

# 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, ranging 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 mys-  
teries 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 shrill 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 under-  
world that the slaying was gang  
vengeance. From other sources, came  
reports that men in Indianapolis,  
who generally were not associated  
with racketeers, had ordered the slaying.

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

But, never after the coupe disap-  
peared 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. 22, 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 ro-  
beries in the year from Jan. 4, 1926,  
to Jan. 5, 1927.

And these killings, like that of  
patrolman 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 Micek Jr., 525 Stephens street,  
Auburn sedan, 763-237, from Illinois and  
Market streets.

Louis T. Bland, 2613 Southeastern  
avenue, Star coach, 2-415, from 25 East  
Maryland street.

Henry Frank, 312 North Colorado  
avenue, Ford coupe, 85-664, from Virginia  
avenue and Washington street.

E. H. Brown, 1020 East Michigan street,  
Nash sedan, 91-214, from 1020 East  
Michigan street.

## BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police  
belong to:

Burton White, 814 Beville avenue, Over-  
land sedan, found at 1100 Oakland avenue.

Paul Eastburn, 2339 East Michigan  
street, Chevrolet coach, found at  
Thirteenth street and Parker avenue.

Commander Tabor, 517 Holly avenue,  
Chrysler coupe, found at Corner avenue  
and Shelby street, automobile wrecked.

Herman Arshopsky, 2072 Park avenue,  
Chevrolet sedan, found at Virginia avenue  
and Maryland street.

Oldsmobile coupe, no license, no  
certificate of title found at Georgia and  
East streets.

Overland coach, 742-115 found in front  
of 1126 Oakland avenue.

Chevrolet sedan, 86-931, found on  
Thirteenth street, near Oakland avenue.

Buick sedan, 85-560, found in front of  
2651 Shelby street.

Mary Whitney, 623 West Vermont street,  
Nash sedan, found at North street and  
Senate avenue.

Albert Carter, 1111 Charles street, Ford  
coupe, found in Eagle creek bottoms, near  
Road 67 and Raymond street.

Harry Pritchett, 723 Harrison street,  
Ford coupe, found in Eagle creek bottoms,  
Road 67 and Raymond street.

Bruderser touring, 724-243 and 737-214,  
found on Hanna avenue between Carson  
and State avenues.

## Murder Witnesses Called

BROWNSTOWN, Ind., Oct. 10.—  
Subpoenas for witnesses for the  
trial of John and Pless Spurlock,  
brothers, which will open Wednes-  
day, 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 In-  
dianapolis Pythians here Fri-  
day brought to Mrs. Ida Neal of  
Aurora the highest position of the  
order, grand chief. Mrs. Neal suc-  
ceeds 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-of-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  
soon, 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.

Jones were Edgerton Swartwout  
and Raymond M. Hood, noted New  
York architects, and Milton J. Fer-  
guson, Brooklyn, N. Y., city librar-  
ian, 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.

\$ 9.00 Knoxville, Tenn.

and other Southeastern cities.

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man cars at slightly higher excu-  
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## CARRIER PIGEON MAKES FLIGHT OF 2,000 MILES

Returns to Long Island  
After Escaping in  
Venezuela.

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. 1303  
escaped was along the Orinoco  
river, in Venezuela, something like  
2,000 miles away.

Number 1303 had been taken to

Caracas several months ago, in  
company with seven other carrier  
pigeons, by John Brophy, general  
manager in Venezuela for the Ven-  
ezuela 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.  
1303'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-home.  
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. 1303's parents.  
"Any pair that can breed a bird like  
that No. 1303 certainly is worth  
having."

## 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 velvety  
turf, the new Coffin golf course re-  
vealed evidence today of developing  
into one of the city's best links by  
the middle of next summer, when it  
probably will be opened for use.

William H. Diddel is designer and  
builder of the new course.

It includes land of the old Coffin  
course not involved in the sale of  
a site to the government for a  
veterans' hospital and extends back  
into land adjacent to White river.

The new course will be ready to

be turned over to the city soon,

Diddel said today.

Eighteen new bent grass greens,  
as large or larger than any in the  
city, and 6,657 yards in length, in-  
volving shots to test the ability of  
any par shooting golfer, makes the  
course championship layout.

Because the course is not as long  
in yardage as some championship  
courses does not mean that it will  
not be difficult, Diddel said. For in-  
stance, there is one hole, 161 yards  
long, a drop shot from tee to a green,  
trapped in front, and with lake on  
the left and back of it which re-  
quires a perfect pitch.

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  
five 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

situated at the base of a steep hill  
cutting off south west breeze.

Yardage on the first nine will be  
433, 406, 147, 520, 161, 351, 572, 412,  
444, for a total of 3,446.

On the second nine, the present  
short tees make it somewhat short,  
but five new back tees will add 100  
yards. The holes now measure 515,  
357, 390, 197, 421, 176, 479, 366, 202.  
The tenth is to be lengthened to 535,  
the twelfth to 405 the thirteenth to  
235 the sixteenth to 495 and the  
eighteenth to 215.

Total yardage on the second nine  
is 3,103. The total course yardage  
will be 6,549 short and 6,651 long.

A. C. Sallee and park board mem-  
bers said that the cost of the course  
probably will be about two-thirds  
of what first was anticipated. "M.de  
work" labor used in clearing the low  
lands of trees, stumps and cleaning  
up of marsh land brought this sav-  
ing, they said.

