

SLAYER DUE TO DIE IN CHAIR AS LESLIE YACHTS

Chance of Reprieve Seems Lost, as Governor Is on Vacation.

Once more Governor Harry G. Leslie will be cruising the Caribbean while a prisoner of the state pays the death penalty without an appeal to the supreme court, stay of execution or gubernatorial reprieve, it appeared today.

Just one year ago a similar case arose and the Governor could not be reached on the yacht to get possible executive clemency.

The man slated for death this time is Frank Scott, Negro. He is in the death row at the Indiana state prison at Michigan City awaiting electrocution March 26.

Governor Harry G. Leslie on that date will be yachting off the Florida coast under his present vacation schedule.

Sentenced Nov. 24

Scott was sentenced in superior court at South Bend, Nov. 24, 1930, for the murder of Isham Hampton, Negro, whom he alleged had an affair with Scott's wife.

The shooting of Hampton took place July 16, 1930. Judge Orlo R. Dahl pronounced the death sentence, first in St. Joseph county in forty years.

Edwin Sommer, pauper attorney, defended the prisoner. No appeal was taken to the supreme court. There were no funds for that purpose.

In Indiana the death sentence can not be executed until 100 days elapse. The March 26 date is 129 days after the sentence. Its speed is exceeded only by that of the prisoner executed under similar circumstances in 1930.

First to Die in 1931

He was James Britt, sentenced for a murder growing out of the vote fraud scandals in Lake county. He had no money, no appeal and no chance for a reprieve. It was but a few days over the 100 minimum when he was electrocuted.

There were 213 murders in Indiana that year. Britt was the only murdered to suffer capital punishment.

State board of health statistics disclose there also were 213 murders in Indiana in 1929 without a single execution by the state.

Scott will be the first to die in 1931—probably the last.

Reprieve Not Requested

Gaylord Morton, secretary to Leslie and in charge of prison affairs, said that he had inquired at the prison if anyone would be scheduled to die during the Governor's post-legislative vacation cruise and was told there was not. Later he learned of Scott's plight.

He said today no official request for executive clemency has come to the Governor's office. If there should be one, he will "try and get in touch with the Governor," Morton said.

The pauper defense attorney said after the trial he would seek a commutation of sentence, according to reports from South Bend to the United Press. The report also states that he said that he prepared a petition for relatives.

ARGUE ON BOND ISSUE

State Tax Commissioners to Visit Proposed Decatur School Site.

State tax commissioners will visit the proposed Decatur township school site and also inspect the building plans in deciding upon a bond issue, size of which has been protested before the state board.

Pro and con of the building plans were argued before the board members Tuesday with Chairman James Showalter presiding.

Opponents assert that the building program now is too elaborate and the site and building costs would mount to more than \$250,000. The township trustees plan paying \$500 an acre for land when a good site could be bought for \$300 an acre, they contended.

GAS ATTENDANT ROBBED

Two Bandits in Ford Truck Get \$20 and Pistol.

Two men in a Ford truck held up Lloyd Murphy, 812 West New York street, attendant at the O'Conor Brothers' filling station, 951 West New York street, early today, taking \$20 and a pistol from Murphy's pocket.

BOY SERIOUSLY HURT

Melvin Mahoney, 9, Struck by Auto, Is in Critical Condition.

Condition of Melvin Mahoney, 9, of 417 South Warman avenue, who dashed from a curb into the path of an automobile at Belle Vieu place and West Washington street Tuesday afternoon, was critical today, city hospital physicians reported. His skull was fractured. Russell Tipton, R. R. 12, Box 284, the driver, was not held.

FIGHT FOLLOWED CRASH

Motorists Parties to Two Suits Filed at Anderson.

ANDERSON, Ind., March 18.—Charles R. Quinn got the worst of it when his automobile collided with one driven by William Gaynes on the Moonsville road, he complains in two suit filed against Gaynes and his father John.

One of the actions demands \$200 for damage to the plaintiff's automobile. In the other, Quinn seeks to recover \$500 for injuries alleged to have been suffered when he was severely beaten by the driver of the other car. The attack which followed the collision was without provocation, Quinn asserts.

John Jaynes is made defendant because he owns the automobile which was being driven by his son.

