

## PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED JAN. 5 IN ARSON CASE

Two South Bend Men Are Granted Delay to Perfect Basis for Appeal.

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 27.—Sentencing of two South Bend business men, Claude E. Nicely and Maurice L. Hurwich, to terms of one to ten years each in the Michigan state prison for arson, has been postponed until Jan. 5 by Judge Charles E. White of circuit court at St. Joseph, Mich., where they were convicted.

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**HOLIDAY SPREE SENDS DRIVER TO PENAL FARM**

Indianapolis Man Tried to Run Over Columbus Police Chief.

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 27.—A holiday spree has sent Fletcher Talkington of Indianapolis to the penal farm for thirty days with a fine of \$10 and he is barred from driving an automobile for a year.

His wife and her brother, Charles Johnson, were each fined \$10.

On their way here in an automobile to visit relatives, the three became highly intoxicated and Mrs. Talkington told the court "I never was that tight before."

Talkington was driving and kept the car zigzagging on a road approaching the city. Police Chief Nickerson met the party, and tried to flag Talkington to a stop. Instead of halting he tried to run over the officer, who leaped down an embankment to save himself. He pursued in another car and brought Talkington to a stop by putting a bullet through a rear tire of his machine.

**'In-Laws' Accused**

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Suing for divorce, Mrs. Roy B. Silvey alleges her husband's parents sought to dominate her. The elderly Silveys operate a grocery and refuse, the complaint avers, to give itemized statements of groceries bought there, although Mrs. Silvey says she has frequently demanded an accounting. There are three children, custody of which, and \$1,000 are sought by the plaintiff.

**Aged Mother Dies**

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GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Uraha H. Hazelett, 72, wife of William Hazelett, who died after a long illness. Besides the husband, she leaves five of the six children born to them. She and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1927.

**Greencastle May Be Larger**

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—The city council is considering an ordinance providing for annexation by Greencastle of property appraised at \$52,490 for taxation.

**Two Cheat Death**

By Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—Although the automobile in which they were riding was demolished when struck by a Big Four passenger train, Richard Reed and Emerson Henry escaped injury.

## Debaters



David Kingman, left, and John George

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GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—In a debate between De Pauw university and German teams, the American school was represented by David Kingman, Saugus, Mass., and John George, Pendleton.

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**AGED MAN AND WIFE SUE KIN**

Allege Promise to Support Them Not Kept.

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GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—Elmer Hurst and his wife, Emma, both past 80 years old, have filed suit in Putnam circuit court here against their son-in-law and daughter, John S. and Janie Norwood, alleging that after they had conveyed property to them with the understanding they would be taken care of the remainder of their lives, the son-in-law and daughter abandoned them. The aged couple assert they now are dependent on the charity of friends for support.

It is alleged by the elderly couple that after they conveyed real estate worth \$1,000 and personal property values at \$100 to the Norwoods, the latter placed a \$600 mortgage on the realty, paying another mortgage of \$400 and keeping the remaining \$200. They also charge most of the personal property was sold, and that the defendants kept the money thus derived.

**DEATH PREFERABLE TO LIVING IN POORHOUSE**

Aged Man's Body With Bullet in Head Found in Cabin.

By United Press

ATTICA, Ind., Dec. 27.—The body of John Roberts, 70, with a bullet wound in the head was found in his cabin near Independence by James R. Stacker, Warren township trustee, who investigated a sign reading "Look inside," posted on the cabin door.

It is believed Roberts committed suicide.

Stacker recalled what Roberts said several days ago, when asked why he no longer lived at the Warren county poorhouse:

"I was dissatisfied there and I'll put a bullet through my head before I'll live there again."

**Husband Pays Wife's Fine**

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Bertha Hummel, 31, who left her 51-year-old husband, to live with Carl Dermitt, 35, is free today as a result of payment of a \$10 fine imposed on her. Dermitt, arrested with her on a statutory charge, was fined \$150 and sent to the penal farm for 150 days. Mrs. Hummel promised to return to the farm home of her husband near Bicknell.

