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## CYANIDE CARRIES DEATH INTO RIVER; LIVESTOCK PERISH

Deadly Waste From Manufacturing Plant Flows Through Ditch Into Big Blue, at Newcastle.

### CATTLE AND FISH ARE VICTIMS

Once-Favored Pools for Angling and Swimming Now Are Taboo; Warning Is Sounded by State.

BY ARCH STEINEL  
Times Staff Writer

Motor cars skim a state highway skirting the Big Blue river on Newcastle's southern border.

"Look, Mother! Isn't that pretty! Look at those cows down by the creek. Look, Mother! They're drinking," calls a naive miss to her parent in the car's tonneau.

"Quite a pastoral scene, Daughter. Quite!" she adds, as she adjusts a lorgnette to watch the scene that shifts from view with the pacing motor of the car.

The cows that drank water from that creek past that quite pastoral scene caused the death of those cattle.

The motor car that took its occupants past that quite pastoral scene caused the death of those cattle.

It killed them as swiftly as surely as it had struck them traveling at seventy miles an hour and had been incarnated into a fast passenger train.

### Cyanide, Is Verdict

It killed them that you might ride by and admire them grazing and drinking in a ditch of death.

Chemists lifted test-tubes at eyewall, looked, tested, and re-tested.

This is the fifth of a series of stories on pollution of Indiana streams. Saturday the story of the Big Sugar creek, once the favorite fishing haunt of General Lew Wallace, will be told.

the water from that creek ditch and the vitals of the dead cattle.

"Cyanide!" "Cyanide!" babbled the creek in its soft disguise of rocks, moss, and tall grass growing on banks, but was unheard by passing motorists on the highway above.

That was in 1930 at Newcastle, along a ditch that empties into the city's Big Blue river.

### Canal for Wastes

The ditch is a canal for wastes from the Chrysler Corporation, motor car manufacturers, at Newcastle.

And just a few days ago, the meek innocent ditch again carried its cargo of death for livestock and fish down into Big Blue.

"Eight to ten parts of cyanide per million" was the report of laboratory experts of the state bureau of sanitary engineering.

No cattle or other livestock died.

Farmers living along the ditch banks learned their lesson in 1930.

Now they know that the meek ditch that meanders through their land is a potential slaughter house. Not all the time, but who can know the time?

### Faint Smell Is Warning

The only warning, if the breeze is on the clover of the fields, is the faint bitter almond smell that spells in capital letters:

"CYANIDE!"

Several law suits resulted from the poisonings of 1930. One verdict for \$800 was rendered in the favor of the victims.

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### DOG FINDS LOST PURSE

\$159 Recovered by Ft. Wayne Teacher Because of Collie.

By United Press

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 28.—A purse containing \$159.83, lost by Miss Grace M. Brennan, school teacher, was returned to her after it was found by a dog.

The school teacher called at the home of Mrs. William Hohnhaus during a house-to-house canvas in search of the money and discovered that Shep, a Collie owned by the Hohnhaus, had found the purse and carried it into the back yard.

### TAGS MENJOU GAMBLER

Wife Asks Divorce; Says Actor Liked Play for High Stakes.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, July 28.—Kathryn Carver, screen actress Thursday denounced her film husband, Adolph Menjou, as a man who gambled for high stakes, as she filed a petition for temporary alimony pending settlement of the divorce action she brought Wednesday.

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Don't Fail to read

### UNDER THE HOOKED CROSS

Germany's Four Months of Hitlerism

an authentic, highly interesting photo-picture of Germany today, by Morris Gilbert.

The first of x articles will appear on Monday, July 31, in THE TIMES.

## EX-MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL ENDS OWN LIFE

Suicide of M. W. Ferguson by Gas Is Discovered by Neighbor.

### NO DEATH NOTE LEFT

Duvall Administration Figure Was Active in West Side Politics.

Millard W. Ferguson, 48, of 378 North Holmes avenue, city councilman during the Duvall administration, today committed suicide at his home by taking gas.

The body was found shortly after noon by S. A. Gibson, owner of a grocery at 380 North Holmes avenue. He found all jets of a kitchen stove open. Ferguson formerly owned the store.

Ferguson had been active in politics since his service as councilman and was prominent in west side affairs. He was said by police officials that recently he had been operating an agency, attempting to get city jobs for Indianapolis men and women.

During his term on the council, Ferguson was indicted in criminal court, along with other members of the councilman group, after the county grand jury investigation of alleged political corruption in county and city. He resigned his post in 1928.

Gibson and radio patrolmen G. Johnson and R. Smith said Ferguson had been dead about six hours. In addition to opening the gas jets, he had covered his head with a blanket, inhaling the gas, before he slumped to the floor.

When police arrived, they had to fight off a small dog, owned by Ferguson, which stood near the body and growled.

According to neighbors, Ferguson and his wife recently were separated. No note was left by Ferguson.

Only the widow survives him.

## CASHIER HERO BALKS BANDITS

Bank Employee Shoots One of Band in Holdup at Metamora.

BY DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Staff Writer

BROOKVILLE, Ind., July 28.—George Lennard, 35, cashier of the Farmers State bank at Metamora, is Franklin county's foremost hero to-day.

On Thursday afternoon he shot it out with a bank bandit and won.

It was Lennard's third experience in such affairs, so he is "kissing off" the congratulatory Franklin county citizenship and "pooh-poohing" it as being "all in the day's work."

Remnants of a posse still guards the knob country forest where two of the bandit gang fled, while state police have entered Ohio to track a fourth member.

They are acting on a confession procured from Homer Carter, 25, Dayton, O., the bandit who lost in the pistol duel.

He lies writhing on a cot in the Franklin county jail here, with a channel plowed through his right arm by a 44-caliber bullet from Lennard's gun. The lead entered the arm at the elbow and was removed by a doctor from behind a shoulder blade.

Three shots were fired.

Lennard says he shot first and missed, then the bandit fired, almost simultaneously, and the crash.

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### FAST BROKEN BY BEER

State Couple Drinks Brew, Eats Pretzels After 17 Days Minus Food.

By United Press

BERNE, Ind., July 28.—A 17-day fast by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bruchy was broken here Thursday when police and health officers persuaded the couple to eat some pretzels and drink some beer.

Bruchy, barely able to talk when officials went to investigate the case, explained that the couple had eaten nothing since July 10.

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### MISS DUNN REGAINS WOMEN'S GOLF TITLE

Defeats Mrs. P. G. Skillern, 5 and 4, in Finals.

(Complete details on sport page)

Miss Elizabeth Dunn of Indianapolis, ex-state champion, won the Indiana women's golf championship today at Highland course, defeating Mrs. P. G. Skillern, 5 and 4, in the title match.

Miss Dunn won the last five holes in succession, after reaching the turn all even with the defending champion.

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### HEN MOTHERS QUAIL

Nest Is Found in Field Near Coop in Ohio Town.

By United Press

ZANESVILLE, O., July 28.—This bantam hen is not particular about the kind of babies she mothers. The hen, owned by Robert Serrill, 12, has been mothering a brood of five chicks and twelve baby quail, the latter found in a nest the hen prepared in a field near her coop.

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### HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Watch Repairer Is Charged With \$375 Embezzlement.

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