

GANGS ABANDON GUNS FOR NOOSE ON DEATH RIDES

AL CAPONE AID STRANGLED AND LEFT IN ALLEY

Hoodlums Believed Fearful of Detection by Means of Bullets.

WAR TOLL NOW EIGHT

Racketeer's Killing Viewed as First Reprisal for Fox Lake Massacre.

CHICAGO, June 4.—Gangland has adopted garroting, the Parisian apache's favorite method of committing murder, as a means of putting its enemies out of the way, it appeared today as detectives investigated the murder of Thomas Somerrio, Capone racketeer, whose body was found Tuesday night in a west side alley.

There were no signs of gun play, marking the first time in the long history of Chicago gang murders, police said, that the traditional automatic pistols, sawed-off shotguns and machine guns have been discarded for a strangling wire.

One theory of the garroting was that ballistic experts have been too successful reading clues from rifling marks on bullets for gangsters to take chances.

Eighth Victim of War

Somerrio was the eighth victim of the latest outbreak of gang warfare since last Saturday, when a gangster was assassinated on the street. Sunday three more were slain at Fox Lake, Ill., and the remainder in ones and twos in Chicago.

Detectives also investigated the possibility that the murder of Samuel Massillino in Argo, Ill., also was connected with gang warfare. Massillino was shot to death in his room. Police are investigating the theory that he was an alcohol racketeer.

Somerrio apparently had been tortured and taken for a "ride" by his gangland enemies. His hands had been tied and he had been hit on the head. Around his neck were deep furrows, indicating that he had been garroted with a wire noose.

See Move of Reprisal

In the death of Somerrio, once accused of complicity in the murder of Octavius Granady, Negro candidate for alderman in the "bloody Twentieth" ward, police saw a first move of reprisal for the machine-gun slaying of three gangsters at Fox Lake Sunday.

Because of Somerrio's close connection with the powerful Capone interests, quick retaliations are expected and "the worst" is liable to happen from now on, police said, unless gang leaders can be rounded up immediately.

In a widespread drive to end the gang war, police had 215 suspects in jail Tuesday night. Among them were a number of notorious gangsters, including Myles O'Donnell, brother of the better known "Klondyke" O'Donnell; Harry Guzik, one of Capone's beer syndicate partners; Hymie Levine, a Capone spokesman; collector, and Vincent Accardo, extortionist.

Two other hoodlums were brought in when "Terrible Terry" Druggan and Frankie Lake, beer barons, were charged with a \$10,000 robbery.

HELD ON BOOZE CHARGE

Deputies Charge Bad Check Suspect With Possessing Beer.

Paul Marlow, 33, Shadeland drive and Thirty-fourth street, today faced blind tiger charges after deputy sheriffs, serving a Morgan county warrant charging issuance of fraudulent checks, raided his home late Tuesday night and found an alleged beer flat. One hundred quarts and eighty pints of beer were confiscated, deputies said.

Negro Surrenders to Police

John Gasby, 20, Negro, 753 Edgemont street, who surrendered on murder charges late Tuesday, today said Joshua Simpson, Negro, janitor of an apartment at 644 East Twenty-second street whom he slew, fired at him first when Gasby found his wife in Simpson's home Monday night.



At the Age Women Dread

"Three years ago I was in bed three months with a nervous breakdown. After that I had to lie down often. I have four children, the youngest 21, and I board two little schoolgirls. I try to keep my home as a mother should but I am at the age so many women dread. Since taking six bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I feel 100% stronger. I am not so nervous and my appetite is better."—Mrs. Della Hutsell, 623 East 1st Street, Casper, Wyoming.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Law Students to Be Graduated



John A. Bachl, Burnside, Conn.; Reuben Berman, Marion; Paul Messick, Bloomfield, Ind.; George Prime Jr., Robinson, Ill.; Hyman Granofsky, Indianapolis; Forrest Hackley, Miles City, Mont.



Samuel Blum, Indianapolis; Lyman Cloc, Noblesville; Gerald Purdy, Indianapolis; Paul Schnatler, Shelbyville; Robert Davis, Gary; John Little, A. B., Indianapolis.



Wilson Dally, A. B., Indianapolis; Milton Eirod Jr., Indianapolis; Joseph Sharp, M. D., Ph. D., Indianapolis; Isadore Stein, Indianapolis; Edward Lellis, A. B., Indianapolis; David Long, Bedford.



