

## BARTON'S TRIAL TO BE OUTSIDE OF JAY COUNTY

Prosecutor Says Former Sheriff Should Face Court at Hartford City.

*By Times Special*  
PORTLAND, Ind., Jan. 23.—A. C. Ford, Jay county prosecutor, announces that Ira Barton, former Blackford county sheriff, will not be tried here on charges of conspiracy and bank robbery following reports to the opposite.

Pointing out that one of three banks robberies, that at Dunkirk, which Barton and others are alleged to have plotted, occurred in Jay county, Ford expressed doubt that a robbery charge could be successfully prosecuted, asserting it had not been shown that the former sheriff was present at the time either of the crimes was committed.

Regarding the conspiracy charge, Ford expresses a belief that the allegations on which it is based make necessary trial in Hartford City, Blackford county seat.

Barton remains a prisoner in the Jay county jail here. Beyond an assertion that the charges against him are the result of a "frameup," he has nothing to say, and his counsel is also uncommunicative.

A large automobile used by bandits who robbed the Dunkirk bank Dec. 24, has been returned to its owner, William Vagnarelli, Chicago. It was stolen in that city. The bandits abandoned the car after a bullet fired by pursuing posse members punctured the gasoline tank. One bandit was killed and three others captured.

## Physician Held With Women on Theft Charge

*By Times Special*  
FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 23.—Dr. Samuel T. Henderson, 58, and Maudine Kohne, 32, are under arrest following police investigation of a series of thefts from the home of John Berghoff. Dr. Henderson is accused of receiving stolen property and the woman of grand larceny.

Articles the woman is alleged to have stolen from the Berghoff home, where she was employed as a maid, were found in Dr. Henderson's possession, police said. They included a \$500 buffalo robe, a \$20 gold piece and two boxes of cigars.

A watch, fountain pen and pencil were stolen from the Thieme home, where the woman was formerly employed. Two other watches, bearing price tags and believed to have been stolen, were found in Dr. Henderson's possession.

The woman is alleged to have declared Dr. Henderson, who formerly employed her as a nurse, knew the articles were stolen. She exhibited notes for a total of \$1,250 which she declares represent money she loaned the doctor.

## SUPPORT PLEDGED CITY

Association of Commerce at Marion Favors Rate Cut.

*By Times Special*  
MARION, Ind., Jan. 23.—If the Indiana General Service Company attempts to resist a 20 per cent reduction in electric rates here, ordered by the Indiana public service commission, the city of Marion will have the Association of Commerce as an ally in an effort to uphold the order. The company is expected to appeal to the courts to prevent the reduction from becoming effective.

**Sigma Delt Chi Elects**  
*By Times Special*  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 23.—Charles Hoover of Wabash, senior student at Indiana university, has been elected president of the university chapter of Sigma Delt Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, for the coming semester. Other officers are Ralph Norman, Linton, vice-president; E. Gayle Fitzsimmons, Kokomo, secretary, and Seymour Francis, South Bend, treasurer.

**Father of Six Dies**  
*By Times Special*

URMEYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 23.—Ola Fisher, 53, widely known as a canning company agent, is dead after an illness of five days. He was a lifelong resident of Needham township, Johnson county. He leaves his widow and six children, Mrs. Ruby Poe, Ralph Fisher and Miss Ruby Fisher, Elkhart; Earl Fisher, Indianapolis, and Morris and Merle Fisher, at home.

**Aged Man Dies**  
*By Times Special*

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 23.—Funeral services will be held Monday for Louie Bogeman, 79, who died after an illness of three years. He leaves a son, Lawrence, and Mrs. James Rogers.

**Greenburg Man Dies**  
*By Times Special*

GREENSBURG, Ind., Jan. 23.—Funeral services were held today for Willard A. Switzer, 41, a telegraph operator for the Big Four railroad, who died after a short illness. He leaves a widow and two children, Frank and Helen Myra Switzer.

**Institute Sunday**  
*By Times Special*

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 23.—An institute for children's workers of the Shelby county council of the First Baptist church here will be held Sunday in the First Baptist church here by Miss Nellie Young, superintendent of the young people's division of the state council.

**Crazed Man Kills Self**  
*By United Press*

PORLAND, Ind., Jan. 23.—William Kee, 55, who was placed in jail after he became violently insane, ended his life by hanging in his cell. The body was found by his wife when she came to visit him.

