

Boy Bandit Puts Blame on Reading

By Times Special
COLUMBIA CITY, Jan. 3.—Richard Wiseman, 16, Dayton, O., sentenced in Whitley circuit court here to a two to four-year term in the state reformatory for attempting to hold up Frank Metzler, a druggist, plans to return to high school when he is free. Nine months is the shortest period to elapse before he will be eligible for parole.

Stories he read in many times prompted Wiseman to attempt a bandit role. Armed with a .38-caliber revolver, the youth approached Metzler while the druggist was working on accounts at his store. Noticing that the nerve of the youth was faltering, Metzler disarmed him and called police.

ALLEGED MEMBERS OF GANG ACCUSED ANEW

Four in Custody at Covington Face Additional Charges.

By Times Special
COVINGTON, Ind., Jan. 3.—Four men in custody here, already facing charges following shooting a filling station attendant, are defendants in additional cases. Lowell Eiler is accused of robbery, it being charged he stole a shotgun. He has Tony Mahoney, Jack Mahoney and Earl Chizum are also accused of automobile banditry, for which the penalty is a long prison term.

The four are accused of being members of a gang suspected of committing several crimes in the past two years, including theft of slot machines.

MAYER IGNORES ACTION ABOLISHING POSITION

Waterworks Superintendent Still on Job at Michigan City.

By Times Press
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Jan. 3.—Although the city council had adopted a resolution abolishing the position of municipal water works superintendent, Hugo A. Hilberg will continue to hold it.

This was made clear by Mayor Harry B. Fithell when he received a negative reply to his question as to whether there are any charges to be made against Hilberg. The inquiry was addressed to the board of public works, Herbert R. Peterson, city engineer, and Victor Conrad.

The council sought to oust Hilberg on charges that he bought 4,500 water meters for the city without asking bids.

TWO TAKEN WITH LOOT

Auto Theft, Store and School Robberies Confessed at Anderson.

By Times Press
ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 3.—Each carrying a two-bushel sack filled with stolen loot, Heber Fox, 22, and James J. Moore, 18, were apprehended by Patrolmen Peter Levy and Earl Abney.

They confessed they had just robbed a refreshment stand at the Anderson sales barn, taking cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, candies and other articles. Earlier in the day, they robbed the Riley school, stealing an overcoat, six coffee cups, a dozen fruit dishes and two smokes.

Police say the prisoners also confessed to having stolen an automobile and robbed two groceries.

House Afire During Party

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 3.—While a party was in progress at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Hedrick here, fire broke out in the basement of the home and not until the flames and smoke began shocking up through the floor were the guests aware of the fire. The fire had been burning for more than a half hour and when firemen arrived they found the entire basement a roaring furnace of flames. More than \$1,000 in damage was done to the home. The fire is the largest of seven which have occurred in the city in two days.

Woman Named Principal

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 3.—Appointment of Mrs. Doreen McKinis, Anderson, as principal of the Edgewood school, is announced by J. Wesley Stewart, Anderson township trustee. Mrs. McKinis succeeds Frank Timmins, who has assumed the office of county recorder.

Pioneer Woman Dies

By Times Special
LA PORTE, Ind., Jan. 3.—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Polly Hostetler, 82, widow of Joseph Hostetler, who was born in La Porte county Jan. 24, 1838, shortly after the county was organized. With the exception of a few winters spent in Florida, she had lived all her life in the community where she was born.

First 1931 Baby

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 3.—Evelyn Marie, an eight-pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armuth of German township, at a hospital here, is Bartholomew county's first 1931 baby. Merchants give a collection of miscellaneous gifts to the first baby each year.

Dinner on Jackson Day

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., Jan. 3.—Attendance of 800 is expected at the second annual Jackson day banquet to be held Jan. 10. Speakers will be Paul V. McNabb, Bloomington, former national commander of the American Legion, and Judge Clarence McNabb of Ft. Wayne.

Bandits Take \$8.65

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 3.—En route home from work, Dory Richwine was accosted by two bandits who took his pocketbook containing \$8.65. One of the robbers covered Richwine with a revolver while the other searched the victim's pockets.

Former Resident Killed

By Times Special
ELWOOD, Ind., Jan. 3.—Funeral services and burial of William Langenbacher, 60, killed by a train at Dumber, W. Va., will be held here. He was a former Elwood resident.

MORE FARMERS SIGN FOR GRAIN HANDLING PLAN

Prospects Declared Best Yet for Co-Operative Marketing.

