

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. STEIN SR., CITY RESIDENT

Funeral Rites to Be Held
Wednesday at 2 for
Pioneer Woman.

Mrs. Theodore Stein Sr., 70, of 432 East Fall Creek boulevard, lifelong city resident, died Monday at her home after a week's illness. Funeral services will be held in the Plummer & Buchanan mortuary, 25 West Fall Creek boulevard, at 2 Wednesday, with burial in Crown Hill.

Survivors are a daughter, Miss Pauline Stein; a son, Theodore Stein Jr.; a granddaughter, Mary Helen Stein; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Mummendorf and Mrs. Oscar D. Bohlen, and two brothers, William F. Kuhn of Indianapolis and Charles J. Kuhn of San Francisco, Cal.

Funeral services for Walter Carlton Young, 56, were to be held at 1 this afternoon at his home, 35 South Bradley street. Mr. Young died Monday.

Mr. Young was born in Illinois, and came to Indianapolis when a boy. The widow, Mrs. Lillian May Young, survives him. Burial will be in Kansas City, Mo.

Traction Employee Dies

David H. Griffin, 52, a resident of Indianapolis all his life, and for thirty-two years a motorman for the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, died Monday at his home, 1133 Dawson street.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Thursday in the home of Mrs. C. Wilson, 1230 Prospect street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 this afternoon for Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, 84, who died Saturday at her home, 948 West Thirtieth street. The Rev. Aubrey H. Moore, pastor of the Seventh Christian church, will officiate. She had been ill two years.

Mrs. Meyers was born on a farm northwest of the city. She had lived in Marion county all her life. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Former Merchant Succumbs

John S. Wilson, 64, of 2419 Central avenue, died Monday at St. Vincent's hospital.

Born in Cobscook, he entered the furniture business in Greensburg when he was 21, and came to Indianapolis five years ago. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge. Funeral and burial will be held Wednesday in Greensburg.

Appointed executor of the estate of Mrs. Ida Harding, 67, at her home, 2511 East Washington street. Mrs. Harding had lived in Indianapolis twenty years. She was born in Trimble county, Kentucky.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Wednesday in the East Park M. E. church, of which she was a member. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

SLAYING IS MYSTERY

Five Held for Questioning
in Negro Woman's Death.

Five Negroes were arrested on vagrancy counts in connection with the slaying early today of Mrs. Anna M. Watts, 42, Negro, of 1010 North Senate avenue.

The woman's body was found in an alley in the rear of 930 Superior street, home of the five persons, two men and three women, who are under arrest.

Police were without clues of the manner of death, and investigation was launched by Dr. A. J. King, deputy coroner.

The woman's husband, Isaac Watts, told Sergeant Harry Schley and members of a police emergency squad that his wife left home late Monday afternoon to mail a letter.

Mrs. Gertrude Johnson of 930 Superior street, said she gave Mrs. Watts a chunk of meat later in the evening. Police said the meat was found on a table at the home of the five persons held as suspects.

CITES SELF HELP NEED

Psychologist Asserts Most of Human Troubles Lie Within.

"Eighty-seven per cent of the people who come to me for help," asserted David Seabury, psychologist and writer, in a lecture at Caleb Mills hall Monday night, "believe their troubles are caused by something outside of themselves. It is their wives, husbands, mothers-in-law, children, business, neighbors, and a hundred other things, but never themselves."

"Their problem is not one of environment, but of the relation of the individual to the environment. His first problem is to correct the condition in himself."

Dies in Hotel Room

George P. Freeman, 56, who registered Monday at a downtown hotel, died in his room early today of heart disease. A shipment from an express office at Louisville, addressed to him, arrived shortly after he registered. He carried membership cards in the K. of P. lodge and local No. 22 of the iron workers union.

Rheumatic Cripples

New Medicine Guaranteed to Free
Your Muscles and Joints in Less
Than a Week or Money-Back.

No matter how crippled and helpless you are with rheumatism, no matter how great your suffering; you can now ease that pain in a day and break rheumatism's terrible grip on your system in less than a week or nothing to pay.

