

LAST RITES TO BE HELD TODAY FOR PIONEER

Joseph W. Beck Succumbs at Home of Son in South Carolina.

Last rites for Joseph W. Beck, 81, who died last week in the home of a son, Frederick B. Beck, at Sumter, S. C., last week, will be held today at the Roberts Park M. E. church. Services will be conducted by the Rev. George M. Smith. Burial will be private.

Mr. Beck, descendant of a pioneer Indiana family, was a member of the Roberts Park church for seventy-five years. Surviving are a son and a daughter, Mrs. J. Cavenish Darrow of Baltimore.

Mrs. Soliday Dies

Mrs. Lydia A. Poindexter Soliday, 72, a resident of Indianapolis for many years, died at her home, 2877 Sutherland avenue, yesterday. Mrs. Soliday had been ill for several weeks.

Born in Medaryville, Mrs. Soliday was reared in Noblesville. She formerly was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Roberts Park M. E. church. Her first husband, Dr. Eugene Craft, died several years ago. Then she was married to John A. Soliday.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, 25 West Fall Creek parkway. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Boy's Mother Passes

Mrs. Lulu Damerill, 36, died late Saturday in her home, 615 Massachusetts avenue. Her 6-year-old son Charles was the only person present when she died. Neighbors hearing his sobbing, investigated and called police.

The child was taken to the Marion county juvenile detention home pending a search for relatives.

Atkins' Employee Dies

Joseph W. Clark, 554 North Hamilton avenue, died yesterday in St. Francis hospital. He was an employee of E. C. Atkins & Co. for twenty-two years and had lived in Indianapolis for forty-two years.

Last rites will be held at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Former Resident Dies

Mrs. Clarence Foster, former resident of Indianapolis, died in Pasadena, Cal., Saturday, according to advices from the west coast received here by Robert S. Foster, a cousin of the late Mr. Foster.

Surviving her are a daughter, Mrs. Albert Childs, and a son, Robert S. Foster, both of Detroit. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Goodyear Employee Passes

Willard H. Warner, 66, of 2818 East Seventeenth street, died yesterday at his home after a short illness. He was an employee of the Goodyear service station on Delaware street and E. Wayne avenue.

Surviving him are the widow and three sons, Laurence, Norman and Willard Warner Jr., all of Indianapolis. Last rites will be held at the home at 7:30 tonight and at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Reformed church in Linton, Ind. Burial will be in Linton.

Lemuel Fields Succumbs

Lemuel W. Fields, 65, of 706 North Sheffield avenue, died Thursday at his home. He was a member of the Eighth Christian church and lodge No. 609, Free and Accepted Masons.

Immediate survivors are the widow, Mrs. Emma Herdman of Tiffin, O. Last rites will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Joseph J. Speaks funeral home, 3859 College avenue. Burial will be at the Anderson cemetery.

Illness Proves Fatal

Following an illness of four weeks, Clifford P. Hardman, 2708 Carrollton avenue, died Friday at his home. Survivors are the widow, a son James Herdman, and his mother, Mrs. Emma Herdman of Tiffin, O.

Last rites will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Joseph J. Speaks funeral home, 3859 College avenue. Burial will be at the Anderson cemetery.

Octogenarian Is Dead

Mrs. Mary Jane Carter, 82, died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. I. Hawkins, 2422 North Capitol avenue, Friday. She was a member of the Tabernacle Christian church in Columbus.

Funeral services will be held today in the residence of the daughter and burial will be in Garland Brook cemetery in Columbus.

German Native Passes

Fred Ellerkamp, 60, of 1609 Draper street, died Friday in his home. He was born in Germany and came to Indianapolis when he was a small boy. He was a member of the Eagles and Prospect lodge, F. & A. M.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today from the J. C. Wilson funeral home, 1230 Prospect street. Burial will be in the Washington Park cemetery.

Eastern Star Member Dies

Mrs. Nannie E. Webb, 75, died yesterday in the home of her son, J. C. Wilkerson, 2116 West Michigan street, after a short illness. Mrs. Webb was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Christian church.

She is survived by two sons, J. C. Wilkerson and Eli H. Breen, Indianapolis, and two daughters, Mrs. H. Klinger and Mrs. G. C. McDonald, Louisville. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 today in the Conkle funeral home, 1934 West Michigan street. Burial will be at the Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Corda Gray Dies

Mrs. Corda R. Gray, 58, of 214 North Holmes avenue, died last night in Methodist hospital, following an illness of three months. She was a member of the West Washington street M. E. church.

