck is working on the resurfacing of the other half. This eliminated a thirty-mile detour around French Lick, according to Director John J. Brown of the department.

FORMER OFFICER AWAITS VERDICT

Jury Deliberates in Case of
Simon T. Hickman at
Brazil.

By United Press
BRAZIL, Ind., July 27.—Unable to reach a verdict Friday a jury in the trial of Simon T. Hickman, former deputy United States marshal, charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, resumed deliberations today.

Hickman was the last witness heard in the case. He denied he was drunk and contended that a bottle of alcohol, taken from his automobile after his arrest was for external use. He was arrested by Brazil police, who said he drove his automobile from side to side of a road.

While on the witness stand Hickman testified a flat tire caused his machine to zigzag.

Two Terre Haute policemen testified they saw Hickman two hours before he was arrested and that he was sober. Two Brazil officers previously testified he was drunk when arrested.

Hickman resigned his deputyship after the arrest, asking superior officers and friends to withhold judgment until "I have a chance to vindicate myself."

VETERANS WILL MEET

Greensburg to be Host Sunday for
Spanish War Soldiers.

By Times Special
GREENSBURG, Ind., July 27.—United Spanish war veterans camp members from Shelbyville, Franklin, North Vernon, Columbus, Seymour, Brownstown, Huntington, Bloomington, Madison and Lawrenceburg will be guests here Sunday of Greensburg camp at the annual meeting of the Green Indiana district of the U. S. W. V. The meeting will open with a dinner at noon. H. B. Spencer, department commander, Huntington, will be the principal speaker. Others will be Joe Morris, past department commander, Gary; George Tolan, department judge advocate, Shelbyville, and the following auxiliary officers: Florence Drummond, department president, Ft. Wayne; Bertha McNaught, past department president, Logansport, and Catherine Perry, Huntington, of the U. S. W. V. state home board.

FARM NEEDS PRISONER

Liquor Sentence Deferred Until Crop
Work Ends.

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., July 27.—Clemence for James L. Henry, charged with possession of intoxicating liquor and maintaining a liquor nuisance, was asked in Bartholomew circuit court by his attorney, A. T. Conner, of Judge Julian Sharpnack. Owing to the fact that Henry is a farmer and crops need his attention. The case was postponed until Aug. 1, when Judge Sharpnack will pronounce sentence on Henry and his son-in-law, John Mangus, both of whom plead guilty. Henry to possession and maintaining a nuisance and Mangus to possession. They were arrested in a raid at the Henry home, two miles west of here.

Justice Lends Mercy Ear

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 27.—Two fathers, Hugh Thornton and Harlan Mincey, each sentenced to ninety days in jail for stealing corn to feed their five hungry children, are before the city court here today in an effort to get "another chance."

Three of Mincey's children and two of Thornton's were fed with the stolen corn. The latter's wife is dead.

MONON ORDERS LARGE ENGINES

Ten Costing \$700,000 to
Be Placed at Bloomington.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 27.—Nearly \$1,000,000 worth of new locomotives will arrive at the Monon railroad's McDoel yards here Sept. 1. The ten new engines representing an outlay in excess of \$700,000, the largest of its kind in the Monon's history.

Increasing freight traffic was announced by railroad officials as making the new equipment necessary.

Three of the new engines are of the Mikado type, capable of pulling 1,800 tons, against the 1,100 of the largest locomotives now at the yards.

Other preparations are being made at the yards in the expectation that coal hauling and other freight movement during the winter will be heavy.

OLD INSTRUCTOR FETED

Professor Jasper A. Cragwell of
Wabash Tendered Reception.

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., July 27.—Professor Jasper A. Cragwell, "grand old man of Wabash," who had served as a member of the college's faculty twenty-nine years was honored at a public reception at his home here Friday night.

He retired a few months ago. He will leave Aug. 15 for Arizona to make his home in the hope that the climate will benefit his health.

Business Leader Ill

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Joseph E. Hennings, 62, former chairman of the board of trustees of the Indiana reformatory, is near death today in a Martinsville sanitarium, where he went a few days ago to recuperate from an attack of acute indigestion, only to be stricken with heart disease. He is chairman of the Madison County Trust Company here, and active in civic and business affairs.