**Scientists Direct Exhumation**

By Times Special

CROMWELL, Ind., Dec. 27.—Five attaches of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Museum of Science, including C. J. Fish, director, and Dr. John T. Sanford, curator, are supervising exhumation of a mastodon skeleton from the farm of Charles Feldheiser southeast of here. It is said the skeleton may be the largest of the kind ever found.

**Wakarusa Pioneer Dies**

By Times Special

WAKARUSA, Ind., Dec. 27.—Henry Wagner, 81, Wakarusa's first postmaster and shoemaker, is dead. He and his wife, who died in April, were foster parents of twelve children. Their own daughter died at the age of 14.

## COURT FORBIDS ENTRY OF NEW TAX SUIT PARTY

Opponents of Higher Levy at Anderson Apparently Unable to Act.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Judge Carl F. Morrow of Madison circuit court, has refused to permit Earl C. Morris, former county treasurer, to become a party to a suit in which the old National bank of Ft. Wayne seeks an order to compel the Anderson city council to make a special tax levy of 47 cents for next year as a means of raising money to pay off certificates of indebtedness which the bank holds.

Morris sought to enter the suit in the role of a taxpayer to resist imposition of the special levy.

The case was another move in the Anderson city administration's fight resisting action of the state board of tax commissioners in reducing a levy of \$1.03 set by the city council, to 78 cents. The administration is siding with the bank in the case. Unless taxpayers who oppose the special levy can devise some means of getting into the litigation, it apparently will be uncontested.

**PLOW BELIEVED 100 YEARS OLD**

Davies County Implements Contains Little Metal.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Discovery of a wooden plow on a farm near Cumback, dug up by William Davis, a farmer, which led to a belief being expressed that it was the only one of the kind in Davies county, revealed there is another, owned by Ansel Ketchum, a farmer, living four miles south of Ellettsville.

The plow Ketchum owns is believed to be at least 100 years old. It was used by his grandfather, Solomon Ketchum, who died forty years ago at the age of 70. The plow has iron point and an iron strip about two inches long on the mold. It is fastened with wooden pegs.

The plow Davis dug up is of a different model, it being entirely of wood except for nails.

**MURDER CHARGE FILED**

First-Degree Indictment in Slaying of Michigan City Policeman.

By Times Special

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 27.—After returning a first-degree murder indictment against Ignacio Saragosa, South Chicago, as a result of the fatal shooting of Charles L. Clafko, Michigan City policeman, the La Porte county grand jury adjourned until Jan. 5 when two other death cases will receive attention.

The other cases are those of Dorothy Jasinski, 17, alleged to have died as a result of a criminal operation, and the death of Ernest Wabshall, struck by an automobile driven by Clarence Raymond Jr., La Porte.

**Body Found in Auto**

By United Press

PERU, Ind., Dec. 27.—A coroner's inquest was to be held today to determine cause of death of Fred O. Giv. 36, Noblesville, whose body was found in his automobile, where it had run off State Road 31 four miles south of here. It was not known immediately whether he was killed in the accident or died in the machine, which then ran driverless into the ditch.

**Sheriff's Auto Stolen**

By United Press

COLUMBIA, CITY, Ind., Dec. 27.—Thieves are taking advantage of the sheriff and sheriff-elect of Whitley county. Sheriff J. M. Haynes, who has but four more days of his term, suffered loss of his automobile to a thief. Sheriff-elect H. O. Stickler reported a quantity of household goods had been taken from an unoccupied house on one of his farms.

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## Store Burglars 'Thumb' Ride With Two Officers

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ROCKVILLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—Mistake was not slow in overtaking two Terre Haute young men after they robbed a store at Mecca.

The men, Boone Melton and Clarence Bryant, after committing the robbery "thumbed" a ride in an automobile only to find that the car was occupied by Deputy Sheriffs Riley and

Sowers. Before the ride ended confessions to the robbery had been obtained. On the men was found the loot, including cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and a revolver.