Survivors are the husband, a son,

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS—WHAT IT MEANS

Only Three Areas Stand Today as Exponents of Liberty of Speech

This is the first of a series of five articles on "Freedom of the Press," explaining why this issue is important to every newspaper reader.

BY WILLIS THORNTON
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THREE major areas in the whole world stand alone today—the last to hold to the idea of a free and independent press, allowed to print uncensored the news as it finds it.

They are: Great Britain, the Scandinavian countries, and the United States and Canada. In Germany, a Nazi party member sits at the elbow of every editor, censoring what goes into the newspapers and magazines. If, despite this, the paper is not enthusiastic enough toward Nazism, the party or the government takes it over, lock, stock and barrel.

In France it definitely has been shown that many papers have taken fat subsidies from their own and foreign governments. Naturally, such views were presented as suited the governments who paid.

An official government news agency sees that no news from abroad gets on its wires, or goes out over them, unless approved.

In Russia, news, magazines, or book printing is regarded as merely an arm of the Communist party. There is no printing at all except as the government thinks it furthers the party's aims.

Unfavorable articles appear only as "self-criticism" when the government wishes to shadow-box by criticizing itself.

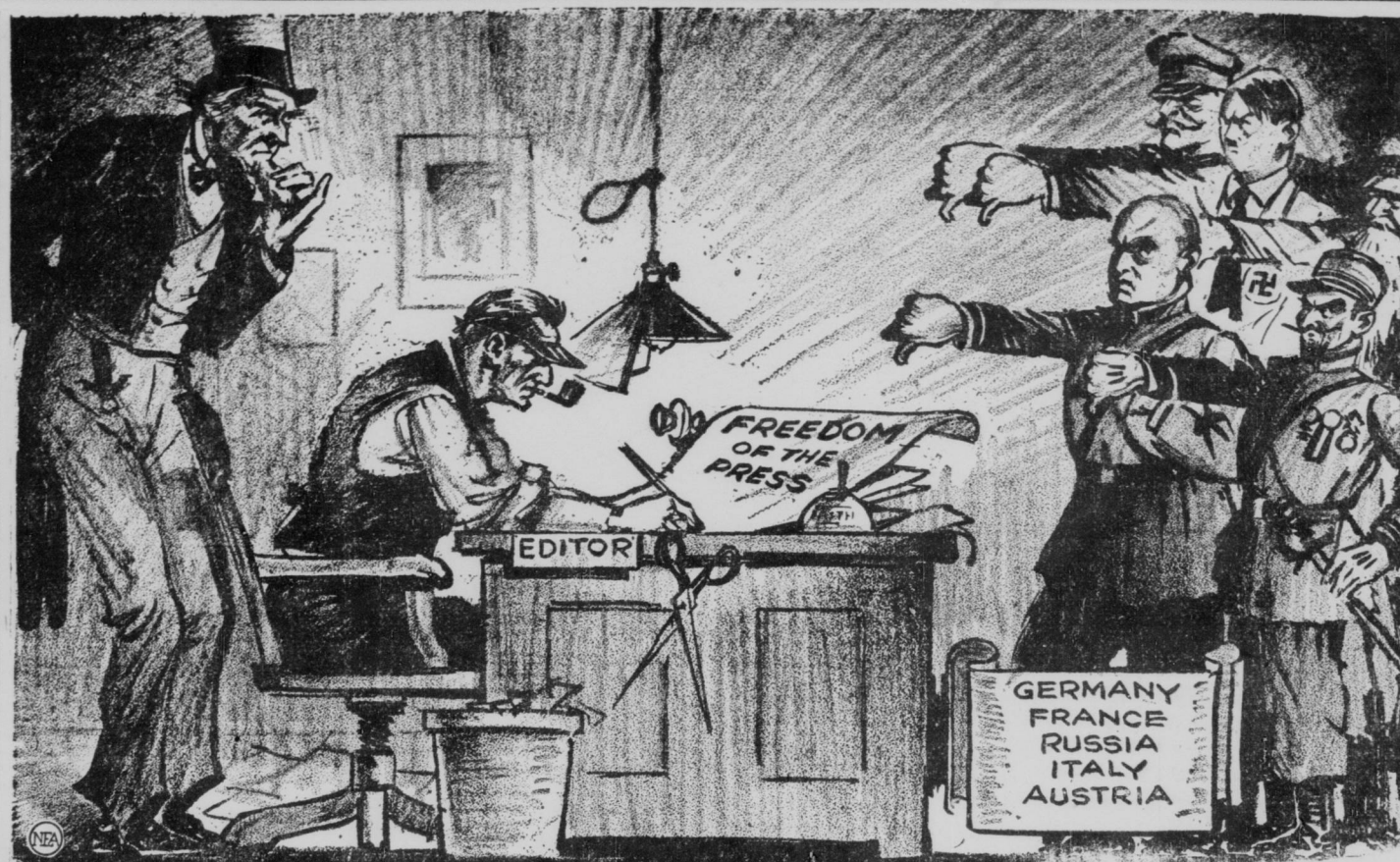
In Italy, publications dare not print so much as the name of a subordinate officer of government, since a recent tightening of Mussolini's grip on publications.

