

# 'LEGS' DIAMOND RULE IN CATSKILLS TO BE SMASHED

## MOUNTAIN FOLK RISE TO CRUSH REIGN OF GANG

Want Chief of Hoodlums  
Thrown Into Prison  
by Officials.

LIFE TERM THEIR GOAL

Attorney-General in Charge  
of Law's Drive at  
Beer Czar.

Following is the second story by Harry Ferguson, a staff correspondent, whom the United Press sent into the Catskill mountain summer resort region to report conditions arising from a bootlegger invasion and the shooting of Jack (Legs) Diamond.

BY HARRY FERGUSON  
United Press Staff Correspondent

CATSKILL, N. Y., May 5.—The most varied assortment of men ever assembled in the boundaries of one county in this state are directing the war against racketeers who have deserted the clamor of city sidewalks for the white roads that curve into the hills.

Not all of them have the same immediate goal, in fact, they agree on only one item: That the profitable tourist trade of the Catskills shall not be disturbed by allowing the region to achieve a reputation for lawlessness.

Attorney-General John J. Bennett, Jr., who took charge of the investigation at orders of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, proposes: "Get an indictment against Jack Diamond, charging violation of the Baumes law, convict him and send him to prison for life as a fourth offender."

Depends on Beer Traffic

State troopers, subordinate to Bennett, but with definite ideas on means of combating gangsters, say: "Break up the beer traffic and no gang can survive. Beer is the way Diamond's men make their money, and without money any gang is powerless."

Frank H. Cooke, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has faith in the power of public opinion and is sponsor of a resolution stating: "The citizens of this community pledge their utmost co-operation in keeping gangsters out of Catskill and vicinity."

Catskill's two policemen say: "We are keeping our noses out of this, unless we are needed. Sheriff Harold Every, Yale graduate, and father of an Olympic fencing champion, also is waiting the word that he is needed."

Farmers Unorganized

There remain only the farmers, descendants of men who lifted their muskets to battle the British at Saratoga. As yet, they are a disorganized, bewildered group. Diamond to them is a dangerous character, a man whose career is aptly expressed by the name Diamond—hard, glittering and cool.

"What can we do?" asked one of them, who lives on the Saugerties road. "Diamond had things organized up at Acra and could about run the county as he saw fit. All we could do was pass resolutions and hope that the state would do something. If they can't, well, later will be time enough to talk about what we are going to do. Don't publish my name."

Bennett, in the opinion of the farmers, is the man who will drive Diamond's gang out of the county, if it is done. Young, alert and enthusiastic, he moves quickly about the county, gathering information and presenting a strange figure in his immaculate clothing contrasted to the rough overalls of the farmers.

Witness Under Guard

The attorney-general puts special faith in the testimony that Grover Parks will give if Diamond lives and is brought to trial. Parks is the man who accused the gangster of torturing him in a garage at Acra because he was delivering a shipment of hard cider.

So important does the attorney consider Parks to the state's case, that two troopers are on constant guard at the farmer's house.

What will happen if Bennett's case should fall through is, of course, conjectural. In the background there remains the possibility of an uprising of vigilantes, with the crash of rural rifles ringing throughout the hills again. For, as the Saugerties farmer, said: "It ain't that we're afraid of these Diamond fellows. It's just that we ain't organized."

## 7 BANK BANDITS TRIED

State Bureau Reports Total of 106 Years Imposed in Month.

During the month of April, seven bank robbers in Indiana were sentenced to serve a total of 106 years in prison, according to figures of E. L. Osborne, chief of the state bureau of criminal identification.

Four other alleged bank bandits are in jail pending trial. Building its identification files, the bureau now has 116,634 sets of fingerprints, Osborne said.

## BITES FOR FIRE VICTIM

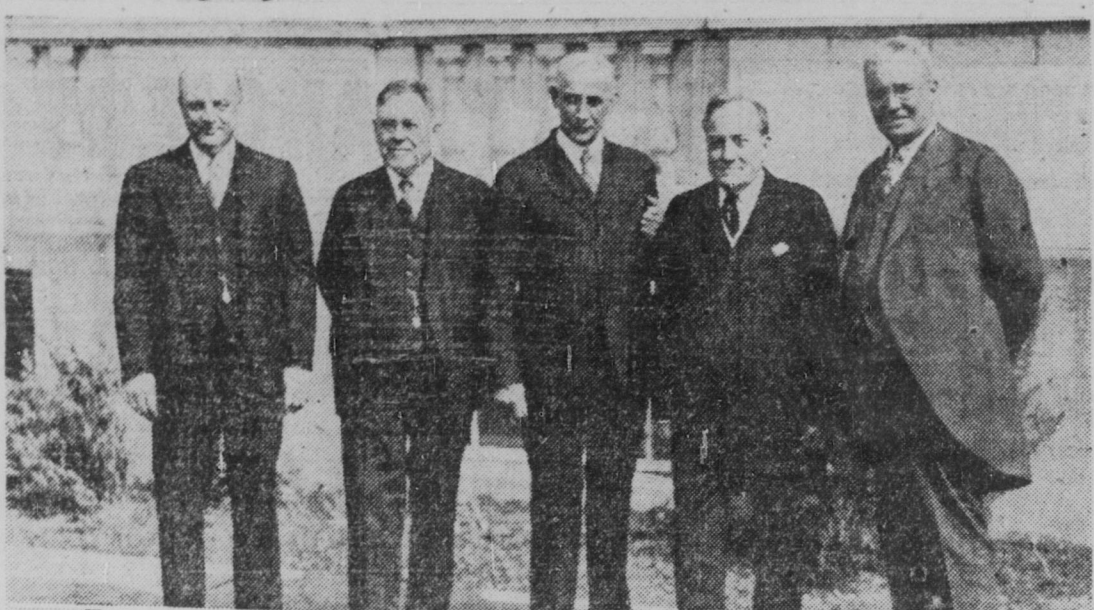
Forrest Sample, 5 Burned at Play, to Be Buried Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at the home for 5-year-old Forrest Sample, 608 North Hamilton avenue, who died in Methodist hospital Saturday night from burns suffered while building a bonfire with two companions several days ago.

## Illness Causes Suicide

WASHINGTON, Ind., May 5.—Depression over ill health was given today by relatives of William Marsh, 47, machinist, as the cause of his suicide by shooting at his home here. He had not worked for three weeks because of illness, relatives told Coroner W. C. McKittick.

## Methodist Bishops Gather in City for Semi-Annual Session



Top—Bishop H. L. Smith, Bishop Frederick Keeney, Bishop Charles Mead, Bishop Charles Edward Locke and Bishop Adna Leonard. Lower Left—Bishop James Baker and Bishop Edgar Blake. Lower Right—Mrs. Edgar Blake and Mrs. H. Lester Smith.

## TWO ARE HELD AS 'SLUG' USERS

Face Federal Charges of  
Cheating Phone Co.

Use of slugs, instead of \$41.25 in making long distance calls, resulted in Edgar G. Allen, 28, of 910 North Meridian street, and John Rodgers Atwood, alias Burton, 27, of 802 North Illinois street, being bound over to the federal grand jury today.

They face counterfeiting charges and were placed under \$2,000 bonds each by Howard S. Young, United States commissioner.

The long distance calls were used for talking to their sweethearts in Kentucky and Michigan, the two said.

They were traced by private operatives of the telephone company, and arrested by Detectives Hubbard and Davis, and Harry Gates, deputy federal marshal.

Police recall that last November two bandits escaped in Allen's car after a robbery here in which J. H. Free, Hook Drug Company messenger, was shot.

Allen declared that he found the slugs in his car after it was recovered in Dayton, O., and returned to him. When arrested, he had 105 quarter slugs, 87 nickel slugs and 14 dime slugs, police say.

## STATE PAVING BIDS OPENED BY BOARD

## OBJECTS TO PENSION

City Fireman Loses His  
Fight to 'Stay.'

Records of the police department and a family Bible were weighed against each other today by the safety board, and the Bible lost.

As a result Captain Frank Aldrich of Fire Station 2, will be retired on pension by the state board Sunday.

Aldrich, in applying for a fireman's post gave his year of birth as 1861. Records in his family Bible, which he showed the board in fighting the order for retirement because of having reached the age of 70, gave him as his birth date.

Board members decided the births recorded in the Bible, extending over a number of years, all were entered at about the same time by the same person. Aldrich said he first gave the wrong birth date to obtain a position with a railroad, as a youth, and later continued to use 1861 as the date to be consistent.

## ROBBER SUSPECT HELD

Tim Harris Bound Over to Grand Jury on Banditry Charge.

Suspected of robbing Emory Bryant, Schnull & Co. warehouse manager of \$400, April 24, Tim Harris, 36, of 1422 Deloss street, today was bound over to the county grand jury on auto banditry and robbery charges.

He has been held by police since the robbery on a vagrancy charge. Bryant was wounded by two men in the firm's warehouse at 2202 West Michigan street. The thieves ransacked the place to obtain the money.

## Visiting Clergy Greeted by Bishop Edgar Blake at Breakfast.

Breakfast at the Marrott today opened the semi-annual meeting of the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church.

This afternoon the visiting bishops conducted a ceremony consecrating the altar of the new North Methodist Episcopal church, which will be dedicated Sunday. They will be guests at a dinner at the church tonight when Bishop Edgar Blake will preside.

Addresses are scheduled to be given by the Rev. Oren W. Fifer, superintendent of the Indianapolis district; James M. Ogden, attorney-general; Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan and the Rev. Ernest N. Evans, executive secretary of the Church Federation of Indianapolis.

Five of the highest clergy of the church were guests of Bishop Edgar Blake at the breakfast at which problems to come up in the business sessions were discussed.

Arm in arm after the breakfast, Bishop Blake left the hotel with Bishop James Baker of Korea. They were followed by Bishops H. L. Smith, Frederick Keeney of Atlanta, Ga.; Charles Edward Locke of St. Paul and Adna Leonard of Buffalo. Bishop Blake will be in charge of a dinner at the Marrott tonight honoring the visiting bishops. Speakers will include the Rev. Oren Fifer, superintendent of the Indianapolis district; Attorney-General James M. Ogden, Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan and the Rev. Ernest N. Evans, executive secretary of the Indianapolis Church Federation.

## URGES TAX SLASHES

'Isms' Are Denounced by  
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## WAR MOTHERS WILL TURN SALESWOMEN

Proceeds From Flowers to Go to Aid  
of Ill Soldiers.

Mothers who spent long hours in Red Cross rooms during the World war, who went from door to door selling Liberty bonds, will be marshalled in a new drive Saturday.

Red, white and blue coin boxes in one hand, carnations in the other, they will visit office buildings, stores, hotels and patrol the streets selling the flowers to be worn Sunday in annual observance of Mother's day.

American War Mothers will use the proceeds to aid World War soldiers in hospitals and asylums and their dependents.

## FOKKER DENIES PLANES WEAK

Asserts Rockne Crash Was  
Not Ship's Fault.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Anthony Fokker, head of the company that made the thirty-five transport planes temporarily barred from passenger service by the commerce department, issued a statement today denying that there was any structural fault in Fokker planes.

He said he could not make a detailed statement on the situation "as this policy was agreed upon in a joint conference between the operators and the executives of the Fokker Aircraft Corporation, pending action to be taken by the department of commerce after a joint conference today."

"The world-wide reputation of Fokker planes, with their unequalled record of safe operation without any accident due to structural failure is my answer. The Knute Rockne crash was not caused by a failure of the airplane."

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## BAKER SPEEDS UP JUSTICE IN MARION COUNTY

'There Will Be No Delays in  
This Court,' Says  
Says Judge.

Criminals will get their dues and that swiftly in Marion county, for there will be no vacations in criminal court so fast, Judge Frank P. Baker is warned.

"At least the aim of the court is to take no recesses when cases are pending and prisoners lying in jail awaiting trial," Judge Baker announced today in re-emphasizing his "speedy-justice" policy.

Baker said today that he has asked county commissioners for a utility court room for use when cases with special judges are being tried in the regular court.

This room would make it possible for Judge Baker to continue court almost without recess. It also would prevent the closing of the criminal court calendar by jury trials; for a jury trial could be handled in one room and the regular routine cases in another.

Court records reveal that since taking office in January more than six hundred criminal cases have been disposed of by Baker. The criminal docket has fewer cases now pending than for any time in twenty years, court attaches declare.

"We want to keep the docket clear as possible for there is no use keeping men lying in jail awaiting trial," Baker said.

In keeping with the policy, Judge Baker will retire to a temporary utility court room Wednesday while Special Judge L. E. Slack hears the jury case of James Trout, charged with robbery.

Attorneys spent this morning impugning a jury in the Trout case. First degree murder charges against Trout, who was the companion of William C. Hill, former Indianapolis policeman, March 12, 1930, when Hill killed Charles Zeiler, lottery operator, in a holdup, are not being pressed by the state. He will face trial this week only on the robbery charge.

## SOCIETY CHARTER TO BE GIVEN AT BUTLER

Eleven Freshmen Elected to Make  
Initiation in Phi Eta Sigma.

Eleven Butler freshmen will become charter members of Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman scholarship fraternity, Thursday night when a chapter of the organization is to be installed on the Fairview campus as a part of the Honor and Founder's day celebration.

Election to the society is made on the basis of scholarship during the freshman year. The Butler group is the twenty-ninth chapter to be installed.

Those who will be initiated are: Herbert Egbert, William Gearhart, Albert Gullione, Hunter Kennedy, William McClelland, William Peacock, William Rasmussen, Carl Seet, Joseph Taylor, Richard Thompson and Julius Thorman.

## SUICIDE INQUEST ON Identity of Woman Victim Still in Doubt.

Inquest into the death of the woman known as Lillian Wilmer, in an apartment at 2010 North Meridian street ten days ago, was opened today by Coroner Fred W. Vehling, with Henry Spear, manager of the apartment building, who had found the dead body by gas, as the first witness.

Probe into identity of the woman is to be closed this week by Vehling. Personal effects of the woman carried the names of Lillian Wilmer and Isabel McKenzie and several others, who had seen her prior to her death said they believed she was demented.

The woman rented the apartment from Spear, under the Wilmer name, but after her death it was learned she had business with a local bank as Isabel McKenzie.

## DISEASE ANTI-TOXIN FOUND BY SCIENCE

Purdue Bacteriology Group  
Is Told of Discovery  
in Convention.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 5.—Discovery of anti-toxins for the bacteria which cause spinal meningitis and gonorrhea was announced here last night by Dr. N. S. Ferry of the Purdue University, Lafayette, Mich., speaking before the spring meeting of midwestern bacteriologists and pathologists, at Purdue University.

The studies in bacteriology on which Dr. Ferry reported, were conducted by himself in collaboration with L. T. Clark of the same company; A. H. Steele of Northville, Mich., and J. F. Norton of the Detroit department of health.

Dr. Ferry and his associates said they have succeeded in proving that both the meningococcus and the gonococcus bacteria produce poisonous substances outside their bodies, or true toxins.

## NEW WONDER GLAND TONIC DISCOVERED

Having brought more happiness to hundreds of persons than any other form of treatment, this wonderful gland treatment stands superior as a tonic. Glendage, as this treatment is called, comes in treatments of one month. People suffering from nervousness, overwork, lack of vim and vigor, should try this wonderful remedy. As this preparation is the result of years of study and scientific experimentation, it will be worth your while to interest yourself and ask for free booklets. Start today and see what this tonic can do for you. 30-day treatment. Glendage \$3.00. Leading druggists, including the Hook Drug Co., Liggett's and Walgreen. Your druggist can easily get it for you. Accept no substitute.—Advertisement.

## Child Could Not Sleep Eczema Itched so Badly. Cuticura Healed.

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## NATURAL GAS USE URGED BY INDUSTRY

Committee Hears Report on  
Supplying Product to  
City Firms.

Claimed advantage of natural gas in manufacturing was stressed at conference of executive committee of the Manufacturers Natural Gas Association, composed of representatives of twenty-four local industrial firms Monday night.

The committee met to hear reports on progress made by the Kentucky Natural Gas Company in its efforts to obtain permission to lay mains in the city for supplying natural gas to local plants, under contract.

The company will submit a formal bid for supplying natural gas wholesale to the Citizens Gas Company, May 15, at a meeting of Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan's special committee to hear natural gas proposals. Formal bids from one or more other companies also probably will be submitted at the meeting.

Henry C. Atkins, executive committee member, stated that the twenty-four companies under contract with the Kentucky company would use more natural gas daily than the total daily production of the Citizens Gas Company.

"The advent of natural gas would enable us to use it in large quantities and to save a very substantial sum," he said.

## NO FROG HOPS FOR AL CAPONE

Vigilante's Threat Doesn't  
Interest 'Czar.'

ANGELS CAMP, Cal., May 5.—If Al Capone tries to enter a frog in the annual jumping contest here May 18 and 17—and it's said he's been invited to—he'll be met by Bill Hendricks, the surviving gunman of vigilante days.

Hendricks is aging, but he admits to being "purty tolerable" at fanning a "six-gun" and handling a shotgun. The last time he went into action in earnest he killed a robber who tried to hold up the Angeles-Milton stage. That was 35 years ago and he ended his days.

Hendricks was appointed chairman after the men in charge learned an enterprising young publicity man had conceived the idea that Capone enter a frog in the contest.

CHICAGO, May 5.—"Bill Hendricks can put his guns away and not worry about my being there," Capone said today. "I'm not much interested in contests, and certainly not in frog jumping. Anyway, I haven't been invited."

## 'BROKEN-HEARTED' MAN TRIES TO END HIS LIFE

Find Another at Home of Sweetheart; Shoots Himself.

Near death at the Methodist hospital with a bullet wound in his lung, Ross Whitfield, 27, of Fairfield, is paying the debt of a "broken heart."

He told police that he went to the home of his sweetheart at New Augusta Monday night and discovered another man there. Returning to his home he stopped at a filling station near Zionsville, borrowed a revolver from the attendant and shot himself.

Police were unable to learn who brought him to the local hospital.

## HELD ON BLIND TIGER CHARGE

Raiding the residence of Roscoe Smith, 810 South Rybolt street, Monday night, police said they confiscated seventy-two quarts of home brew. Smith was charged with operating a blind tiger.

## Off With Corns In 3 Minutes

Painless, Easy, No Irritation

Shur-Off, the marvelous new corn remedy, will remove tough old corns and callouses in only 3 minutes—without soaking, without waiting. It stops pain instantly. And it positively will not harm or irritate healthy skin.

Simple as A B C to use. Apply Shur-Off to the corn. Keep it wet for two minutes. Then start peeling corn or callous right off—root and all. Anyone can do it easily.

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## Not for Sale

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 5. Charles Augustine took an examination to become a supernumerary policeman.

He passed and the board of police commissioners notified him to "call at the chief's office to receive a badge, to be sworn in, and to bring a bondsman to post a \$1,000 surety bond."

The commissioners announced Monday night they had received this reply: "I received your letter about becoming an officer and I thank you very much, but I never bought a job yet."

## KIRKLAND TRIAL IN 'DEADLOCK'

No Progress Made in Task  
of Choosing Jury.

VALPARAISO, Ind., May 5.—Only ten prospective jurors out of 106 men and women examined in the box today, as new difficulties beset attorneys seeking to complete a jury to hear the second trial of Virgil Kirkland, 20-year-old Gary youth charged with murdering his sweetheart, Arlene Draves.

Prevalence of wolves and prohibition sympathy were added Monday to the excuses offered by men and women previously examined and excused, either on grounds of prejudice resulting from the first trial, in which Kirkland was sentenced to life imprisonment, or on account of spring farm work.

Loren King, chicken hatchery employe, was discharged for cause when he said that his militant prohibition attitude would not allow him to sit in the present trial and judge fairly the case.

Herman Bauer, farmer, was excused when he claimed that the necessity of constantly guarding his cattle against wolves required his time.

The last will, dated March 24, 1930, left the estate to Robert A. Hackney, 3759 North Capitol avenue, and other relatives. That the last will was made when Mrs. Brooks' was unsound mind is expected to be the main point at issue.

Only relatives of Mr. Brooks are a half sister, Mrs. Jane Clark Stubbs, and more than twenty cousins, each of whom was awarded an average of \$3,000 from the estate.

Sixty defendants will appear in the case to contend for their rights. Several of these are unknown heirs and others are former employes of Mr. Brooks.

Judge Smiley S. Chambers will sit as judge in the case and hear the 150 witnesses expected to take the stand before the dispute is settled.

## BLACKMAIL CHARGED

Three Youngsters Held for  
Extortion Letter.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., May 5.—Three persons are in jail here today as the result of a five-day search for authors of a blackmail letter to Roy McDaniel, Waldron lumber dealer. They are Jasper Harker, 18; his wife Mabel, 19, and her brother, Marshall Allison, 14.

McDaniel was ordered to deposit \$5,000 on a post on the road between Waldron and St. Paul. Authorities said Harker and his wife, who live near Hope, and young Allison had confessed writing the letter. The letter may be turned over to federal authorities for prosecution.

## CONDEMN LIBRARY SITE

Location for Proposed New Structure Gets Court Ruling.

Site for the proposed new state library was ordered condemned for that purpose today by Circuit Judge Harry E. Chamberlain.

The court named Albert E. Uhl, Oble J. Smith and George T. Whelan to appraise the property and report to the court May 12.

Property of Mrs. Marie S. Jungclauss, widow, and heirs of William P. Jungclauss, the site is located at Market street and Senate avenue.

## ARE YOU AN EXPECTANT MOTHER?

When the railroads' spending power is curtailed, everyone else's earning power is unfavorably affected. Prosperous railroads are therefore essential to general prosperity.

The railroads have been subsisting on a restricted diet. In the best of recent years, despite economical management, their margin of net earnings has been extremely small. Hence recent revenue losses have forced them to reduce their spending drastically.</