

EMPLOYEE OF PARK BOULEVARD KILLED BY TRAIN

4 MEET VIOLENT DEATHS IN 1943

Accidents Occur Within 24 Hours; 3 Pedestrians Die in Traffic.

The death of Patrick J. Connor, 37, of 307 Carlyle place, last night when he was struck by a passenger train brought to four the number of fatal accident victims in Indianapolis during the first 24 hours of the new year.

Mr. Connor was killed instantly when he walked across the path of a New York Central express at an eight-track crossing on Holmes ave. He was dragged for three blocks on the locomotive pilot before the train, inbound from Chicago, could be brought to a stop.

An employee of the city park board at the Riverside park nursery, Mr. Connor, a moulder, was born in Johnson county and had lived here for about 50 years. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Mary McCarthy; a son, Daniel, of Lima, O.; three brothers, Thomas, Andrew and James, and a sister, Mary, all of Indianapolis.

Charles Nell, 45, of 1836 Gent st., and Clarence Garringer, 36, of 1712 Montcalm st., were injured fatally yesterday at 16th and Montcalm sts., by an automobile driven by Melvin Atherton, 39, of 1229 W. 35th st., a sports referee. Nell was identified late yesterday at City hospital by relatives.

Released under \$1000 bond, Atherton was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

The fourth victim was Mrs. Amelia Carsten, 62, of 70 N. Addison st., who died at St. Vincent's hospital three hours after she had been struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Virginia Parsons at Belmont ave. and Washington st. Her granddaughter, Carolyn Oliver of Waukegan, Ill., received a head bruise in the same mishap.

Active in Church

The wife of Enos C. Carsten, Mrs. Carsten was active in civic and church affairs and had lived here all her life. She had been on the welfare board of the Hawthorne Community Center for several years, was the first president of the school No. 50 parent-teachers association, and belonged to the West Washington st. Methodist church.

Survivors, besides her husband and granddaughter, are two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Evans of Indianapolis and Mrs. M. G. Oliver of Waukegan, Ill.; her mother, Mrs. H. C. Fisher of Indianapolis; a brother, J. H. Fisher of Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Philip Keller of Indianapolis; and another granddaughter, Linda Lee Oliver.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Monday, with burial in Crown Hill. The services will be in the West Washington Street Methodist church.

Survivors of Mr. Garringer, manager of the Sparks Cider Co. for 17 years, are his wife, Mrs. Frances Garringer, and three sons, Donald, Jack and Ronald, all of Indianapolis.

Mr. Nell's survivors are a son, Charles Jr.; three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Mrs. Vernie Smith and Mrs. Thomas Fuller, and three brothers, William, Arthur, and George, all of Indianapolis.

GROWTH OF HOOSIER GOVERNMENT SHOWN

Growth of Indiana state and local government into a \$246,000,000 a year "business" during the depression-to-war-time economy era is outlined in detail in the 1943 Indiana tax and social security manual issued today by the Indiana state Chamber of Commerce.

The manual states that wartime economy has made itself felt in the realm of domestic government in: Overproduction for the time being of some forms of tax revenues, imminent under-production of certain specialized types of revenues, inheritance of a federal war tax bill of such enormity that it promises to leave arid tax pastures to ordinary government for generations to come and a sharp drop in the burden of public relief.

Additional trends were a shortage of manpower which forces governmental agencies to compete with essential industries for personnel, increased costs of many governmental services and a shutdown on public capital improvements due to the war's priority on materials.

MATURATES LIST ADDRESS ON DIETS

Prof. W. Scott Hiser will lecture on "The Best Diet for Long Life" at a meeting of the Indianapolis School of Maturates at 2 p. m. Monday at the Y. W. C. A. Hall.