The old rough stuff of making editors drink castor oil, or smashing up their print shops, is past. No publication printed today without the tolerance of Mussolini.

Austria joins the ranks of government censorship, and announces that hereafter publications will have "to pursue an Austrian policy and no other." That means, of course, the government's idea of an Austrian policy.

THE ideal, achieved after more than 300 years, won by ink and sword, and blood, that men should have the right to think what they will, and say it, and print it, and convey it to others, is sorely beset today.

Lay aside theory. This is what the situation might be like today in



"THUMBS DOWN!"

America if freedom of the press had been taken away or let slide:

In the first place there wouldn't be as many newspapers and magazines. Communists and Socialists probably would be without any publications—the Daily Worker and the Vorwärts, and perhaps many labor union journals, would be closed down.

The majority of church publications would be eliminated. You would find a great deal less variety in your favorite bookshop. You might, for instance, be unable to buy a book urging or outlining a peaceful policy toward Japan, or abandonment of the Philippine noble experiment.

You might be able to buy no book on American history which did not conform with the copy book maxims of the fifth grade. Books such as those recently issued on Morgan, Mellon, and other financial figures might be forbidden.

For a while you might not notice any difference in your daily paper. Then, suddenly, from a personal letter, you might learn that there was a great farm strike in progress in the middle west, with milk poured into the road, and bridges dynamited.

Hm, strange there hadn't been anything in the papers about it! Probably the government had decided such news was "against public policy," as tending to unsettle the people.

Suppose the unemployed rose in an ugly riot, wrecking relief stations and were quelled bloodily by police. There might not be a syllable in the papers about it—for the government probably would regard such news as "against public policy."

If it took place in your own city, there would be rumors all over town, but very possibly nothing definite in the papers. If it were out of town, you probably would hear

nothing. The great Pennsylvania steel strikes would be eliminated from a government-influenced press, as tending to "rock the boat."

And, needless to say, no free discussion of the issues involved would appear. The mere distribution of circulars or political pamphlets, except perhaps by the government, would be forbidden. In fact, such a suppression is being attempted right now in New Jersey.

That is how the freedom of the press affects every person, for it does not apply to newspapers alone, but to any man.

It shows you what blind Milton means when he addressed the British parliament in a great speech, "Believe, lords and commons, they who counsel ye to such a suppressing, do as good as bid ye suppress yourselves."

ALL those suggestions of what might happen here if the right of a free press were suppressed or

abridged is no idle dream. More than half the people of Europe live under conditions something like that.

It is a disappointing chapter in a story that is centuries old.

When Gutenberg made practical the process of printing from movable types, mankind faced a brand-new problem.

How to handle a situation where man's thought might be frozen in ink and spread quickly and cheaply among untold millions, instead of confined to a few laboriously written manuscripts in the libraries of the rich or the cloisters of the monks?

The first device to control this new force was licensing. The thought immediately came: "No one shall be allowed to print and spread ideas unless they be 'proper' ideas—that is, ideas approved by the government."

At first, most of the printing was by church work, the church assumed supervision over what should be printed.

Then in the England of 1566, nearly 400 years ago, the Stationers' company received a royal charter. This was an organization of the printing and publishing trades in London, something like the trade associations now being organized under NRA.

The purpose apparently was to organize publishers in such way as to make them promptly available for censorship activities of the king, though it had also the usual "advancement of the trade" objective of all trade associations.

Church and state worked hand in hand in approving printed material offered to the public.

Then, in 1644, the Long Parliament enacted a law that "no book, pamphlet, or paper henceforth shall be printed unless the same be first approved and licensed by censor."

Champions of freedom like the poet Milton fought this tyranny for fifty years.

Harsh punishments for all who dared to print unapproved material were common—the pillory, the stocks, tongue-slitings, cutting off of ears and hangings.

But after fifty years the law languished, and Macaulay said, "The greatest blow for freedom then was struck."

DEATH TAKES STATE PASTOR

Retired Methodist Minister Is Taken at Home in Noblesville.

