

SCREAMS ROUT ARMED BANDIT, HOLDUP FOILED

Thug Attempts to Grab Pocketbook of Methodist Hospital Supervisor.

The attempted holdup of a Methodist hospital supervisor by a thug who threatened to shoot her today spurred police in their hunt for burglars and bandits who have been menacing the North Side.

Meanwhile they held a suspect in the fatal shooting of W. Clyde Mearns, druggist, during an attempted holdup at his store, 2960 College Ave., on March 22.

Police said another suspect held in five other holdups had been identified by victims.

Miss Wilba Jones, 22, of 1801 N. Capitol Ave., the supervisor, reported that she was accosted by the hold-up man last night as she got off a streetcar at N. Illinois and 18th Sts.

Tries to Get Purse

She said that he threatened to shoot her if she refused to walk into a nearby alley or made any noise. Defying his commands, she told police that she screamed. The man unsuccessfully tried to grab her purse and then fled.

Police said that the suspect in the slaying of Mr. Mearns was held on a vagrancy charge under \$5000 bond pending questioning.

Mr. Mearns, who died from the bullet wound at St. Vincent's Hospital Tuesday night, is to be buried at Salem following services there this afternoon.

Police said that another suspect had been identified in holdups at the office of a N. Capitol Ave. park- ing lot; the Martha Washington Candy Store, 23d and Meridian Sts.; Baker's Market, 316 W. 21st St.; the Monarch Laundry, 36 E. 16th St.; and Dr. Theodore Cable's liquor store, 1007 Indiana Ave.

Fowler Escapes Bullets

A prowler on Bond St., 2400 block, escaped last night after radio patrolmen fired several shots at him.

Three boys were arrested when patrolmen caught them in a store at 1302 N. Senate Ave. They had gained entrance by cutting the glass in a window and had ripped a pay telephone from the wall.

No Trace Found of Missing Teller

FRANKLIN, March 31.—Authorities seeking Herbert Hacker, 24-year-old missing bank teller, were still without any trace of him today. When last seen he was driving a short distance east of the City limits.

They held the belief that the teller, who disappeared with \$8705 of Farmers Trust Co. funds, may be Florida-bound.

Reported Seen Twice

Sheriff Pangborn of Johnson County said two persons reported to him they had seen the missing teller in the City about noon Wednesday.

One witness said he saw Hacker driving alone at the City limits on Route 44 toward Shelbyville. Another reported he saw him about four miles east of there.

The Sheriff said he believed Hacker was headed for Cincinnati and had asked police there to watch the airport in the event Hacker boarded a plane.

G-Men in Quest

G-Men who entered the search with a Federal warrant charging embezzlement, and state police said they were without any clues or explanation for Hacker's action.

Hacker disappeared after failing to keep an appointment with his wife at Indianapolis Wednesday.

He left her a note and \$1000, which she returned to the bank when he drove back from Indianapolis before disappearing, the Sheriff said.

Hacker Reported Seen in Ft. Wayne

FT. WAYNE, March 31 (U. P.)—Police said today they had investigated the report of Ralph Handy, Ft. Wayne, that he had seen Herbert Hacker, missing Franklin bank teller, on a downtown street here.

Mr. Handy told police he knew Hacker because his brother had graduated from school in Hacker's class.

MIDGET TAKES OATH TO FIGHT FOR U. S.

DETROIT, March 31 (U. P.)—Stanislaus Rosinski, 29, three-foot, six-inch professional midget, today took out second papers for United States citizenship and swore to bear arms in defense of the country if necessary.

Mr. Rosinski said he was born in Aulro, Poland, and has lived in this country 13 years. Henry Hite, 22, Providence, R. I., was one of Mr. Rosinski's witnesses. Mr. Hite is seven feet, nine inches tall.

Courage Foils Purse-Snatching



Miss Wilba Jones . . . She defied a bandit.

CIRCLING THE CITY

Inauguration Arranged—Invitations are being issued for the inauguration of Dr. Robert M. Hopkins as United Christian Missionary Society president at the Third Christian Church Wednesday night, April 19. Among those on the program will be Dr. Frederick W. Burnham, Richmond, Va., and Dr. Stephen L. Corey, Lexington, Ky., both former presidents of the society. Others will be Mrs. Anna R. Alwater, first president of the society, and Dr. I. J. Cahill, a former vice president.

Deputies to Be Schooled—Instruction in assembling evidence at the scenes of crimes and accidents will be given 30 Marion County deputy sheriffs by Prosecutor David M. Lewis at the County Jail tonight. The "school" designed to improve efficiency of his staff, was arranged by Sheriff Freney.

Broad Ripple Competes—Three pupils will represent Broad Ripple High School in the state Latin contests at Mariusville tomorrow. They are Kathryn Westphal, Laura Grimm and Frances O'Connor. Miss Elizabeth Roberts, Latin instructor, will accompany them.

