

# CONGRESSMAN WHO LOST LEGS HITS PENSIONS

Rep. Miller Leads Fight Against Bill to Increase Veterans' Benefits.

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WASHINGTON, April 22.—Rep. William Miller (R. Conn.), legless World War aviator, today announced his opposition to pension legislation which would increase the nation's annual half-billion-dollar bill for veterans' benefits by an estimated minimum of 24 million dollars.

"My opposition," Rep. Miller said, "is a matter of principle, and the principle is just this—should the Federal Government pay a pension to the widow of a veteran who served his country during the World War and who suffered no wound, injury or disease and who, in some cases, performed his service on a college campus?"

The bill would pension World War veterans' widows and dependent children and parents. Its opponents assert that in departing from the principle of paying benefits only where service-connected disability is involved, it is a stepping stone to a general \$60-a-month pension for all veterans.

The measure, taken from the House Rules Committee last week, will come up for a vote next month. Mr. Miller pointed out, in urging Congressmen to study the bill, that the Social Security Act now protects veterans and non-veterans alike, and that the act was amended last year to provide pensions for widows and children of insured workers.

In 1924, Mr. Miller showed, Congress granted a \$30-a-month pension to World War widows, with additional allowances for children. This was paid only where the veteran died in service or as a direct result of service-connected disability. A few years later, pensions were voted to widows if service-connected disability had amounted to as much as 30 per cent, even though death were due to another cause.

# CIRCLING THE CITY

Tool Engineers to Convene

The American Society of Tool Engineers, a group of engineers, designers and factory executive foremen, will hold the inaugural meeting for the Indianapolis Section at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the Athenaeum. Malcolm P. Jenkins, chief engineer of the Fifth-Sterling Steel Co., Fifth Division, will discuss the manufacture and use of powder metallurgy. He will show motion pictures of the manufacture of carbide and tipped tools.

Wins State Latin Contest—Miss Ann Wagner, 5761 Central Ave., a freshman at Ladywood School, won first place in first year Latin in the 17th annual state high school Latin contest finals at Indiana University last week. She presented a perfect paper and was presented with a gold medal.

Other winners were Don McLeod, Peru, second year; Wilfred Scull, Eaton, third year; and Miss Betty Mae Kimmell, Vincennes, fourth year.

Young People to Give Play—The young people of Roberts Park Methodist Church will present "The Gypsy Rover," a musical play, at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow in the church gymnasium.

Heads Mathematics Group—Glen Ludlow, Indianapolis, is the new president of the Indiana Council of Teachers of High School Mathematics. He was elected at the council's annual meeting in the World War Memorial Saturday.

Other new officers are John W. Moore, South Bend, vice president; and Miss Helen Pearson, Hartford City, secretary and treasurer.

Medical Bowlers to Banquet—The bowlers of the Indianapolis Medical Society of Marion County will have their annual banquet tomorrow night at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, preceding the society's scientific program.

City Engineer M. G. Johnson recommended to the Works Board today that a sanitary sewer be installed immediately. The engineer presented plans and specifications for the sewer to the board, which was expected to approve them. Mr. Johnson said the sewer would run in Brouse St., serving both that thoroughfare and Keystone Ave., from 30th to 34th St.

The sewer plans were submitted after Keystone Ave. residents asked quick action Friday, asserting their residences have been damaged by backwash from septic tanks as the result of recent heavy rains.

Lions' Safety Session Set—The monthly meeting of captains of 64 firms represented in the Intersect Safety Contest, sponsored by the Lions Club will be held at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Washington Hotel. Rev. Risher, director of safety and traffic for the Indiana State Police, will speak. A motion picture, "The Screw Jay," dedicated to jaywalkers, will be shown. Wives of the captains will be guests.

Attorney to Address Club—Maudie G. Robinson, Anderson, Ind., attorney, who is a candidate for nomination as a Republican 11th District Congressman, will speak at Townsend Club at 8 p. m. today in the Odd Fellows Hall, Hamilton and Washington Sts. Mrs. M. W. King is program committee chairman.

Lions to Hear Templeton—Harry G. Templeton, manager of the Indiana State Fair, will address the Lions Club of Indianapolis at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the Claypool Hotel on the preparations for the fair.

Townsend Club to Meet—Townsend Club 48 will meet tomorrow night in the I. O. O. F. Hall 1336 N. Delaware St.

LOCAL MAN TO JOIN VOLUNTEER CORPS Charles M. Barbe, son of Mrs. John C. Barbe, 330 N. Colorado Ave., is en route to France for six months' service with the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps in a non-combatant capacity.

Mr. Barbe sailed Saturday on the Manhattan after the acceptance of his application by James Wood Johnson, formerly of Evansville, president of the ambulance unit. He is the first of 22 volunteers who will serve the French Army on the Western Front.

Mr. Barbe, a second lieutenant in the 334th Infantry Officers Reserve Corps, attend Culver Military Institute and Butler University.