Addison Dowling, A. B., Indianapolis; Charles Foley, Martinsville; Robert Smith, Anderson; Kenneth Vandiver, B. S., Indianapolis; William Marshall, Arlington, Ind.; Theodore McCarthy, Indianapolis.



Edward Gallagher, Terre Haute; Charles Gates, Greenfield; Wesley Wilson, A. B., Indianapolis; Elmon Williams, Greenwood, Ind.; Thomas McClean, Indianapolis; Edwin Metcalf, Kingston, O.

DEAF TO HEAR TALKING MOVIE

Earphones to Be Tried at Plainfield Tonight.

"Talkie" theaters of the future may have seats with ear-phones to enable the deaf to enjoy the synchronized films if an experiment to be tried tonight by the Indianapolis League for the Hard-of-Hearing in Plainfield is successful.

The league will be guests of Dr. Ernest Cooper at his home in Plainfield tonight. They will attend a "talkie" theater in Plainfield and sit in several seats that have been wired and equipped with ear phones connecting with the sound mechanism of the films.

The outing is open to any person hard of hearing. The party will assemble at the hotel English at 5:30.

HOUSE CANVASS TEST CASE IS SCHEDULED

Tea Firm Charges Town of Shoals With Class Discrimination.

A case testing the right of a firm to solicit business by house-to-house canvass will be tried by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell Saturday.

An injunction suit was filed today in the Evansville district by the Grand Union Tea Company of New Jersey against the town of Shoals and its trustees.

The tea company alleges in its complaint that the town of Shoals makes it unlawful by ordinance to solicit coffee and tea orders from house to house unless a fee of \$10 a day is paid to the town clerk. The suit further alleges that the ordinance is unconstitutional because it is class legislation, not applying to traveling men, and that the fee asked is exorbitant.

INDIA SALT RAIDERS STAGE COURT RIOT

Sing, Shout and Give Fictitious Names During Trial.

BOMBAY, India, June 4.—A group of sixty satyagrahis (passive resisters) arrested in the Wadala salt raids, threw the court into confusion here today when they sang and shouted during their trial.

The independence volunteers sang revolutionary songs and gave the clerk fictitious names. They refused to plead to charges. Most of them were sentenced to three months hard labor.

Hotel Employee Is Dead

John Nance, 55, of 433 East Washington street, Claypool hotel employee, died at city hospital early today. He suffered a stroke of paralysis at the hotel Tuesday.

Thought Asthma Would Smother Her

Sleeps All Night Now. Bronchial Cough Is Gone.

Her prompt relief from asthma and severe bronchial coughs is described in a letter by Mrs. E. J. Bain, 1902 W. Vermont St., Indianapolis, Ind. She says:

"I had bronchial asthma and was so weak I just seemed I would drop at every step. I could not sleep at night. When I would lie down it seemed I would smother to death. Since taking Nacer, every symptom of asthma has left me, and I did not have a bad cold or cough all winter."

Hundreds of people who suffered from years from asthma and bronchial coughs, state that their trouble left and was not returned. Their letters and a booklet of vital information will be sent free by Nacer Medicine Co., 408 State Life Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind. Call or write for this free information, and find out how thousands have found lasting relief. Advertisement.



Lee Wexler, Indianapolis; Earl Wynn, A. B., Indianapolis; Norman Lefkowitz, New York; Louis Ichenhauser, Evansville, Ind.

At commencement exercises at 7:45 tonight, the auditorium of the Pythian building, these thirty-four members of the class of 1930 of the Indiana law school will be graduated.

Thomas A. Dailey, attorney, Indiana law school graduate in 1899, will deliver the commencement address. A banquet at the Columbia Club will precede commencement.

POLL CONTEST SET

Udike-Ludlow Hearing to Be Held Friday.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Hearings on the Udike-Ludlow election contest will begin before the house elections committee No. 1, at 10 Friday, Chairman Beedy announced today. The contest challenges the right of Representative Louis L. Ludlow to his seat from the Indianapolis district, on the ground that he was not a bona fide resident of the city at the time of his election in 1928.

Former Representative Ralph E. Udike, who was defeated by Ludlow, filed notice of contest a month after the 1928 election. Ludlow denied every allegation of his defeated Republican opponent and submitted affidavits establishing his Indianapolis residence.

DR. HARPER SPEAKER AT WASHINGTON HIGH

Evansville College President Will Make Commencement Talk.