County Aids Speak Tonight—Horace E. Abbott, Marion County agricultural agent, and A. A. Irwin, County horticulturist, will address members of the American Settlement Garden Club at 7 o'clock tonight at Rhodius Park Community Building. The club, which now has 200 members, is co-operating with civic organizations in sponsoring community gardens on the West Side. The club has about 40 acres of land available for cultivation this year.

Senior Best S. H. S. Speller—Richard Hudson, a senior, won the annual Shortridge High School spelling contest, over 60 contestants in the finals yesterday. Robert Campbell, a freshman, was second, and Mary Elizabeth Smith won third prize. The contest was under the direction of Charles J. Wilkerson, English Department head.

Pock to Lead Forum—Harry Pock of the William H. Block Co. will lead a forum on men's preferences in apparel at the Y. M. C. A. at 8 p. m. today. Demonstrations will be given on proper attire. Thomas D. Sheerin will lecture on courtesies.

Revivals to End Sunday—A series of revival meetings which has been in progress at the Salvation Army Downtown Citadel will be concluded Sunday night. Brig. John Atkinson, Chicago, will preach at 8 p. m. tomorrow and end his lectures at the same time Sunday, Adj. Phil Gerwing of the Citadel Corps said.

Acme Firms to Move—The Acme Paper Co. and the Acme Paper Co., Inc. which have been located at 230 W. McCarty St., for eight years, today signed a three-year lease and will move to the Indiana Terminal Warehouse, 31 E. Georgia St. L. R. Rosen, president, said that offices would be in rooms 209, 210 and 211.

REPORT CITY HAS NEW PLANS FOR BELT ELEVATION

Rail Officials Said to Be More Favorable; Other Factors Cited.

The City is preparing to renew its efforts to elevate tracks of the Indianapolis Union (Bell) Railway on the South Side, it was understood today.

Chances that those efforts will prove successful, according to informed sources, are better than at any time in the past four years for at least two reasons:

1. Railroad officials are more favorably disposed toward negotiating the elevation with the present administration.

2. Under an amendment to the State's track elevation law, the railroad will have to pay only 20 per cent of the cost, instead of 50 per cent.

Negotiations will not be reopened, however, until several other administration problems are at least temporarily settled. Chief of these are street lighting and the proposed purchase of the Indianapolis Water Co.

It is understood by railroad officials that the City will make the first move in reopening negotiations which were halted last fall when the Belt asserted that it could not pay its share of the cost.

In renewing efforts for elevation, the City will move slowly, it is said.

Rice Time



Florence Rice

HONOLULU, T. H., March 31 (U. P.)—Robert Wilcox, 26, and his bride, the former Florence Rice, 23-year-old actress-daughter of Grantland Rice, sports writer, went apartment hunting today after their marriage in a living room banked by thousands of orchids.

The ceremony was performed on the Coconut Island estate of Chris Holmes, pianist and friend of the newlyweds who gathered up all the orchids on the island in honor of the event.

BUTSCH AGAIN RAPS LAWYERS

Prisoner Says He May Seek Legal Action to Oust Pauper Attorneys.

William Ray Butsch, facing trial in the slaying of Mrs. Carrie Lelah Romig, announced today that he may file legal proceedings in an attempt to force two court-appointed pauper attorneys to withdraw from his Criminal Court defense.

Butsch said he had requested the attorneys, Robert L. Carrico and Edward Ryan, to withdraw and turn over to him all defense papers and evidence, but that they had failed to comply with his request.

The prisoner, who has declared he prefers to act as his own attorney, said he had learned one of the pauper attorneys had threatened to obtain a delay in the trial through a motion for a change of venue.

"I'm not seeking any delay whatsoever," he said. "Personally, I am ready for trial and I am handling my own case as a lawyer in my own behalf and there will not be any attorney other than myself.

"I want the public to know that I am as innocent of this crime as a new-born baby and will fight to the last breath with that attitude and spirit."

BABY CUT BY GLASS

Twenty-month-old Russell Chilton was cut on the nose yesterday when he fell on pieces of a glass he had broken on the floor of his home at 1964 Park Ave. He was treated at City Hospital.

ROTE TEACHING DECLINES instruction and possibly less "book learning." Dr. Hob Gray, University of Texas education professor, said their pupils more practical in his survey revealed.

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Dr. C. T. Gregory, Purdue University plant pathologist, will speak on "The Plant Doctor, What He Does and How He Does It," at the Kiwanis Club meeting next Wednesday at the Columbia Club. Dr. Gregory, a Cornell University graduate, has worked in plant pathology 36 years. He has been connected with Purdue's Agricultural Extension Department since 1918. He is author of "Common Garden Pests."

Morgan to Chicago—DeWitt S. Morgan, Indianapolis schools superintendent, is to attend a meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at Chicago this week-end. Mr. Morgan will meet with a committee of the National Principals' Association to consider practical procedures for putting into effect the recommendations made in national studies for the reorganization of secondary education.

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