

OUSTED COPPER IS ACCUSER IN LIQUOR TRIAL

Drinking Parties Held at Anderson Police Station, Witness Says.

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ned about alleged drinking in the police station, charging high officials of the department participated.

He hinted bribes were paid, law violators protected, and seized liquor distributed as gifts.

With only twenty-three government witnesses testifying Wednesday, first day of the trial, the case is not expected to go to the jury before Friday.

Government witnesses testified against the twelve defendants standing trial, including Riggs, Rich, Joe Melcher Jr., son of a city official, who has pleaded guilty, and several alleged "big shot" bootleggers.

Twelve other defendants in the case have pleaded guilty and four have not been arrested. The four include Mayor Jesse H. Mellett, who is seriously ill.

Mayor Is Accused
Mellett is charged with accepting protection money from bootleggers and with giving confiscated liquor to friends.

Ralph Dailey, city judge, testified that in March, 1931, he declined to accept a gallon of alcohol offered to him by Riggs and Rich, in Riggs' office at police headquarters.

Maraska, who said he drank with Riggs and Rich and patronized speakeasies, testified he was dismissed from the force early this year, after having co-operated with federal agents.

He said the charge on which he was dismissed was conduct unbecoming an officer and becoming intoxicated while on duty. He denied imputation of defense attorneys that he also was charged with selling liquor.

Tells of Raid
He told of a raid in which 366 gallons of alcohol were confiscated and stored in the chief's office.

"I saw the chief give Dr. W. H. Harrison, safety board member, and other friends, cans of alcohol, and asked him for some for myself, and he gave me a gallon," Maraska testified.

He testified that Riggs and Rich were intoxicated "around police headquarters about two or three times a week," adding that the two high officials often held "open house" in the station, serving drinks to politicians and others.

Testifying on the government's allegation that Rich received protection money each Monday, Maraska said Rich seldom attended roll call except on that day.

Several Mondays, the witness said, Rich told him he had to go to the bank.

Divided Booze, He Says
"I remarked that this wasn't pay day," Maraska testified, "and Rich said it was for him, displaying a large roll of bills."

On another occasion, he testified, he and Rich went to the Boyer filling station to look for Tuffy Ray, suspected bank robber, and outside the station found a can of corn whiskey, which, he said, they divided.

He said he drank in various resorts operated by defendants in the conspiracy case, and charged that Bert Stinson, defendant and alleged liquor gang "brains," visited Riggs at city hall several times.

Testifying that on frequent raids ordered by Mellett, all persons found in speakeasies were ordered taken to headquarters, he said that on several occasions he found Blake Gwinn, son of a police sergeant, in raided places, and received orders to "leave Gwinn alone." Gwinn has pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge.

Says He Was Struck
On another occasion, Maraska testified, a telephone operator told of hearing a woman ask for police, then the sound of screaming and the phone was disconnected.

Going with other officers to the address given by the telephone operator, he said he found Kenneth Riggs, the chief's son, trying to force a girl, in night clothes, to go out with him.

"When I tried to get him to leave, he swung at me and I popped him," Maraska said, adding that he believed the chief became his enemy because of this incident.

Witnesses Wednesday afternoon included several officials from Marion, who told of arresting Ray Boyer and Closser Riggsby, defendants, with a car load of beer, and of Melcher attempting to obtain their freedom and release of the beer, asserting it "belonged to the mayor of Anderson."

Marion Mayor Is Witness
The witnesses were Mayor Jack Edwards, Police Chief Lewis Lindemuth, officer Roy Cox and T. A. Biddinger, former deputy prosecutor.

E. J. Rood, former Anderson policeman and probation officer, described an incident where he seized two cars at the Boyer filling station when he saw liquor being transferred, and told of interference by Melcher, which resulted in two prisoners escaping.

Shortly after seizing the liquor, he said, he was dismissed from the police force on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer.

"For confiscating a carload of liquor?" Baltzell asked.

Rood, who said the charges were brought against him after he had aided federal investigators, admitted he was accused of contributing to delinquency.

