

BAFFLED LOVE CALLED POISON DEATH MOTIVE

Grandson Sought Home for Sweetheart, Charge Ohio Official.

By United Press
BRYAN, O., July 13.—A bucolic lover's desire to offer his fiancée a home, so they could be married was ascribed by authorities today as the motive for the poison killing of Mrs. Abbie Douglas, 85, allegedly by her grandson, Theodore Taylor, 27.

Taylor, according to officials, signed and later repudiated a confession, admitting he poisoned his grandmother's coffee with strychnine after she had promised a desire to die. The aged victim, an invalid, died three days later.

"A different motive was given today, however, by Deputy Sheriff Benjamin Farber, of Stryker, who said he had learned from Miss Ruth Clapper, 33, that she had promised to marry Taylor, but not until he had prepared a home for her.

With this as an answer to his proposal, the deputy said, Taylor returned to his home and ordered his grandmother and mother to leave so that he could be married. When they refused, a violent quarrel ensued and the enraged lover twisted his mother's arm until she called for help, Farber related.

The son was ordered held for a sanity commission, which ruled his mind was affected, but that he was not dangerous. He was released, and that afternoon returned home to empty a portion of strychnine in a cup of coffee, which he gave his grandmother to drink, the deputy sheriff said.

Taylor is held on murder charges for action of the grand jury.

DON'T WORRY, ADVICE ON LIVING TO OLD AGE

Woman, 99, Also Recommends 'Eating Everything' and Hard Work.

By Times Special
WABASH, Ind., July 13.—How to live to old age, as told by Mrs. Lucetta Payne, 99.

"Never worry; don't fret about how you think other people should conduct themselves; work hard, keep active, have plenty of interests and eat everything."

Mrs. Payne is the mother of nine children. At the age of 20, she eloped with Thomas Payne, now deceased. They spent their honeymoon on a Wabash canal boat. At the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary a few years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Payne slipped away to Indianapolis for a second honeymoon.

\$100,000 LOSS IN FIRE

Lumber Yards, Saw Mill and Homes Burn at Greencastle.

By United Press
GREENCASTLE, Ind., July 13.—Flames which caused damage estimated at more than \$100,000 were brought under control here today with the aid of additional fire fighting forces, called when the blaze threatened an entire section of the city. A lumber yard and saw mill, two homes and a part of another lumber yard were destroyed.

Crews from Brazil and Crawfordville aided local firemen in fighting the blaze, which began in one of the lumber yards.

INDIAN LIFE DEPICTED

Descendants of Red Men Present Pageant at Strawtown.

By United Press
STRAWTOWN, Ind., July 13.—Indians whose ancestors played important roles in the history of this region more than a century ago reenacted scenes of tribal life in a celebration here at the monument erected in honor of Chief Straw. The event was held on the request of Chief Godfrey, Wabash, present chief of the Miamis. Twenty-five full-blooded Indians assisted in the program.

Chief Straw led the Delaware Indians who had many camps along the White river between Muncie and Martinsville. Marriage ceremonies, peace and war dances and council fires of the Delaware tribe were reenacted before his monument.

JAIL WOMAN PASTOR

Deputy Sheriffs Allege Minister Drove Auto While Drunk.

By Times Special
FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 13.—Mrs. Alta Arter, pastor of the Lily Spiritualist church, has appealed to Allen circuit court from a city court conviction of driving while drunk. She was fined \$25 and costs, sentenced to jail for thirty days and her driver's license revoked for one year.

Deputy sheriffs who arrested the minister said her car forced another from a highway.

Army Worms Reported

By United Press
LA PORTE, Ind., July 13.—The army worm, one of the most dreaded of farm pests, has been discovered in LaPorte county, according to O. A. Mansfield, county agent. Predictions were made by Purdue university representatives that the army worm would invade northern Indiana this year, it was recalled. The state had been free of the pest for several years, one case being reported six years ago near Mill Creek, but which was exterminated before extensive harm was done.