The Rev. Charles M. Fillmore will conduct a lesson study on "How to Meet Oppression" following the lecture.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

TEMPERATURE	
7 a. m.	19
10 a. m.	20
1 p. m.	21
4 p. m.	22
7 p. m.	21
10 p. m.	20
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m. 0.1	
Total precipitation since Jan. 1. 0.1	
Deficiency since Jan. 1. 0.1	
STATION	
Atlanta	22
Boston	23
Chicago	23
Cleveland	23
Denver	24
Indianapolis	21
Los Angeles	23
Memphis	23
Minneapolis	23
New Orleans	23
New York	23
Omaha	23
Philadelphia	23
Pittsburgh	23
Portland	23
San Antonio	23
St. Louis	23
Washington, D. C.	23

Pause for Prayer—Then Upstairs



Symbolic of united nations forces everywhere is this prayer scene at San Antonio, Tex., army bombardier school. Flying Chaplain Eugene F. McInnes blesses cadets before they set out on a night mission.

City's First Draftees Serve Overseas; No. 1 Selectee Believed to Be in Africa

By SHERLEY UHL

Like Marco Polo, some of the city's very first draftees have gone far in this world, both literally and figuratively, but others, after more than two years of the army life, are still within week-end visiting distance of home.

Four of 14 men comprising the first Indianapolis contingent inducted Nov. 19, 1940, under the peace-time selective service act, are now posted at overseas battle stations in Africa and the British Isles; four others are still in this country and one is hospitalized. Present whereabouts of the remaining five could not be determined.

All of those whose army careers could be traced and who still are on active duty are in headquarters or service units, a fact indicative of their early start when the army was rounding up organization personnel to staff today's massive legions.

Practically all received basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky., but after that their paths meandered in different directions. Two, however, are still assigned to the Kentucky reservation.

Horace F. Kelley, honored as Indianapolis' first selectee after his name was drawn from a hat by the Ft. Harrison commanding officer in 1940, probably spent his Christmas somewhere on the North African front.

No definite word of his location has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Kelley, 843 W. 29th st., but they have a pretty good idea of where he is. His last letter informed them he was leaving London for another front. He added parenthetically that "I've sold my winter overcoat because I don't expect to have much use for it very soon."

A Cryptic Remark

The verbal divining rod that put a clincher on his whereabouts, however, was a cryptic remark included in a note to J. R. Townsend Sr., agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Co., of Iowa, a firm with which Kelley was employed in civilian life.

In it he commented: "It's great to see the old Equitable of Iowa letterhead again. But from now on I guess I'll have to stick by Prudential."

To an insurance man the "Prudential" conjures up visions of the rock of Gibraltar—the company's trade mark, and Kelley must have been near that fortress when he wrote the letter, which was without a postmark.

Sailed for England

Kelley, after primary indoctrination, was placed in headquarters of the fifth corps area in Columbus, O. Later he spent some time at Ft. Custer, Mich., and in August of this year was sent with a headquarters company to England, from where he evidently embarked for the African coast.

He added sleeve stripes to the maximum and now holds the highest non-commissioned rank possible, that of warrant officer.

Robert Stanley Hill, who, his parents say, "has become immune to army hardships" after more than two years in the service, sailed from an east coast embarkation port for Africa about two months ago. They haven't heard from him since then.

Now a corporal, Hill married the former Miss Gwendolyn Williams of Indianapolis about a year ago. Previously in the motion picture business here with his father, he was posted at Ft. Knox and Camp Atterbury, before going abroad.

Very British

Letters from Sgt. Samuel Richards White Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. White of 2953 Talbot ave., sound "very British" to his parents. So they surmise that he's been transferred from Ireland, where he previously was stationed, to London.

White was never under the illusion that he was going in "just for a year," his mother thinks. "He knew what he was up against," his mother recalled, "and he didn't seem surprised or disappointed when the draft was extended."

He's a clerk with an armored regiment, and his sister, Velma, intends to follow in his footsteps by joining the WAACs.

Corp. James Robert McLeod may be directing traffic in North Ireland, his father believes. At any rate, that's what he specialized in while taking military police training at Ft. Knox.

Corp. McLeod who "never says anything about the army or war" according to his father, James G. McLeod, 635 W. 42d st., has been in Ireland since last May.