Robert Thrawley, a defendant, told of working at the John Bronnenberg farm still, discovery of which started the federal probe leading to the conspiracy indictment.

He accused several defendants of connection with the still, including Melcher, who, he said, "seemed to be running things."

Thrawley testified Melcher told him to keep his mouth shut about the still or "I might be taken care of by these Italians," and that he heard Robert Clark, another defendant, say that any one who "talked would be made an example."

INFANTILE PARALYSIS STILL PUZZLES SCIENCE
Slight Progress Made Is Revealed at Medical Session.

NEW ORLEANS, May 12.—The control of infantile paralysis, the dreaded scourge that deforms and cripples, still puzzles science, Dr. William L. Aycock of the Harvard infantile paralysis commission told the American Medical Association here today.

Some progress has been made toward mitigating the consequences of the disease, but little can be accomplished toward preventing it, until a method is found to determine which persons are susceptible to it, Dr. Aycock said.

Most infantile paralysis is spread by carriers, Dr. Aycock said he had learned.

"These carriers do not suffer from the disease themselves, but harbor the organisms in their bodies and communicate them to susceptible persons," he continued.

No means has been found to determine either who these carriers are or the persons susceptible to the germs," Dr. Aycock said.

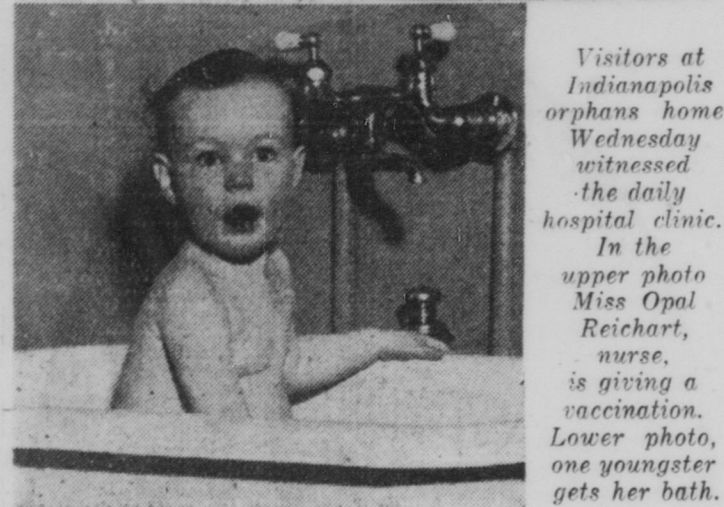
GIRL, 11, INVENTOR OF NONSKID SOAP
Tells How She Contrived Product; Patent Show Displays Work.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Eleven-year-old Kathryn Feibusch, youngest inventor at the fourth international patent exhibition in Grand Central palace, explained today how she happened to contrive non-skid soap.

On her ninth birthday, she said, she was taking a bath when the soap slid out of her hand and skidded across the bathroom floor. This made her quite angry. So she punched two holes in the soap, pulled a cord through them and made a loop, into which she could insert her fingers. This not only insured a firm grip, but made it possible to hang the soap up after using.

The non-skid soap became so popular with other members of the family that Kathryn's father decided to patent it. Now it is one of the interesting exhibits at the patent show.

Orphans Hold Open House



Visitors at Indianapolis orphans home Wednesday witnessed the daily hospital clinic. In the upper photo Miss Opal Reichart, nurse, is giving a vaccination. Lower photo, one youngster gets her bath.

SENIORS AT CENTRAL 'SKIP' TO TURKEY RUN

Juniors Assume Distinctions of Higher Class for Day.

Seniors of Indiana Central college left classes behind today to journey to Turkey Run state park for their annual "skip" day.

Meanwhile, juniors donned senior class distinctions and took the seniors' seats at regular convocation at the college.

Recognition service for the fifty-three candidates for degrees was held in Kephart auditorium at the college Tuesday, with President I. J. Good presiding.

Principal address was given by Dr. A. H. M. Stonecipher, college language department head. Ben Burdard, senior president, responded.

