

BANK'S CAREER MAY CLOSE IN VENUE CHANGE

Shift of Suit to Frankfort
Checks Plan to Reorganize
at Kokomo.

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., March 22.—Doubt prevails that an effort to reopen the closed Farmers Trust and Savings bank here will be continued in view of the fact that receivership proceedings have been taken to the Clinton circuit court at Frankfort on a change of venue.

It is pointed out that should Judge Brenton Devol of Frankfort rule that a permanent receiver be appointed, thus doing away with the present temporary arrangement, the only course open would be liquidation, thus ending the bank's career. It is considered likely Judge Devol will favor the permanent plan, it being believed that a court in a county other than the one in which the bank is located would not care to be burdened with the responsibilities connected with the temporary arrangement.

More than three-fourths of stockholders at a meeting held recently signed an agreement to contribute toward a fund for reorganizing the bank, between \$700,000 and \$800,000 being offered. However, this will have no effect under a permanent receivership.

The application for a change of venue was filed on behalf of Bern Tate, a depositor of \$240. He alleged that the state banking department, on whose orders the bank was closed, "exercises an undue influence over the citizens of Howard county" and that an odium attaches to the defendant's cause in Howard county, the bank being the defendant.

ANDERSON MAYOR AND CITY JUDGE IN CLASH

Police Told to File Cases in Justice
of Peace Courts.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 22.—Mayor J. H. Mellett's first official act following his return from Washington, D. C., instructed Chief of Police Alvin E. Riggs to file affidavits charging violations of the gaming laws and other misdemeanors in a justice of peace court.

Decision to remove these cases from city court followed failure of City Judge Jesse Shuman to convict thirteen men caught in a gambling raid and acquittal of a number of motorists charged with reckless driving and speeding.

Police complained to the mayor it was useless for them to make arrests only to have defendants released in city court.

Judge Shuman declared that he had decided all of the cases which have been before him on the evidence as presented to him and charged the controversy to his release to be dictated to.

COMPANION OF DEAD AUTO THIEF ACCUSED

Indianapolis Youth Held at Colum-
bus Admits Stealing Car.

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., March 22.—Robert Westerfield, 17, Indianapolis, is in the county jail here facing charges of vehicle taking on which he will be tried in Bartholomew circuit court before Judge Julian Sharpnack. The youth was arrested as he drove into the city by Columbus police, who had been called by State Policeman Baer, stating that the automobile had been stolen there. Westerfield confessed and said he was wanted in Indianapolis and in other cities on like charges.

The prisoner said he and two companions stole a car at Avon about two months ago, and while driving on the Rockville road the car was wrecked and one of the men killed and another arrested. He is now serving sentence on charge of vehicle taking. Westerfield escaped.

Prison Term for Arson

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., March 22.—Abraham Greider, Delphi, recently convicted here of arson, was sentenced to a term of from one to three years by Circuit Judge Julian Sharpnack. When asked if he had anything to say, Greider replied that he was not guilty. Delay in pronouncing sentence was due to time allowed the defense to determine if the case would be appealed. Greider was convicted of burning his household goods when fire razed his home and a barn, for which Sam Shaw and Frank Redman are now serving state prison terms.

Gambling Charges Dropped

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 22.—Thirteen men arrested by police and charged with shooting craps were released when City Judge Jesse Shuman held evidence was insufficient for conviction. Five policemen who raided the home of Jerry Chappell said the men were kneeling on a floor in a circle with money and dice in front of them.

Sports Editor Honored

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 22.—The De Pauw chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity, has initiated H. C. Warren, South Bend, as an associate member. He is sports editor of the South Bend News-Times and is well known in Indiana as a basketball official. Sigma Delta Chi was founded on the De Pauw university campus and Edwin V. O'Neal, an alumnus of the school now on the staff of the Indianapolis Times, is national president of the fraternity.

Spinal Malady Reported

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., March 22.—The first case of spinal meningitis in Howard county was reported here Friday, that of Corrine Chamber, 13, who became ill Thursday. Her condition is not regarded as serious.