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KIDNAP RING CENTERS ATTENTION ON MISSOURI

Large Ransoms Paid by St. Louis and Kansas City Victims

BY BRUCE CATTON

NEA Service Writer

NOWHERE has the menace of the well-organized racket of kidnaping been more evident in the last year than in Missouri's two leading cities, St. Louis and Kansas City.

Kansas City, perhaps, has furnished the more spectacular cases of the two—and St. Louis generally is believed to have furnished the more dangerous kidnapers.

The loose but effective organization by which little groups of desperadoes in widely separated cities have transformed kidnaping into a racket of national ramifications seems to have one of its most effective centers in St. Louis. A good many of the crimes that have stirred Kansas City during the last few months are believed to have been the work of St. Louis hoodlums.

Kansas City police estimate that kidnapers have collected fully half a million dollars in that city within recent years.

As has been the case elsewhere, the bulk of these cases are cases in which underworld characters have been the victims.

Almost everywhere, the racketeers have started their operations cautiously, victimizing men who they knew would never complain to the police—gamblers, vice syndicate chiefs, booze dealers, and so on.

RECENTLY, in Kansas City, as in Detroit and Chicago, they have broadened their activities to include law-abiding citizens, people of wealth and prominence.

One of the most startling cases in Kansas City was the kidnaping of Michael Katz, head of the city's largest drug firm.

Katz was driving alone to his office one morning when a large car overtook him and forced his roadster to the curb. Four men jumped out and hustled him into their machine.

There they sealed his eyes with adhesive tape, hurried him far into the country and imprisoned him in a lonely house, while one of the gang telephoned to Louis Rose, a well-known "man about town," ordering him to act as the kidnapers if she were not returned unharmed.

That night she was released on a country road near the city. Three men and a woman were arrested in this case. One man was tried and the jury disagreed; the others await trial.

Harry Rothman operated a profitable booze-running line in and about Kansas City. Kidnapers took him and tried to force him to pay tribute.

He refused. One day his bullet-riddled body was found in the woods in a Kansas City suburb.

The police said they believed his death was meant chiefly as a warning to other underworld figures that the kidnaping ring meant business.