GROUNDHOG LIKES MUSH BUTTE, Mont., April 22 (U. P.).—"Jackie," pet groundhog of Mrs. Wilhelm Ziegler, Butte, thrives on ice cream cones, fruit and oatmeal mush with lots of sugar and cream. He spent the winter in hibernation but now wakes up for a few minutes every day round noon, thumps the Ziegler back door with his tail and gets his bowl of mush.

# 5 DIE IN STATE AUTO CRASHES

Driver Killed as Car Hits Utility Pole on Kentucky Ave.

Auto accidents killed five persons in Indiana over the week-end, one of them in Indianapolis. A Hammond girl died in a Chicago accident.

The local death sent the city toll to 23, compared to 14 at this time last year.

Traffic victims were: BERNARD LEE GLAZE, 22, of 702 1/2 S. New Jersey St., killed early yesterday when the car he was driving struck a utility pole in the 600 block, Kentucky Ave.

ELVIS DEEN, 21, Hammond, killed when his motorcycle and an auto collided on Road 70 near Furnessville, Porter County.

MISS HAZEL NEWMAN, 24, Hammond, killed when the motorcycle on which she and Earl Harwood were riding in Chicago collided with another motorcycle.

RAYMOND E. WALTERS, 34, who died at his Terre Haute home of injuries received Feb. 20, when struck by an auto in Terre Haute.

ELMER SCHNICK, 27, who was killed today when his auto was struck by an interurban train at a Michigan City crossing.

WILLARD WHITE, 72, Shelby, who was killed Saturday night when he was struck by a hit and run driver on Road 41 north of Sullivan.

Report Auto Stolen Police said the car which Glaze was driving at the time of the accident had been stolen earlier from in front of 123 S. Washington St., and that it belonged to Darrell Scott, 4158 Bertha St.

Police quoted witnesses as saying the car was being driven at a high speed and that the driver apparently lost control.

The victim was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Glaze, 638 1/2 S. New Jersey. He also is survived by a brother, John Robert Glaze. Services will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., with burial in Floral Park.

Sixty-two accidents were reported to police over the week-end in which 29 persons were injured. There were 68 arrests.

Charles Collins, 21, of 414 N. California St., was charged with drunk driving, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and reckless driving when the car he was driving figured in a four-car collision yesterday at West and Michigan Sts.

Waiting for Signal Police said Collins was driving east on Michigan St. and crashed into the rear of a car operated by John F. Ruggles, Gas City, Ind. Mr. Ruggles' car was knocked into one driven by Norbert Street, 712 Orange St., which in turn struck a fourth car operated by Cleo Spear, 924 N. Grant St. All three cars were waiting for the automatic signal, police said.

Mary Olivia Zink, 21, of 31 E. 36th St., riding in Mr. Street's car, received neck injuries. William Lockhart, 25, of 501 N. Capitol Ave., riding with Collins, received a broken left jaw. Julian Hummer, 24, of 612 W. New York St., also in Collins' car, received cuts. Both were sent to the City Hospital.

Van Emery, 31, Kokomo, Ind., was held under \$1000 bond on charges of drunkenness and vagrancy after a car police said he was driving yesterday was involved in a wreck with one operated by Curtis Watkins, 52, of Gardner, Mass., at Meridian and Washington Sts.

Annabelle Emery, 26, Kokomo, received an injured back and was taken to Methodist Hospital.

ENGINEERS SOUGHT BY AIRCRAFT FIRMS LOS ANGELES, April 22 (U. P.).—Booming aircraft industries begged today for engineers, but emphasized that they must be "experienced men—not just workers."

Chief Engineer Hall L. Hibbard of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. said his company had made a nationwide appeal for men whose training enabled them quickly to adapt themselves to designing.

"And we're not alone," he said. "Virtually all the aircraft manufacturers could use more engineers." The urgent need for engineers was created by heavy foreign orders for warplanes.

LOCAL GIRL CHOSEN MIRAGE MANAGER GREENCASTLE, Ind., April 22.—Eleanor Clay, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Clay, 1501 E. Maple Road, Indianapolis, will be the first woman business manager of the Mirage, DePauw University campus year book, next year.

One of her junior assistants will be David Guthridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Guthridge, 3037 Park Ave.

Wilma Rothenburger, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. William F. Rothenburger, 3220 Ruckle St., will be chairman of the Y. W. C. A. Freshman Commission next fall.

# Scalise Arrested



Service union leader George Scalise . . . in New York General Sessions Court after being arrested on charges of extortion. (Story, Page One.)

# CLAIM SOLUTION IN FARM DEATH

Police Seek Motive After Man Reportedly Confesses He Slew Woman.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 22 (U. P.).—State Police today sought a motive that caused Clair Mitchell, 25-year-old erstwhile farmhand, to slay his former employer, Miss Georgia Miller, 62, retired school teacher, and burn her body in the flames of her own home near here on March 8.

