

## PEGLER RIGHT, MOM, POP SAY

Lights Are Burning Later These Nights in Rooms Above Store.

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training in bookkeeping, accounting or legal phraseology and the deluge of forms became a problem.

More and more often the lights kept burning to midnight in their rooms above the store. More seldom came the hours of relaxation.

Today the store opens at 8 a. m. and closes at 6 p. m. Sundays are spent getting ready for Monday. And so around a circle.

Three days a week Mr. Spice is out at market at 4:30 a. m. and at least three nights a week the couple work to midnight going over accounts and government forms.

A 40-hour-week is merely something they have heard of.

### 'A Patriotic Duty'

And at one time there were three of them in the store and deliveries were made. Today delivery is a thing of the past... no tires, no gas and no help.

"I'll stay open as long as my health is good," Mr. Spice said. "It is a patriotic duty, but I wouldn't go into the grocery business again if I had it to do over."

Right now they figure it's about time for a two-week vacation from work, from forms and from points.

"We can't get anyone to run the store so we'll just close shop for a couple weeks and take off," said Mr. Spice.

And maybe they're right. The time off will seem like the time and a half they never get.

## 17-YEAR-OLD DIES IN SING SING CHAIR

OSISING, N. Y., July 9 (U. P.).—Edward Haight, 17, was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison last night for kidnapping, torturing and murdering two young sisters.

Haight was the youngest person ever executed in New York state. He paid the penalty for slaying Margaret Lynch, 8, and her sister, Helen, 7, in Bedford Village, N. Y., last September.

## To Annapolis



Appointment of Leon C. McAskill Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon C. McAskill Sr., 692 E. 58th st., to Annapolis naval academy, has been announced by Congressman Louis Ludlow. He will enter a preparatory school for naval cadets prior to reporting at Annapolis in February. He attended Georgia Military college and Davidson college, North Carolina. Mr. McAskill Sr. is in the advertising department of The Times.

## BLAST VICTIMS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

HAMMOND, Ind., July 9 (U. P.).—Two Hammond youths were reported in serious condition today after they were hurt and a companion was killed in an explosion caused by tossing a lighted cigar into a crate of fireworks.

Reese Egger, 19, died yesterday in a hospital at Chicago. The others were Rudy Valko and Don Bryne, both 17.

The explosion occurred yesterday on a small Wolf lake island in Forsythe park, site of a fireworks plant which was abandoned about seven years ago. The boys had waded to the island from the mainland.

Eggers told police that he had tossed away his cigar and that it fell into the fireworks crate, exploding two nearby boxes.

## POST-WAR PLAN GROUP CHOSEN

Co-operation Is Keynote for Peace-Time Work, Tyndall Says.

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with the few sub-committee chairmen I've named; nor does it depend altogether on the efforts of anyone of us gathered here tonight. Post-war planning can be made successful only through the wholehearted participation of each and every citizen."

### Chairmen Listed

The sub-committee chairmen are: FINANCE: J. Dwight Peterson, vice president of the City Securities Corp.

TAX: Walter T. Horn, research director for the Indiana Taxpayers' association.

HEALTH: Dr. Norman M. Beatty, superintendent of the isolation division at City hospital.

RETAIL BUSINESS: Theodore B. Griffith, president of L. S. Ayres and Co.

UTILITIES: Howard S. Morse, vice president and manager of the Indianapolis Water Co.

REAL ESTATE—Earl B. Teckmeyer, state representative and vice president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

INDUSTRIAL—George A. Kuhn, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE—Harry E. Yockey, director of the Indianapolis office of civilian defense.

Post-war Chairman C. A. Huff, named as co-ordinator of the program by the mayor last month, told subcommittee heads that they would be given free rein to choose members of their groups.

This policy, he said, was based on the theory that group chairmen would select men close to them in their respective professional fields and thus would organize "functional" committees.

### Expects Actual Work

"The usual 'honorary committee' doesn't appeal to me. Each of these groups will be expected to contribute a good deal of actual work in charting programs in detail.

"All sub-committees will have the full co-operation of all branches of the municipal, county and state governments," he said.

"No political, religious or race discrimination will be allowed to interfere with community planning. Since we're all going to foot the bill, there's no reason why all shouldn't have a voice in charting the blueprint."