Dr. Earl E. Harper, president of Evansville college, will speak on "What Is Worth While in Life" at annual commencement exercises of Washington high school Thursday night, June 12.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. T. J. Simpson, pastor of the West Washington Street Presbyterian church.

Class day exercises will be held at the school Tuesday. Homer Conner, class president, will pass the gavel to Emil Unser, junior class president. The annual alumni dinner will be held Thursday, June 13.

INJURED IN EXPLOSION

City Metal Worker in Critical Condition After Blast.

Injured when a metal paint drum he was cutting with an acetylene torch exploded in the P. W. Kennedy & Son boiler plant, 1201 Beecher street, Tuesday afternoon, Frank Harnening, 50, of 2117 East Raymond street, was in a critical condition today at Methodist hospital.

Harnening suffered a skull fracture.

ROCKPORT MAN SHOT

Lender of Revolver Receives Bullet Wound in Right Lung.

ROCKPORT, Ind., June 4.—Luther Mottler, 32, is held by authorities here charged with shooting Ray Dewitt, 30, through the right lung with a revolver.

According to the mother of the wounded man, Mottler came into the kitchen of the Dewitt home and asked for the revolver he had loaned to Dewitt.

Picking up the gun, Mottler ran to the living room and hid. He fired as Dewitt entered.

DEMANDS FARM TAX BURDEN BE MADE LIGHTER

Plea for More Mortgage Exemption Presented to State Group.

"Farmers of the state demand a constitutional convention if that is necessary to establish an income tax and lift the tax burden from the farms."

This was the note sounded by Attorney Arthur H. Sapp, Huntington, before the Indiana tax survey committee today. He presented a brief on behalf of modification of the present taxation system on behalf of subscribers for the Farmers' Guide. This magazine circulates in 65 per cent of the Hoosier farm homes, he said.

Exemption Too Little

Today's meeting was devoted largely to discussion of tax exemptions and Sapp urged that the present real estate mortgage exemption of \$1,000 be increased.

Increasing real estate mortgage exemptions was the burden of a lengthy plea made by Attorney William J. Whinnery, Hammond. He represented the building and loans, building trades, contractors and real estate men of Hammond, he explained.

"The present \$1,000 should not even be called an exemption on mortgages," Whinnery declared. "It is merely a wholly inadequate deduction and is stifling the real estate development in Lake county and has put a halt to new building construction."

Suggests Solution

As a solution, he suggested allowing up to 50 per cent of assessed valuation on real estate for mortgage exemption and raising revenues by a 1/2 of 1 per cent tax on mortgages and chattels which now are escaping as "intangibles."

Sapp is chairman of the state aid school committee, which is to meet later with the tax committee. Today he advocated putting the essential school tax under state revenues.

FREEDOM IS VOTED

Senate Group Favors Giving Philippines Liberty.

By Scripps-Haward Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The Philippine islands should be given their independence, says a report submitted to the senate today by Senator Hawes of Missouri for the committee on territories and insular affairs.

The report, however, proposes that independence be granted at the end of five years, and then only after a plebiscite to determine if the Filipinos approve of the separate status that gradually is to be established during the five-year period. The Filipinos seek immediate freedom.

The committee reached its conclusions after extensive inquiries, during which Filipino leaders and cabinet officers of this country, including the secretaries of war and state, were heard in executive session.

HOSEA SELLS PHONE HOLDINGS IN INDIANA

Thirty-eight Exchanges, All but One in State, Bring \$1,000,000.

Thirty-eight telephone exchanges, owned by Max F. Hosea of Indianapolis, have been sold to the United Telephone Investment Corporation for more than \$1,000,000, it was announced today.

With one exception, all properties are in Indiana.

The purchasing company is owned by the United Telephone Electric Company, Abilene, Kan. C. L. Brown of that city is president. A. J. Roberts, Kansas City, Mo., will be in charge of the Indiana holdings. F. M. Lantz, Monticello, Ind., will be Indiana resident manager, it was announced.

Exchanges include those at Attica, Noblesville, Greenfield, Sheridan and Veversburg.

DISCUSS TAX SURVEY

Realty Board to Ponder Approval of Leslie Committee.

Two resolutions expressing faith in the tax survey committee appointed by Governor Harry G. Leslie will be discussed by the Indianapolis Real Estate Board at its weekly luncheon Thursday in the Lincoln.

The resolutions were prepared by a special taxation committee, comprising Gavin L. Payne, chairman, and J. Edward Morris, Frank E. Gates, T. J. Owens and William L. Elder.

