

FATHER SLAYS INVALID YOUTH, ENDS OWN LIFE

'Mercy Bullet' Kills Son Doomed to Die in Few Days.

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—A retired fruit dealer's "bullet of mercy" cut short the life of his son only a few days before the youth's expected death from an incurable ailment, physicians revealed today.

The father, Joseph Perra, 55, committed suicide after firing a fatal bullet into the head of his son, Elton J. Perra, 28, in the Marine hospital here. The younger Perra had a tumor on the left thigh which had necessitated amputation of the leg. Doctors decided that he had only a short time to live, so they informed the family of his condition.

Knowledge of the seriousness of the son's ailment was kept from the temporarily-father until yesterday afternoon, when he finally learned the truth. Mr. Perra rushed to the hospital.

Chat With Patient

In the youth's room he found the patient's wife, Mrs. Rose Perra, and a barber, James Rose. They chatted with the patient who appeared to be in good spirits.

The retired fruit dealer asked the woman to let him at the head of the bed. She moved aside, turning to get the money to pay the barber for cutting the sufferer's hair.

There were two shots. Mrs. Perra, believing that they had come through the window of the room, ran into the hall, shouting that some one had shot her father-in-law who lay on the floor. An orderly was summoned.

Thought Shots From Outside

Mr. Rose, who said he was "a little hard of hearing," also had believed that the shots had come through the window.

"I looked out the window to see what it was," he told police. "When I turned back to continue giving the patient a haircut I discovered he had been shot in the head.

"I turned toward the door and looked at the father. Just then he pressed the trigger on the pistol he was holding against his right ear and fell to the floor."

RALLY TO MARK 53RD ANNIVERSARY OF C. E.

Capital District Meeting Slated for Friday Night.

In celebration of the fifty-third anniversary of the Christian Endeavor Society, a dinner and rally of the Capital district Christian Endeavor union will be held Friday night in the Central Christian church.

Principal speaker at the dinner will be Leslie I. Steinbach, dean of men at Danville Normal college. A banner will be awarded to the union having the largest number present.

Churches throughout the world will observe Christian Endeavor Sunday on Feb. 4. In services tomorrow, emphasis will be given to the history of the organization with programs in churches.

DOCTOR SHOOTS SELF IN LEG, POLICE TOLD

Claims Revolver Exploded Accidentally While Chasing Prowler.

Police early today investigated report of Dr. R. B. Southworth, 29, of 345 Kenyon street, that he accidentally shot himself in the leg while pursuing a prowler.

Dr. Southworth said he and Mrs. Southworth saw the prowler in the yard as they returned home. Rushing in the house, he said, he grabbed a revolver, which he placed in his pocket and pursued the prowler. In the chase, police were told, the gun was discharged while in his pocket, the bullet striking his leg above the knee. He was treated by another physician.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION DELEGATES SELECTED

Will Attend National Meeting in Atlantic City This Fall.

Local delegates of the Episcopal church to the national convention in Atlantic City, N. J. in September, selected Thursday in Christ church, are Venerable William Burrows, the Rev. E. Ainger Powell, R. Harley Sherwood, W. W. Hammond and Charles E. Judson.

Supplementary delegates from Indianapolis is the Rev. George S. Southworth. Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan and George M. Cornelius were chosen supplementary delegates.

NATUROPATHIC GROUP TO DISCUSS THERAPY

Uses and Abuses of Treatment Will Feature Meeting

Indiana Naturopathic Association will hear a discussion of uses and abuses of fever therapy at its quarterly meeting tomorrow in the Lincoln. A clinic will be held giving complete technique in treatment of fever therapy.

Speakers at the meeting will include Dr. John M. Hagan, Kokomo; Dr. F. B. Williams and Dr. Carroll G. Williams, South Bend; Dr. H. L. Miller, Monticello, and Dr. E. W. Cordingly, Clinton, president.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS HONOR E. C. FOSTER

City Man Is Elected Member of Executive Committee.

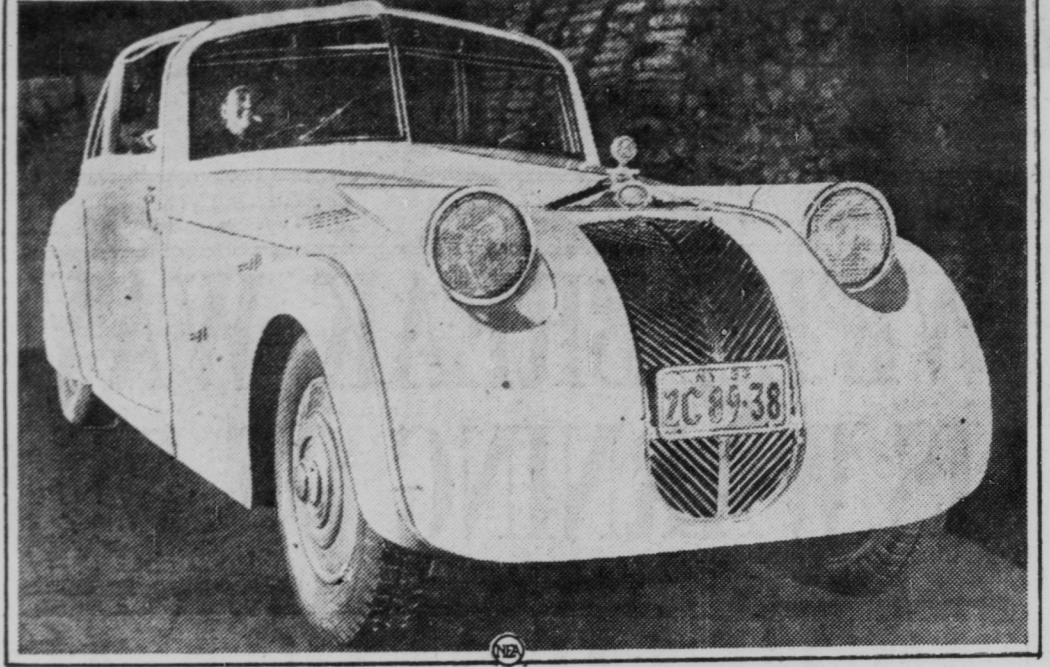
Selection of Eugene C. Foster, Indianapolis Foundation director, to membership on the executive committee of the Northern Baptist convention, governing body of 8,000 Baptist churches, was announced today.