Mr. Huff said the most important subcommittee will handle financial problems entailing the floating of post-war bond issues. One of their first jobs will be to insure the city against legal limitations of its bonding capacity, Mr. Huff declared.

### Plan Park Expansion

Another important undertaking will involve the after-war expansion of Indianapolis' park and recreation system, Mr. Huff remarked.

The city's blueprint will not be an isolated project, he reminded. Rather, it will be dovetailed with plans of the county and state, in order to fit into a greater master plan embracing the entire nation. The Republican County Chairman Henry Ostrom also spoke. He said that "Mayor Tyndall has said he would keep post-war planning out of politics, and I, for one, know that he'll uphold that pledge." Mr. Ostrom once declined the post-war chairmanship because, he said, his acceptance would involve too many political obligations.

### Possibilities 'Infinite'

"When our 10,000,000 fighting sons come home from the fronts, they'll want to know what we've been doing here at home. I certainly want to have something constructive to offer when my son asks me that question," said Mr. Ostrom. He added that possibilities for public works improvements in Indianapolis are "almost infinite," and as an example cited the much-needed expansion of the municipal sewer system which, he said, "will probably require the talents of an internationally-known engineer."

In a prepared statement, Mayor Tyndall reported that "superb labor relations and tremendous productive capacity here will enable the planners to do much to avert a crisis like that of 1929, which resulted directly from failure to plan after world war I."

VERONICA AND BABY BOTH 'DOING FINE' HOLLYWOOD, July 9 (U. P.).—Veronica Lake and her three-pound baby son, born prematurely yesterday, were "doing fine so far," hospital attendants said today.

The baby, which was not expected until September, was in an incubator, and Dr. Raymond McBurney, the film star's physician, expressed hope the treatment would be successful.

Miss Lake, in private life the wife of Maj. John Dettie, was taken to the hospital last week after a fall at her studio.

## Hoosier Heroes

## Lt. George Davis Jr., Bomber Pilot, Killed in Pacific Duty

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Lt. George Davis Jr.

is S. Sgt. Frank P. Lemine, Crown Point, gunner of a Flying Fortress.

### Honored

MEMBERS of the army air forces stationed in the Hawaiian department have received additional decorations, the government announced today.

The officers and men decorated include 1st Lt. Russell A. Phillips, Terre Haute, who was awarded the second oak leaf cluster to the air medal.

## FIREMEN BURIED IN FIRE RUINS

Six Are Believed Dead, While Rescuers Struggle To Save 3 Alive.

CHICAGO, July 9 (U. P.).—A physician led rescuers through a hole chopped in a basement wall today to reach a smoldering pile of debris where nine firemen were buried.

When the rescuers reached the basement they found three firemen still alive, two dead, and no trace of the others. Fire Chief Michael J. Corrigan said there was no doubt the four missing men were dead.

The dead and injured were buried beneath tons of smoking cartons containing model airplanes when a burning stairway and part of the floor collapsed.

To reach the trapped men, firemen had to chop through the basement wall of an adjoining building and then through the wall of the burning warehouse-garage. Dr. Harold P. Sullivan led the rescue squad into the smoldering wreckage where he found three men still living because a beam had fallen across their bodies to protect them from the weight of debris.

### Have Chance to Live

Sullivan said if the men could be taken out through the hole in the wall they had a good chance to live because they had endured the ordeal successfully for several hours.

The bodies of Thomas McCarthy and Harry Weiner, killed in a fall to the first floor, were taken out. The men alive under the rubble were Joseph Sirenski, Richard Jablonski and Capt. Mathew McDonough.

Those missing and believed certainly dead were Lt. Edward Moffett, Battalion Chief Arthur Barcal, Capt. Henry Worthman and Robert Walsh.

The four-story building is located at 419 W. Superior st. Occupants are the H. Piehl Transfer Co., Wilmer S. Snow Electrical fixtures factory and the Joseph Ott Model airplane company.

## VANNUYS TO OPEN QUARTERS AT I. A. C.

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these suits provide double indemnity and give the lawyer instituting them half for fees. Since the justice department law staff is able to handle them there is no longer any excuse of the law and all members of the judiciary committee, except Senator Langer, approved its repeal he said.

