

Radio Prices Were Never Lower—Many Bargains Are in Tonight's Want Ads

BLACK PHANTOM OF OLD KILLER DAYS IS DEAD

Famous Western Bad Man, Stage Coach Robber, Passes in Prison.

By United Press
CANON CITY, Colo., Sept. 2.—The Black Phantom, stage coach robber, road agent and killer, one of the last bad men of the old west, is dead.

The Black Phantom was Allen H. Downen, 32. The white-haired old man, whose benevolent attitude and jovial spirit belied his past, died at the Colorado state penitentiary, where he had been since 1896. He was the oldest convict, both in years and in time served.

The wooden box was ready for his burial today on Goat Hill, not from graves of leaders in the bloody prison riot of 1929.

SAW FIRST PLANE IN '29

It was during the riot that Downen saw his first airplane when it flew over the prison. He had seen automobiles pass. Other phases of the modern world were a closed book to him for he lived in memories of two-gun road agent days when lynch law ruled the west.

At 24, Downen held up a stage coach, his first essay in crime. Five years later, he stepped from the roadside near San Joe, Cal., robbed a Wells-Fargo stage and escaped into the hills. A posse caught him and he was sentenced to twenty years in San Quentin penitentiary.

Two years later he escaped. A spectacular gun battle ended in recapture. Downen served ten years of his sentence.

Again and again six-shooter in hand, he held up, robbed and killed a man and woman. Again he went to San Quentin, to remain until 1892.

ROUTE INTO ROCKIES

Known throughout the west by that time as the Black Phantom, the bad man rode eastward into the Rockies. Vigilantes with a rope chased him out of Montana. Daring holdups made his name an epithet in Cheyenne, Wyo.

The golden road that leads from Denver to the mountains was terrorized by a farm hand who was road agent by night. The Black Phantom was busy again. Scores of travelers "stood and delivered" at pistol point. Joel Ashworth, a salesman, resisted and paid with his life.

One night Downen held up one of his own relatives. His mask slipped and the Black Phantom was phantom no longer. A posse captured him and he was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Ashworth.

THE CITY IN BRIEF

THURSDAY EVENTS
Advertising Club luncheon, Columbia Club. Indianapolis Engineering Society luncheon. Board of Trade luncheon, Columbia Club. Sigma Chi luncheon, Lincoln. Sigma Chi luncheon, Board of Trade.

Don Hastings, radio expert, will address the Advertising Club of Indianapolis at its weekly luncheon at the Columbia Club.

Optimist Club will play its monthly golf tournament at Noblesville park, Thursday afternoon at 1. A chicken dinner will be served to members and their families at 6.

Reappointment of Solon Viles as probation director of municipal courts was announced today. Viles had been serving as probation officer at the state reformatory at Pendleton, having resigned the Indianapolis post several months ago.

Indiana and Kentucky field managers of the Western and Southern Life Insurance Company today formulated plans for a fall campaign in sessions at the Claypool. The meeting will close Thursday.

Indianapolis chapter, Order of De Molay, will hold a dance at Riverside pavilion Labor day morning, from 6 to 9. Members of the committee in charge are Ivan Brummel, chairman; Herbert Smeltzer and Bernard Jasper.

\$100,000 GAS FIRM IS ESTABLISHED IN CITY

Anti-Knock Product to Be Sold by Texas Subsidiary.

Organization of the Hydro Gas Corporation of Indiana, capitalized at \$100,000, to sell and distribute anti-knock, nonpoisonous gasoline in the state, was announced today by H. S. Bettes of Dallas, Tex. treasurer and general manager of the Hydro Gas Company of Texas.

Temporary offices of the company are at 817 Hume-Mansur building. The Indiana firm will be headed by local business men who are to be elected to offices within the next few days. A block of the Indiana company's stock will be held by the Texas organization.

Bettes said the gasoline, which contains no lead or other metals, has undergone a series of tests in Texas.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF THE SALE OF SMITH YOUNG GREENSHIRE COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that the Treasurer of Marion County, Indiana, will accept the sealed bids for the sale of \$10,000.00 of Smith Young Green Shire Ditch Bonds, in the amount of \$16,000.00. Said bonds shall be in the denominations of \$1,000.00 each, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually on 15th day of January and July of each year, and shall be divided into ten equal series, principal and interest and be payable on the 10th day of November, 1931, and thereafter until paid. The first series interest, shall mature and be payable on the 10th day of January, 1932, and thereafter each six months thereafter until paid. Said bonds will be paid on the 15th day of January, 1934, and shall be signed by the Board of Commissioners and authenticated by the Auditor.

Said sale shall continue from day to day until all are sold and the underwriters will accept any reasonable bid. Said bonds will be ready for delivery on the date of sale.

C. E. ROBINSON,

Treasurer Marion County, Ind.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Wald.	1222 Union St., 1619 N. Illinois
Little & Sons	2455 N. Talbot HA. 2222
Hisey & Titus	951 N. Delaware LI. 3828
Weiland & Goodrich	1611 N. Meridian, TA. 1050
W. D. Beanblossom	1321 W. Ray BE. 1588
J. C. Wilson	1230 Prospect DR. 0321-0322
Grinsteiner's	522 E. Market RI. 5374
W. T. Blasengym	2226 Shelby DR. 2570
W. H. Richardson & Co.	1801 N. Mer., TA. 1610
Lauck Funeral Home	1458 S. Meridian DR. 2140

DEATH NOTICES

BELLER, THEODORE G.	Age 80, beloved husband of Naomi Beller, father of Paul Beller, passed away Tuesday at 9:20 a.m. Funeral 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at residence, 402 E. Washington St., Burial Precinct cemetery, Thornwood. For further information, call PAUL E. DORSEY, HOME FURNITURE, 1452. [Telephone and Lebanon papers please copy.]
THOMAS, CARROLL H.	Age 80, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Helen Huff and Mrs. Ethel French, passed away at Indiana Head Maryland on Aug. 21, 1931, in his 80th year. Burial Plainfield. Friends invited.
FRYER, W.	Age 80, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Mattie Moore, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Funeral services to be held at 1:30 p.m. at Plainfield. Friends invited.
ALBERTSON, HERNEY L.	Beloved father of Mrs. Sylvia Barnhill and O. Ray Albertson, passed away at his home, 3707 W. 30th St., Tuesday evening. Services to be held at 1:30 p.m. at 2 o'clock. Burial Crown Hill cemetery. Friends invited.
KOLCHECK, W.	Beloved husband of Mrs. Louise Koltchek, father of Hugo M. Bortz of Hope, Ind., and uncle of Mrs. Adeline Bryan and William Bortz, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Services to be held at 1:30 p.m. at 24th and Cornell Ave. Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial Crown Hill cemetery. Friends invited.
FEYER, W.	Age 80, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Mattie Moore, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Funeral services to be held at 1:30 p.m. at 24th and Cornell Ave. Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial Crown Hill cemetery. Friends invited.
ROE, G.	Beloved husband of Mrs. Louise Mock, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Funeral services to be held at 1:30 p.m. at 24th and Cornell Ave. Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial Crown Hill cemetery. Friends invited.

CARD OF THANKS

ROE—We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy extended to us at the sudden death of our dear old father, ROE, especially to his wife, Mrs. Grinstein Funeral Director and all for their many beautiful flowers.

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