Dear Virginia Gravens entertained the senior class and faculty members at tea in the afternoon in New hall, girls' dormitory.

PLAN CHURCH CIRCUS
Parades and Acrobatic Stunts to Feature Event Friday.

Parades, acrobatics, tumbling and music will compose part of the program of the annual circus of the recreational department of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church, Friday night, at Thirty-fourth street and Central avenue.

The event will be presented under direction of James B. Martin, recreation director. No admission will be charged. Some of the acts and features will be furnished by Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., Butler Folliess and Warren township school.

FEAR BRIDGE COLLAPSE
Limit Span on Highway 31 to One-Way Traffic.

Warned that a bridge spanning White river on state road No. 31 north of Broad Ripple is in danger of collapsing, the state highway commission today stationed a watchman there with orders to permit only one-way traffic and to prohibit heavy trucks from crossing. Repairs are expected to be made.

WOMAN'S RITES FRIDAY
Mrs. Sarah Marple to Be Buried in Bethel Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Catherine Marple, 56, of 1616 Sharon avenue, will be held at 2 P. M. in the Methodist church, 1616 M. E. church. Burial will be in Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Marple died unexpectedly Tuesday in the Medical Arts building. Heart disease is believed to have been the cause.

Mrs. Marple lived in Indianapolis fourteen years. She was born in Lebanon, Ky.

GIANT WITNESS STIRS CHUCKLES AT BOOZE TRIAL

Didn't Make Disturbance: Just Tore Door Down, Says Ex-Copper.

Peals of laughter sounded in federal court today as Ernest Newby, former Anderson policeman, testified for the government in the alleged Anderson liquor conspiracy. Even Judge Robert C. Baltzell chuckled at Newby's testimony.

Newby, a 6 foot 3 inch giant, testified that on one occasion he was called to act as "bouncer" at a meeting at which Mayor Jesse H. (Hick) Mellett, one of twenty-eight indicted by the federal grand jury in the alleged conspiracy, "bawled out" the tax board.

Last Oct. 6, Newby testified, he was at the "booze joint of Raymond (Scabby) Ross," one of the twelve defendants in the case, "and I got pretty tight," he related to the jury, under questioning of George R. Jeffrey, federal district attorney.

Tore Down Door
"I left Ross' place," said Newby, "and when I was on the street I remembered a gambling joint near there. I went over and rang the buzzer, but they wouldn't let me in. I rang the buzzer again and they wouldn't let me in, so I tore down the door and went upstairs."

"Then I went back to Ross' and had a few more drinks, and then the cops came for me—I guess there was six or seven—and they told me to come along. I got mad, but I went along."

Newby said he later learned that Ross had turned in a complaint, and Newby admitted he declared he was going to tell all about Ross in court.

"I told Ross to his face," he said, "that he wasn't any good, that he never was any good, and that if my testimony would send him to the penitentiary he sure would go."

No, Not Any Disturbance
On another occasion, Newby related, he was drinking at the poolroom of Albert Abel, now on trial.

"I got sore," he said, "and I called the police myself and went down to headquarters in the wagon."

Attorneys wrangled over the fact that Ross had not been arrested at the time Newby was taken to jail after the gambling house episode, and Joseph T. Markey, attorney for Ross, attempted to bring out that the call to police was merely to arrest Newby for destruction of property.

"Wasn't it a fact," asked Markey, "that the police were called on a disturbance report?"

"There wasn't any disturbance," answered Newby, "I just tore down the door."

Opera Star in Hospital for Serious Operation



Rosa Ponselle

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 12.—Rosa Ponselle, the Metropolitan opera star, underwent a serious operation at St. Raphael's hospital here today.

Dr. William F. Verdi, performed the operation. A priest, the Rev. Jeremiah Curtin, waited outside the operating room to attend the soprano.

An effort was made to conceal the star's presence in the hospital. Miss Ponselle was on the operating table for two hours, and Dr. Verdi was exhausted when he came out of the operating room.

He refused to discuss the case. Carmella Ponselle, sister of Rosa and herself an operatic star, paced the corridor.