Church Leader Speaks

By Times Special
ELWOOD, Ind., July 13.—The Rev. J. C. Brownfield, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the national general conference of the Methodist Protestant church, spoke three times Sunday on the annual Loyalty day and home-coming program of the Elwood church.

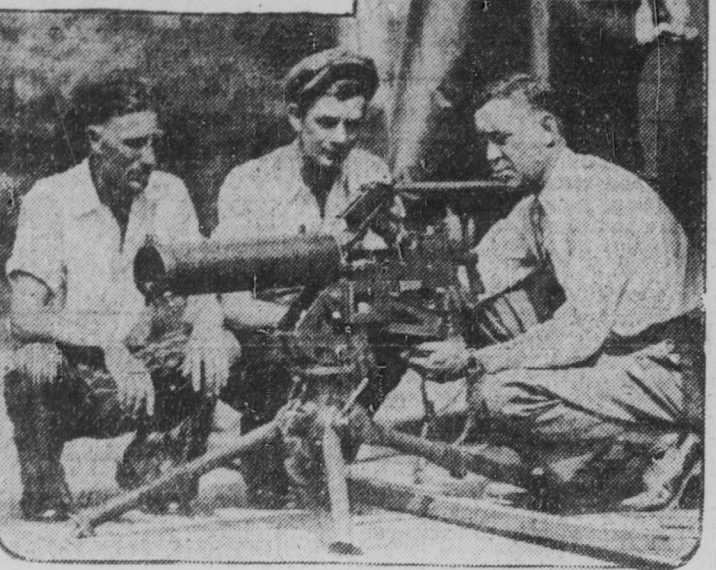
Former Promoter Accused

By Times Special
PRINCETON, Ind., July 13.—Silas W. Newton, under arrest in New York charged with obtaining \$25,000 from Hugo E. Distelhurst, 74, upper Montclair, N. J., by fraud, organized two companies in Gibson county three years ago—the Indiana southwestern Gas and Utility Company and Texanna Company.

Unemployment Settled

Join the Indiana national guard and go to Camp Knox for a fortnight of training.

That is the solution of the clothing and unemployment problems which Edward, 21, (left) and Stewart Gandolf, 18, (center) 362 Terrace avenue are discussing with First Sergeant Fred L. Brown (right).



Family Strife Ends in Mother's Death

Slayer Fails in Attempt on Own Life After Shooting Wife.

A mother of three children lay dead today, the victim of years of domestic strife climaxed Saturday by an all-night argument and which ended in murder Sunday.

Mrs. Olive Bernice Taylor, 36, was shot and killed Sunday morning after her husband, Orus C. Taylor, 36, let go his pent-up feelings, murdered his wife and then failed in his attempt to take his own life.

The tragedy occurred at the home of the couple, 36 South Grace street. Taylor, stunned by the unsuccessful attempt to take his own life, was found in the yard of his home, and is charged with first degree murder.

Taylor, pouring out the story to police after they investigated the shooting, told that he intended to commit suicide, but when Mrs. Taylor struggled for possession of the gun, he decided to kill her.

She fled to the porch and he shot her in the back, he told police. Taylor, according to the officers, told how she crumpled and fell from the porch.

His face streaked with tears, Taylor today admitted to Ralph Spann, municipal judge pro tem, that "I killed my wife and tried to shoot myself."

He was bound over to the grand jury, pending action by the quiz body.

In a statement to detectives, Taylor said he and his wife had "argued for ten years." He told the officers that he had been accused of spending money in a poolroom Saturday afternoon when he came home.

First Procures Pistol

He declared he left the house during the afternoon and later in the evening, but when he returned he found his wife in the argument. He said he slept in the car part of the night and then decided to take his own life.

He brought a revolver from the garage and when a cartridge fell out Mrs. Taylor grabbed it, he told officers. He said he obtained a shotgun and she struggled with him, nearly gaining possession of it when she turned and fled.