Melton was given a three to ten-year sentence and Bryant a six months term with a fine of \$10, his punishment having been made comparatively light because of his youth.

## AGED WOMAN WITH FORTUNE CHECKED

Evansville Attorney Put in Charge of Handling \$1,200,000 Legacy.

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—Miss Christine Reitz, 82, sister of Francis J. Reitz, who left her a fortune of \$1,200,000 at his death recently, can spend money only with the consent of Daniel Ortmeier, local attorney. He was instructed by the probate court to supervise the handling of the fortune. At one time Miss Reitz was possessed of \$500,000 in her own right. Ortmeier says

several gifts have reduced it considerably.

Ortmeier was placed in charge of the aged woman's affairs after her niece, Mrs. Inez Royster and Miss Mary Louise Reitz, and a nephew, Clarence Reitz, petitioned the court to appoint a guardian. They alleged their aunt was incompetent to handle the fortune, and was threatening to give away large portions of it, to the detriment of their interests as prospective heirs.

In the course of a hearing Ortmeier told the court that the deceased brother had made a will leaving his fortune to his four sisters, but changed it with codicils as three of them preceded him in death.

## Wrong Answer

By Times Special

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 27.—Thomas Yager, arraigned before Judge G. H. Hoelscher in Wayne circuit court on a charge of failing to support his wife, gave the wrong answer to a question put by the state.

He will spend the next ninety days at the state penal farm.

The court asked Yager if he had ever given his wife any clothing, to which he replied: "None was ever given me."

"Ninety days," were the two little words from the judge.

## ANDERSON RESIDENTS ENRICHED BY \$185,000

Court Finally Decides Case Filed Ten Years Ago.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Settlement of a ten-year-old lawsuit in United States district court at Peoria, Ill., will enrich several Anderson residents to the extent of \$185,000. Stockholders in the defunct Mid-West Engine Company, seeking to recoup losses sustained in the collapse of the former Indianapolis industry, brought suit against E. P. Derkmann, Illinois millionaire.

The case dragged through manipulations of Derkmann's attorneys until recently, when it was submitted for trial at Peoria.

Under the terms of an agreement entered into by Derkmann and stockholders, money paid by the former will be distributed among shareholders at the rate of \$14.45 on each \$100 invested. Stoughton Fletcher, former Indianapolis capitalist, was co-ordinator with Derkmann of \$900,000 in preferred stock issued when the company bought the Hill Pump Company, a pioneer Anderson industry, and the two were merged.

**Township Sues for Funds**

By Times Special

LEBANON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Samuel J. West, trustee of Worth township, has filed suit in Boone circuit court here in an effort to recover \$9,058.14 of township funds which were on deposit in the People's State bank of Whitesboro when it closed Dec. 14, 1928.

The suit is directed against the Indiana Oil and Gas Company, which is a bond provided by the bank when it was made a depository for public funds.

**Deep Well Being Drilled**

By Times Special

OAKTOWN, Ind., Dec. 27.—A test hole for oil being drilled two miles southwest of here by the Southern Indiana Oil and Gas Company is said to be the deepest of its kind in the central west. It is now down 4,000 feet, more than two thousand feet of which is in limestone.

**Aged Resident Dies**

By Times Special

BLOOMFIELD, Ind., Dec. 27.—Funeral services were held Friday for James Inman Sr., 92, a resident of Greene county fifty-four years. He was a veteran of the Civil war. He leaves four children, Seph, former mayor of Linton; William Inman and Mrs. M. G. Messick, Bloomfield, and Harley, Indianapolis.

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## RELIEF WILL BE TOPIC OF STATE SESSION JAN. 6

Governor Leslie on Program Being Arranged by Two Universities.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Leading social service workers of Indiana have accepted invitations to take part in a state-wide educational conference on emergency relief which will be held at the statehouse, Indianapolis, Tuesday, Jan. 6. The program for the conference, which is being arranged by Purdue and Indiana universities, was announced here today by Governor Harry G. Leslie, in the hope of giving aid to local communities in administering relief funds, called the conference and will be the first speaker on the program.

