

# RICH FARMER'S KILLER FOUND, POLICE CLAIM

**City Man Held as Suspect  
in Slaying of Salem  
Man in November**

WIFE'S PLEAS IN VAIN

**Bandits Shoot When Demand for Money Is Refused by Victim.**


Solution of the robbery slaying of Lawrence Elliott, wealthy Salt Lake (Ind.) farmer, was believed near today, with announcement of state police that they will charge Roscoe Rowe, 36, of 627 Warman avenue, with first-degree murder.

Tuesday by detectives, is held in default of \$5,000 bond on a vagrancy charge in the Marion county jail.

An affidavit charging Rowe with first-degree murder will be signed at Salem today by Mrs. Elliott, Lieutenant John C. Weir of the state police, told The Times.

Two men alleged to have been in the bandit gang, are slated for arrest soon, Weir said.

**Refuses Money; Slain**



Rowe

Murder of Elliott took place at his home two months ago.

Three bandits drew revolvers on him while he was working in a barn near his house, and forced him to enter the residence with them.

When the trio demanded that he open a safe, Elliott refused and a scuffle followed. While he resisted one of the bandits shot him. Elliott died shortly afterward.

The shooting took place in front of Mrs. Elliott, who was pleading with the bandits to release her husband. The killers escaped in an automobile they had parked in the yard.

**Had Large Sum of Money**  
According to Indianapolis and Salem officers, Elliott had a large amount of money and securities in the safe in his home.  
Mrs. Elliott viewed Rowe at police headquarters Wednesday afternoon and returned to her home.  
Detectives Clifford Becker and Alfred Schulz, who arrested Rowe, said he has denied implication in the farmer's murder.

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**NEGRO ADMITS THEFT  
OF CHRISTMAS BIBLE**

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**Wanted Friends to Get Religion; S  
He Looted Church, He Says.**  
Enthusiasm of Ed Grunnell, 14  
Negro, 2532 Indianapolis

has resulted in his arrest on charges of stealing six Bibles and five hymn books from a church.

Grunnell, a regular attendant of the Church of Christ, at Fall Creek boulevard and Paris avenue, told detectives he wanted his friends to "get religion."

Consequently, he decided to give Bibles for Christmas.

But not having any funds, Grunnell, 31, admitted, he stole them from the church.

Detectives said they went to the church services to trace owners of the gifts.

The stolen Bibles and hymn books were valued at \$40 and several of them have been retrieved, George Sneed and Claude White, detectives said.

Grunnell was bound over to Grand Jury on charges of grand larceny.

## ASKS WOUND DAMAGES

Jacob Rowe Asserts Detective Shot Him Without Cause.

Charging he was shot by Detective Horace Eller without reason, Jacob Rowe, 3758 West Tenth street, today opened his \$5,000 damage case before a jury in superior court four.

Rowe alleged Eller shot him when the latter attempted to arrest him on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting an officer.

Testimony in a municipal court case after the shooting, April 6, 1930, revealed Rowe attempted to escape. Rowe was convicted on the charges.

## ROBE ISSUE PETITIONED

The Public Service Company Asks O. K. on \$10,893,800 Project.

The Public Service Company of Indiana, an Insull interest, which recently absorbed the Indiana Electric Corporation, today petitioned the public service commission for approval of a \$10,893,800 bond issue under the merger.

One issue of \$3,500,000 would be offered for sale as the Public Service Company and the other, \$2,393,800, would be put up as collateral as security for the trustee of the mortgage of the Indiana Electric Corporation.

**RIFLEMEN THREATENED**

Threat of prosecution of vandals who shoot roosting homing pigeons was made today by the Monumental Racing Pigeon Club.

The warning was issued as result of the shooting recently of five banded pigeons in city lofts. Federal statutes provide severe punishment for persons convicted of the offense.

Five new members have been admitted to the club, and races will be held in May from 100 and 1,000-mile stations.