The outlook for co-operative marketing among farmers in Indiana never appeared brighter than at the present time, according to Edmond C. Foust, organization director of the Central States Grain Association in the offices of the Indiana Farm Bureau at Indianapolis. The organization is a part of the federal farm board marketing system, it being a stockholder in the Farmers' National Grain Corporation, Chicago, through which all of its grain is marketed.

The season of 1930 was the first for the organization under the federal board set-up and activities are now under way for the addition of members for the coming year.

"Our records show that better than 75 per cent of all farmers interviewed by our representatives are signing the marketing agreement," Foust says. "Solicitors are reporting that the general understanding of the whole co-operative marketing program is much better than last year, or, in other words, the educational program being carried on by the Central States Grain Association, the federal farm board and the Farmers' National Grain Corporation is bearing fruit."

Additional elevators are being acquired by the Central States Elevator Corporation, a subsidiary, and county farm bureau co-operatives, so that the grain of the membership may be handled through farmer-owned and farmer-controlled agencies during the coming harvest season, he said.

Feud Brings Death to Two



Left, Mrs. Ida Trinkle; above, her husband, Milton Trinkle, Washington county sheriff, and below, Gilfred Gibson.

By Times Special
SALEM, Ind., Jan. 3.—An outbreak in a feud brought from Tennessee to Indiana resulted in the wounding of Sheriff Milton Trinkle and his wife at the Washington county jail here, but they prevented a delivery and further bloodshed. In a clash which has already cost the lives of Patton Gibson and his son Otis and resulted in the wounding of Elmer Gerald, Salem town marshal. He killed Otis after being wounded.

Dan, Alonzo, Gilfred and Otis Gibson, brothers, attempted to enter the jail with intent to kill Pleas and John Spurlock, held on charges of slaying the older Gibson. Otis is dead, Gilfred a prisoner and a search is being made for Dan and Alonzo.

NEWSPAPER AT RICHMOND NOW 100 YEARS OLD

Banquet Tonight Will Mark Existence of Century for Palladium.

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 3.—The hundredth anniversary of the Richmond Palladium, second oldest newspaper in Indiana, will be celebrated with a banquet this evening. The oldest paper is the Vincennes Sun, founded in 1804. The local paper was established Jan. 1, 1831, by Nelson Boon.

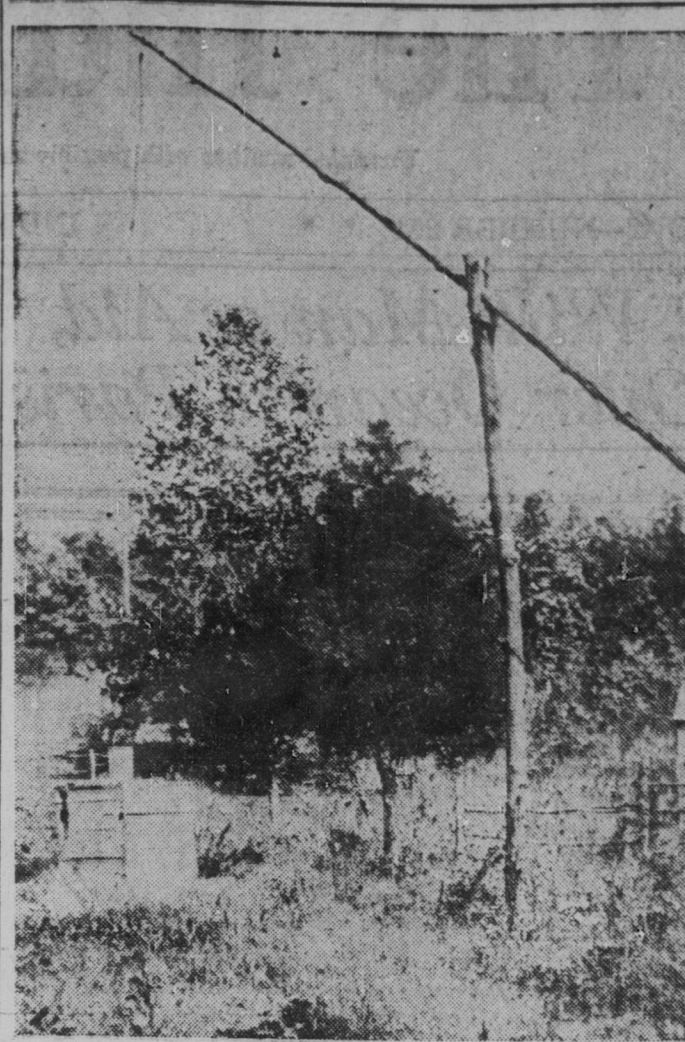
Name Unchanged
The paper has been published continuously under the present name. Until 1875 it was a weekly. In 1929 it took over the item, which had been in existence since 1877.

