

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.

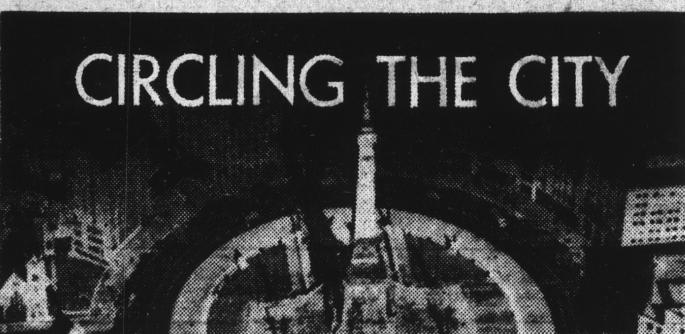
"My opposition," Rep. Miller said, "is a matter of principle, and the principle is just this—should the Federal Government pay a pension to the widow of a veteran who served his country during the World War and who suffered no wound, injury or disease and who, in some cases, performed his service on 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 pension 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 for engineers, designers and factory executive foremen, will hold the inaugural meeting for the Indianapolis Section at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the Athenaeum. Malcolm F. Judkins, chief engineer of the Firth-Sterling Steel C. Firthite 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, 3761 Central Ave., a freshman at Ladd Wood 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.

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.

Others new officers are John Wilmore, 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 to serve Keystone Ave. residents 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 24th 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 Interstate Safety Contest, sponsored by the Lions Club, will be held at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Washington Hotel. Rev. Fisher, director of safety and chairman of the Indiana State Police, will speak. A motion picture, "The Screen Jay," dedicated to Jaywalkers, will be shown. Wives of captains will be guests.

Attorney to Address Club—Maurice 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 noon 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. Barbee, son of Mrs. John C. Barbee, 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. Barbee 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. Barbee, 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 702½ 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 10 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 WHITTE, 72, Shelburn, 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 133 S. West St. and that it belonged to Darrell Scott, 4185 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, 636½ S. New Jersey. He is also 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 drunkenness, operating a motor vehicle 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.

Mary Olivia Clark, 21, of 31 E. 36th St., riding in Mr. Scott's car, received neck injuries. William L. Hart, 25, of 501 N. Capitol Ave., riding with Collins, received a broken left jaw. Julian Humbre, 24, of 512 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 Rothbunger, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. William F. Rothbunger, 3320 Rucklin St., will be chairman of the Y. W. C. A. Freshman Commission next fall.

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Police Seek Motive After Man Reportedly Confesses He Slew Woman.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 22 (U. P.)—State Police today sought 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 Stauffer of Tippecanoe County and Detective Harvey Hin of State Police, announced. He was picked up Saturday at the home of his sweetheart, Isabell Oilar, in Veedersburg. Miss Oilar 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 of 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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