

LAY 'HANGINGS' TO 'SECRET 7' IN HIGH SCHOOL

Youths Who Band Together to Break Up 'Crime Wave' Are Under Fire.

By United Press
OCEANSIDE, N. Y., June 4.—Forces of law and order no longer are able to cope with the "crime" situation at the Oceanside high school, seven boys in deep council decided, but they were perplexed as to what should be done.

Then along came the moving picture, "The Secret Six." That, in a nutshell, solved their problem. They took their cue from the masked vigilantes of the film, with a slight change in title to conform to their numerical strength, and at once wild rumors began to be heard around the school of "The Secret Seven."

Two boys were summoned to the secret chambers in the basement, arraigned, tried, convicted and punished all in short order which also brought to light the crime-smashing tactics of "The Secret Seven."

James Sparling Jr., and Raymond Pruscha, each 15, and residents of Island park, the reported victims, accused the secret order of hanging and beating them.

Sparling said the youths tied his hands in front of him, passed an iron bar through his arms at the elbow and hoisted him in the air by means of a rope thrown over a steam pipe until his feet barely were touching the ground. Then they beat him with a tennis shoe, he charged, assisted in the operation by Walter S. Boardman, school principal.

S. Taylor Johnson, district school superintendent, said he was convinced the boys had not been tortured.

Over a period of a year, Boardman said, books, cameras, lunches, a baseball glove and many similar articles had been disappearing, and he was unable to find the culprit until the seven older boys recently asked and received permission to search out the guilty ones.

GRADUATE TEACHERS IN FIRST COMMENCEMENT

Candidates for Butler Diplomas to Be Honored With Others.

Butler university teacher's college, Twenty-third and Alabama streets, will hold its first commencement exercises under the Fairview school's banner from June 11 to June 15, when candidates for teachers' diplomas will graduate with students of other Butler colleges.

Faculty of the school will hold a party for the graduating class Thursday, June 11, and class day will be celebrated in the auditorium at 10 the following day. Dean and Mrs. W. L. Richardson will give a tea for the graduates, and alumni will hold their annual dinner that night in the Claypool.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, June 14, and Monday morning diplomas will be granted the Butler's seventy-sixth commencement in the fieldhouse at Fairview.

COASTS INTO CANAL. SMALL BOY DROWNED

Negro Lad Loses Control of Wagon and Is Carried to Death.

Losing control of his coaster wagon, Walter Jackson, Negro, 10, of 442 West Thirteenth street, was carried to his death in the canal near Twelfth street late Wednesday.

The boy had been playing with two others along the bank of the canal. Previously he had run the wagon down the bank to the water's edge, but had been successful in stopping it.

The body was recovered by police in deep water more than an hour after the tragedy. Drowning of the boy is the fourth water fatality in Indianapolis this year.

250 NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT BY H. A. C.

Full Activity in All Departments During Summer Is Planned.

Campaign for 250 new members has been opened by the Hoosier Athletic Club, it was announced today by Howard Miller, president.

This is the first time the club's roster has been opened officially since the club's reorganization last year. Harry Yates is membership committee chairman. Five divisions of ten teams each have been organized for the campaign.

Full activity in all departments of the club during the summer is being planned.

THEY TELL ME

BY BEN STERN

DESPITE continued protests that he does not desire further political preferment, friends of Governor Harry G. Leslie insist that he is looking toward the 1932 Republican vice-presidential nomination.

They point to the dispatches from Washington declaring that President Hoover is said to be dissatisfied with Charles Curtis and that Indiana will be an important pivotal state in the next election.

And then for good measure they add: "Well, what will Harry do when his term as Governor expires?"

That, perhaps, is worrying Harry as well.

Although admitted to the bar, Leslie has practiced but little law, if any.

Naturally, he does not want to go back to the \$2,000 or \$2,500 a year post he held as an official of the Purdue Alumni Association.

Once having tasted the fleshpots on an \$8,000 a year salary, \$10,000 a year household maintenance appropriation, and a practically unlimited emergency fund, it will be rather difficult to return to the plain ordinary fare of the Hoosier farmer.

The shoulders that now fit a full-

Crowley's Pal, Killer, Sent to Electric Chair



R. C. Durringer

By United Press
NEW YORK, June 4.—Rudolph C. Durringer, 230-pound truck driver, was found guilty today of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Virginia Brannen, Harlem dance hall hostess, with a mandatory sentence of death in the electric chair.

The jurors deliberated for nine hours before bringing in the verdict at 1:40 a. m.

Miss Brannen's body was found behind the wall of St. Joseph's seminary in Yonkers, nearly two months ago. Durringer was arrested with Francis (Two Gun) Crowley, now awaiting execution in the death house at Sing Sing for the murder of a policeman, on May 7.

68 GRADUATED FROM CENTRAL

1,500 Hear Commencement at College.

Students of Indiana Central college were on their homeward bound today following annual commencement exercises Wednesday, at which sixty-eight seniors were graduated and given degrees.