Despite its founding in the pioneer era, the Palladium showed it had kept abreast of the times when on May 12, 1921, it obtained the first federal radio license ever issued to a newspaper, the first having been granted the Detroit News. After operating station WOZ for a few years it turned the equipment over to Earlham college for experimental purposes.

Kin of Frontiersman
The founder of the paper was a grandson of a brother of Daniel Boone, famous frontiersman, but dropped the "e" from the family name.

E. H. Harris is president and general manager of the company publishing the Palladium. He is president of the Indiana Press Association, composed of publishers throughout the middle west, and a director of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Pioneer Relic at Farm



Rustic sweep and well on the Brown county farm of Richard Lieber, director of the state conservation department.

POLITICS IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS DEPLORED

Gary Superintendent Takes Rap at Democratic State Chairman.

By Times Special
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 3.—A conference of school officials of Gary, Ft. Wayne and South Bend, here Friday on a bill concerning municipal school corporations, developed charges of the encroachment of politics upon school government in Indiana.

The attack was led by William A. Wirt, superintendent of Gary schools, in urging the support of a bill placing candidates for the office of state superintendent of public instruction on a special ballot, and urging the defeat of a proposed bill for state school relief that would make the larger cities of the state carry much of the educational expense in smaller communities.

Points developed during the discussion included the following:

Governor Harry G. Leslie, for announcing he would force the state board of education to readopt all textbooks now in use at its special meeting next Monday.

Raps Democratic Leader
E. Earl Peters, Democratic state chairman, for announcing last Wednesday the aids of State Superintendent-Elect George C. Cole, instead of leaving the appointments to Cole himself and to the state board of education.

Politicians, for their efforts in behalf of a proposed state school relief bill, in order to gain patronage for themselves in southern Indiana, the section to be especially benefited by the bill.

Governor Leslie was sharply criticized by Wirt for his statement dictating the action of the board.

"The Governor's announcement, made before bids of book publishers were opened, kept all the old contractors from cutting prices," Wirt said, in pointing out that not a single publisher under contract now had offered a reduction in price in presenting bids.

"If old text books used throughout the state for the last five years are readopted by the state board of education next Monday it will cost the state one-third more than if new ones were selected," Wirt asserted.

Price Selection Cited
The contractor now supplying the geography offered the text book for \$1.75, the present price, whereas other publishers offered geographies for as much as 70 cents less. The publishers providing spellers offered the same book for 40 cents, whereas

new spellers were offered for 24 cents. The Governor's statement assuring publishers their books would be readopted gave the publishers no incentive to reduce their prices, Wirt insisted.

Leaving the Governor and turning to Peters he accused the Democratic leader of using state school appointments as political plums.

"It is significant," he said, "that Peters announced the appointments and not Superintendent-Elect Cole, whose duty it is to name his aides, on the basis of their experience in a particular field."

"At its meeting Monday, the state board will be asked to approve the appointment of these men, made not by Cole but by Peters. As a member of the state board, I'm not going to stand for it."

The Gary superintendent branded the proposed relief bill is a plan to subsidize the poorer school corporations of the state through special taxation. While all of the 1,187 school corporations in the state would be taxed for this purpose, 700 of them would receive more than they paid, while 472 would assume the burden by paying much and receiving little.

Pay Much, Receive Little

It is estimated that in 1930 Indianapolis will be paying \$2,428,349 a year to the relief fund sponsored by Governor Leslie and will receive an annual share of only \$165,025. Ft. Wayne will contribute \$808,534 and get nothing; South Bend will pay \$710,896 and get \$847; and Gary will contribute \$606,949 and will be allotted \$109,789.

"It is an outrage," Wirt declared, "to expect larger cities which have growing school populations to take care of the support of smaller corporations—not poor corporations but mismanaged, corporations whose money in many instances is dissipated by the Leslie commission members of their school boards."

