

LIQUOR PARTY DEATH BEFORE GRAND JURORS

Death Sentences Will Be
Sought in Gary Killing,
Says Prosecutor.

By Times Special
CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 8.—A special grand jury met today to consider charges of murder against five men who were with Miss Arlene Draves, 18, when she died after a drinking party in Gary a week ago.

Special prosecutor John Underwood said he would demand death sentences and predicted the grand jury would return indictments charging first degree murder.

That probation may be injected into the trial was indicated when Robert Moore, defense attorney, said, "Don't blame the boys, blame prohibition. It was an unfortunate occurrence at one of the parties which are not unusual."

Denies Student Drinking

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., Dec. 8.—Use of liquor by school children of this city, where only a few days ago 18-year-old Arlene Draves died following a drinking orgy, is very limited, according to William A. Wirt, city school superintendent and founder of the famous Gary plan of education. Miss Draves was graduated from high school here in June.

Discussing the death, Wirt declared:

"Certainly it was an awful thing—a most regrettable occurrence. But the same sort of tragedies occurred before prohibition and in my judgment, will continue to occur so long as liquor is obtainable."

Continuing a discussion of drinking among high school students, the superintendent said:

"I think the public generally has a wrong opinion about the amount of drinking among high school students. Personally, I don't believe there is any considerable amount of drinking in or around the Gary schools. At any rate, there is little if it is evident."

"Some students may drink at parties because they want to be 'smart.' Others may detach themselves from parties and do their drinking in automobiles. The boys' washrooms in the schools occasionally may witness undetected schoolboy drinking."

Drink to Be 'Smart'

"Generally, however, drinking among students is confined to very small groups. Three or four boys get together. One of them has a bottle. They drink. Not because the stuff tastes good, but because they think it's 'smart' to drink."

"Our policy regarding drinking in the schools is rigid. Hence, flagrant instances of violation are rare. We can not expel students who are known to drink outside the schools, in their own homes with their parents or at parties; but we can and do bar them from honorary activities such as school dramatics and athletics."

"No student who drinks is allowed to take a place among the outstanding members of the student body."

Absolves Police

"It is true that on the Saturday preceding the Emerson-Horace Mann football game four boys, all members of the Horace Mann team, were declared ineligible because they were caught drinking liquor. It is unnecessary for me to say that the Horace Mann team was crippled considerably by the action, but it had to be taken."

"An investigation by Charles D. Lutz, principal of Horace Mann, disclosed the name of the man who sold the liquor to the four boys. Mr. Lutz filed a complaint with the city police. In a week's time the police captured Clarence Johnson, the same alleged 'bootlegger' who now is involved in the Draves tragedy. He was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to thirty days in jail in Gary city court, but I understand he wriggled out on an appeal. I do not blame the police for that. I know they did what they could to aid us."

Youths' Morals Better

Reminded that he had been head of the school system here twenty-three years, Wirt was asked:

"Do you find moral conditions among Gary's school children better or worse than they were when you founded the Gary school system?"

He replied:

"Moral conditions among our children are patently better than they were twenty-three years ago. Never in my long experience as an educator have I seen such clean cut, forward looking young men and young women step out of their graduating classes as in recent years. But our adults—the moral conditions among them are emphatically worse than they were when I first came to Gary. I say this with particular reference to liquor drinking and 'wild parties.' All this sets a poor example for our growing generations."

Wirt denied that after the Draves tragedy he instructed principals to hold assemblies in schools for the purpose of warning students not to drink.

"We had no occasion to do so," he explained.

BARTHOU FAILS TO FORM NEW CABINET

By United Press
PARIS, Dec. 8.—President Gaston Doumergue invited Senator Pierre Laval, independent Socialist and minister of labor in the Tardieu government, to form a cabinet today.

The invitation followed the failure of Senator Louis Barthou to accomplish the task.

Barthou, a former premier was blocked by the decision of the radical and radical-Socialist group not to support a cabinet including a member of the Republican-Democratic union.