Mitchell signed a formal confession last night, Sheriff F. Earl Staley of Tippecanoe County and Detective Harvey Hile of State Police, announced. He was picked up Saturday at the home of his sweetheart, Isabel Ollar, in Veedsburg, Miss Ollar is being held as a material witness.

The confession stated that two days before the murder, Mitchell had sold 136 bushels of wheat from Miss Miller's farm for \$135. With \$100 of the money, he told police, he made a down payment on household furniture at a Danville, Ill., furniture store the day before the slaying.

The same night, he said, he returned to the store, and requested a refund, telling the proprietor that his house had burned and that he would have no use for the goods. Mitchell related that he beat Miss Miller to death with a stove poker as she returned home from a church meeting in Crawfordsville, officials said. He added he did not burn the house immediately, but left the body on the dining room floor and went away.

He told police that he could not sleep and that he returned to the house and set it afire.

# PURDUE TO DEDICATE NEW HALL OF MUSIC

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 22.—The dedication of the new Hall of Music will feature "Gala Week" observance at Purdue University May 3, 4 and 5. The dedication will be held on the night of May 4, with Lawrence Tibbett and Miss Helen Jepson as the featured artists. The annual alumni banquet will follow with Bruce Rogers, New York, famous type designer and 1890 graduate, as honored guest.

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# MERIT SYSTEM LAW IS SOUGHT

League of Women Voters Opens Drive for Bill to Cover All-State Jobs.

The Indiana League of Women Voters has started a campaign for passage of a bill in the 1941 Legislature to extend the merit system for public employees to all departments of the State Government.

The League announced that it will emphasize the merit system especially for all "penal, correctional and benevolent institutions."

At present, the merit system of selecting public employees affects only workers in the State Welfare Department and the Unemployment Compensation Divisions.

League representatives will present their proposal at hearings being held over the state by the Republican Platform Committee, which is taking suggestions from the public on ideas for inclusion in the State G. O. P. platform.

Urges Inclusion of Plank The League will urge Republican leaders to include a merit system plank in their platform.

The League's plank reads: "We recommend the installation of a system of public personnel management in the State Government comparable to sound methods of personnel administration in business."

"The purpose of such a system would be to insure the employment of qualified persons on the basis of merit; to classify the civil service so that equal pay for equal work will be assured and unnecessary positions eliminated; and to provide for control of personnel so that promotions and discharges will be made on the basis of performance on the job and not on the basis of partisan political activity or personal bias."

Seeks Qualified Employees "We especially recommend the selection of qualified employees in the penal, correctional and benevolent institutions of the State. These institutions represent a large capital investment and a large annual expenditure of State money."

"We recognize the necessity of adequate training for government employees and pledge ourselves to co-operate with the educational institutions of the State in their programs of preparing persons for the many types of governmental positions which require a good educational background, skill and technical knowledge."

# HOSPITAL STRIKE DELAYED

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 (U. P.).—The Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union today delayed a strike against 10 of San Francisco's largest hospitals pending conference with City officials. Mayor Angelo Rossi is a patient in Dante Hospital, one of the institutions that would be affected.

# Broken-Legged Pig Is Rescued

A pig roast "with all the trimmings" is the subject of conversation around the Sheriff's office today following the rescue of a 100-pound pig yesterday by deputies, Tony Malo and Harry Cook. The pig was pulled from the banks of the Canal at State Road 29, where it apparently had been carried by the high waters. Its left front leg was broken. Deputies loaded it into a car and brought it to the jail where it was placed in an improvised pen.

Deputy Malo voiced the opinion of others at the jail when he said, "I hope nobody claims the pig."

# POLICE VOLUNTEER BLOOD FOR YOUTH

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 22 (U. P.).—William B. Groves today awaited the outcome of blood transfusions volunteered by South Bend police to save the life of his 15-year-old son Robert, shot under the heart Friday by Patrolman John O. Howard.

Young Groves was shot when he refused to obey commands to halt, police said. He was placed in an oxygen tent at St. Joseph Hospital here.

# PIKE SCHOOL FIRST TO HOLD GRADUATION

Merle Sidener, local advertising executive, will speak at the Pike Township High School commencement tonight, the first of five commencements in county schools this week.

Largest of the five will be at Southport on Friday night. Four members of the graduating class, Morton Higgins, Gordon MacBeth, Beth Klingner and Marilyn Caldwell, will speak.

At the Oaklandon High School commencement Thursday night the Rev. R. E. Lucas of the Lebanon Christian Church will speak. K. V. Ammerman, Broad Ripple High School principal, will give the Lawrence High School commencement address on Friday night and the Rev. B. K. Johnson will speak at Castleton High School on Saturday night.

The Decatur Central commencement will be Monday, the Ben Davis graduation on May 21 and the Warren Central exercises on June 4.

CABINET SAFETY POST URGED ST. LOUIS, April 22 (U. P.).—Creation of a Federal Cabinet post for public safety is urged by the Travelers Protective Association, which has national headquarters here.

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