**Motorist Killed**  
*By United Press*

LA PORTE, Ind., Jan. 23.—Michael O'Neill, 32, Stilwell, died en route to a hospital of injuries suffered when the automobile in which he was riding plunged into a ditch.

## 'We Must Have Economy,' Says Congress; So 1932 Bathing Costumes Fall in Line



### ACID AND SHOTS DAMAGE CARGO

Report of Violence Made by Truck Owner.

*By Times Special*  
HUNTINGTON, Ind., Jan. 23.—Leland J. Osborne, Huntington, a trucking operator, has reported to authorities that an effort is being made by violence to force him out of business.

Acid was thrown in the cab of Osborne's truck, and some struck radio sets which were being loaded at South Bend, according to Orville Auer and Clarence Mich, both of Huntington, who were in charge of machine, and a shot was fired at the driver near South Bend.

Men in an automobile fired into the truck body five times, bullets damaging twenty-two of the load of radio sets, Osborne said. Auer fired once at the driver of the car, but missed.

### LIFE SENTENCE GIVEN SLAYER

Princeton Jury Avoids Death of William Wedding.

*By United Press*  
PRINCETON, Ind., Jan. 23.—William Wedding, 19, found guilty by a Gibson circuit court jury on a charge of murdering Harve McGarrah, a restaurant proprietor, to be taken to Indiana state prison today to begin a life term.

Wedding was indicted on a charge of murder and also of murder during a holdup. The jury found him guilty on the first count. Conviction on the other would have carried with it the death penalty.

Wedding, recovering from a bullet wound suffered while resisting arrest, was carried into the courtroom to hear the verdict.

William Phelps, 21, who also is charged with murdering McGarrah, is awaiting trial.

Cain said attorneys are well aware of the faults of their profession, but "are too busy making a living to think about it."

### RULING CAUSES TANGLE

Monroe County Forced to Take 1931 Taxes Off Delinquent List.

*By Times Special*

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 23.—Ruling of Attorney-General James M. Osgen that 1931 taxes can not be legally included in delinquent lists, has resulted in confusion, Monroe county officials state.

Last year's unpaid taxes were included in the county's delinquent list, but Osgen's ruling will be complied with, officials state, and the usual sale held. The ruling will result in a reduction of about half in a delinquent total of \$40,000, according to Alva Eller, county auditor.

**Damage Suits Settled**

*By Times Special*  
KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 23.—Henry A. Taubensee and T. E. Stokes, Kokomo, have accepted \$4,250 in settlement of damage cases resulting from injuries they suffered in an automobile accident when their car was in collision with one occupied by Edward Ray and Catherine Elmendorf, Fostoria, O., on a road west of Valparaiso.

**Four Students Honored**

*By Times Special*  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 23.—Certificates for meritorious work done during the past semester as members of the reportorial staff of the Indiana Daily Student have been presented to four students who are Mary Dot Johnston, Vincennes; William Madigan, Vincennes; Ben Korman, Hammond, and Gordon Parks, Huntington.

**False Alarms Fought**

*By Times Special*  
FRANKLIN, Ind., Jan. 23.—Clarence Province, widely known central Indiana physician and surgeon is dead of heart disease. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Monday afternoon. He was a graduate of Indiana university and attended Franklin college.

**Four Escape in Crash**

*By Times Special*  
BOGGSTOWN, Ind., Jan. 23.—One of four persons riding in an automobile struck by a Big Four passenger train, here was injured seriously. Occupants of the car were Mr. and Mrs. John Conway, Mrs. Orville Rapier, Jefferson township, who died in a hospital here following an appendicitis operation.

**Boy Dies After Operation**

*By Times Special*  
MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 23.—Funeral services were held Friday for Paul A. Rapier, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Rapier, Jefferson township, who died in a hospital here following an appendicitis operation.

**Starving Dog Killed**

*By Times Special*  
HUNTINGTON, Ind., Jan. 23.—Police, as an act of mercy, killed a small dog which had been locked in the basement of a house two months ago. Blind from lack of food and water, the dog was found lying on the basement floor.

**Young Wife Dies**

*By Times Special*  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Evelyn Wylie, 21, wife of Robin Stump, is dead after an illness of several months.

## BRIBE MESSAGE SENDER SIGNED AS J. R. SMITH

Telegram Stated \$1,500 Was Price of Terre Haute Postmastership.