NOBLESVILLE, Jan. 1.—The Rev. John P. Porter, 68, retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, is dead at his home here after a heart illness of more than a year.

Dr. Porter, who died Saturday afternoon, was a member of the Northern Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and had pastored in Marion, Ft. Wayne, Goshen and Wabash. He also had served as field agent of the Wesleyan Foundation at Indiana university.

At the time of his death, Mr. Porter was a member of the NRA compliance board of Hamilton county.

Surviving him are the widow, Mrs. Effie Boring Porter; four sons, Francis B. Porter, Russellville; Dr. Ernest B. Porter, Coronado, Cal.; Hugh B. Porter, New York; and Reuben B. Porter, Crete, Neb.; two daughters, Mrs. Hubert Earle, Bloomington, and Mrs. Robert S. Harvey, Indianapolis.

Pedestrian Is Injured by Hit-Run Driver

Automobile Driver Races Car Through Alley After Accident.

His leg broken and with blood pouring from his ears from a possible skull fracture, Harry Mills, 45, Noblesville, was taken to city hospital early today, the victim of a hit-and-run driver.

Mills had attended a New Year's party at an apartment in the 100 block of East North street and was struck as he stepped into the street in departing. The hit-and-run car sped down an alley.

Louis Lee, 50, of 5705 West Morris street, was injured seriously last night when he was struck by a car driven by Joseph Todd, 27, Greencastle, in the 5700 block of West Washington street.

Door handle of Todd's car was broken off and embedded in Mr. Lee's arm. Walking with Mr. Lee was Ray Linn, 37, of the West Morris street address, who was injured less seriously.

In striving to avoid the two pedestrians, Todd swerved his car and struck an auto driven by Edw. Cliff, 60, of 6314 West Washington street. Several occupants of

Harley H. Gray, a daughter, Miss Edith Gray, a brother, Fred T. Reed, and a sister, Mrs. Dolly Gray, all of Indianapolis. Last rites will be held at the home at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday and in the West Washington street church at 2 p. m. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Bower Succumbs

Mrs. Cynthia E. Bower, 81, of 3434 Orchard avenue, died yesterday in her home after an illness of ten months. She was the widow of Dr. J. V. Bower. Two sons, Wilbur B. Bower and Clyde M. Bower, both of Indianapolis, survive her. Last rites will be held at 2 p. m. today at the Tyner mortuary, 328 West Thirtieth street.

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Indiana in Brief

Lively Spots in the State's Happenings Put Together 'Short and Sweet.'

COLUMBUS, Jan. 1.—Mayor H. Karl Volland is expected to show his hand today in a controversy over increasing his salary which included signing of an ordinance he had been expected to veto.

When the council meets today, the question of whether the mayor will make good a threat of a "house cleaning" of city appointive officials and employees in retaliation for refusal of the city council to grant him a salary increase of \$600 a year.

The ordinance signed appropriates funds for 1934 salaries of Fred C. Owens, city clerk, and Edward M. Green, treasurer, at the same sums paid last year.

If the "house cleaning" takes place, the mayor is expected to appoint a new public works board, which will include himself, the city attorney and one city council member.

Lebanon Gets Loan

LEBANON, Jan. 1.—Grant of a loan of \$2,000 of federal money for enlarging Lebanon's sewage disposal plant has been made. The work will be done as a public works administration project.

In announcing the grant, Major John C. Perkins said full credit for obtaining it is due Mrs. Virginia Jenckes, representative in congress from the Sixth district. The application had been on file since Sept. 15.

Expect Railroad Work

BLOOMINGTON, Jan. 1.—Business men and other Bloomington citizens believe that part of a \$9,000,000 government loan made to the Illinois Central railroad will be spent on repairing railroad property here and elsewhere in Monroe county.

Murals May Be Painted

LOGANSPOUT, Jan. 1.—Two murals may be painted on walls of the Logansport library as a civil works administration project, as a result of efforts of Charles F. Surendorf, young Logansport artist.

Under appointment of Wilbur D. Peat, Indianapolis, state director of the CWA artists project, Mr. Surendorf has completed a survey of public buildings here with a view to choosing to be decorated with murals, and has recommended the library.

Paroled Man Killed

LOGANSPOUT, Jan. 1.—A well-dressed young man, fatally injured here when crushed beneath a box car of a Wabash freight train on which he had been riding, was Julius Orback, 33, a New York paroled convict.

This was revealed on receipt of records from the New York department of correction, showing Orback had been paroled Nov. 15 last year from the Great Meadow state prison after serving five years of a five to ten-year term for a New York jewel robbery.

