

DILLINGER GANG SMASHED, BANK HOLDUPS DROP

State Record of Ten for Year Compares With Best in U. S.

The fall of the Dillinger gang during 1934 was reflected today in a survey showing there were only 10 bank robberies in Indiana during the year.

There were 38 such robberies in the state during 1933, the year which saw the rise of the murderous gang.

Led by John Dillinger, the Hoosier farm youth who rose to the position of Public Enemy No. 1 of the Nation, the gang was the dominant factor in the Indiana crime scene during both years.

Only one of the 10 robberies of 1934 was attributed directly to the mob. That was the \$20,376 holdup of the First National Bank of East Chicago Jan. 15 in which police-man William P. O'Malley was killed.

But, the publicity and attendant public indignation made bank robbery more hazardous than profitable.

Police officers launched an intensive drive against such crimes. A state police force reorganization is under way. Bankers took greater precautions.

As result, Indiana's status among midwestern states regarding bank robberies changed from one of the worst to one of the best.

First Holdup Jan. 8

First bank robbery of the year occurred Jan. 8 at the Peoples Loan and Trust Co. at Modoc. A lone bandit obtained \$500. He was the same robber who stole \$400 from the bank Oct. 28, 1933. Boyden Jordan, assistant cashier and victim of both holdups, said:

Then came the bloody Dillinger gang raid on the East Chicago bank. Dillinger was identified as one who shot down policeman O'Malley as the three bandits fled.

The Community State Bank of Royal Center was robbed of \$1000 Feb. 10.

Next bank to be victimized was the Ladoga State Bank. Loot was \$600. P. W. Robbins and Otto Dickerson, both of Peoria, Ill., confessed the robbery Dec. 17 and were sentenced to 10 years each in state prison.

\$27,000 Taken at South Bend

On June 30 four men invaded the Merchants National Bank of South Bend, shouting like Indians on the warpath and shooting into the ceiling, scooped up \$27,000, killed Policeman Howard Wagner and wounded three others.

Efforts to link the Dillinger gang with the raid have failed.

All the banks in the state were left unmonitored after that until Sept. 4, when the Union State Bank of Westfield was robbed of \$1000 by two men. One was caught at Indianapolis two days later, confessed and was sentenced. Police still are seeking his companion.

Three men obtained \$3500 from the Farmers State Bank of Mooreland Sept. 20. Jackie Owens, 23, Hugh Webb, 21, and Gerald Bougher, 23, all of Newcastle, confessed the crime Oct. 9 and were sentenced to 15 years each in the state prison.

City Bank Is Robbed

On Nov. 15, four men obtained approximately \$2800 from the Kentucky Avenue branch of the Union Trust Company, Indianapolis.

Six days later the Carbon State Bank was robbed of \$1000 by three men. Wallace Brady and Everett Kocher, both of Anderson, and Lawrence Griffith, Bowling Green, were arrested at Minneapolis, Dec. 20. Police say they have confessed. They are awaiting trial at Brazil.

Latest bank robbery occurred Dec. 15, when four men stole approximately \$3500 from the Farmers State Bank at La Paz.

Later that day bank employees identified Jacob Hizer, 29, South Bend police character, as one of the robbers. He is being sought.

Three Suspects Held

Two days later James Dorikis, 37, South Bend; John C. Merriman, 33, Kokomo, and Mrs. Erma Boomershine, alias Sally Carson, Kokomo, were arrested at Kokomo. Bank employees identified Dorikis and said they believed Mrs. Boomershine was the blond driver of the bandit car.

Two bank employees were robbed while carrying funds on the streets during the year. Jesse L. Reeves, 48, teller for the Greenfield Banking Co., was robbed of \$3500 Sept. 15, while en route to Greenfield from Indianapolis.

Frank Reeder, manager of the Twelve Points branch of the Merchants National Bank of Terre Haute, was robbed of \$125 by three bandits, Dec. 15, while en route to his office.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY LYNHURST MASON

Jesse B. May New Worshipful Master of Lodge.

Lynhurst Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, has installed Jesse B. May as worshipful master, succeeding Frank J. Muckenstein.

Francis R. Beltz, past master, also installed Leroy S. Wagner, senior warden; Herschel E. Ginn, junior warden; John L. Dean, secretary; Leslie J. Carrington, treasurer; Raymond F. Lindsay, senior deacon; Eugene Oswald, junior deacon; William F. O'Neil, senior steward; Harold Buck, junior steward; Raymond S. Nibarger, chaplain, and Errol W. McMurtry, tiler.

JUDGE COX APPOINTS 2 TO CHARITY BOARD

Miss Genevieve Brown New Member; J. W. Joseph Renamed.

Appointment of Miss Genevieve Brown, 2008 N. Alabama St., and reappointment of Jackiel W. Joseph, Indianapolis attorney, as members of the Marion County Charities and Correction Board, today was announced by Circuit Court Judge Earl R. Cox.

Miss Brown formerly was reporter of the Supreme and Appellate Courts. Mr. Joseph is at present a member of the board. He also is president of the Park Board.

Also reappointed by Judge Cox were Theodore Weiss and Ralph Egerton as jury commissioners.

Times Radio Dial Twisters

TUESDAY
4:00—Rose Ball football game (3 hours)
4:45—Feature (NBC) WJZ.
5:00—Music League (NBC) WJZ.
5:15—Vera Van songs (CBS) WABC.
5:30—Buck Rogers (CBS) WABC.
5:45—Aldoingando's orchestra (NBC) WJZ.
5:30—Jack Armstrong's "Music" (CBS) WABC.
5:45—Musical Memories—Edgar A. Guest (NBC) WJZ.
6:00—Bing Crosby (CBS) WABC.
6:15—A. A. Jones (CBS) WABC.
6:30—Plain Ball (CBS) WABC.
6:45—Musical Memories—Edgar A. Guest (NBC) WJZ.
7:30—Abe Lyman's orchestra (CBS) WABC.
7:45—Lavender and Old Lace (CBS) WABC.
8:00—Crime Clues (CBS) WJZ.
8:15—Lawrence Tibbett, Peleier's orchestra (CBS) WABC.
8:30—George Duffy's orchestra (NBC).
8:45—Carter (CBS) WABC.
9:00—Wayne King's orchestra (NBC) WEAF.
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9:30—Musical Memories—Edgar A. Guest (NBC) WJZ.
9:45—Edgar A. Jones' orchestra (CBS) WABC.
10:00—The Honeycombers (NBC).
10:15—U. S. Army band (NBC).
10:30—Frida—Bing Crosby (CBS).
11:00—Lavender and Old Lace (CBS).
11:30—Farm and Home hour (NBC).
12:30—George Duffy's orchestra (NBC).
1:00—Wandering Minstrel (NBC).
1:45—Collette Caray (NBC).
2:00—Ma Perkins (NBC).

WEDNESDAY
4:00—Morning Devotions.
4:30—Morning Chorus of the Air. Tim Healy.
5:00—Tommy Dorsey's orchestra.
5:15—Tuneful Tick Tocks.
5:30—Musical Clock.
5:45—Bing Crosby (CBS) WABC.
5:45—800 on the Air. (NBC).
6:00—Federal Housing talk.
6:15—Florenda trix (NBC).
6:30—Herman and Banta (NBC).
6:45—The Honeycombers (NBC).
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