W. W. Borden of South Bend outlined provisions of a bill which will be backed by South Bend and Ft. Wayne in the legislative session putting cities of 250,000 population or more in the first class. The bill is aimed to change the statutory provision under which all Indianapolis elect a board of school commissioners instead of appointing them. Ft. Wayne and South Bend, now in the 100,000 class, both seek to keep the appointive system. Cited another city in this class, now elects its school board.

MISTREATING POOR ACCUSATION DENIED

JAIL COURT UNDER FIRE
New Sheriff at Evansville Opposed to Kangaroo Tribunal.

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—William Habbe, new Vanderburg county sheriff, announces that the kangaroo court will be curtailed at the county jail here, but they prevented a delivery and further bloodshed. In a clash which has already cost the lives of Patton Gibson and his son Otis and resulted in the wounding of Elmer Gerald, Salem town marshal. He killed Otis after being wounded.

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INTENT TO KILL CHARGE FACED

Father of Four Accused After Shooting of Farmer.

By Times Special
ANGOLA, Ind., Jan. 3.—Thomas Geddes, 36, father of four children, is awaiting trial on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, contained in an indictment by the Steuben county grand jury which investigated the shooting of Alfred Fisher, 69, a farmer.

While Fisher sat at a table in his home, a shot was fired through a window. Pellets from a shotgun penetrated his neck, arms and shoulders.

Authorities say that a disagreement over purchase of a farm from Fisher by Geddes led to the shooting. Geddes has been unable to keep up payments, it is said.

Slayer Believed Dead

By Times Special
NASHVILLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—The body of Paul Brown, 28, who killed his parents Dec. 15 will be found in the Brown county hills, many residents here believe, despite reports that he has been seen at various places since the tragedy.

Court Reporter Reappointed
GREENFIELD, Ind., Jan. 3.—Charles Walker has entered upon his twenty-fourth year as reporter of the Greenfield circuit court, having been reappointed to serve through 1931 by Judge Arthur Van Dusen.

First Buggy Owner Dies

By Times Special
LAGRANGE, Ind., Jan. 3.—Theodore Free, Civil war veteran, who died at 86, owned the first buggy in LAGRANGE county. He paid \$125 for it and often rented it at \$5 a day to persons for what was then considered a joy ride. He came to LAGRANGE county when he was 4 years old.

Oldest Veteran Dies

By Times Special
GREENSBURG, Ind., Jan. 3.—John H. Weathers, 95, oldest Civil war veteran in Decatur county, is dead as the result of injuries suffered in a fall a month ago. He leaves his widow, a son and two daughters.

Livestock Dealer Dies

By Times Special
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—John B. Harrell, 77, widely known among livestock dealers in Indiana, is dead of heart disease. He leaves his widow; two sons, Spencer and Harry, Shelbyville; two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Coers, this city, and Mrs. A. T. Byers, Indianapolis.

Veteran's Heirs Sue

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 3.—Heirs of Frank K. Phipps, Elwood man killed while serving in the World war, have filed a suit here asking a court order directing Ralph Ferguson, Madison county clerk, to pay them \$6,000 in government compensation.

HUSBAND HURT IN AIDING WIFE

Gasoline Iron Used by Man at Anderson Explodes.

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 3.—Doing the family ironing because his wife was tired, Hubert Pfoffenberger was seriously hurt when the iron, fueled with gasoline, exploded. Pfoffenberger tore off a flaming shirt and then ran to the back yard, where he filled a bucket of water and poured its contents on the walls of the kitchen which had caught fire. He was fighting a losing battle when city firemen arrived and extinguished the blaze.

Leaving the house, Pfoffenberger carried his two children to safety.

Four Men Face Trials for Lives at Noblesville

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—The docket of the Hamilton circuit court, which will convene here next week, carries four murder cases.

William C. Hill, former Indianapolis policeman, will be tried on a charge of murdering Charles Zeller during a holdup.

Charles McCallum, Floyd Strange and Robert Argersoll are charged with the murder of Owen Cricmore in the course of a filling station robbery.

Conviction in each case would mean death in the electric chair, as the indictments are based on murder while attempting robbery, for which the extreme penalty is mandatory.

When arraigned in criminal court at Indianapolis, Hill made a desperate attempt to escape. After the case was brought to Noblesville on a change of venue he was removed to the state reformatory at Pendleton, as the local jail was considered insecure.

Wood Fractures Skull

By Times Special
LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Jan. 3.—A skull fracture was suffered by Paul Stephens, 21, when he was struck by a piece of stove wood while operating a buzz saw in White county. He is in a critical condition in a local hospital.