ILLINOIS ATHLETE SLAIN

Football Star Slashed During New Year's Gaiety.

PANA, Ill., Jan. 1.—Rex William Guinness, Tower Hill, was held in jail here today on a charge of stabbing to death Leo Sarpale, 24, a former local high school football athlete.

Sarpale was stabbed during a fight on one of the main streets of Pana in the midst of scores of New Year's eve celebrators last night. He died en route to a hospital.

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UNDERHILL AT POINT OF DEATH

Southwest's No. 1 Public Enemy Is Given 'Little Chance.'

SHAWNEE, Okla., Jan. 1.—Wilbur Underhill, whose wanton slayings and robberies made him the southwest's No. 1 public enemy, today lay at the point of death, but fighting grimly for life.

Although physicians said he had little chance of surviving five bullet wounds suffered when he was captured here Saturday, the gunman, in his moments of consciousness, vowed he would "pull through."

The body of Eva Mae Nichols, beauty shop operator, who was shot when the officers raided Underhill's refuge, was sent to Seminole, Okla., for burial. She died yesterday of her wounds.

Underhill's wife, whom he married at Colgate, Okla., less than a month ago, remained in jail here, as did Raymond Rowe, former convict, both of whom were captured in the raid.

Liar Crowned

Pennsylvania Man Tells Tallest Story.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—B. Ceresa, of Langecloth, Pa., is the biggest liar in the United States. He wore a rubber medal today, awarded for his ability to stretch truth.

Mr. Ceresa's story about the grandfather's clock which was so old the shadow thrown by the pendulum as it swung back and forth wore a hole in the back of the clock won the grand championship for him.

Modestly, Mr. Ceresa accepted the award made annually by the Burlington Liars' Club of Burlington, Wis., for the tallest story of the year. He was crowned "king of liars" for 1934.

A "bumper" crop of lies, more than 2,500 of them, were entered from all parts of the United States. Phil McCarty of Denver, 1933 champion, didn't file an entry because he was "too busy drawing up a liars' code."

REPORT ROBBERY; HELD

Dorothy Johnson of the Seville apartments, 1700 block North Illinois street, reported to the police that she was robbed of \$26 in a restaurant at Sixteenth and Illinois streets early today. She was arrested, charged with drunkenness, after she was alleged to have engaged in an altercation with policemen.

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THIEVES OBTAIN \$1,000 IN LOOT OVER WEEK-END

Residence of A. B. Holt Is Ransacked of \$700 in Jewelry.

Many Indianapolis residents celebrated New Year's in a less cheerful manner than they had intended because of unwanted guests in their homes over the week-end.

Jewelry valued at more than \$700 was stolen last night from the home of Arthur B. Holt, 5550 North Pennsylvania street. The entire house had been ransacked.

Mrs. Richard Nordhoff, 4131 Otterbine street, reported the theft of a diamond ring valued at \$100 from her home yesterday.

Burglars took jewelry totaling \$50 from the home of H. P. Ball, 5834 North Delaware street, last night.

Two overcoats valued at \$35 were taken from the apartment of Virgil Wiley, No. 16, 840 North Meridian street, last night.

Robert Shauls, 654 West drive, Woodruff Place, reported theft of basketball equipment worth \$15

from a room at the central Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon.

Three watches totaling \$35 were taken from the home of Clarence D. Coffman, 203 North Kitely street, Saturday night.

Thomas Rosasco, 4001 Graceland avenue, reported the theft of a wrist watch worth \$25 last night.

Jewelry belonging to Morley L. Hunt, 806 Denney street, was taken from his home Saturday night. He estimated the value at \$30.

Nine chickens, a turkey and a goose were stolen from the home of Miss Lucille Bailes, Negro, 2531 Shriver avenue, late Saturday.

George Osman, 1324 South Meridian street, reported the larceny of \$6 in cash from his grocery store, same address, last night.

Money totaling \$17.50 was stolen last night from purses of guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allison, 2943 North Pennsylvania street.

Frank J. Lamping, 808 East Iowa street, reported that a brick was hurled through the plate glass window of his restaurant at 2325 East Washington street, yesterday afternoon. Nothing was taken, but the window was valued at \$75.

Ten dollars was stolen from the Standard grocery store, 2302 Columbia avenue, yesterday. Harry Jutterbrock, R. R. 7, Box 27-B, manager, reported.

A crate of oranges valued at \$3 was stolen from the Louis Elkovitz fruit market, 135 North Capitol avenue.

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