Laval was not regarded as an outstanding choice for premier, but according to French political custom several senators will be given the opportunity to form a government, for it was in the senate that the Tardieu ministry was overthrown.

Father of Six Kills Self

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 8.—Benjamin H. Hill, 65, father of six children, committed suicide with poison.

Tied by Thugs



BIG INDUSTRIES FACE INCREASED TAX VALUATION

Vote in Factory Centers
Democratic; State to
Hike Assessments.

Large corporations in industrial centers such as Marion and Lake counties, which went Democratic in the recent election, will pay through the pockethole to the extent of increased assessments, made by the state tax board, of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 or more, it was learned at the statehouse today.

Chairman James Showalter of the state tax board, who also is Eleventh district Republican chairman, admitted that the board now is preparing a new valuation list with assessment increases of more than \$10,000,000 in Lake county alone.

Marion County

Marion county corporations will be the next largest sufferers, but all other industrial counties such as Allen and St. Joseph counties also will be increased, Showalter said.

Lake county has been cited as a "horrible example" of low valuations, mostly by Democratic campaign speakers. They charged that steel properties valued at \$20,000,000 were listed as low as \$3,500,000 by the G. O. P. administration tax board.

Board Is Republican

The tax board is still G. O. P. with Showalter having been placed in the chairmanship by Governor Harry G. Leslie.

But this year was the first time Lake county went Democratic since it was founded. So assessments are going up, despite the industrial tax decrease.

"The raise will equalize taxation and aid in stabilization," the tax board chairman explained.

Tax experts, not employed by affected corporations, generally agree that the increases are just.

CITY TO MAKE JOBS FOR 500

Officials Outline Program to
Employ Needy.

The city opened its departments to the unemployed today, with officials offering jobs to 500 workmen during the winter to the employment committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

At a session at the Chamber this afternoon, state, city and school officials outlined in outlining a winter indoor and outdoor work schedule. The purpose is to expand in such a manner that as many men as possible may be kept at work throughout the season.

Ninety-six men were laboring for the work committee today. Seventy had obtained employment in the park department; twenty in the street commissioners' division and six at the school board.

City officials, who attended the meeting at the Chamber, said the park department could use 200 men during the winter, 200 in the airport division and at least 100 more in the street commissioners' division and six at the school board.

Employers at the Chamber said they have solved a series of box car robberies on the Belt railway with loot totaling more than \$1,000.

Two of the Negroes, William McPherson, 39, 1717 Vandenberg avenue, and James Rice, 25, Troy and Carson streets, were caught in the act of opening a carload of cigarettes Sunday, police say. The arrests were made by Forrest Wimmer, Big Four detective.

The two men implicated Dick Price, 22, 1414 Minocqua street; John Paragon, 29, 1336 East Minnesota street; 117½ North Illinois street, \$6.50; Evans Masco, 111 North Kealing avenue; and G. F. Ross, 13, 942 North Cedar street, \$11.95. Harry Frazier, 24, 1409 North Missouri street, \$40; Mrs. Dorothy Murray, grocery clerk, 205 Sheldon street, \$2.35; Mathews, Negro, 929 Paca street; Bernard Cohen, filling station attendant, 108 East First street, \$1.50; Arthur B. Mills, 1658 Comer street, \$2.50; Oscar Fox, Beeo Grove, \$30; Fred Iozzo, operator of a restaurant, 201 North Illinois street, \$6.50; Evans Masco, 111 North Kealing avenue; and William Clark, 24, whose only address is "City."

Among the recently reported are thirty dressed turkeys, six boxes of butter and several wooden boxes of candy.

30-ACRE TRACT IS MADE INTO CAMPUS

Indiana University Medical School
Uses Former Dumping Ground.

Transformation of a former thirty-acre dumping ground into a landscaped campus for the Indiana university medical school is under way, James W. Carr, secretary of the joint executive committee of Riley hospital, announced today.

The tract, formerly an unsightly quarter of the city, now is occupied by the Riley hospital buildings, the power plant for all the hospital center buildings, the Robert W. Long hospital, the William H. Coleman hospital for women and the Ball residence for nurses.

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