However, relatives of Mrs. Taylor laid the blame for the tragedy on Taylor, asserting to authorities he had spent money gambling and drinking. They charged Taylor had not worked for some time, was a World War bonus and pension to subsist.

Three Children Left

The three children, Barbara La Von, 4; Donald Milton, 10; and Doris Jean, 3, were shocked by the tragedy. The girls were in bed when the shooting occurred and were taken immediately to the home of their mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Bates, at Freedom, where Donald was spending the week-end.

The children were returned to Indianapolis Sunday afternoon, cared for by a sister of Mrs. Taylor's, Mrs. Wilbur Anderson of 3907 East Sixteenth street.

Another sister, Mrs. Blanche Sims of Noblesville and two brothers, Bethel Bates of Noblesville and Charles Bates of Freedom, also survive.

SLAYS TWO, SELF; JEALOUSY BLAMED

By United Press
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 13.—Three persons were dead today as the result of a jealous shooting in which the killer drove around the country with the body of one of his victims, a former sweetheart, before killing himself.

Oscar Dearmond, a coal dealer, went to Adamsville, near here, where his former sweetheart, Mrs. Nellie Lowe, 35, and Arnold Pluckett, 20, had an ice cream plant.

According to police, Dearmond emptied a pistol into Pluckett's back. Then he dragged Mrs. Lowe from the store in which she had sought refuge, threw her to the ground, and emptied another pistol into her prostrate form.

Dearmond then placed the dead woman's body in his automobile, police said, and started a mad ride that ended up at the undertaker's, where he had phoned his mother to meet him. As the car drove up, he fired a bullet into his brain.

Beer Causes Arrests

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., July 13.—James L. Henry, 60, and Jesse Corn, 45, are in the county jail charged with violation of the liquor laws. Arrests followed a raid at the Henry farm two miles west of here. Sheriff J. W. Foust, Deputy Sheriff Edgar Beatty, Police Chief Lloyd H. Nickerson and officer George Chandler said they found six bottles of home brew. Henry formerly operated a saloon here and in Indianapolis.

Auto Gas Nearly Fatal

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., July 13.—Louis J. Wright, 65, narrowly escaped being asphyxiated when he was overcome by monoxide gas from his automobile. He had been working on the automobile and had left the motor running.

Undertaker Kills Self

By Times Special
VALLOONIA, Ind., July 13.—A nervous breakdown is blamed for the suicide of Elmer Johnson, 50, an undertaker, by hanging.

DEPUTIES NAB 2 IN SPEEDBOATS ON WHITE RIVER

Muffler Law Violation Is Charged to Outboard Motor Racers.

Water sprayed over bullet-noses of two speedboats Sunday afternoon as they roared and skipped up and down White river.

Along the bank persons gathered to watch the boats, piloted by Joe Venezia, 19, and his brother, Anthony, 17, of 608 South East street.

And, among those persons, were two gentlemen wearing badges—Deputy Sheriffs Frank Lindsey and Howard Brennan.

They peered back and forth, waved and yelled. Perhaps the boys thought they were cheering them because they couldn't hear the yells above the roar of the outboard motors.

While this was going on, phone calls were swamping the road patrol office, demanding the noise be stopped.

Abandoning their attempts to call or wave the youths to shore, the deputies took up their vigil at a boat house.

When the little boats and their pilots slipped into the river, Lindsey and Brennan arrested the boys on charges of failure to have proper mufflers. They took the youths to police headquarters and confiscated both motors.

EXPLOREERS ARE SAFE IN PERU

Expedition in Search of 'Lost City' of Andes.

By United Press
NEW YORK, July 13.—Cut off from the world for ten days in a "lost city" of the Andes, while a Peruvian revolution was in full swing to the south of them, the Shippee-Johnson Peruvian expedition finally has succeeded in cabling that they are safe and are continuing their moving picture explorations of the fourteen forgotten villages of the Colca valley.

The expedition still has four of the fourteen villages to explore. A long list of facts to be learned about the mysterious villages of the valley was prepared for the explorers by the American Geographical Society of New York, one of the sponsors of the expedition's researches.