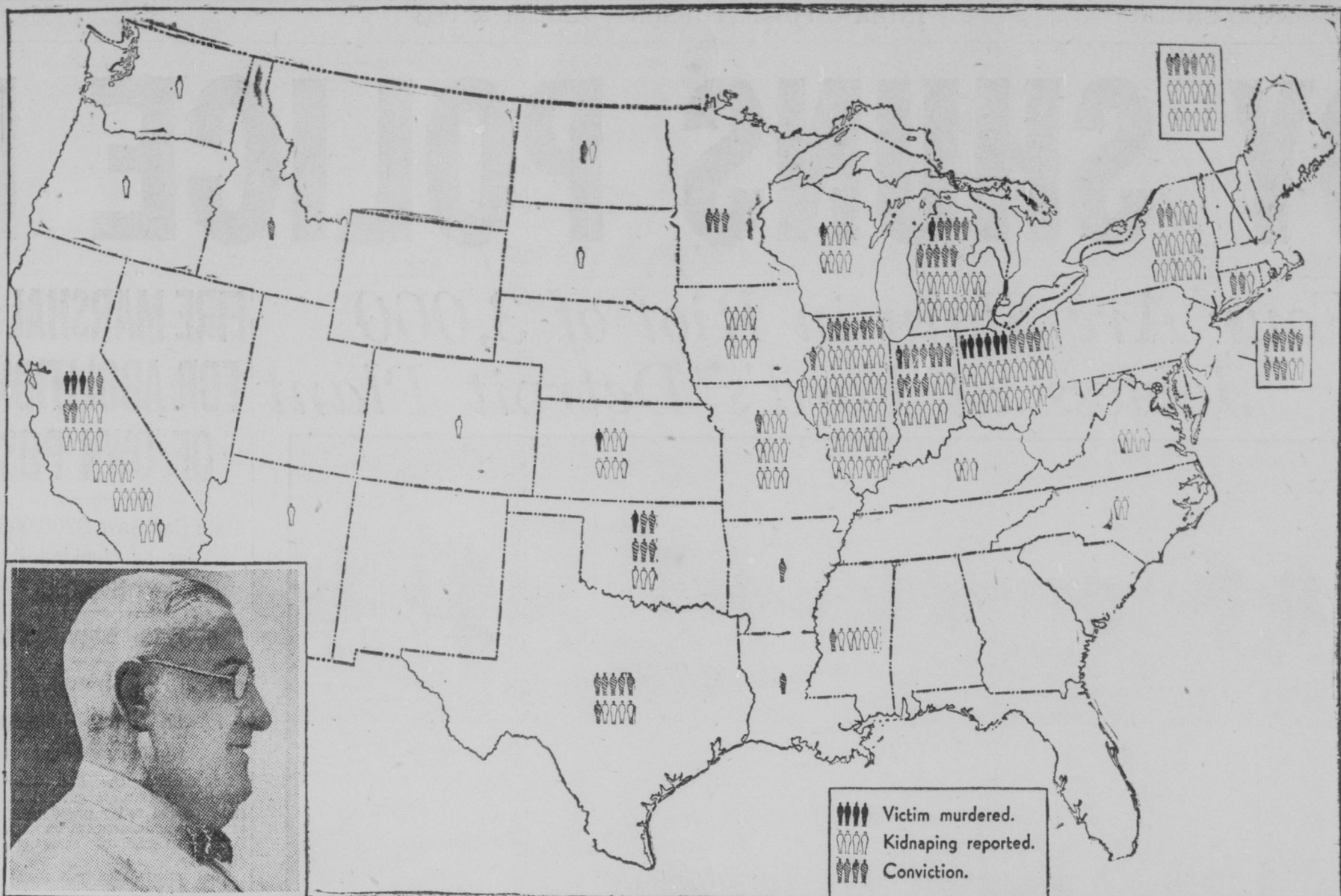
Freddie Strauss, former gambler, made a fortune by speculation in Oklahoma oil lands. He was seized as he walked down a Kansas City street and taken to a house on the edge of town where the gangsters tortured him by tearing off bits of his flesh with pliers.

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GUY GIVENS, an influential underworld figure, had to pay the kidnapers heavily. He was captured by a gang that came down from Chicago, and before he was turned loose he not only had to turn over a good deal of money, but also had to agree to let the Chicagoans share in the profits of some of his enterprises.

Those are samples of the things that have happened in Kansas City.

In St. Louis there have been fourteen spectacular kidnapings lately. Those kidnaped included a capitalist, an extremely wealthy physician, a 13-year-old boy who is heir to millions, four rich mer-



With a record of 285 reported kidnaping cases in the last three years, as shown in the map above, the United States today is looking for some remedy to the situation. Police Chief Joseph A. Gerk of St. Louis, shown at left, after wrestling with the kings of the kidnaping racket in his area, was one of the many law enforcement officials who went to Washington recently to urge a federal law, which would control interstate traffic in kidnap victims and provide the death penalty for those captured and convicted.

chants and seven wealthy gamblers.

Ransoms totaling \$563,000 were demanded in these fourteen cases. How much, if any, of this actually was paid is not known.

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LARRABEE WILL FACE WET IN PRIMARY RACE

Frank Borns Will Contest
Congress Renomination:
Others File.

Fight on prohibition will be taken into the Democratic congressional primary in the new Eleventh district, it was indicated today with filing for national representative by Frank Borns, former state representative from Marion county.

Borns will battle the incumbent, Representative William H. Larrabee, who was elected to congress from the old Sixth district, but who, under the 1931 gerrymander, must make the campaign from the new Eleventh, which includes Madison, Hancock and the east part of Marion county.

Voices Wet Plank

In making his announcement, Borns, who was a member of the 1925-1927 legislatures, declared he had no remedy that will cure all ills, but that in his opinion modification of the Volstead act will rescue governmental expenditures and go a long way to the return of prosperity.