When Bob Hadley, now a supply sergeant at Ft. Knox, was sworn in with the pioneer selectees, he gave his address as a pool room on Clifton st. The proprietor Happy Atherton, explained that Hadley actually hadn't lived there, but "hung around a lot."

Hadley, a crack amateur boxer, now reigns as featherweight champ at Ft. Knox, "Happy" says. He's also celebrated, say his pool room pals, for his marksmanship, a skill which has gained for him "a whole chest full of medals."

After spending four months at Ft. Knox and almost two years at Ft. Warren, Wyo., Charles Edward Buell, another Indianapolis world war II vet in his own right, has been assigned with a quartermaster detachment to a camp at Yuma, Cal.

Attended Motor School

The son of Mrs. Russell Harding, 2517 Paris ave., he likes the army so well he intends "to make a career out of it," his mother informed. As a sharpshooter he may soon be able to give vent to the patriotism he stored up as a helper at the American Legion 40 & 8 club before his induction.

Staff Sgt. Leslie Arvel Troxell checks ambulances and Red Cross field units as a member of the quartermaster corps at Nichols general hospital, Louisville. After his rookie period at Ft. Knox, he attended a motor school at Ballimore to achieve the technical rating of motor mechanic. More than two years ago he was a clerk with the Real Silk Hosiery hills here.

Ironically enough his brother, Lawrence E. Troxell, in the army less than a year, is fighting in North Africa.

Lawrence Adams, 2276 N. Eastern ave., another member of the "first draftee" group, drives a truck in a quartermaster unit at Ft. Knox, and was home on a holiday furlough.

William Wendell Frierson was disabled about six months ago at Ft. Harrison and now is hospitalized at the Marion veterans' hospital. He has a brother, Junius, of 709 N. West st.

EASTERN AREA HAS OIL CRISIS

Gasoline and Fuel Supply Is Shorter; Tighter Rules Studied.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The Eastern seaboard gasoline and fuel oil shortages continued acute today as rationing and supply authorities resumed conferences on action to meet the new critical situation.

Experts of the office of Petroleum Administrator Harold I. Ickes and the office of price administration were considering new means of tightening existing regulations for both gasoline and fuel oil to effect supply savings wherever possible. Officials said, however, no new "freezes" or rationing measures were contemplated at the moment.

Ickes' office was expected to announce today petroleum quotas for January for each of the six zones of the 17-state eastern emergency area. The quotas will be based on Ickes' estimate of Dec. 21 that a total daily supply of 1,117,000 barrels will be available for the area.

Seek to Equalize Quotas

Officials indicated the new quotas will disclose no drastic change in this estimate, although there might be some modification of some of the individual estimates for gasoline, fuel oil, kerosene and so forth.

Specific supplies of oil were allocated for use in each of the six eastern zones under Ickes' order of Dec. 21, which prohibited suppliers from withdrawing oil in excess of the quotas prescribed for each zone. The purpose of this order was to prevent inequities between the different zones.

It was hoped the new year week-end might bring some relief at least to the gasoline situation, as happened at Christmas when a sharp decrease in driving enabled suppliers to replenish their depleted stocks.

Flight Black Markets

A general tightening up of rationing and measures to crush black market operations in gasoline have been in effect about two weeks. Officials said there was no indication yet how successful they have proved, but added there was no indication of any increase in gasoline "bootlegging" of late.

A similar problem of tightening up enforcement for fuel oil regulations now is being planned, officials said. "The public can be certain that we are going to get tougher all along the line," a spokesman of Mr. Ickes' office declared.

Officials said there was no indication that fuel oil was being bootlegged on any appreciable scale since all sales are controlled by the OPA.

Among measures aimed at relieving the petroleum famine the war production board announced higher preference ratings on delivery of materials required for the production, transportation, refining or marketing of petroleum.

Mr. Ickes' office said "there is no guarantee that East Coast oil shipments will be increased."

2d Coffee Stamp Is Good Monday

COFFEE DRINKERS were advised today by Kenneth M. Kunkel, state OPA rationing officer, that stamp 27 from war ration book one—the first to be used since coffee rationing began on Nov. 29—will not be valid after midnight tomorrow.