Rodeo Will Be Circus Farewell



Boys Still Water the Elephants



Tom Mix

Township Trustee Faces False Claim Charge at Crown Point.

By Times Special
HAMMOND, Ind., March 22.—Police Officer George Redman found a stray horse on a street and decided to call the patrol wagon.

The call box was a block away, and the horse refused to be led. Redman, according to Officer Morz' report, dragged the animal to the box.

When the patrol wagon arrived, Redman was lying near the box, exhausted, and the horse was trotting away. Sergeant Fandrei ran after the horse, leaped to its back, and returned.

Redman, recovering as Fandrei rode up with the horse in perfect control, gasped:

"I never thought of riding the thing."

DISGUSTED MAN ADMITS SETTING FIRE TO BARN

Columbus Laborer Tired of Work-
ing in Razing Building.

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 22.—Orville Graff, 22, laborer, confessed to arson here an hour after he had been arrested by Police Chief Lloyd Nickerson in connection with the burning of a barn at the home of Mrs. Henry Mundt here a few days ago.

The arrested followed an investigation by Virgil H. Quinn of the arson division of the state fire marshal's office, who was called here by Fire Chief James Kallor.

Graff said he had been helping his father raze the building and became disgusted with the work, and set the building afire. The damage was about \$100. The father had the contract to raze the building and replace it with a garage.

MUNCIE MAN KIDNAPED

Husband Taking Medicine to Wife
Made Captive and Robbed.

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., March 22.—When a physician's office here with a bottle of medicine for his wife, he intended to hurry home.

But two bandits, driving a small automobile, changed his intentions. Jones was forced into the car at the point of a revolver, hurried into the country and robbed of all the money he had, \$615. He was held several hours. Then he was returned to Muncie and ordered from the car. He arrived home six hours later than he had intended.

Gravel Removal Causes Suit

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 22.—Court filed in Madison circuit court by the Prudential Insurance Company, asks an order against Eliza Dunlap, her son, Ivan Dunlap, and county officials to stop removal of gravel from a 260-acre farm in Monroe township. The company foreclosed a mortgage one year ago to protect a \$20,000 loan made on the farm eight years ago and then bought the land at sheriff's sale.

The complaint avers defendant entered upon the premises without right and excavated gravel which is being spread on county roads.

Visit to Grave Planned

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 22.—Mrs. Mary Brobst, Elwood, has made application at the office of County Clerk Chester Thomas here to visit the grave of her son, who was killed in action overseas during the World war. She will sail from New York May 7 for France. She is the first Madison county gold star mother to make application for the trip, which will be financed by the United States government.

Prisoner Mentally Weak

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 22.—Dan O'Rafferty, who included this on a trip which was marked by swindling, has been committed to a St. Louis sanitarium for treatment of mental disorders, police here have been informed by Police Chief Joseph A. Gerk of St. Louis, superintendent of schools.

Lapel Woman Burned

By Times Special

LAPEL, Ind., March 22.—Mrs. Clemma Critser is suffering from severe burns received when her clothing became ignited as kerosene poured on hot coals in a stove at her home exploded.

Death Declared Suicide

By United Press

MADISON, Ind., March 22.—The Jefferson county grand jury has returned a verdict of suicide in the case of Frank Campbell, 25, Hanover, who died March 4 after drinking poison liquor. Investigation brought out evidence that Campbell had put poison in the liquor.

School Musicians in Concert

By Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 22.—An audience of 2,000 attended a concert given by the high school orchestra and band under direction of Professor Harold Elliott, supervisor of music in the Noblesville city schools. There were also numbers by the high school girls and school boys glee clubs. The program closed with an address by Fred M. Starr, superintendent of schools.

Farmer Kills Self

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Church Stone to Be Laid

By Times Special

BLUFFTON, Ind., March 22.—William Perry, 62, retired farmer at Montpelier, committed suicide by hanging himself in a barn on his farm, two miles northwest of here.

MURDER THEORY BASIS FOUND IN WOMAN'S DEATH

Bloody Knife and Handker-
chiefs New Clews to Fate
of Housekeeper.