NAME CHURCH OFFICIAL

First Baptist Bible Class Elects Waggoner Superintendent.

A. C. Waggoner, superintendent of the adult department of the First Baptist church Bible school, was elected general superintendent of the school at the annual meeting in the church Tuesday night.

Other officers are: J. C. Moore, re-elected general secretary; R. W. Richards, re-elected treasurer; C. G. Jaquart, E. E. Allison and Mrs. C. S. Dearborn, advisory committee.

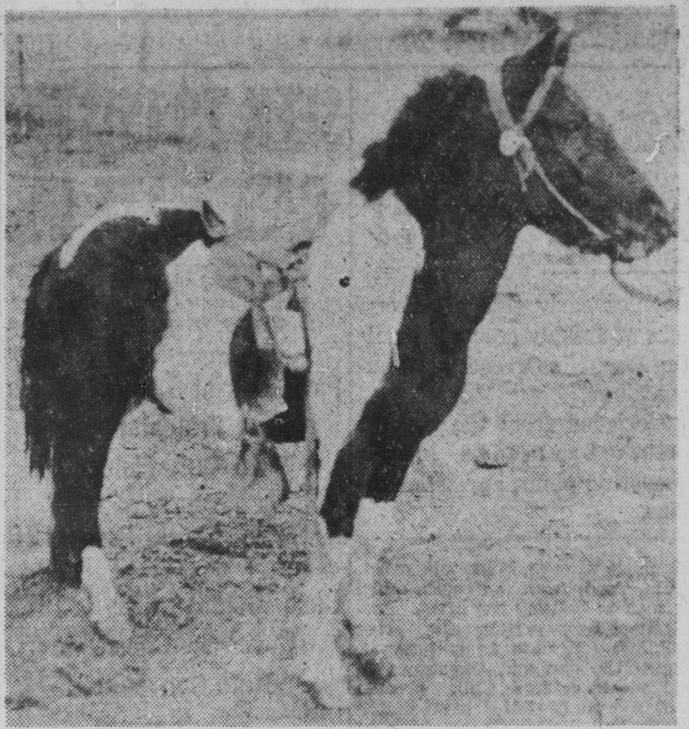
FOOTPRINTS ARE CLEWS

Lead to Arrest of Three Negroes on Robbery Charges.

Spying a print of a tennis shoe in a Kroger grocery at 2764 Roosevelt avenue while seeking clues to a robbery there early today, police followed similar footprints to 2726 Manlove street, where they arrested three Negroes.

Tom Bostick, 30; Harvey Lee, 20, and Benjie Keys, 22, charged with burglary and grand larceny, confessed robbing the Kroger grocery and the Harry Lauber dry goods store, 2758 Roosevelt avenue, police said. More than \$100 worth of loot was recovered in the house.

SHETLAND PONY IS PRIZE IN CONTEST



Skill With School Crayons Will Bring Rich Reward to Some Child.

Boys and girls who read The Indianapolis Times today are offered the chance to display their skill with ordinary school color crayons in a contest which The Times and the Lyric theater are sponsoring, with the capital prize a beautiful, full-grown Shetland pony.

First, you must read carefully the following instructions and watch for more in The Times Thursday, Friday and Saturday regarding this contest.

Otto Gray and his Oklahoma Cowboys, from whose pony ranch in Stillwater, Okla., this pony came, are opening a week's engagement at the Lyric Theater next Saturday, and they are going to give each child who purchases an admission ticket an outline of the pony.

All that further is required of you is that this folder with the outline is taken home and colored to the best of your ability. When you've placed your name and address on it, send it to the Pony Contest Editor, Indianapolis Times, before Saturday, June 14.

Judges for the contest will be announced later. Winning boy or girl will be announced in The Times during the week of June 15.

Remember, now, you don't have to buy expensive paints or coloring pencils, just use those that you have used in your classroom, in coloring the pony.

Neatness will be an important factor in choosing the winner. So be careful not to soil or tear your folders when you receive them at the Lyric, starting Saturday.

The contest is open to every boy and girl in the city or surrounding territory, who is a reader of The Times and not more than 16 years of age. Art students, professionals, and employees of The Times and the Lyric are barred. The contest will be strictly an amateur affair.