Turning toward Senator Langer who was seated on the opposite side of the chamber, Senator VanNuy, flushed and angry, said:

"Thomas Clark, who is in charge of the justice department claims, says they need this law now. Our committee has amended it to carry out all suggestions made by Senator Langer. It has been pending in the committee since April 2. But if the senator from North Dakota desires to filibuster its passage and thus protect a bunch of legal racketeers, let the blood be on his hands—not ours."

### Langer Pounds Desk

Senator Langer arose to pound the desk and shout excerpts from a letter from a former Democrat governor of Kansas who favored retention of the law. "Never will I consent to its repeal," he declared.

By that time Senator VanNuy had retired to the cloakroom and was being congratulated by colleagues, many of whom have tangled with Senator Langer in the past.

"And to think I voted to give him his seat the time he was investigated," Senator VanNuy lamented afterwards.

That he will give Senator Langer no important subcommittee assignments in the future can be safely concluded.

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## RUSS AND NAZIS IN TANK BATTLE

Many German Tigers Set Afire; Soviets May Have an Edge.

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two new holes in the Soviet outer defenses yesterday, the Red army ordered its own armored forces into battle and at last reports the opposing tank forces were battling it out on the Russian plains.

(The German high command said a tremendous tank battle had developed behind breached Soviet positions with the Russians making the "greatest efforts" to stem ever-advancing wedges. Russian losses were given as 420 tanks, many guns, and 117 planes.)

(A Rome broadcast said the Germans already had achieved their objective of shortening their line on the southern front and forestalling a possible Russian offensive. The broadcast discounted reports that the fighting was a prelude to a general offensive.)

### Nazis Seek Encirclement

British military experts said the Soviet position in the Belgorod area appeared "precarious." A German broadcast said axis forces pierced the Russian line at so many points that the defenses had been overcome in great depth and length.)

Seeking to exploit their fourth advance in as many days, the Germans poured a constant stream of tank and infantry reserves into the breached Russian lines in a desperate attempt to achieve a decisive breakthrough through that might lead to encirclement of huge Russian forces in the Kursk salient.

Even while their comrades gave ground before the southern arm of the giant German pincers, however, red armies 165 miles to the north seized the initiative and blunted the axis northern spearhead with a shattering counter-attack that dislodged the enemy from several key points between Kursk and Orel.

### Infantry Follows Tanks

In the battle of the southern front groups of 20 to 30 Tiger tanks were spearheading the German attacks with twice that number of mobile guns, then lighter tanks and infantry falling in behind to exploit any penetration of the Russian lines.

In many instances, the Russians permitted the head column of Tigers to advance and then revealed their lines and destroyed the trapped Panzers. The Germans finally wedged the Soviet defenses near Belgorod, however, by sheer weight of numbers, dispatches indicated.

When massed artillery fire failed to halt the German advance, the Soviets threw large tank forces of their own into battle.

## NEW 'SHANGRI-LA' WILL STING TOKYO

WASHINGTON, July 9 (U. P.).—Shangri-la is to become a reality—a reality made of tons of steel and armed with a deadly sting.

President Roosevelt has approved the name Shangri-la for a new "mystery" aircraft carrier now a building, for which retailers, theaters and newsboys are campaigning to sell \$1 in war stamps to every American during July.

The U. S. S. Shangri-la is expected to follow in the wake of her predecessor and bomb Tokyo again.

### BABY'S FUNERAL SET

Funeral services for Peggy Joan Benefield, 7-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benefield, 832 S. Senate ave., will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Speaks & Finn funeral home. Burial will be in Floral park. The child fell out of bed yesterday, receiving injuries which caused her death.

## Republican Quarrel Puts The Heat on Chief Beeker

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Chief Beeker

lieve that the public interests are served by open quarrels between law enforcement agencies, and we do not intend to descend to or engage in personalities with the prosecutor.

"We have received no letter from the prosecutor, nor has the chief of police, although he states that he has sent us one.

### Give Boy's Record

"We wish to include without comment the record of the Huddleston boy whose so-called 'illegal arrest' has called forth this criticism.

"The attached record of Robert Huddleston, 17-year-old youth who Prosecutor Blue alleged was brutally beaten by police when arrested on a vagrancy charge this week, states that he started his criminal career at the age of 13, when he was caught stealing bicycles. He confessed and was released. Six months later he was arrested for stealing two bicycles and again was released on confession. In 1940, he was arrested for vehicle taking, and again was released.