The conference, which will be held in the senate chambers of the statehouse, will open at 9:30 a. m. Following Governor Leslie's talk, President William L. Bryan, Indiana university, and President Edna A. Keller, Purdue university, will give short talks.

At 10:45 John A. Brown, secretary of the Indiana board of state charities, will speak on "Co-Operation of Public and Private Relief Agencies." This will be followed by an address on "Organizing Voluntary Aid in Times of Emergency," by David C. Liggett, executive secretary of the Indianapolis community fund. A general discussion for all in attendance has been scheduled following Liggett's talk.

Dr. Edna Hatfield Edmonson, assistant professor in the Indiana university extension division, will reside at the morning session.

**Dean Emeritus to Speak**

Dr. Stanley Coulter, dean emeritus of the school of science at Purdue university, will preside at the afternoon session, which will begin at 2. The first speaker will be O. F. Hall, professor of educational sociology, Purdue, on "Community Responsibility in Emergencies."

"Adapting Methods of Social Case Work in Emergency" will be explained by Eugene C. Foster, director of the Indianapolis Foundation. Professor R. Clyde White, director of the I. U. bureau of social research, will give the closing address, which will include a summary and recommendations. A general discussion on "Adoption of Minimum Principles of Activity for Communities" will follow.

**CHANGES URGED AT POORHOUSE**

Kind Treatment of Huntington Inmates Ordered.

By Times Special

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Roy E. Riggs has been absolved by the Huntington county commissioners of any serious discrepancies in connection with discharge of his duties as superintendent of the county poorhouse.

A special grand jury a month ago suggested the administration of the institution be made the subject of an investigation and the commissioners complied.

However, the commissioners issued several orders to the superintendent in announcing his exoneration. These included kindly treatment of inmates, keeping records of supplies bought and filing a report each month.

**SCHOOL FUNCTIONS WITH NOVEL PLAN**

Sweet Charity

By United Press

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Dec. 27.—Two tons of sugar, confiscated in raids on liquor making establishments, are being distributed among needy families by Sheriff Sewell Falconbury.

**CONVICTED MAN FLEES**

Escapes on Way to Prison Where Fourteen-Year Term Waited.

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 27.—A break for liberty was successful for Ralph Nelson, 30, Evansville taxi driver, who was being taken to state prison at Michigan City yesterday by Perry county authorities to serve fourteen years for robbery.

Nelson ran when Sheriff Joseph Hudson and Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Elder were in a local filling station, and he saw that Kenneth Elder, who had been left on guard on the outside, was sitting in the automobile and could not give immediate chase. Authorities feared to shoot because a small child was near the line of fire.

**Dime in Egg**

By Times Special

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 27.—A copy of a Morgantown (W. Va.) newspaper received her carries a story of the finding of a dime in an egg by Mrs. William A. Evans, former Brazil resident. Her husband is employed by the University of West Virginia at Morgantown.

**Fisherman Fined \$50**

By Times Special

KENDALLVILLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—Fines making a total of \$50 were imposed on Clarence E. Appelman of Albion in city court here as a result of charges filed by game wardens, who arrested him after he had taken sixty fish from Sylvan lake.

**Sheriff and Aid Cleared**

By Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—A jury in circuit court here acquitted Sheriff George Nigh and his former deputy, Everett Grinstead, of an assault and battery charge filed by Thomas O. Taggart. Suit for \$10,000 damages Taggart filed against the officers is at an end.

**Truck Plunges Into River**

By Times Special

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Isidor Lasmier, driver of an Interstate Motor Transport truck, suffered an injured knee when the truck crashed through the railing of a bridge here and plunged into the Wabash river, stopping in four feet of water.

**Young Forger Sentenced**

By Times Special

LEBANON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Forgery of a check for \$9 caused Charles Moss, 20, to be fined \$10 and sent to the state penal farm for six months.

**Fox Hunt Planned**

By Times Special

FOWLIER, Ind., Dec. 27.—Arrangements are being made for the annual New Year's fox hunt in Pine township, Benton county.