FUNERAL SERVICES TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY

Dransfield Rites to Be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Funeral services for George (Pete) Dransfield, 28, of 129 East Southern avenue, who died at a Bellefontaine (O.) hospital early Monday, will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic church Friday morning at 9, followed by burial in Holy Cross cemetery.

Dransfield contracted food poisoning while on a fishing trip to Indian lake, near Bellefontaine, with his brother-in-law, the Rev. Frank Curtis of Cincinnati. Curtis' condition is serious at the hospital.

Dransfield, who was employed at the Marmon Motor Car Company, is survived by his widow, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dransfield, and three brothers and a sister.

NEEDLEWORK IS SHOWN

Display of Membership Circles on Exhibit at Phyllis Wheatley Y. W.

A display of needlework completed by membership circles of the Phyllis Wheatley branch of the Y. W. C. A. is on display in the music room of the building at 653 North West street.

The membership circles are composed of members who can not leave their homes to attend association meetings.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Hawthorne Community House Marks Its Seventh Birthday.

Seventh anniversary of the Hawthorne Community house was celebrated Tuesday night with a dinner at the institution at 2440 West Ohio street.

In a report at the dinner, the Rev. C. E. Baker revealed that sixty-one organizations aggregating an attendance of 30,000 held meetings in the community building in 1929.

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FARM AID PLEA MADE TO G. O. P. CHIEFS BY BUSH

Asks Committee to Take Step to Relieve Heavy Tax Burden.

A plea that the Republican platform committee take some decided step to relieve the tax burden upon the farmer was made today by Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush who appeared before the committee drafting the resolutions.

"Lift the 29 cents state levy and you will perform a great benefit to agriculture," he declared.

Bush declared he did not care whether the relief came through an income tax or sales and excise taxes, "but the burden upon real property is too heavy."

Time for Definite Step

"For years the platforms have generalized upon taxation. It is time to take a definite step," he warned.

If the Republican party declares against a tax on real property and should the legislature concur, the expenses of state government would be paid through either income or excise taxes or both, and the real estate levies would be used only for the upkeep of local government units.

The income tax proposal is receiving the most favor.

Draft Is Sent Thurman

Rigid supervision of state aid school funds is expected to be recommended, but no substitute proposal for the present system is expected to be made.

A draft of the platform planks which shall cover national issues, has been sent Mr. Bert Thurman, G. O. P. national committeeman by Senator James E. Watson and will be incorporated in the resolutions, it was announced.

9 CASES ACTIVE; HOPE MENINGITIS BALKED

Epidemic Which Started in December Believed Under Control.

With only nine active cases of cerebrospinal meningitis in city hospitals today, health authorities were hopeful the epidemic which started last December is under control.

With the arrival of spring weather the number of cases has been on the decline. A few sporadic cases may be expected during the summer, according to Dr. Herman G. Morgan, health board secretary.

In other cities which have been visited by the malady the second winter usually is less serious than the first year, Dr. Morgan said.

The epidemic usually extends into the second winter, the disease spreading again with advent of cold weather. There have been 190 cases in Indianapolis and vicinity since Dec. 9, 1929 resulting fatally.

Area Improvement Is Urged

Importance of improving the area served by the Tibbs avenue and Eagle Creek Civic League was stressed by John F. White, civic leader and former city councilman, before the league Tuesday night at School 67.

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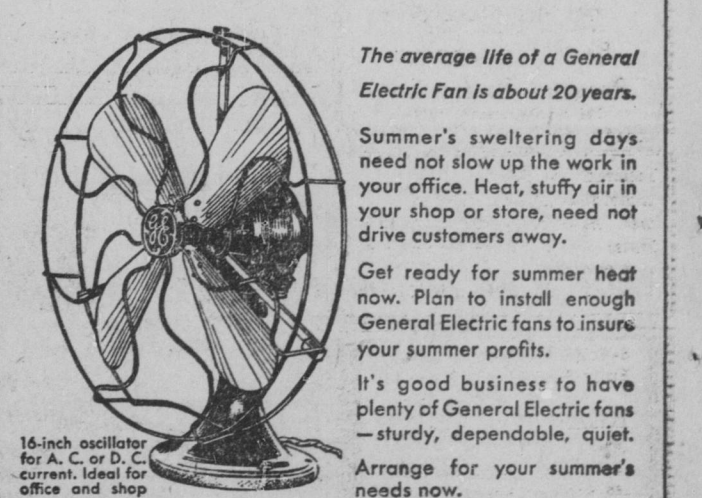
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