

MOB VENGEANCE ECHOED BEHIND SCHOEN KILLING

Patrolman's Murder Most
Involved of Score in
Decade.

(This is the second of a series of
stories on twenty-one unsolved murders
in Indianapolis in less than ten years.)

His body was found lying face
down, but a few steps from his
home.

The slayer's bullet had entered
his back, raking upward on the
left side and lodging near the heart.

Patrolman Norman Schoen
had been murdered.

The slaying of Schoen was one of
several murders of police officers
which have occurred in the last few
years.

Their names have been added to
the list of unsolved slaying myster-
ies in Indianapolis in less than
ten years and, with those of other
citizens, make the total, twenty-one.

Other police officers who were
slain had an opportunity to see
their killers.

But Schoen had no chance.

Vengeance Is Rumored

He was walking on the sidewalk
approaching his home about 11:30
the night of March 6, 1928. A coupe
was parked on the wrong side of
Irvington avenue and from it came a
sharp whistle. And then a shot.

Schoen's body was found a few
minutes later after the car, carrying
the slayers, had disappeared in the
gloom.

Rumors came from the underworld
that the slaying was gang
vengeance. From other sources, came
reports that men in Indianapolis,
who generally were not associated
with rackets, had ordered the slaying.

The day following the murder,
Claude Worley, then police chief,
personally offered \$100 for the
capture of the killer. That same day
an Indianapolis business man boost-
ed the reward total another \$100.

But, never after the coupe dis-
appeared east on Washington street
was any trace of the murderer
found.

Burglar Theory Dropped

Theory that burglars, interrupted
in their work by Schoen, had shot
him in their escape, was discarded
by police.

Ten detectives were assigned to
the case, but the knowledge that
the underworld seemed to possess
never found its way to channels of
justice.

When his body was found near
the curb, Schoen clutched a flash-
light in his left hand. His revolver
was in his pocket, untouched.

It is probable that Schoen's flash-
light would have given him an op-
portunity to dodge that bullet or
perhaps thrown light on those guilty
of his murder?

Turning back the pages of un-
solved murders to Jan. 3, 1925, seven
other names appear. One is that
of another police officer and among
the list is that of a former police-
man.

Grocer Slain in Store

Those seven murders occurred in
these fashions:

Harry Blythe, 2110 Singleton
street, was carrying out his duties
as a grocer Jan. 3, 1925, when two
gunmen entered his store. They de-
manded money and Blythe's refusal
was answered by five bullets that
killed him before his body struck
the floor.

The night of Jan. 19, 1925, James
Lucas, a former policeman, was
driving his car into his garage in
the rear of his home at 3222 College
avenue. Trained in police methods,
he resisted the robber who leveled a
gun at him. He was shot and died
the next day.

Harry Keeley, living on North
Meridian street, left a theater on
Illinois street and walked east in
Vermont street April 19, 1925. A
woman met him and walked several
feet with him.

Carter Killing Mystery

Suddenly she was heard to
scream: "I'm going to get mine,
now."

Keeley died the following day
from bullet wounds.

Then following the murders of
Rufus Webster, Harry Nutter, street
car conductor and Dahlman DeBolt,
insurance collector, slain in rob-
beries in the year from Jan. 4, 1926,
to Jan. 5, 1927.

And these killings, like that of
policeman Charles Carter, never
were solved.

Carter stopped to question a man
on his beat May 7, 1927. Two days
later he was dead, the victim of
a revolver whose owner probably
never will be discovered.

(To Be Continued)

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen
belong to:

Philip McNeil Jr., 525 Stephens street,
Harrison, found 765-237, from Illinois and
Market streets.

Louis B. Bland, 2613 26th Street, from
Maryland street.

Henry Friend, 312 North Colorado
avenue, Ford coupe, 95-644, from Virginia
avenue and Washington street.

Frank B. Brown, 1020 East Michigan street,
Nash, sedan, 94-214, from 1020 East
Michigan street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police
belong to:

Buster White, 214 Beville avenue, Over-
land sedan, found at 1100 Oakland avenue.

Paul Eastburn, 333 East Michigan
street, Ford sedan, found on
Thirteenth street and Parker avenue.

Commodore, 742-115, found on
Cherry street, found at Comer avenue
and Shelby streets, automobile wrecked.

Herman Abbott, 1111 Charles street,
Chevrolet sedan, found at Virginia avenue
and Maryland street.

John C. Parker, no license, no
certificate of title found at Georgia and
East streets.

John C. Parker, no license, no
certificate of title found in front of
1126 Oakland avenue.

Chevrolet sedan, 98-331, found on
Thirteenth street near Oakland avenue.

Buck sedan, 95-269, found in front of
281 Michigan street.

Marie Whittney, 633 West Vermont street,
Nash, sedan, found at North street and
Senate street.

Albert Carter, 1111 Charles street, Ford
coupe, found in Black creek bottoms, near
Road 67, found on

Harry Pritchett, 723 Harrison street,
Ford sedan, 94-214, in Black creek bottoms,
Road 67 and Raymond street.

Studebaker touring, 764-243 and 737-214,
found on 11th avenue between Carson and
State avenues.