Approximately 1,500 persons heard the commencement address of the Rev. Alpha H. Kenna, Roberts Park M. E. church pastor, who stressed importance of the graduates working for elimination of future war.

Dr. I. J. Good, president of the college, also presented diplomas to nineteen other students who were graduated from the two-year normal course.

Honorary degrees of doctor of divinity were conferred by the college trustees upon John F. Musselman, African missionary, and J. Hart Truesdale, Wisconsin conference superintendent of the United Brethren church.

Alma Noblitt, 4237 Otterbein avenue, was graduated with highest honors in her class, while Nila Dean Daggy, Rochester; Hazel M. Foutch, Leipsic; Ruth W. Noel, Covington; Dorcas Petty, Peru; Virginia L. Aeppli, Chicago; Carol Mae Bechtolt, Reedsburg, Wis., and Jean L. Lewis, Finley, were graduated with distinction.

SNETHEN IS LIONS HEAD

Former Club District Governor Is Elected at Annual Meeting.

E. O. Snethen, former Indiana district governor of Lions International, was president of the Indianapolis Lions Club today by virtue of election at the annual meeting at the Lincoln Wednesday. Others elected are:

C. W. Pensinger, first vice-president; A. C. Schoen, second vice-president; Walter Shriver, third vice-president; Glenn Campbell, secretary; Charles F. Campbell, treasurer; Walter D. Niman, lion tamer; Orville Winnings, tall twister, and Dr. F. E. Magee and Lee Emmelmann, directors.

Snethen succeeds Dr. Kyle B. Mayhall as president.

TRUCKING TALK SLATED

Overland Business Effect on Railroads Civic Club Subject.

Overland trucking in Indiana and its effect on railroads will be the topic of L. W. Horning of the railway express agency, when he addresses the South Meridian Street Civic Club Friday night at a meeting in Druids hall, 1327 South Meridian street. A. J. Voight will be in charge of the meeting.

Summer Motorists Are Warned

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 4.—A word of warning to summer motorists and swimmers was issued today by the American Motorists' Association. The association says the average number of deaths in automobiles in June, July and August annually is 9,600.

U. S. HUNTING SCARFACE AL'S BANK ACCOUNTS

Mitchell Puts Income Tax Force to Work Trying to Nab Gangster.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, June 4.—Attorney-General William D. Mitchell's campaign against Chicago's gangsters, which already has brought eight into the hands of the law, has focused now with intensity upon Al Capone.

Officials express confidence they will be able to bring the gang

leader to bay with the income tax weapon which was successful in rounding up eight of his associates, including his brother Ralph, who was sentenced to three years in jail.

Fifteen accountants and lawyers of the treasury's income tax force have been put to work to locate Capone's bank account.

The gangster chieftain has paid no income taxes.

These fifteen experts are a part of the large force of treasury and prohibition agents who were detailed to Chicago in a co-operative federal campaign directed by Mitchell. The force at times has numbered nearly fifty.

The aim of federal officials is to get Capone behind the jail bars for two or three years, believing it would be a means of breaking up his gang. They will continue their campaign to round up still other members.

Violation of the income tax law carries penalties up to five years. Violations range from failure to

make a return to falsification of the return.

Capone's fortune apparently is scattered in various places of safekeeping, and if in bank, is under a blind account. It is the job of finding this money which first confronts the experts.

PLAY WILL BE GIVEN

Two Performances on Schedule of Wallace Church Group.

Wallace Players of the Wallace Street Presbyterian church will present the play, "Gate to Happiness" at New Augusta June 5 and repeat the performance June 12 at Kirkland.

Members of the cast: Miss Margaret Jaslin, Miss Reta Storms, Mrs. Anne Hinch, Mrs. Irene Hanscom, Mrs. Della Traylor, Lloyd Wright, Arthur Thompson, Hubert Moeller, Clarence Masterman and Harry Pegg. The play is directed by Mrs. Ethel Simons.

SAVE WOMAN AT BRINK OF NIAGARA FALLS

Two Jobless Youths Waded to Fame 50 Feet From Edge of Cataract.

By United Press
NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., June 4.—Two Illinois youths who came here two weeks ago in search of work, were heroes today along the Niagara frontier.

Edward Di Ruscio, 20, and his cousin Leonard Di Ruscio, 23, both of Chicago Heights, waded to fame through the upper Niagara Rapids, fifty feet above the American falls,

when they dragged to safety a woman who had thrown herself into the stream.

The rescue was described by Francis Seyfried, superintendent of the Niagara state reservation, where the rescue was made, as the first during his administration, with glory attached to it.

Seyfried pointed out that the water over the rapids was deeper Wednesday than in three of four months. It was on a level of two or three feet, he said, with many holes hidden among the rocks.

"The younger boy stepped in one of those holes and the currents knocked him down," Seyfried said. "He almost went over the falls himself."

The woman was identified as Miss Bertha Smith, sister of Mrs. Franklin G. Slagel, Buffalo, relatives attributed Miss Smith's act to despondency over the deaths of other relatives.

Tracy Levee, police superintendent, said he and other officials planned to seek a Carnegie medal for the two youths.

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