Larrabee already has filed for renomination. Other congressional aspirants who registered their intentions with Frank May Jr., secretary of state, are: Vernon D. Boren of Hammond, seeking the Democratic nomination from the First district, and Carl Thompson of Richmond, seeking the Republican nomination from the new Tenth.

Canfield to File

Word was received from Washington today that Harry C. Canfield of Batesville, congressman from the old Fourth district, soon will file for the Democratic nomination from the new Ninth. Canfield is serving his fifth term.

State Senator James J. Nejdil of Whiting, veteran of many sessions, and leader of the fight in the upper house for the passage of the old age pension bill during the 1931 session, was one of a number filing for the state senator nomination.

Eighty-six candidates, eighty-three of which were seeking precinct committeeman posts, filed at the courthouse here Monday. Those filing for major offices were:

James E. Flaherty, 213 St. Joseph street, Democrat, sheriff; Benjamin F. Morgan, 238 Central avenue, former superintendent of the Marion county hospital for the insane, Republican, county commissioner; Second district, and George O. Lehman, 4605 Winthrop avenue, Democrat, state representative.

VAN NUYS ON THE STUMP

Senatorial Candidate Will Speak
Here Thursday Night.

Two speeches will be made this week in Marion county by Frederick Van Nuy, candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

He will speak in Castleton Wednesday night and at the Riverside Democratic Club, at the Olympic clubrooms, East Riverside drive and Pruitt street, Thursday night.

URGES CAUTION ON APPRAISALS

Wedeking Says Levies Must
Be Cut With Assessments.

By Times Special

NEW HARMONY, Ind., March 8.—Warning against reductions in land assessments for taxation purposes, without slashing governmental expenditures, was sounded by Albert J. Wedeking, chairman of the state highway commission, in an address at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce.

Wedeking pointed out the gasoline tax as the most equitable form of levy and that utilities are receiving undue favors under the present set-up.

"One of the factors that make the gasoline tax so popular is that every person pays in proportion to the amount he uses the roads, and when he pays, he has a feeling every other person using gasoline also is paying," he said.

"Contrast this situation where the gas taxpayer is satisfied that he receives proper returns in roads built for his convenience and the furtherance of his business, to the farmer who pays taxes on a farm which did not produce enough last year to pay expenses."

"Then compare his situation with a prosperous utility which, under the law, is guaranteed a certain return on his investment, but which is not taxed on the basis of fair value."

"Solution of the problems can be expedited by making each tax dollar collected do more work than it now does."

"Reappraisal of land and real estate on a lower assessed valuation will result only in increasing the tax rate if local government expenditures are not held to a minimum consistent with needful operation."

BAND TO HONOR SOUSA

Marines Will Escort Late Leader
to His Grave Thursday.

By United Press

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180 DAYS AND FINE, JOLT FOR LEGGER

Liquor Spilled Down Cop's
Sleeve 'Dried Up,' but It
Didn't Matter.

Magicians can get away with pulling cards and other objects from their sleeves, but when a policeman pours liquor from the sleeve of his coat it spells trouble, Jake Christoff, 712 North Ketchum street, learned Monday when a criminal court jury convicted him of liquor possession and operating a nuisance.

He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 180 days at the penal farm. Motion for a new trial was filed and Christoff was released on \$1,000 bond.

Christoff's restaurant at 901 North Illinois street was raided in November by Sergeant Wayne Bear and squad, including patrolman Ed Moore. It was alleged that, as the officers entered, Christoff seized a glass containing liquor and, in the struggle with Moore, its contents spilled in his coat sleeve. He drained the sleeve, obtaining about a thimbleful of what was alleged to be liquor.

Tried before S. C. Bodner, municipal judge pro tem, Christoff was convicted and a fine \$100 larger than assessed by the criminal court.

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WHEAT GIFT APPROVED

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WASHINGTON, March 8.—Forty million bushels of wheat lay in warehouses today awaiting technical arrangements to be ground into flour for the unemployed.

President Hoover late Monday signed a bill to turn over that amount of government-owned wheat to the Red Cross for distribution.

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