Robert Shippee, one leader of the party, reports that answers to most of the questions have been ascertained. Elaborate still and moving picture records are being made. One conclusion of the investigation is that a plague, probably some form of cholera, was a chief cause of the villages' decline into present obscurity.

To get one cable off Shippee stood on a rock top and the expedition's photographic men in Washington picked up the message in flight from the end of a pole. An earlier message, written July 7, had been dispatched by muleback to Arequipa.

MORROW MAY SPEAK

U. S. Senator Is Sought by Industrial Exposition.

Dwight W. Morrow, United States senator from New Jersey, will speak in Indianapolis on the night of Sept. 28, according to present plans for the annual all-Indiana Industrial Exposition.

At least one nationally known speaker is planned to be presented each night of the seven days of the show.

Preliminary plans for the exposition were concluded today with the letting of the contract for decoration of the Manufacturers' building at the state fairground where the show will be held.

TURTLE LIVES IN PAINT

Slips Away After Can Bought Nine Months Ago Is Opened.

By United Press
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 13.—An Indiana turtle has established some kind of a record here by living nine months in paint.

The paint was purchased by Mrs. Anna Teter last September. Work of redecorating her home, however, was delayed until this summer. When one of the cans was opened the turtle, about as large as a silver dollar, blinked from the depths of green coloring, shook off drippings of paint and ambled away in grass.

PERSON SEARCH VOID

Muncie Judge Rules in Case Moving Seizure of Liquor.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., July 13.—Search of the person is not legal under Indiana laws, City Judge J. Frank Mann held when he dismissed liquor charge in the case of Robert Crabbe.

Crabbe was arrested by police June 17 in front of a hotel. He was taken to headquarters and while still in custody a liquor search warrant was issued and served. Two bottles of liquor were found on Crabbe's person.

Prisoner Tries Suicide

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., July 13.—Shortly after he had been served with a warrant on an assault and battery charge, Ernest Van Blaricum, 22, Hope, in the county jail serving a fine of \$15 assessed against him for profanity, attempted to commit suicide. He tore strips from the covering of a mattress which he knotted together as a noose. Other prisoners frustrated his plans. He also had a safety razor blade in his possession which he kept hidden in his mouth. Van Blaricum was arrested several days ago after he had picked up Charles Patterson, 6, and threatened to cut his ears off. He had a knife in his hand at the time.

Kills Wife



Orus C. Taylor, 36 South Grace street, who shot and killed his wife Sunday morning, and failed an attempt to take his own life.

CAGE FELL IN COAL PIT

Accident at Peabody Mine Causes Damage of \$7,000 to \$8,000.

By Times Special
SULLIVAN, Ind., July 13.—Damage of between \$7,000 and \$8,000 resulted when a cage fell down the shaft of the Peabody mine, twelve miles northeast of here.

The cage plunged a distance of 150 feet. The cause is not known.

ATHEARN TO TAKE BUTLER PRESIDENCY

Educator Wires Acceptance to Board; Will Be Here in August.

A cablegram was received today by Hilton U. Brown, president of the board of directors of Butler university, from Dr. Walter S. Athearn accepting the presidency of the university and notifying the board that he would arrive in the United States Aug. 1 and would come directly to Indianapolis.

Dr. Athearn succeeds Dr. Robert Aley as head of the university.

A committee of the board selected Dr. Athearn several weeks ago to guide the school and last week the board of directors approved the committee's decision and notified Dr. Athearn in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr. Athearn is attending a conference of universities of Great Britain in the Scotch city.

He was formerly dean of the college of religion of Boston university. His home is in Washington, D. C.

Economic Club Heads Named

Officers of the Croesus Club, an organization for young men interested in economics, are: Malcolm Davidson, president; Jack Walsh, vice-president; Wallace S. Sims, secretary, and David Genserson, treasurer.

3 PRISONERS ARE GRANTED PAROLES

Fourteen Other Inmates of Reformatory Given Commutations.