The next stamp, No. 28—will be good for one pound of coffee for the five week period beginning at 12:01 a. m. Monday and ending at 12 p. m. Feb. 7.

Mr. Kunkel said that adult consumers who had more than one pound of coffee on hand Nov. 29, 1942, should retain one stamp in their books for each extra pound. These stamps will be removed from war ration book one by registrars when consumers apply for war ration book two.

Coffee stamps in the ration books of children whose age is listed as less than 15 years in war ration book one, cannot be used. These stamps must be left in the books and surrendered at the time war ration book two is issued.

WAAC Says Farewell to Co-workers



Miss Mildred Olivia Farmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Farmer, 615 S. Noble st., has reported to Daytona Beach, Fla., for music training in the WAACs. Miss Farmer, an employee of the U. S. Rubber Co. plant here for several years, is shown shaking hands with John Hammer, foreman, while C. G. Brown, manager of industrial relations, looks on.

YANKS AND BRITISH RAID JAPS IN BURMA

NEW DELHI, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—American and British air forces based in India are blasting Japanese communications from southern to northern Burma in a virtual non-stop offensive, official all reports revealed today.

Advancing British forces in western Burma were believed to be within less than 25 miles of their main objective, Akyab. An earlier communiqué had reported clashes with Japanese patrols in the vicinity of Rathedaung, 25 miles northwest of Akyab.

U. S. army 10th air force bombers were participating in the raids against Jap installations in Burma. American bombers Wednesday bombed the Japanese airbase at Shwebo, 250 miles northwest of Akyab and 50 miles west of Mandalay. The next day American planes bombed railways in northern Burma.

Slays Brother In Hunt Mishap

BARNHART, Mo., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—A 12-year-old boy, who shot and killed his 14-year-old brother accidentally, dragged his body through a nearby woods to their home, then burned a blood stained comic book the older youth had been reading, he told police today.

The youth, Tommy Champ, said he was carrying a shotgun which he discharged accidentally when he stumbled on a rock yesterday. The charge struck the older brother, Cecil Champ, in the chest, killing him almost instantly.

Panicky with fear, Tommy said he dragged the body back to the house, laid his head on a pillow and burned the comic book which Cecil was carrying. He replaced the shotgun which he had taken from a rack high on a wall, then told neighbors to notify police, because his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Champ, were not at home.

MRS. J. H. PARIS DIES; RITE MONDAY

Mrs. Carlotta Van Everta Paris died today in St. Vincent's hospital. She was the widow of James H. Paris, former president of a corporation operating the Hotel Chatham in New York city and the Hotel Lafayette in Washington, D. C. He died in 1932.

Mrs. Paris was born in Millersburg, O. She is survived by a nephew, Gerald Kochenderfer of Indianapolis.

Burial will be Monday at Green Lawn cemetery at Frankfort. The body will be at the Goodwin funeral home in Frankfort after 3 p. m. tomorrow.

SARDINE PLANTS RAZED

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Two huge sardine cannery plants at Fish Harbor were destroyed by a waterfront fire today with a loss estimated at \$750,000.

STRAUSS SAYS:
WHAT'S COOKIN'?
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Dear Fellow—

Well, here it is, 1943, already. . . . We'd planned to make a lot of good new year's resolutions. . . . But what's the use? . . . Before you men could read them, they'd all be broken, so we'll just start out by wishing you all a happy and successful new year. . . . Around here, the new year got off to a painful start when the mailman began delivering federal income tax blanks. . . . The postoffice here set a new record for the first 24 days of December. . . . Handled 47,670,000 pieces of mail—1,600,000 more than a year ago. . . . And believe it or not, Hoosier motorists bought 106,000 more gallons of gasoline in November than they did a year ago—before Pearl Harbor. . . . Officials blame it on hoarding. . . . Grocers report that Indianapolis housewives, for the most part, are heeding the government's plea not to hoard canned goods.