## Electricity Burns Man

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Oct. 10.—Wil-  
liam Adams, 44, city electric light  
plant lineman, is recovering from  
serious chest burns suffered when  
he came in contact with a high  
voltage wire. John Rogers, work-  
ing with Adams, saved Adams from  
an electrocution by pushing him away  
from the wire.

## 'FIND' HALF MILLION

By United Press

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Mrs. Ida  
Mayfield Wood, the little old lady  
who once was the belle of New  
York, and in whose room more than  
\$400,000 in cash was found this  
week, had another \$500,000 on her  
person which escaped the search of  
her guardian, it was revealed today.

The half million dollars was con-  
tained in an old-fashioned pouch.  
The pouch dropped Thursday from  
within the manfold under dresses  
that Mrs. Wood wears.

Mrs. Wood, 83, recently was  
deemed incompetent by the courts  
and relatives appointed her guard-  
ians.

## Cutler Woman Slid

By Times Special

CUTLER, Ind., Oct. 10.—Injuries  
suffered in an automobile accident  
while en route to Florida were fatal  
to Mrs. Alvin Peterson, 69, of  
Cutler.

## Old Injuries Fatal

By Times Special

LINTON, Ind., Oct. 10.—Frank  
Earle, 64, is dead of injuries suffered  
in a coal mine accident a year and  
a half ago.

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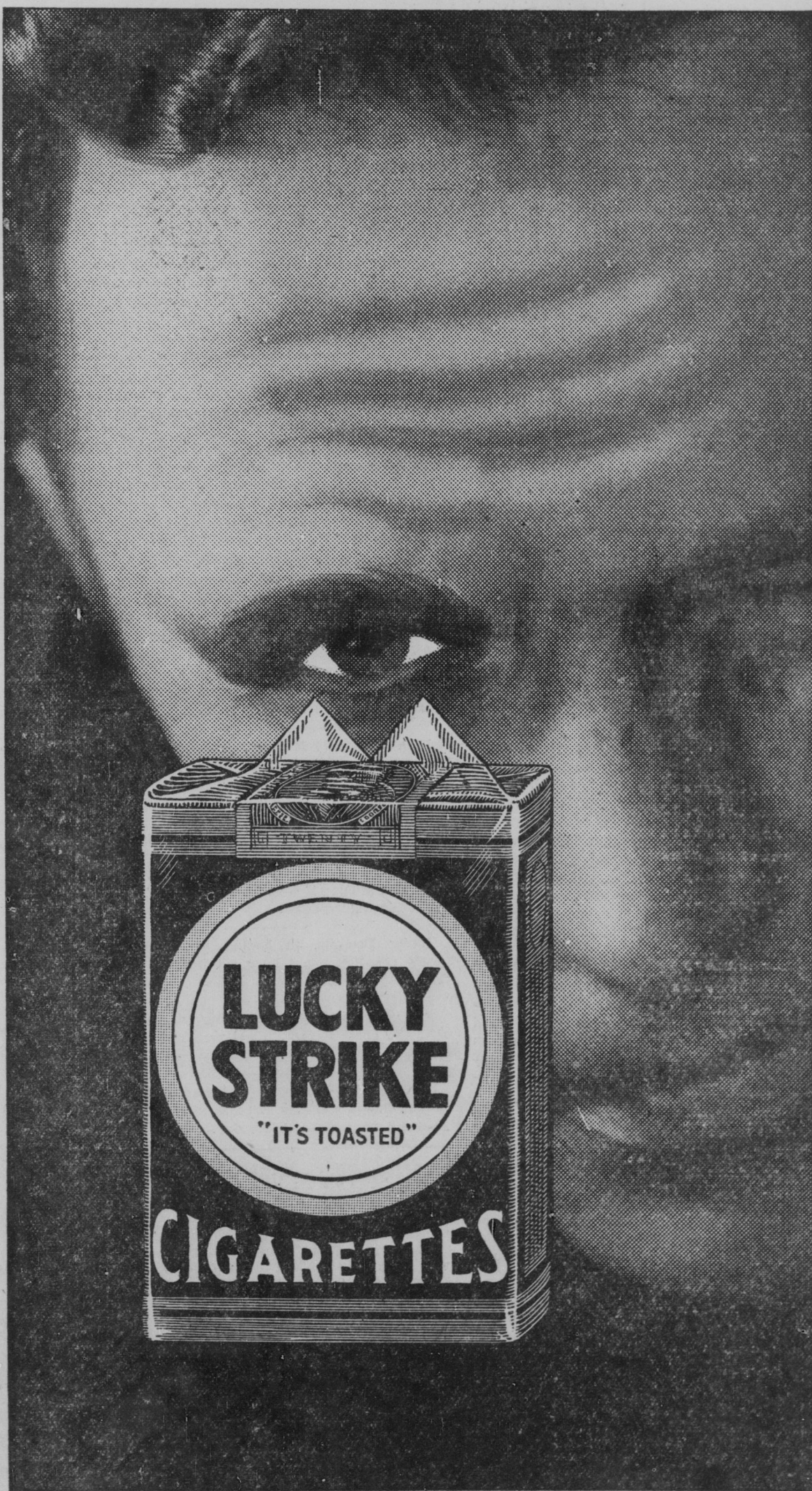
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