

## 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 Scheckler, 53, charged with the murder of his 16-year-old nephew, Delmar Scheckler, whose nude body with a bullet wound in the head was found near here.

Coroner U. F. Leiberman charges the nucle 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 Scheckler had engaged in numerous arguments.

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

Young Scheckler 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 lead 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," Scheckler 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 Scheckler 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 prove Brinkman among the living again Tuesday.

## POSTAL CLERK ACCUSED

Hartford City Man May Face Embarrassment 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 L. 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, Los Angeles; John S. Grimes, Elwood; Harold N. Fields, Indianapolis; Charles W. White, Muncie; Russell C. Hanna, Terre Haute; T. Hammer, Finn, Bloomington; Kern J. Miles, Pendleton, and Chairman Dunn.

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 Ehrlich, 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 Ehrlich, 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 103d Birthday

*By Times Special*  
ANDERSON, Ind., July 17.—Abraham Doyle, 102, oldest resident of Madison county, advises friends that he is making plans to celebrate his 103d birthday anniversary next Valentine day. He lives on one of his farms on Indian creek, six miles northeast of here.

Installment Taxpaying Offered

*By Times Special*  
FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 27.—Treasury King Sweet of Allen county, announces an installment plan for payment of taxes on either a weekly or monthly schedule.

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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.

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 Seventh Indiana district of the U. S. W. W. 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. W. state home board.

*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. Bennington Cornwall at Alexandria. She fell from the running board of an automobile driven by her husband, Edward Cornwall, suffering a skull fracture.

*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, an offer made by the Midland Utilities Investment Company had been accepted. This, however, is subject to approval of the bondholders, who have turned their securities over to the 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 shortly advise 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 foreclosure 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 by the Madison circuit court at Anderson.

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## PLANT WORK DELAYED

Liquor Sentence Deferred Until Crop Work Ends.

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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 pled 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.

*By Times Special*

MAY SNOW PHONE RAISE PLEA LOST

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

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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 defining the petition for rate increase of the La Porte company.

La Porte's request for a rate increase was denied by the commission.

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