Serves Club Eighth Term

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—The South Side Community Club has re-elected William T. Richards president for his eighth consecutive term. He has served continuously as president since the club's organization. Other officers are Morris Ellis, vice president; Mrs. Betty Smith, secretary; Ambrose Smith, treasurer. Twenty-five hundred persons attended the weekly entertainment given under the auspices of the club in Stanton park.

Child Saved From Drowning

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Margaret Salver, 7, daughter of City Judge Charles B. and Mrs. Salver, had a narrow escape while wading in the Falls Park swimming pool. The child got in beyond its depth and had gone down the second time when Miss Ina Simpson, Pendleton, rescued her. A purse was made up by witnesses and given Miss Simpson, young heroine.

Offers Snake for Train Fare

By Times Special
GREENSBURG, Ind., July 27.—A barefoot woman in man's trousers who carried a diamond-back rattlesnake as railroad fare got scant sympathy here. She slept in the court house women's rest room all morning, and when awakened, tried to sell the snake for "funds with which to get to Cedar Rapids, Ia."

Woman Faces Check Charge

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., July 27.—Mrs. Ella Denny is charged with issuing a fraudulent check for \$25 in an affidavit filed in Grant circuit court.

BOY SCIENTIST LIES IN GRAVE AT SOUTH BEND

Lad, 15, Made 98 Grade in
Chemistry After Only
Hour of School Study.

By Times Special
SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 27.—Funeral services were held today for William A. Moomaw, 15-year-old scientist, who died Thursday after a two weeks illness of acute arthritis. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Moomaw. The father is city building commissioner here.

Since he was 9, the boy has been deeply interested in chemistry. He had read ten books. He was a frequent visitor at schools and libraries, constantly seeking something to read.

The boy was too young to enter competition for the Thomas A. Edison scholarship, but he took a junior chemistry examination in connection with the contest, and despite only an hour of school study of the subject, made a grade of 98.

Boy Scout work, swimming and tennis were other interests of the boy. He worked as a carrier for a local paper and last fall through excellent service, won a trip east to attend the Army-Notre Dame football game.

BANDIT ARREST MOVE CHECKED

Fairfax Victim's Close Relative
Protected.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 27.—Highwaymen who slugged and robbed John Adams at his home near Fairfax in the southern part of Monroe county a week ago, have been located by Sheriff R. H. Stephens, who is now at a loss for authority to bring them here for prosecution.

The sheriff's perplexity is caused by his discovery that one of the men who committed the crime is said to be a close relative of the victim and for that reason the latter is not willing to prosecute, although he lost more than \$300 and suffered a bruised head.

It is expected the suspects may be returned on a warrant charging automobile taking, as they are alleged to have stolen a car in which to make the trip to the Adams home.

EXILED HUSBAND SUED

Chicken Thief Ordered From Columbus Is Divorce Defendant.

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., July 27.—Mrs. Elizabeth Harden has filed suit in Bartholomew circuit court here against Samuel Harden, but as he is an exile from the city, it is not likely he will return to contest the case. The wife alleges he failed to provide for her and their four children and that he has been away from home most of the past five years. She asks custody of the children.

Harden came to Columbus some time ago to visit his family and was arrested on an old charge of chicken stealing. Circuit Court Judge Julian Sharpnack, as a sentence, ordered Harden to leave here and never return.

WATER FOR ANDERSON

Two New Wells Being Drilled to
Increase Supply.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—The Harmon-Ness Well Company, which has contracted to drill two wells for the city water department, has found a large flow 82 feet down on property of the Fame Canning plant. In the west section of the Anderson permanent well will be drilled on the site under an agreement by which the city will give the canning plant water free for the privilege of locating a well on its property.

Another test well will be drilled near the White river filtration plant. Efforts to locate a well on this site failed a few years ago, but contractors have agreed to run the risk of expending another large sum of money to get one at that place.

Estate Valued at \$300,000

By Times Special
GREENSBURG, Ind., July 27.—Albert P. Smith, Indianapolis, has been appointed as executor of the will of Mrs. Sherman Pool Minear, who died Saturday leaving an estate of about \$300,000. Mrs. Minear, widow of one of Greensburg's leading merchants of late years, was before her marriage, Miss Kate Preston Smith of Indianapolis. The executor is her brother. The bulk of her estate is left to him and to two sisters, Mrs. Margaret S. Abbott, Cambridge, Mass., and Mrs. H. H. Hornbrook, Indianapolis.