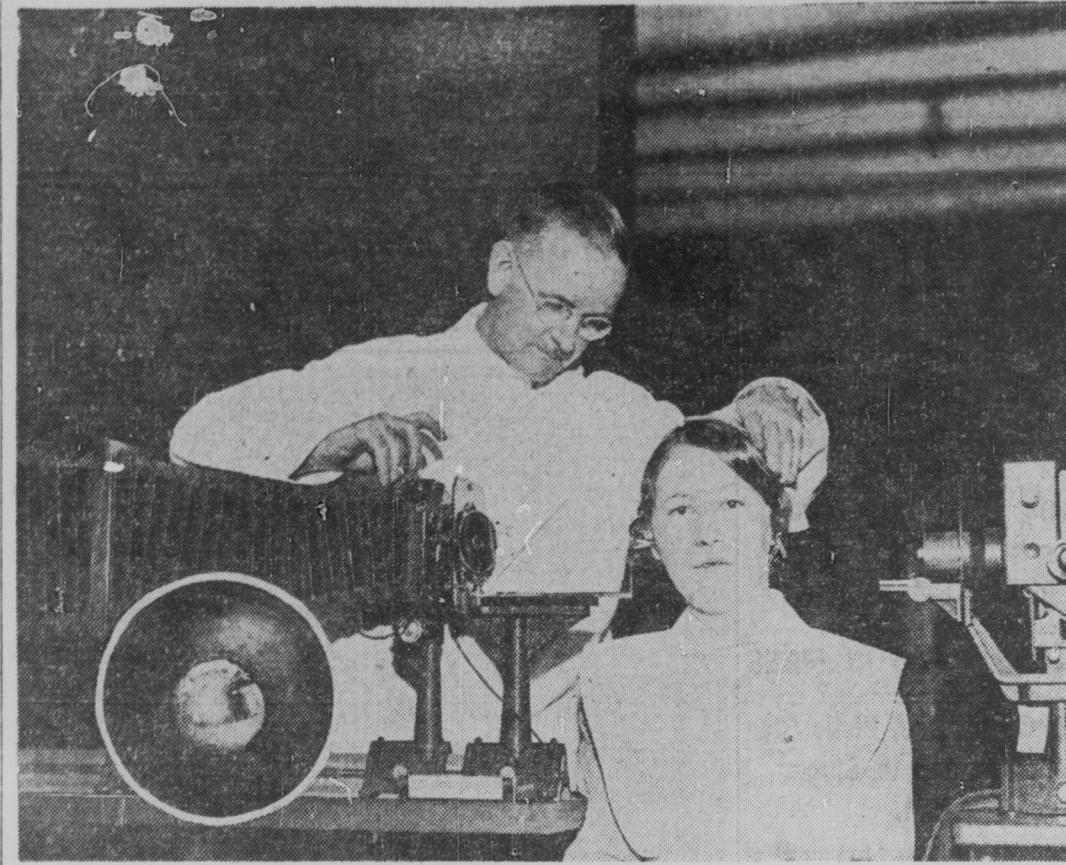
Chances to Use Theater

KOKOMO, Ind., March 18.—The Kokomo Ministerial Association has agreed to plans to hold a special Holy week service at a downtown theater. The service will be held at noon and will appeal particularly to employed persons.

Veteran Teacher Dies

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 18.—L. M. Brandon, 70, a central Indiana school teacher in the pioneer days, died suddenly at his home near here while pumping water.

Camera to 'Shoot' Inner Ear Invented by Local Physician



Dr. Richard Miller demonstrating the "ear camera" he has invented, and (inset) a typical photograph made by the apparatus pictured.

BUTLER MAY BE REINSTATED

Doctor Finds Instrument Will Help Others, but Not Own Deafness.

To invent a machine which will assist in correcting other people's ear troubles, yet to find that it will not help cure his own partial deafness is the predicament in which Dr. Richard Millar, director of the photography division of the Methodist hospital, finds himself.

Many years ago the ingenious Scotchman took up exercise in the same strenuous way in which he goes into anything that he is interested. A hemorrhage injured the part of the brain controlling the functions of the ear. Apparatus has not yet been devised which can locate the region affected. "That will come," said Millar. "The ear camera is a step forward."

The camera pictured above will take photographs which are 120 times as large as the inner ear. With the use of the concave mirror a powerful beam of heatless light is focused into the ear. The exposure is made through a hole in the center of the mirror, which is turned to deflect the light from the lens of the camera. It is possible, for the first time in medical history, to take photographs of the interior of the ear.

Dr. Millar is now at work on a camera which will take pictures of the back of the eye. In his workrooms he has equipment with which he can photograph the interior of the stomach, bladder, nostrils and other parts of the body. The stomach camera is his own development. The patient swallows the little camera in which there are sixteen 200-candle power makes pictures possible. The negatives, though very small, are so clear that pin and enlargements can be made to show the progress of healing measures.

MAN GIVEN 4 FINES, SENTENCE AT ONCE

Blind Tiger, Traffic Charges Pressed; Speeding Count Dismissed.

Every man may have his day in court but Clarence Dicks, 809 Sheepard street, had an exceptionally busy one today in the municipal court of Judge Paul C. Wetter.

Dicks was fined on four charges and one charge was dismissed against him.

He was fined \$100 and costs and given thirty days in jail on a blind tiger count; \$5 and costs on a reckless driving charge; \$1 and costs on two counts of no driving license and no license for his motorcar. A speeding charge was dismissed by Judge Wetter.

He was arrested on the blind tiger charge on March 10, and on the other charges on March 15.