*By Times Special*

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 23.—Authorities are endeavoring to learn identity of a person who sent four identical telegrams charging that a bribe of \$1,500 was involved in an appointment of John W. Woods as Terre Haute postmaster.

The telegrams were sent to Senators James E. Watson and Arthur Robinson; William F. Brown, postmaster-general, and William D. Mitchell, attorney-general.

J. R. Smith is the signature on the telegrams, with the non-existent address of 1666 Lafayette street. Two J. R. Smiths who live here have been seen by the operator who handled the telegrams and he says neither is guilty.

Watson replied to the message he received and a messenger then learned that the address given does not exist.

## ARSON PLACES TRIO IN CELLS

Valparaiso Store Burned After Explosion.

*By United Press*

VALPARAISO, Ind., Jan. 23.—A prison sentence of one to ten years was given Chris Spiros, 37, when he pleaded guilty in Porter superior court here to a charge of arson, the result of a fire which destroyed his store Christmas eve. His plea was induced by a confession of Steve Swikowski, who said he and Pete Popadich started the blaze, resulting in a loss of \$50,000.

Spiros admitted, police said, that he hired Swikowski and Popadich to burn the building so he could collect insurance. Swikowski and Popadich, both of whom were burned in an explosion as they prepared to start the fire, pleaded guilty and also received one-to-ten years.

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**Slaying Inquiry Results in Arrest of Richmond Man**

*By Times Special*

RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 23.—Charles Wilcox, Richmond, is in custody pending outcome of an investigation of his alleged connection with the slaying, Dec. 23, near Covington, Ky., of Mrs. Hulda Lang and the wounding of her husband, Frank Lang, Covington restaurant owner.

Lang, accompanied by officers from Kentucky, including Police Chief George Langley, came here to view Wilcox. None of the party made a statement.

Two local women have been questioned in the case. One is said to be a close friend of the prisoner and to have given him refuge after he returned here from Covington with a wounded leg.

Wilcox was sentenced here five years ago on a vehicle taking charge, and sent to the state reformatory for a three-to-five-year term. He was paroled, but re-arrested and returned to the institution after committing another crime.

The Kentucky officials refused to comment on arrest at Covington. Larry Vollmer, 27, Newport, charged with being an accessory in the murder.

A fusillade of shots was fired at Lang and his wife while they were in an automobile. It is believed robbery was the motive of the attack.

**Frankenstein Casualty at Bloomington**

*By Times Special*

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Ella Price, 25, is in a semi-conscious state as a result of seeing the motion picture, "Frankenstein," according to her father, Robert Sex.

After witnessing the picture Mrs. Price collapsed while describing it to a woman friend.

## BITS OF LIFE AS LIVED IN HOOISERDOM

Civil War Pledge Kept at Grave

*By United Press*

ROCHESTER, Ind., Jan. 23.—A pledge made to his comrade sixty-six years ago was fulfilled at his grave.

Adolph Hunesagen, 85, and Abner Waite, 87, fought side by side throughout the war in an Indiana volunteer regiment. They shared the same tent. Each was wounded once. When they were mustered out, they vowed that whoever died first the other would attend his funeral.

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Cases transferred are those of Mike Mulligan, Indiana Harbor, accused of murdering Sam Markosin, and Eulay Mitchell, Negro, charged with slaying Leola Morris, Negro, in East Chicago.

When counsel for Mulligan asked for a change of venue in Gary superior court, he suggested the case be sent to the Porter court at Valparaiso.

Robert G. Estill interposed vigorous objection, declaring "since my last experience in Porter circuit court I feel that justice can not be obtained there."

"Your remarks are unfair and you cast an aspersion on the name of Judge Crumpacker," defense counsel declared.

"I am sorry," Estill replied, "but I am convinced that in order that all parties may have justice the case should not go to Valparaiso for trial."

Superior Judge C. V. Ridgeley then ordered the trial be held here.

Similar action had been taken previously in the case of Mitchell.

## SHOT CAUSES DEATH

Bristow Girl Alleges Accident Following Arrest.

*By United Press*

CANNELTON, Ind., Jan. 23.—A charge of manslaughter is on file here against Nettie Van Hoosier, 20, Bristow, as the result of the death of Evelyn Sifflie, 15, of a bullet wound suffered at the Van Hoosier home.

The Van Hoosier girl told authorities that she was examining a pistol when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking the other girl.

Oscar Teberbaugh and Floyd Lynch, who witnessed the tragedy, are under bond pending further investigation.

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