Mr. Foster, a member of the First Baptist church here, has been president of Federated Baptist churches of Indianapolis.

False Alarm Land 2 in Home

Two Negro youths, 12 and 13, were placed in the juvenile detention home last night by police after they are reported to have sent in a false fire alarm from a box at Twenty-fifth street and Cornell avenue.

EUROPE SENDS OVER ITS STREAMLINE NOVELTY



No sooner do these snub-nosed automobiles, with ultra-streamline effect, show up in America, than a similar European product arrives from abroad. Here it is, like a giant bull-frog, ready to hop into New York traffic. It's the French-made Delage and it's valued at \$15,000.

Income Tax Director Is Boomed for U. S. Senate

Clarence A. Jackson Avoids Committing Himself at Meeting.

By Times Special

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—Clarence A. Jackson, director of the state income tax department, was boomed here last night at a Tenth district Democratic meeting as a candidate for the United States senate, in the presence of R. Earl Peters, who previously had announced his candidacy.

However, Mr. Jackson said, "in the conduct of our official duties we have studiously avoided promoting ourself or any other individual for any office. There are several reasons why I do not believe this is a propitious time to officially announce even if my mind is made up."

"Let us wait awhile and see, in the opinion of Democrats in other parts of the state, I happen to fit the requirements necessary for Democratic candidate for senator in Indiana this year."

These remarks were interpreted by political experts as meaning that Mr. Jackson was waiting for some public sign of approval from Governor Paul V. McNutt before he launched his campaign. The Governor has remained silent thus far on who his favorite will be.

The Governor, principal speaker at the meeting, made an indirect reference to the senatorial contest by asserting, "my sole interest is the election of the entire Democratic ticket."

Mr. Peters, former state Democratic chairman, received a hearty welcome when he was introduced. He declared that he would be proud to join Frederick Van Nus and with him serve under the matchless leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Mr. Peters made no reference to Governor McNutt's administration other than to say that critics should give the new laws and their administration fair trial.

STATE GROSS INCOME TAX REPEAL IS URGED

Associated Retailers Describe Law as "Unsafe and Unsound."

REPEAL of the state gross income tax, described as "unsafe, unsound and practically confiscatory of retail business," is demanded in a resolution made public today by directors of the Associated Retailers of Indiana.

L. F. Shuttleworth, secretary, announced that about 5,000 merchants are expected to attend the annual convention here next April.

What a Song

Cohen Indites Opus To Honor Roosevelt.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—George N. M. Cohen, stage star and author of "over there" today made public a song he has written in honor of President Roosevelt and which will sing at a ball here Jan. 30 in celebration of the President's birthday.

The chorus follows:

"What a man. What a m-a-n. What a man. He is the man of men. What a lucky day. Was his first birthday. What a lucky day for the U. S. A. What a man. How he leads the way."

What a heart. What a mind. What a plan. What a birthday celebration. What a day of inspiration. What a blessing to the nation—What a man.

CITY DRUGGIST SHOT FIGHTING OFF BANDIT

William Freeland, 71, in Hospital, With Flesh Wound.

A Negro bandit shot William Freeland, 71, druggist, inflicting a flesh wound, last night, when the druggist grabbed the bandit's revolver during an attempted holdup at the store, 1722 Roosevelt avenue.

The Negro jerked the revolver away from Mr. Freeland, fired four times, one shot taking effect, then fled. Mr. Freeland was sent to city hospital.

GOLD MEDAL AWARDED HARVARD PROFESSOR

American Honored by British Astronomical Society.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory, has been awarded the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society, one of the highest honors in astronomy. The award is in recognition of his studies of the structure and dimension of the galactic system. Dr. Shapley will come to London on May 11 to deliver the George Darwin lecture and receive the medal.

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Irregularities in County CWA Work Disclosed

Those Responsible Fired or Resigned, Say Investigators.

One other Marion county case was reported, that of a drainage project foreman charged with using a CWA truck driver on CWA time to haul tile from a factory at Brooklyn for a drain benefiting his own farm. It was alleged that while the regular truck driver was ill the foreman had others drive it, but had the ill man sign the pay roll, the foreman collecting the money and paying the other drivers.

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from truck drivers whose work they were checking, hinting the truckers would receive more pay as a reward for making the loans.

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In Terre Haute man was charged with holding two CWA jobs, paying \$36 each, at the same time.

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