

## \$50,000 LIBEL SUIT FILED BY IRA M. HOLMES

Avers Reputation Damaged  
in Editorial by  
W. A. Shead.

An editorial which appeared recently in the Indiana Democrat is basis for a \$50,000 libel suit against Walter A. Shead, editor, and the Democrat State Publishing Company, filed today in circuit court by Ira M. Holmes, prominent criminal attorney.

Holmes charges that his profession and reputation have been damaged greatly by statements in an editorial published July 2 by Shead.

The suit quotes the editorial as saying "Ira Holmes, a gangster attorney, long has run rampant over Marion county courts and has committed acts of contempt many times."

Holmes will seek redress against statements that he declares brand him as an attorney "employed by a gang of outlaws and other disreputable persons," in the suit.

Duties of an attorney under the state law are outlined in the suit and probably will be used by the plaintiff in court. These include:

1. To support the Constitution and laws of the United States and this state.

2. To maintain the respect that is due the courts of justice and judicial officers.

3. To counsel or maintain such actions, proceeding or defenses only as appear to him legal and just, but this section shall not be construed to prevent the defense of a person charged with crime, in any case.

4. Never to reject, from any consideration personal to himself the cause of the defenseless or oppressed.

5. To maintain inviolate the confidence, and at every peril to himself, to preserve the secrets of his client.

6. To employ, for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided him, such means only as are consistent with truth, and never seek to mislead the court or jury by any artifice of false statement of fact or law.

### PIPE THEFT IS PUZZLE

Who, How and When 2,000 Feet  
Were Pilfered Is Problem.

By United Press  
REDWOOD CITY, July 24.—Sheriff J. J. McGrath wondered today who and, more particularly, how, and also when, some one stole 2,000 feet of pipe from the Mid State Oil Company premises here.

Sections of the pipe line were discovered in a San Francisco iron works, but the company insisted that it had purchased the pipe from a man named C. Vincent, who had posed as an official of the oil company.

Charles White, manager of the concern, denied that there was any such person connected with the company.

## Beer Runner Held as Killer



George Adams, Ft. Wayne (Ind.) bootlegger, killed two federal dry agents when he shot his way to freedom after being trapped by a squad with a load of liquor near

his home, but was captured four hours later by local police.

The slain agents were Walter M. Gilbert and John J. Wilson. This NEA Service, Inc., Times photo shows Adams with the po-

leemen who captured him early Thursday. Left to right: Sergeant Carl Ormiston, patrolman Raymond Keim, George Adams, motorcycle officer John Taylor and Sergeant Edward McGrath.

His desire to be like other boys and to have clothes that are not always overalls was exemplified when he reminded Superintendent Negus that he had not received his uniform cap—the cap worn by all boys at the school.

"We'll see that you get one, son," declared Negus as he patted the boy's shoulder.

In telling of the \$2 theft of tools from the smithy at Princeton—the theft that caused the exile order from Gibson county and later his resentencing to Plainfield—runs like this:

"I was a-wanting some money. I went down to the blacksmith shop. I pushed on a door. It was open. I just walked in and picked up a few things and tried to sell them."

Just a simple procedure as far as John is concerned. It was as simple as the time he "swiped" a chicken from a woman's pen and sold it to another woman for a Sunday "fryer." Just as simple a pro-

cedure as taking milk bottles off of porches and drinking the milk sometimes, and selling the bottles for a "nickel apiece."

"But I didn't take the chicken from nobody I knew," John denied.

It's one of the cardinal points of the acts he admits, "not taking anything from some one you know."

John doesn't want to stay at the boys' school. He wants to go back to his father's home at Princeton or some place where the "officers don't think I'm always stealing."

He's working in the onion patch at the school.

His instructor, O. L. Cassidy, who knew John when he served his first term at the school, says he probably got in trouble because he's headstrong.

"He wouldn't care who it was, the Governor or a judge, he'd tell them

from now on he'd be a good boy."

John is eligible for parole in eight months if he has no black marks against his record.

And the boy, a typical small-town lad who doesn't know what to do with his idle time and doesn't know why he can't seem to learn like other youths, promises Negus he'll "try to do what's right, so I can get out and work some where and get some money."

Oil is being made from coal by a British inventor. He has erected a plant to handle 1,000 tons of coal a week.

Chief Grover Garrott warned that motorists who fail to dim bright lights in passing another car will be the objects of the state campaign.

Continuing their anti-accident drive, Indianapolis police Thursday night and early today slated fifty-six motorists for violation of vehicle laws.

Of this number, thirteen were charged with failure to stop at a preferential street and the others for failure to have lights or improper lights.

Herman Brown, 210 Houston street, was charged with reckless driving and failure to stop after an accident, his car alleged to have been involved in a crash at Creek boulevard and New Jersey street early today.

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