By Times Special

KENTLAND, Ind., March 22.—Finding of a blood-stained knife and two men's handkerchiefs marked with the same crimson, has caused Newton county authorities investigating the death of Mrs. Bronys Nordydis, ponderous Lithuanian woman, to entertain a theory that she was a murder victim.

Pieces of the woman's body strown a distance of 200 feet along the Monon railroad tracks, near Rose- lynn, were found twenty-four hours after she disappeared from the farm of Antonie Jonikas, where she had been employed as a housekeeper since August, 1928. Four other men lived at the farm besides the housekeeper and Jonikas.

Authorities said the knife and handkerchiefs were found in a water-filled ditch and it was apparent that an effort had been made to hide them.

Children of Mrs. Nordydis, a son 19 and a daughter 16, identified the body. The dead woman had been separated from her husband John about three years. He is a resident of Chicago, to where he has ordered the remains of his wife sent for burial.

**BANDITS SHOOT
BANK CASHIER**

By United Press

GARY, Ind., March 22.—Headed by Tom Mix and Tony, his horse, a rodeo will be given here Sunday at the American Circus Corporation grounds as a farewell party to the Sells-Floto circus, first among the shows having winter quarters here, to begin the season's travels. The circus will leave for Chicago Monday.

**KENNARD MAN STRUCK IN
SHOULDER BY BULLET.**

By Times Special

KENNARD, Ind., March 22.—Three bandits attempted to rob the Kennard State bank Friday afternoon, wounded the cashier, Charles Pierson, 53, and fled without obtaining any loot.

The three men had been seen driving about the town in an automobile for two hours before the robbery attempt and had aroused the suspicions of merchants.

Just before closing time at the bank, two of the men entered it while one waited outside in the car.

Pierson was carrying the bank's money into the vault when one of the men poked a gun through the bars of the cage and commanded Pierson to "stick 'em up." Before Pierson could raise his hands the gun was discharged.

The bandits fled after the shot and were seen traveling south of town at a high rate of speed.

Pierson's condition is not believed serious. He was shot in a shoulder.

**THREE FACE CHARGES
OF ROBBING SICK MAN**

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 22.—Benjamin F. Kobbe, 79, lifelong resident of Bartholomew county and former representative in the legislature, which received support of the clubs in national convention, Miss Marian McClintch, Ann Arbor, Mich., national presidential, in an address here, defended herself and associate officers.

Shortly afterward Miss Wood issued a statement repeating the charges, and asserting Miss McClintch had not replied to them.

However, the club here turned down a resolution by Miss Wood in which she sought support for her allegations.

EX-LEGISLATOR IS DEAD

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The money and stolen goods were found in their possession, as was also a revolver. The men, it is said, have confessed.

Fals Fire Alarms Fought

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 22.—Frank McQueen of near Hartsville, arrested a few days ago by Sheriff Almon Fitch on charges of highway robbery. They are accused of robbing the filling station of Fred Garr, 63, four miles northwest of here.

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Suits Seek Road Land

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MUNCIE, Ind., March 22.—Fifty-six condemnation suits were filed here by the Indiana highway commission in an effort to obtain a right-of-way for the construction of State Road 28, known as the Alton-Alexandria highway. The suits resulted when property owners refused to agree with highway officials as to benefits and damages resulting from the new highway.

Fathers of Six Killed

By Times Special

PALMYRA, Ind., March 22.—John Q. Sears, father of six children, was killed on State Road 35 near here, when a loaded truck ran over him. He was behind the machine and attempted to place a rock against a wheel to prevent the truck from backing down a hill when he was crushed.

Veteran Dies at 85

By Times Special

RUSHVILLE, Ind., March 22.—Sam Rainey, 85, Civil war veteran, is dead at his home west of here. He leaves eight children.

Forethought and Regular Deposits

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 22.—The following Indiana university faculty members have accepted an invitation of the program committee to contribute to a symposium on correspondence study at the annual conference of the National University Extension Association in New York, May 7. Professor Will T. Hale and L. J. Mills of the English department; Professor Grover T. Somers, school of education, and Professor Stephen S. Visher, geology department.