Three state reformatory prisoners were paroled and fourteen others granted executive commutation of sentences today by Governor Harry G. Leslie.

Those paroled: Ben Hale, Jasper county, assault and battery with intent to commit a felony, one to ten years; Samuel G. Eaton Posey county, voluntary manslaughter, one to ten years; and Glenn Burkhardt, Johnson county, possession of a still, one to five years. These were granted on recommendation of the board of trustees.

Two Marion county convicts were granted commutation of sentences. They are Stanley Skinner, robbery, ten to twenty-one years to five to twenty-one years, and Harold W. Walters, statutory charges, five to twenty-one years to three to twenty-one years.

THEATER ROBBED BY FIVE GUNMEN

Pettering seven Negro employees in the basement and locking the white manager, his wife, and two daughters in a locker room, a quintet of young Negro gunmen robbed the Walker theater of \$300 today.

They slugged two of the Negro workers who believed they were not in earnest about the robbery. Both were unconscious from blows on the head with gun butts.

Garbed with long white hoods in which holes had been cut for the eyes, the five hid in the theater and captured the workers by one. Each was taken under guard into the basement where he was tied.

Then they held up Dudley Williston, Forty-sixth street and Kessler boulevard, the manager and his wife and two daughters, Bthann, 14, and Jane, 18, forcing them into a locker room on which the door was bolted.

The bandits ransacked the office, taking the money from the safe.

COPS 'HARD ON' KEYS

Boston Sleuths Urged to Tap Easier on Their Typewriters.

BOSTON, July 13.—Heavy-handed Boston police officers must treat their typewriters (machines, not girls) more gently.

Recent general orders from Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hullman contained this admonition: "Considerable damage has been caused by the operators pounding keys too hard. This destructive practice must stop. Don't pound the typewriter so hard."

JUDGE SCORES CAB DRIVERS IN DRUNKEN RIDE

Takes No Action in Case of Man Who Gave \$96 'Rubber Check.'

Taxi drivers who take passengers "a-drinking" and then charge them enormous bills for the privilege of getting drunk in their cabs, drew the ire of criminal Judge Frank P. Baker today.

During trial of the case of Mark Huff, 32, of Zionville, charged with issuing a fraudulent check, prosecutors said the check was to cover a \$96 taxi bill after "a forty-eight hour ride."

"These taxi drivers are the most flagrant of liquor law violators," Baker declared.

"They take passengers to drinking places and ride them around all night, charging them stupendous bills when the victim doesn't have control of himself."

"There should be some way in which these drivers could be charged with violating the liquor law, either transporting or operating a blind tiger."

Huff's case was taken under advisement and he was released under supervision of the court.

Year's Fishiest

14-Inch Bass Leaps Into Canoe; Is Subdued After Battle.

NO introduction is needed to this story—it's the fishy one of the year at police headquarters.

Sergeant Jack O'Neill today told that he went into his kitchen Sunday morning and found, swimming in a dishpan, a fourteen-inch bass.

For explanation, O'Neill offers: His son Robert and William Spalding, 978 Belle View place, went canoeing Saturday night with two girl companions when the bass hopped into their canoe south of Riverside park.

After a brief struggle, made more exciting by the screams of the girls, Spalding held the fish with his foot while O'Neill strung it on a shoestring.

And, with that for the "reason why," Sergeant O'Neill goes a step farther today to tell that the bass made a tasty morsel Sunday night.

CITY AWAITING JUDGE'S RULING ON TOW-IN LAW

Briefs to Be Submitted by Attorneys; Cars Are Pulled In.

Impounding of cars parked in violation of the early morning downtown parking ban was continued by police today, pending decision in the injunction suit tried Saturday in superior court two.

Seven cars were towed in this morning between 7 and 9:15 a. m., police reported.

Briefs are to be submitted Tuesday or Wednesday by attorneys in the injunction suit, which was brought by Frank Fishback, restaurant operator, and chairman of a committee representing downtown business men protesting the parking ban with its impounding clause.

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