Murder Witnesses Called

BROWNSTOWN, Ind., Oct. 10.—
Subpoenas for witnesses for the
trial of John and Pleas Spurlock,
brothers, will open Wednesday,
are being served today by
Sheriff Milt Trinkle of Washington
county. The Spurlocks will be tried
on a charge of murdering Patton
Gibson, 69, Dec. 14, 1930.

Heads Pythians



Mrs. Ida Neal

Installation of officers by Indiana
Pythian Sisters here Friday
brought to Mrs. Ida Neal of
Aurora the highest position of the
order, grand chief. Mrs. Neal
succeeds Mrs. Nell C. McCurry of
Goodland.

CITY FIRM WINS TOP ARCHITECT LIBRARY PRIZE

Pierre & Wright Awarded
First in Competition for
State Structure.

The new state library to cost
\$1,000,000 and to be erected at the
southwest corner of Ohio street and
Senate avenue, will be designed by
Pierre & Wright, Indianapolis
architects.

This announcement was made to-
day by a jury of awards which
selected the local firm's design for
first place. The architects will re-
ceive \$2,000 and be awarded the
architect's contract as first prize.

Second prize among the thirty-
seven Indiana architects who com-
peted was given Walter Scholer of
Lafayette. The award is \$2,000.

Paul Cret, famous Philadelphia
architect, was awarded \$2,000 for
his design, the only out-state plan
to be submitted.

Edward Pierre, senior member of
the winning firm, is the son of Mr.
and Mrs. Joseph M. Pierre, Ft.
Wayne.

The new library building, con-
struction of which will be started so-
on, will be two stories, of Indiana
limestone and will conform with the
architectural design of the state-
house.

Others awarded prizes for their
designs:

Joseph R. Wildermuth, Gary,
third, \$1,000, and Harrison & Tur-
nock, Lee Burns and Edward Jones
and McGuire & Shook, all of In-
dianapolis, honorable mention, \$500
each.

Judges were Edgerton Swartzout
and Raymond M. Hoed, noted New
York architects, and Milton J. Fer-
guson, Brooklyn, N. Y., city libra-
rian, with Arthur Bohn, local archi-
tect, acting as architectural adviser.

Home-Coming at Church

FRANKLIN, Ind., Oct. 10.—Home-
coming day will be observed Sunday
at the Second Mt. Pleasant Baptist
church, of which the Rev. Paul J.
Christensen is pastor. The prin-
cipal speaker will be the Rev. G. C.
Mitchell, North Vernon, director of
evangelism for the Indiana Baptist
convention.

Low Fare EXCURSIONS

October 17, 1931

Round Trip Coach Fares

\$13.00 Atlanta, Ga.

\$11.00 Birmingham, Ala.

\$ 7.00 Nashville, Tenn.

\$11.00 Memphis, Tenn.

\$10.00 Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Excursion tickets also valid in Pull-
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CARRIER PIGEON MAKES FLIGHT OF 2,000 MILES

Returns to Long Island
After Escaping in
Venezuela.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Carrier
pigeon No. 1303, once owned by
John P. Lehrer, of Elmont, L. I., fol-
lowing the instincts of his kind,
flew home to Elmont when he found
the door to his cote had been left
open.

That would be an unusual event
for a carrier pigeon, under ordinary
circumstances, but it so happens
that the cote from which No. 1,303
escaped was along the Orinoco
river, in Venezuela, something like
2,000 miles away.

Number 1,303 had been taken to

Caracas several months ago, in
company with seven other carrier
pigeons, by John Brophy, general
manager in Venezuela for the
Venezuela Speculating Company.

The company's searches for new
oil land take men back into the
bushy country of Venezuela over
streams, lakes and mountains where
sturdy burros are the only means of
transportation. There is no tele-
graphic communication.

Brophy thought carrier pigeons
would expedite messages so he had
Charles Tetsold, Brooklyn optician
whose hobby is pigeon racing, obtain
an experimental four pair as the
nucleus for a regular pigeon mes-
senger service.

Two of the birds escaped.

Later, Brophy told the United
Press, he was informed that a
banded pigeon had been found dead
near Caracas. Nothing more was
heard of the other.

But a few days ago, Lehrer, No.
1,303's former owner, chanced to
see the bird he had believed to be
far away, pecking away at his feed
with the ordinary stay-at-homes.
The bird did not seem to be espe-
cially tired.

Now Tetsold, who obtained the
bird from Lehrer for Brophy, says
he wants to get No. 1,303's parents.
"Any pair that can breed a bird like
that No. 1,303 certainly is worth
having."

Another hole involves a 125-yard
water carry, with no opportunity to
play around to the green. It re-
quires a well-hit ball. Another has a
150-yard carry over water. The
405-yard twelfth hole has a stream
in front of the green.

Contour of the land on one par
hole, where the green is set in
the side of a gravel pit bank, is such
that a well-hit shot gets the player
around near the green, while a lag
shot holds him 100 yards back.

The first two holes are directed
about the same as they were on the
old course with big new greens on
both holes. More air will reach the
second green which has been a
bugaboo in the past, because it is

NEW COFFIN GOLF COURSE AMONG BEST

Beautiful Links to Develop
Into One of Finest in
City, Experts Say.

With construction work practi-
cally at an end, greens and fair-
ways seeded and already showing
the evidence of a future velv