"The same year he stole another automobile, was chased by police but refused to stop. He escaped, stole another automobile and was caught. He was found guilty and sentenced to the Boys' school at Plainfield, but sentence was suspended during good behavior.

### Claim Threat

"Huddleston was arrested later in the same year for peeping in the windows of a girls' gymnasium. He confessed and was released. He was again released in 1941 after having been arrested for stealing merchandise from trucks. In 1942 he was arrested for burglary and speeding. He went to jail for a few days on the burglary charge.

"Huddleston confessed in 1943 to 'larceny of clothing from a parked car. He also was committed to juvenile court for drunkenness in that year.

"The last time he was arrested he threatened to kill any police officer who interfered with him, and did, in fact, injure one officer so severely that he was sent to the hospital. Other officers had their clothing torn. On that occasion the police used force in making the arrest. Whether the force was justified under all the circumstances will be a matter to be determined by the proper authorities after a fair hearing."

"The board of safety is not going to prejudice the case, and we do not think any other law enforcement agency ought to do so."

### Hickman Hits Raids

The statement said that the boy's younger brother who also has a record "was taken along when he attempted to interfere with police."

In addition to the pressure against Mr. Beeker from regular G. O. P. leaders who are opposing the city hall crowd, at least two of Mr. Tyndall's own appointees, Roy E. Hickman, city controller, and Mike Glenn, in the city purchasing department, are known to be in favor of getting a new police chief.

Mr. Hickman has been saying openly that Mr. Beeker's mass raiding tactics are disrupting harmony in the Republican party.

It is known that both Mr. Hickman and Mr. Glenn have aired their opposition to Mr. Beeker's policies to members of the safety board and to the mayor himself.

At least four high ranking (all above a lieutenant) police department officers have made complaints to the mayor and the safety board against the chief.

### Complain of 'Clique'

Some of them have been known to complain that Mr. Beeker is not co-operating with them in their specific fields of work and that the chief has surrounded himself with a clique of officers to the detriment of efficiency.

Also some of the Republican leaders have complained to the mayor that 65 per cent of the chief's higher ranking police officers are Democrats, hinting that a bi-partisan clique is being fostered in the department. As a whole, Chief Beeker is popular with the rank and file of the department.

Regarding the rumors of the ouster move against the chief, William H. Remy, safety board president, said:

### Cites 'Brutality'

"I've heard the rumors for some time but I believe the wish is father to the thought. I think a lot of the boys the chief has knocked off in raids are naturally out after his job."

Prosecutor Blue in his attack on police methods cited five instances of brutality in handling prisoners and said:

"I am sick and tired of having illegal means used just to make a show of law enforcement without getting any results."

Mr. Blue referred mostly to the mass raids made without proper warrants.

Instances of alleged unnecessary roughness on the part of police in making arrests were cited by Mr. Blue:

1. The beating of a pedestrian by a traffic policeman at Meridian and Washington sts., April 18.

2. The rough treatment of a woman in her home, May 27, by arresting officers.

3. The beating of a man in his home by police on May 6.

Regarding the latter, Prosecutor Blue said investigation revealed that police answered a call to the home on a report of a family argument.

"When they arrived at the home police were informed by the wife that the quarrel was over and that they were not needed," Mr. Blue said.

"Police forced their way into the house and into a bedroom where they found the husband in bed. The husband ordered them to leave at the point of a gun, telling them they had no legal right to enter the home. Police persuaded him to lay aside his gun, then they beat him and arrested him. The prisoner was released the next day in Municipal court."

## EXPLOSION KILLS 2 PIPE LINE WORKERS

BEDFORD, Ind., July 9 (U. P.).—Two men, employed by the Truman Pipe Line Contracting Co., were killed today in an explosion caused when their blow torches ignited gas that had settled in a metal tool box.

Victor Lowell Grable, 38, Petersburg, Ind., and Homer Harry Siddens, 31, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Kansas City, Mo., were the victims. Grable was killed instantly and Siddens died at a Bedford hospital shortly after the accident.

R. L. Buck, company field officer, said the two men were using the tool box as a welding table, and the heat of their torches ignited gas stored up in the box.

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