Recluse Found Dead

By Times Special
LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Jan. 3.—The body of James Walsmith, 72, a recluse, was found Friday night in his bed, when neighbors investigated after an absence of several days. Walsmith is believed to have died Wednesday night. No mail had been taken from a box since that day.

Burns Cause Death

By Times Special
ARGAS, Ind., Jan. 3.—Burns suffered Christmas morning when the wrong liquid was poured into a stove to hurry a fire, resulted in death of Marcella Edison, 72.

Woman Becomes Official

By Times Special
FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Alma A. Reed, Allen county's first woman clerk, has assumed duties of the office.

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BANDIT VICTIM ASKS \$127,500 AS INSURANCE

Ralph A. Scott Files Two Suits Alleging Failure to Pay Policies.

By Times Special
GREENFIELD, Ind., Jan. 3.—Two suits filed in Hancock circuit court here by Ralph A. Scott against the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., demand a total of \$127,500 on policies as a result of injuries suffered in an attack by bandits.

Scott was elected to the state house of representatives in November.

One of the suits demands \$42,500. In it Scott alleges that on Aug. 1, 1929, he received a policy providing for payment of \$15,000 for loss of a hand or foot, and double that amount if such injury occurred while he was in a public conveyance, this amount to be in addition to payment of hospital bills at the sum of \$100 weekly during such time as his injury prevented him from following his usual occupation.

The other suit, based on a policy issued Feb. 6, 1929, asks \$85,000. It provided \$30,000 for loss of a hand or foot, the amount to be doubled if the injury was received in a public conveyance.

Scott, on the night of Jan. 31, 1930, entered a taxicab at Indianapolis to be conveyed to his home here and was preparing to alight from the cab when the holdup occurred. His left hand and left heel were shattered by discharges from shotguns.

The left hand was amputated and it is alleged that the injury to the heel caused his left foot and ankle to be useless.

Scott alleges that none of the payments stipulated in the policies have been made, despite demands that they be met.

MERCHANTS' LEADER ASSAILS SALES TAX

Richmond Business Men Tell Levy Failure by W. E. Balch.

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 3.—W. E. Balch, manager of the Indianapolis Merchants Association, attacked a proposed sales tax for Indiana in an address at a meeting of Richmond merchants Friday night.

He said such a tax had been a failure in Europe and also in this country, mentioning the states of Kentucky, Georgia and West Virginia. "The tax was among proposals of Governor Harry G. Leslie's survey commission."

Such a levy, Balch declared, is unfair, as it is imposed not on service, but on goods. Thus a professional man selling service would be taxed, while merchant would be.

POISONER OF FISH FINED

Plea of Guilty Entered by Utility Company at Crawfordsville.

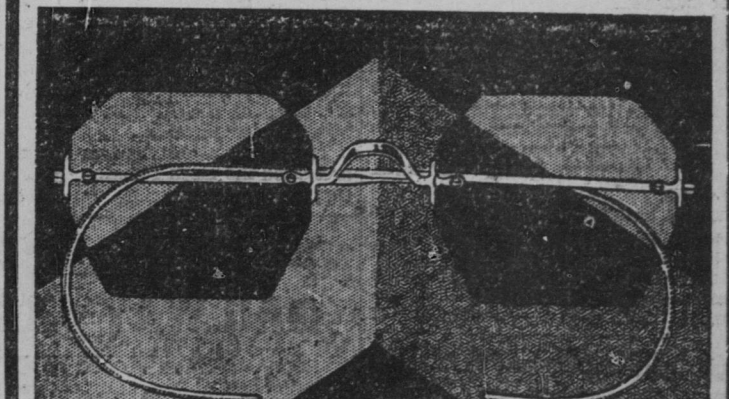
By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—Counsel for the Northern Indiana Public Service Company have entered a plea of guilty in its behalf in Montgomery circuit court here to dumping refuse from its gas plant into Sugar Creek, poisoning large numbers of fish and turtles. A fine of \$50 and costs was imposed by Judge Edgar A. Rice.

The refuse contained ammonia and acid from a preparation used in cleaning the gas plant equipment. Some of the fish killed weighed as much as five pounds. The poisoning took place Sept. 8, 1929.

Fewer Marriages

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—Marriage licenses issued in Montgomery county during 1930 totaled 225, four less than issued in 1929.

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