What's Cookin' in the Army—

IT'S COLDER in Indianapolis than in Alaska, says Warrant Officer Clyde Young, home on a 15-day furlough after nine months at Kodiak. . . . Maj. Lloyd L. Connell, formerly Schwitzer-Cummins service manager, writes home that he's now with the air forces in Egypt. . . . Charles B. Feibleman has been promoted from second to first lieutenant. . . . out at Ft. Sill, Okla. . . . And Corp. Russell R. Roberts Jr. (6845 Broadway) arrived home from Australia in time for Christmas. . . . Says it gets so hot there (120 degrees day after day) that no one wears shoes when they don't have to. . . . Home from Camp Knox was Capt. Beverly A. Zolezzi, motor officer. . . . He used to be a designing engineer at Allison's. . . . And home from Harrisburg, Pa., were Capt. William B. Engler, Lieut. George Gardner and Lieut. Jerry Sheridan. . . . Jay E. Wells (26 N. Drexel ave.) and George B. Harper (946 N. Meridian) received their wings at the Harington army gunnery school, Texas.

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Roses for Dr. Trent—

DR. L. C. TRENT will observe his 20th anniversary as pastor of the Woodruff Place Baptist church Wednesday. . . . A gift from his congregation will be a basket of very red roses—his favorites. . . . The I. U. extension division will open its second semester Jan. 11 with 104 classes—including the Russian and Japanese languages. . . . The last act of the outgoing board of works was to sign an agreement with the Belt Railway for construction of an underpass at the Belt and W. Morris st.—after the war. . . . And out at Stout field, the fellows are keeping an eye on a new two-story barracks going up. . . . One of these days, it will house 222 WAACs. . . . Wow!

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Red Hot Pepper—

CONGRESSMAN EARL WILSON, home from Washington for the holidays, picked up a rumor to the effect that a captain at Camp Atterbury bought 100,000 pounds of pepper for the camp—two full carloads. . . . Down at the camp, officers won't say how much pepper was purchased. . . . Military secret, you know. . . . But they say it wasn't anyway near as much as the rumor the congressman heard.

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What's Cookin' in Sports—

THE BUTLER Bulldogs took a 59-to-34 beating the other night from the Great Lakes naval team, piloted by Butler's one-time coach—Lieut. Tony Hinkle. . . . Playing against their alma mater were sailors Bob Dietz and Wilbur Schumacher. . . . Lieut. Everett M. Case, who used to coach Frankfort high school basketball, will report at Greencastle as athletic director of the pre-flight naval training school. . . . He's been serving at St. Mary's College, in California. . . . The big sports news of the week is that the I. H. S. A. A. has decided to hold the state H. S. net tournament next spring as usual, unless something unexpected occurs to prevent it. . . . The dates: Feb. 25, 26 and 27. . . . The Chicago Cubs and White Sox have selected French Lick, Ind., for their spring training grounds. . . . Coach Billy Thom displayed his prowess at the armory the other night by polishing off Sailor Olson of Kansas City in straight falls. . . . I. U. won its fifth straight basketball game by beating Loyola 51 to 43. . . . And then to Nebraska, 40 to 39. . . . The Indianapolis Capitals held the league-leading Pittsburgh Hornets to a 1-1 tie on Sunday, and on Thursday they beat Providence 7-2. . . . And the Marion Glants still rank as the state's No. 1 high school net team after nine straight victories.

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BIRTHS

Girls
Howard, Dorothy Clark, at St. Francis. Anne, Beulah Bergman, at St. Francis. Vincent, Vivian Hinkle, at St. Vincent's. Perry, Wilma Woods, at City. John, Mildred Bailey, at City. Bernard, Alice Canary, at St. Vincent's. Mabel, Ella Moore, at St. Vincent's. Kenneth, Bob Ajo, at St. Vincent's. Gregory, Jeanette Rouse, at Coleman. Aron, Betty Ann Enrich, at Coleman. Joseph, Eleanor Scott, at Methodist. Joseph, Blanche Adams, at Methodist. Margaret Morris, 24, Norris City, Ill.