Boulevard Paving Asked

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Paving of Irving way is asked in a petition filed with County Auditor Ward Shetterly for presentation at the next meeting of Madison county commissioners. The way, a winding road forms a section of the city's boulevard system, the first link of which has recently been paved.

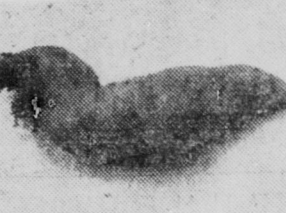
Retired Foreman Dies

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Frank Brown, 61, retired foreman of the Ames Shovel factory, is dead at the family home here. He leaves the widow, Mrs. Sarah Brown, and two sons, Ralph and Wilbur.

Psychologist to Speak

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., July 27.—Dr. Murrell G. Powell, psychologist, will give a talk on "Progressive Thinking and Successful Business," Sunday, at Marion park, under auspices of the Marion board of health.

Walrus Spud



This sweet potato, grown on a Hamilton county farm, displayed at Noblesville, is attracting attention because of its close resemblance to a walrus.

AUTO ACCIDENT DRIVE OPENED

Madison County Will Seek
to Reduce Deaths.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., July 27.—Automobile accidents create a problem as serious as the World war, even if they are not spectacular. Otto Finchel, secretary of state, declared in an appeal for public support of the principles of the new automobile drivers' license law before the Madison county safety on the highways conference here. Sixty delegates, representing civic organizations in each city of the county, and farmers attended.

Effectiveness of the new law in conserving life and limb will be measured by support it receives from the people, Finchel said. Other progressive states, he said, have reduced fatalities as much as 20 per cent by similar legislation, and if Indiana can do as well it will mean the saving of 180 lives annually. Eight hundred persons were killed and more than five thousand seriously injured in highway accidents in Indiana last year.

Finchel pointed out that the present state motor police force, consisting of thirty-five men, is inadequate. It was his idea that the state should have a motor officer for each of its ninety-two counties.

The secretary disclosed that many applicants are eventually denied drivers' licenses on information by relatives that they are drug addicts.

The conference effected a permanent organization by electing Oswald Ryan, Anderson, Madison county prosecutor, president; Clarence O. Davidson, vice-president, and Mrs. Ella B. Kehrer, secretary. The president was authorized to appoint an executive committee to represent each section of the county. Practical ideas advanced in a round table discussion will be incorporated in a continuous safety program for the county.

TEACHER ASKS \$1,075

Clay County Trustee Refused Position Due to Tenure Law.

By Times Special
BRAZIL, Ind., July 27.—Miss Emma Ratcliff asks \$1,075 damages from Lee Ringo, Dick Johnson, township trustee, as a result of his refusal to re-employ her as a school teacher, due to the tenure act. The teacher alleges that Ringo told her when she asked that her contract be renewed that while he recognized her ability, he would not give her a position, as another term would place her within provisions of the tenure act and assure her a life job. The suit recites that Miss Ratcliff holds a life teaching license and has a 96 per cent scholarship average.

RAIL TRAFFIC HALTED

BY TUNNEL CAVE-INS

Work on Cleaning Up Moffat Bore Is Being Rushed.

By United Press
DENVER, Colo., July 27.—Repairs on the Moffat tunnel through the Continental Divide which is blocked by a series of cave-ins, was being rushed today. Until the shaft is cleared trans-continental rail traffic is being operated over an old and circuitous route and assure her a life job. The suit recites that Miss Ratcliff holds a life teaching license and has a 96 per cent scholarship average.

PARKING BAN LIFTED

Business Lost at Muncie as Result of Ordinance.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., July 27.—Acting on petition of Muncie hotel owners and other business men, police have stopped enforcement of Muncie's law on all-night parking. The ordinance makes it unlawful for automobiles to be parked on business streets from 1 to 4 a. m. and garages have been towing in cars found parked between those hours.

Four Persons Poisoned

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind