

MAYOR FADES MURDER SCENE TO KILL SELF

Spends Months Building Up
Clews; Ends His Life to
Dodge Creditors.

SEYMOUR, Conn., May 14.—The story of how Raymond E. Gilyard, 40-year-old first selectman and political chief, spent two months creating a fabrication of murder clews before he shot himself to escape his creditors, amazed and shocked Seymour today.

Coroner James J. Corrigan only Wednesday issued a statement definitely describing Gilyard's death of Tuesday as murder by Negro hands.

He announced today that Gilyard "faked" the whole series of threatening letters, "attacks" and telephone calls which mystified authorities after they found him shot through the heart in his town hall office.

Gilyard, virtual mayor of Seymour and popular among the better element of the town as an anti-crime crusader, took advantage of circumstances to build up murder clews, said the coroner.

Prosecuted Negro Gang

He had been prominent in the prosecution of Negro gangsters who attacked Charles Buckinghams last March. Four of the six who went to trial through his efforts were discharged. Therefore, it seemed highly credible when Gilyard announced he had received threatening letters from the Negroes.

One night Gilyard came home from an Elks' lodge meeting with a bullet hole in the side of his automobile. He said he had been ambushed. That incident was followed by receipt of another note warning "we'll get you next time."

Tuesday morning, Miss Edith Nayack, Central telephone operator here, received a call from Gilyard's office. The first selectman, in a labored tone, told her he had been shot by "three colored men who got away" and asked her to send police and a doctor.

Faked Scene of Murder

They found him slumped on the floor, dead from a .45-caliber bullet fired from his own revolver. Investigators found a 22-caliber revolver on the floor not far from the larger gun and dug three .22-caliber slugs out of the wall.

As they reconstructed the scene, the Negroes had caught Gilyard unaware, shot him with the small gun and then beaten him with his own revolver.

But Gilyard had done all the shooting, he fired the bullets into the wall for the sake of "realism," feigned dying agony over the telephone and then shot himself through the heart, said Coroner Corrigan.

\$35 DRY GOODS STOLEN

Burglars Ransack Another Store, but Loot is Undetermined.

Theft of merchandise valued at \$35 from her dry goods store was reported to police today by Mrs. L. E. Perkins, 233 East Sixteenth street.

A. Zuckerberg, who operates a dry goods store at 1001 South Meridian street, said burglars ransacked his place, but he was unable to tell what had been stolen.

New Traffic Code Will Go Into Effect May 15

Principal provisions of the new ordinance amending the city traffic code, which will become effective Friday, May 15, are set out below. Police will not enforce the ordinance rigidly until June 1, in order to permit motorists to become acquainted with its provisions.

PARKING

Banned between 7 and 9:15 a.m. except Sundays and holidays, in congested traffic district, bounded by Vermont on the north, Senate on the west, South on the south, and Alabama from North street south to Maryland, west to Delaware and south on Delaware to South street, on the east.

Banned between 7 and 9:15 a.m. on west side of Meridian street from Vermont to Sixteenth streets, except Sundays and holidays.

Banned between 4:30 and 6 p.m. on east side of Meridian from New York to Sixteenth streets, except Sunday and holidays.

Banned at all times on Monroe circle and its approaches and around Wards war memorial block bounded by North, Meridian, Michigan and Pennsylvania streets.

Limited to one hour between 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays in the downtown congested traffic district.

Limited to thirty minutes between 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays, on Market street from Pennsylvania to Alabama streets.

Limited to one and one-half hours between 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. in central traffic district, bounded roughly by South, East, North and West streets, together with Washington west to White river and east to Noble street and Capitol, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Delaware, from North to St. Clair streets, except for sections in this area otherwise limited to one hour and to thirty minutes parking, as set out above.

Limited to one side of streets less than thirty feet wide, parking only on west side of such north and south streets and on south side of east and west streets.

TWO-LANE TRAFFIC

Establishes two traffic lanes on Capitol from Indiana to Sixteenth, Delaware from New York to Sixteenth and from Nineteenth to twenty-second, Meridian from New York to Thirty-eighth, and New York from Randolph to Tuxedo.

Requires motorists on two-lane streets to keep to the lane nearest to right-hand curb, except while passing other cars going in the same direction; after passing motorists must return to lane nearest curb.

IMPOUNDING OF CARS

Cars double parked, parked against fire plugs, in alleys or wherever parking is prohibited, may be impounded on police orders and can be retrieved only by police release and payment of tow-in fees fixed in contract by safety board. Tow-in charge based on distance and limited to \$3.50, of which city receives \$2 as fine.

LOADING ZONES

Safety board, after payment of \$5 investigation fee by applicant, may charge annual rental of \$25 for first eighteen feet and additional \$2 for each additional eighteen feet or part thereof.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Requires cars to be parked within six inches of curb and with three feet clear space left ahead and behind.

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GAS PROPOSAL MAY BE FOUGHT BY CIVIC GROUP

Opposing Resolution to Be Studied by Group on South Side.

Charges that introduction of natural gas in Indianapolis would result in increased unemployment, particularly among coal miners, were made at a meeting of the South Side Civic Association Wednesday night by organized labor representatives.

Adolph J. Fritz, Indiana State Federation of Labor secretary, declared Indiana coal miners already were suffering greatly as result of lack of employment and that their suffering would be increased by the competition of cheap natural gas.

Gives pedestrians right of way over automobiles and street cars excepted.

Bans driving to left of safety zone, street cars and interurban cars excepted.

Bans completing a left turn at intersections controlled by automatic traffic signals, and where such turns are permitted, until the signal shall have changed to "Go" in the direction in which the turn is being made. Motorists must proceed into intersection and stop on right hand of intersection while awaiting change of signal.

Bans vehicles crossing intersections against automatic traffic signal red or "stop" light, or against yellow or "change" signal, unless vehicle is within such intersection or so close thereto that a stop can not be made in safety.

Bans following fire apparatus closer than 500 feet and also bans driving into or stopping within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answering a fire alarm.

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GOV. ROLPH LIKELY TO SIGN LETHAL GAS BILL

Legislature Votes, 50 to 10, to Adopt Nevada Execution System.

BY UNITED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 14.—A decision as to whether California shall continue putting its condemned criminals to death on the gallows or change to the Nevada method of using lethal gas rested today with Governor James Rolph Jr.

The state legislature Wednesday passed by a vote of 50 to 10 a bill to make the change. The bill previously had passed in the senate. Friends of Governor Rolph predicted he would sign it.

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facturers, who have contracted with the Kentucky Natural Gas Corporation for natural gas, were explained by H. C. Atkins of E. C. Atkins & Co.

Atkins pointed to saving which could be effected by industries using natural gas and said a natural gas supply would be an inducement for other factories to locate here.

In a letter to Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan's special gas committee, Atkins opposed delay in receiving bids for supplying natural gas to the Citizens Gas Company.

The Kentucky company is ready to make a formal bid immediately, and similar companies should be able to submit bids at the same time, he wrote.

Atkins' letter followed announcement by the mayor's committee that bids would be delayed at the request of the Marion County Gas Corporation, which will be able to submit a bid May 29.

He declared the manufacturers prefer to buy natural gas direct from the Kentucky company rather than a mixture of natural and artificial gas through mains of the Citizens Gas Company because of the greater heat qualities and reduced cost of natural gas.

Additional opposition to use of natural gas here was expressed by John H. Hewitt, state unemployment commission executive secretary; Alex Gordon, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers secretary, and William Mitch, Terre Haute, Indiana division secretary, United Mine Workers of America.

EPWORTHS TO HOLD SESSION

League Delegates to Gather This Week-End.

Delegates from Epworth League organizations in the Indianapolis area will meet in their annual convention at Irvington Methodist Episcopal church, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Winfred Himmel of Roberts Park league will lead devotions and Harry Walker, president of the Irvington league, will welcome the delegates at the opening mass meeting Friday night. The Rev. C. R. Stout of Madison, Ind., will speak, and Al Robbins, district president, will respond to the welcoming speech.

Miss Ruth Schwab of East Park league will lead devotions preceding the league's annual session Saturday afternoon, at which officers will be elected. The Rev. F. R. Greer will be toastmaster at the dinner Saturday night.

The Rev. N. G. Talbott of Broad Ripple Methodist church and Dr. O. F. Fifer, district president, will speak Sunday.

Constable Accused

BY UNITED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 14.—Hulie Byers, a constable, is awaiting arraignment on a charge of forging the name of Glen Stone on a check for \$3.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen

Don Craft, 40, from Pennsylvania and South streets.

Rufus Powers, 2258 North Arsenal avenue, Indianapolis, 735-468, from 2249 North Hovey street.

Charles Burke, 111 West Maryland street, Buick coupe, 75-816, from 117 West Maryland street.

P. A. Patterson, 5106 Springfield avenue, Chevrolet sedan, 87-740, from Ohio and New Jersey streets.

Patrick Briffill, 2058 North Delaware street, Chrysler Coach, 38-618, from Georgia and Illinois streets.

Charles Coleman, 5182 Indiana avenue, White, 15-287, from Vermont and Pennsylvania streets.

Lowell Roberts, 73 Brookside road, Chevrolet sedan, 732-424, from 4204 East New York street.

Robert Atkinson, 2554 Broadway, Chevrolet sedan, 742-598, from 940 West Main street.

He Wolf Automobile Company, Ford coupe, at 1006 West Walnut street.

Two men identified Mrs. Carlson's body as that of Mrs. Belle Gunniss, who was charged years ago with slaying fourteen persons on an Indiana farm. Authorities were unconvinced and the investigation was dropped.

FREE WOMAN IN POISONING CASE

Housekeeper of Lumber Man Acquitted by Jury.

BY UNITED PRESS

LOS ANGELES, May 14.—The death of August Lindstrom, retired Chicago lumberman, remained a mystery today after a jury's acquittal of Mrs. Anna Erickson, 42, on charges of poisoning him. Mrs. Esther Carlson, also charged with the poisoning, died before being brought to trial.

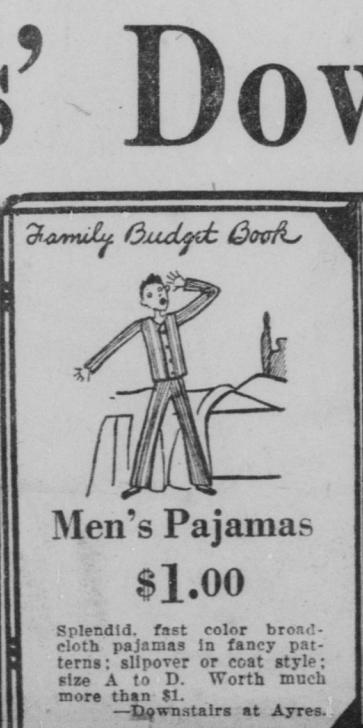
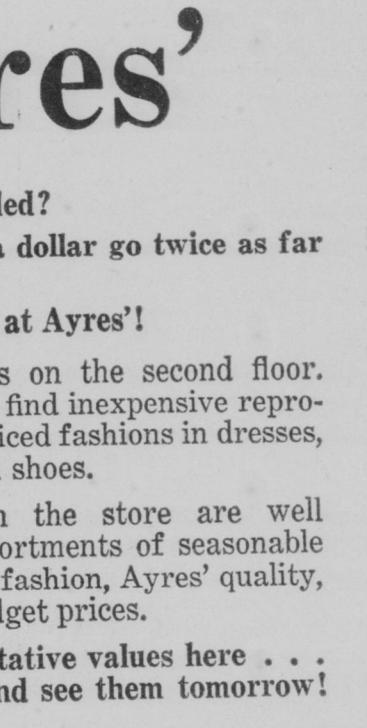
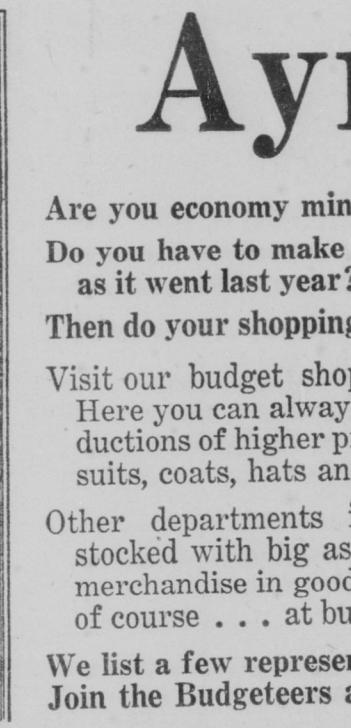
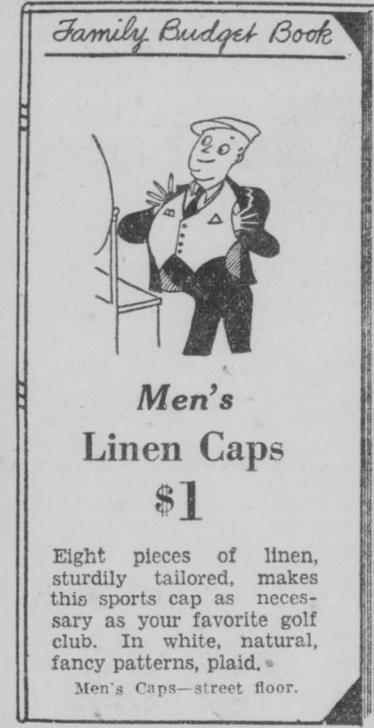
Doctors testified that poison was found in Lindstrom's body when it was exhumed upon order of a son, Charles Lindstrom, Chicago.

Prosecutors pointed out that Mrs. Erickson, Lindstrom's housekeeper, drew \$2,000 from a bank account held jointly by Lindstrom and Mrs. Carlson several days after the lumberman's death.

It also was charged that Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Carlson attempted to purchase arsenic at a drugstore.

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