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## 2 YOUTHS HELD FOR ATTACK ON CAR SALESMAN

Victim is Critically Injured When Slugged on Head; Fights Assailant.

While their 50-year-old victim lay in critical condition at Methodist Hospital, two North Vernon youths today were to face Municipal Court charges of assault and battery with intent to rob.

The prisoners were Alfred Myrick, 14, and Clyde Schneider, 19, who deputy sheriffs said, beat an auto salesman on the head with a steel rod yesterday and tried to rob him.

The salesman, Casper Rousch, 52, of Rybolt St., was demonstrating a new car to Myrick and Schneider when the two suddenly turned on him on S. Arlington Ave., he said.

Myrick and Schneider are in Marion County Jail under \$10,000 bonds each.

### One Flees Car

According to witnesses, the car in which the salesman and youths were riding slid to a stop on S. Arlington Ave. at State Road 29 as Mr. Rousch was struck with a steel rod from behind.

Schneider, the driver, jumped from the automobile, leaving Myrick struggling with Mr. Rousch.

Neighbors rushed to the salesmen's aid and held Myrick until deputy sheriffs arrived. He then named his accomplice, deputies said, and led the officers to the home of Schneider's mother here.

Bloodstained and trembling with fear, Schneider was dragged from the basement of the home.

At the jail, Myrick and Schneider said they had to have recourse to deputies how they hitch-hiked to Indianapolis from North Vernon Monday and how they had decided to steal a car but had lacked the courage.

### Confession Is Reported

Finally, the two said, they decided to pretend they wanted to buy a new car and then take it from the demonstrators. After viewing automobiles in three rooms, they said they picked out a car at the Fadley-Bir Motors, 1118 N. Meridian St., where Mr. Rousch is a salesman.

Myrick confessed he struck the salesman, police said.

"When I got the signal (from Schneider in front seat) I got out of the car, but didn't do anything. We drove about a mile when I decided it had better be done and I swung the bar," police quoted Myrick as saying.

The other youths were arrested as a by-product of the chase that resulted in the capture of Schneider. They gave their names as Robert Schermerhorn, 20, and Carl Schermerhorn, 19, of 233 S. LaSalle St., and Mark Rosch, 17, of 3219 Fletcher Ave.

The three, State Police said, were running through a corn field and the police thought it might be Schneider and two confederates. They pursued and captured the three.

Today their cases were continued in Municipal Court. They were charged with petit larceny and police said they were stealing corn and putting it in a car to be hauled away.

### INCREASE SHOWN IN POSTAL WORK HERE

"My Record Year in Office," Seidensticker Says.

Postmaster Adolph Seidensticker today termed 1937 "my record year in office" as he released figures showing increases in all Indianapolis postoffice departments.

Postal receipts gained \$123,738 over the 1936 total, \$4,304,259. Postmen handled 17,694,058 more pieces last year than in 1936. Department gains also were reported in sales of U. S. savings bonds and money orders. Bond receipts, at maturity value, increased from \$3,047,200 in 1936 to \$3,543,250 last year.

Stamp sales rose from \$2,766,995 in 1936 to \$2,794,039 last year.

### WPA FUND APPROVED

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Presidential approval of a book repair project at Indiana University Extension, Indianapolis, calling for \$1950 Works Progress Administration funds, was announced today by Senator VanNess' office.

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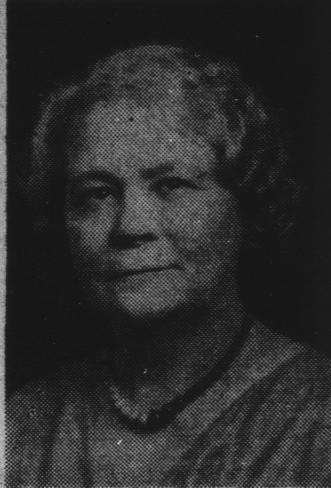
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### Plans Benefit



Mrs. Roy L. Craig (above), Grand Oriental Guide of Oriental Shrine, is serving as cochairman for the benefit card party to be held next Tuesday in Block's auditorium. Proceeds are to go to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Chicago.

### M'NUTT TO ADDRESS EDITORIAL PARLEY

Group's Midwinter Session Scheduled Feb. 19.

The Indiana Democratic Editorial Association announced today that Paul V. McNutt, Philippines High Commissioner, will address the midwinter meeting tentatively set for Feb. 19.

The former Governor wired yesterday in two words to Ray E. Smith, Hoosier Sentinel editor, that he would be here for the meeting. He cabled, "Nineteenth satisfactory."

The appearance of Commissioner McNutt before the editors will supplement plans previously considered for a state-wide home-coming celebration for him.

Commissioner McNutt and Wayne Coy, his executive assistant, will leave Manila by plane Jan. 29, and will arrive at San Francisco Feb. 2. They will reach Indianapolis, Feb. 5.

Association officers soon are to meet to make arrangements for the meeting and to decide whether to invite Senator Frederick VanNus.

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## PASTOR TO GIVE LAST REPORT AT CHURCH SESSION

Dr. Homrichausen to Recall Achievements During His Pastorate.

The Rev. E. G. Homrichausen, retiring pastor of Carrollton Avenue Reformed Church, is to make his final pastoral report tonight at the annual business meeting of the congregation.

Dr. Homrichausen is to leave next week to join the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary after serving the church eight and one-half years.

The pastor is to report that during his period in the pulpit the church membership has increased substantially, building debts have been reduced approximately \$20,000 and several new branches of religious activity have been organized.

The Rev. Ralph L. Holland, pastor-elect, was to arrive today in time to attend the meeting. He is to deliver the communion meditation at the worship service Sunday morning.

## ASKS BLUE DRESS UNIFORMS FOR ARMY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U. P.)—Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R. Mass.) today had introduced a bill to provide blue dress uniforms and black shoes for enlisted men of the U. S. Army.

She said the War Department now has funds available which could be used for the change, and asserted that it would help the woolen manufacturers and workers as well as the shoe industry.

"At present," she said, "our soldiers are required to take care of horses, do rough labor, and attend

drill parades in the same clothes. The result is often a noticeable poor appearance of our Army when compared with the smart appearance of the Navy and Marine Corps."

PRAY WILL ATTEND OPTIMIST MEETING

Walter J. Pray, Indianapolis, is to attend a meeting of the executive committee of Optimist International at Richmond, Va., tomorrow and Saturday. He is past president of the organization, a group of service clubs which aids underprivileged and delinquent youths.

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