The operation was said unofficially to have been for removal of a fibrous tumor.

Miss Ponselle arrived here last night by automobile to be operated upon by her friend, Dr. Verdi, whose skill has won him fame in surgical circles.

PENAL, CORRECTIONAL POPULATION GROWS
State Is Caring for 19,678 Persons in Twenty Institutions.

Indiana is caring for 19,678 persons in its twenty penal and correctional institutions and admissions are constantly increasing, according to a tabulation today by John A. Brown, secretary of the state charities board.

There were 785 more persons put under state care the first quarter of 1932 than for the same period last year, the Brown report shows.

Mental cases consigned to institutions increased by 312, hospitals and schools 162, and penal and correctional institutions 311.

Total number of mental cases now under state care is 9,977. Of the total there are 5,039 male and 4,938 female.

State wards in the soldiers' home orphanage, Indiana university hospital, and the schools for the deaf and blind number 2,388.

Penal and correctional institutions have a total population of 7,314, there being 6,760 male and 554 female prisoners.

FROGS TO HOP IN MARK TWAIN COAST CLASSIC

City Slickers Are Warned to Avoid Trickery Against County Croakers.

By United Press
ANGELS CAMP, Cal., May 12.—Grizzled miners cast worshipping eyes today on a stable of lean frogs, chosen to uphold the tradition of the Gold Hills in the Calaveras frog-jumping contest.

As marsh croakers began arriving from far and near for the great classic, to be held Friday and Saturday, the man of Jackass Hill realized it was going to be purely a class struggle—the city frog against the country frog.

"We are all pretty sure of our Warty Jim and that other critter, Yumping Yimminy, over there," a veteran frog trainer from Calaveras opined. "Yumping Yimminy, especially oughta do us proud. He got his trainin' over in them Alps across the big drink, which I reckon accounts for his yodel."

He bit off a mine-shaft portion of cut plug and shifted uneasily.

City Frogs Lack Stamina
"Nawthin' this side o' Mokeelumne kin take the measure of Jim and Yimminy when they gets proper course o' trainin' leasin' from mine shafts," he boasted. "But I hear some city fellers got a passel o' frogs which bin in flivver traffic on the main streets."

"I heard one frawd was named Pedestrian account o' how he got so expert like in dodgin' these here autynobels. Now us boys racos our varminis fair and square. We don't aim to take unatcherl' advantage of nobody, but I kin tell ye this, stranger, and you mind it: 'Them city frawd ain't got the stamina for one of our he-men jumpin'." They was made for eatin' and some o' the boys understand most of 'em is rounders and mebbe a mite dissolute."

"The only thing we are on the lookout fer is some city critter. Our vigilantes are going to keep things open and aboveboard, and my advice to them meteoropolitan dudes is to watch their step."

Drink Beer, Eat Cheese
The pride of the cities, O'Susanna from Hollywood, and Barley Hops from San Francisco, didn't have much to say, and neither did their trainers. Like in a gang fight, actions spoke louder than words.

While the Gold Hill puddlehopers were dining on raw bear steak, topped off with sour dough, their city foes guzzled beer, with Gorgonzola cheese and crackers.

When Mark Twain started the marsh kangaroo Olympic back in the 80s, the leapers had to shift for themselves. Now they have their own cages and for O'Susanna they imported a harmonica player so she can hear the "Wreck of the Old 97," played as she gathers strength for her big leap.

Speed Costly, Boy Genius Learns
By United Press
CHICAGO, May 12.—When Gordon Fairbanks, 14, boasted to policemen he had gone twenty miles an hour in a home-made automobile powered with a one-cylinder engine borrowed from a washing machine, the officers said he would have to buy a license.

FILE RUSCHAUT WILL

Entire Estate, Valued at \$6,250, Is Left to Widow.

Entire estate of Charles F. Ruschaupt, former part owner of the Indianapolis baseball club, was left to his widow, Margaret L. Ruschaupt, by terms of a will filed for probate Tuesday. The estate is valued at \$6,250. The widow was named executrix.

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