GIRL SPEAKER VICTOR

Sixth District Title Won by Esther Conway, Morristown.

Two Women Employees of Bank Brand Roscoe Ray at Muncie.

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., March 18.—Roscoe Ray, alleged bank bandit, has been branded here by two women as one of the two men who robbed the Albany State bank on Jan. 3. He denies both charges.

PRISONER IDENTIFIED

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By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 18.—When Sheriff J. W. Foust attempted to handcuff Herschel Helms of Hulmeville, whom he arrested at a dance hall west of here, Helms broke from his custody and ran. The officer, however, soon re-arrested him and also arrested Clarence Barnes, Helmsburg. Both were charged with intoxication and Helms with possession of liquor. Each was fined \$10 and costs amounting to \$40 on the drunk charge, and Helms was fined \$100 and costs making \$130, and given a thirty-day sentence.

Liquor Term Suspended

GARY, Ind., March 18.—Kenneth Hauk, 28, former teacher and coach of Merrillville high school, was fined \$25 and sentenced to ninety days imprisonment in the state penal farm, and Gerald Quillen, 19, member of the school basketball team was given a suspended sentence on charges of contributing to delinquency of several girls. Both were tried here. Hauk and Quillen took high school girls on drinking parties.

LAWNMOWER IS STOLEN

It's One of the First Signs of Spring; Loss Is \$5.

The first sign of spring found its way to the blotter at police headquarters today.

Lawrence Cox, 3651 North Capitol avenue, reported to police that a lawnmower was stolen in each place.

FIGHT ZERO IS DRAWN BY STATE IN ARMORY QUIZ

BY DANIEL M. KIDNEY

Governor Harry G. Leslie spent \$4,118.75 for a board of accounts examination of state armories built under the holding company plan, permitted two years to elapse in making the examination, and then neglected to submit the report to the 1931 general assembly.

These facts were brought to light by an audit of expenditures from the Governor's emergency contingent fund today. The heavy expenditure, without result, is listed as a simple item.

"Armories investigation, \$4,118.75."

It is but one o many items which served to exhaust the fund of \$200,000 a year. The only emergency expenditure, however, where life and limb was involved was \$1,000 given to aid the stricken miners' families in the Linton disaster.

No Drought Relief

The major emergency of drought relief brought forth not a nickel from the Governor's emergency fund.

Leslie took charge of the armories investigation when it was provided for by statute in the 1929 general assembly.

The report isn't quite ready yet and it belongs by right to the Governor," Orr explained. "The reason we didn't submit it to the legislature was because the legislators never asked for it."

CHIEF PROBES POLICE LIQUOR CASE EVIDENCE

Judge Suggests Quiz on 'Inexcusable Failure' to Produce Alcohol.

Alleged discrepancies in testimony of police officers in a recent criminal court liquor case were the subject of a probe opened today by Police Chief Jerry Kinney.

Kinney announced he had opened an investigation after receiving "further facts." Safety board members indicated they would not institute a probe.

The quiz was started on suggestion of Judge Frank P. Baker, who charged the police officers with "inexcusable failure" for inability to produce evidence against William Harrington, 227 South Grace street, charged with transporting liquor. Harrington was acquitted by a jury and the officers, who said the liquor was destroyed by court order, were unable to say whether they had confiscated "grain, sugar or wood alcohol, used in radiators."

Officers in the case are Jacob Hudgings, Alex Dunwoody and Dalin Judd. Kinney indicated that he would call them before him in the next few days. Kinney probably will report the findings of his investigation to the safety board.

In the court trial, officers testified they learned the liquor had been destroyed on order of Judge Clifton R. Cameron. Cameron said the liquor might have been destroyed by accident."

"I don't see how the officers can be held responsible when the evidence was destroyed on order of a judge," Charles Myers, safety board president, stated today.

Kinney, however, said he had been presented "additional information" revealing discrepancies in the officers' testimony that would be the basis for his investigation.

3 OVERCOME IN PHARMACY FIRE

Battalion Chief, Men Are

Smoke Victims.

A battalion chief and two firemen were overcome with smoke while fighting a blaze that damaged a pharmacy and grocery more than \$9,000 in the 3300 block Clifton street early today.

Firemen from Engine House 23 dragged Battalion Chief Robert Hansell to safety when he succumbed to smoke in the Crosley pharmacy, 3342 Clifton street. He was treated at city hospital and dismissed.

Later Jesse Hoops and Clarence Ottinger, both from 23 company, became unconscious from smoke, and they, too, were given medical aid.

The fire started near the furnace in the basement of the pharmacy and spread to an adjoining grocery operated by Phillip Pollock. Ralph Crosley, owner of the building, said his loss would be near \$8,000, and Pollock said damage to his stock would be more than \$1,000.

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CAB ORDINANCE FATE DOUBTFUL

Council, Operators Can, Not

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