

SECRET SERVICE AIDS OPA PROBE

Assists in Hunting Black Market Operators in Gasoline Here.

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But the counterfeits, it appears, outsmarted themselves by threading some coupons, the genuine counterparts of which had not been threaded by OPA.

Bogus gasoline tickets are circulated in all large Indiana cities by one of the most extensive distribution setups to appear on the crime scene since the demise of prohibition, secret service officials asserted.

In many cases, truck drivers with established routes have been enlisted by black marketeers to contact certain gasoline station operators who serve as the principal agents, they revealed. Present investigations point to the East coast as the origin of the fake ration stamps, but Chicago evidently is a primary distribution terminal, they added.

Although Assistant Secret Service Chief James J. Maloney said in Washington today that suppression of coupon counterfeiting activities was its second most important function, the protection of the President being No. 1, Mr. Horton indicated that staff limitations in the Indianapolis office preclude any wide-scale prosecution tactics in this area.

So far, OPA has been given supreme authority in actual prosecution of coupon counterfeiting cases and unless the local office is augmented by additional personnel, it appears that this custom will continue, with secret service agents serving in advisory capacities only.

Shad Polier, head of the national secret service enforcement corps, appealed from Washington today for funds with which to buy evidence against black marketeers.

"No other law enforcement agency in the country is asked to break down crime rings without funds to buy evidence," he said.

National secret service officials said their aim was to smash the gasoline black market before the criminal directors, impressed by profits from bogus ration coupons, were tempted "to branch out, into currency counterfeiting."

Meanwhile, John E. Scott, chief OPA enforcement attorney for the Indiana district, blamed lack of public co-operation for the sudden outcropping of phony coupons. OPA personnel shortages make it "virtually impossible" to trace the statewide black market operations, he complained.

"We have only 10 investigators for the 91 counties in the Indiana district. We have to spread ourselves too thin to even make a dent in this racket," he declared.

CITY HALL'S LEADERS FACE BUDGET QUIZ

City hall department heads today were prepared to face their "inquisitors," the J. L. Jacobs budget-engineering firm of Chicago, at a conference scheduled for 4 p. m.

Representatives of the Jacobs company said they would distribute a large variety of questionnaires in all city departments in an attempt to learn just what each job holder does and what he is supposed to do.

Administration politicians have been turning a cold shoulder toward the impending salary and job classification survey, wary lest it should pat a stable chunk off their patronage lists.

Cassino Was a Great Show, But Nazis Are Still There

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mined garrison and that, at the end of the bombing attack, the Germans were still full of fight.

One small hill topped by a strong-point was constantly in the center of the bombardment and it was there that our infantry met its toughest opposition when it started to back into the town.

One result of the bombing, which did not work to our advantage, was to be expected, but may not have been taken into sufficient consideration. Massed bombing of Cassino, which was already in ruins, completely blocked many streets which were already full of rubble and which we had made efforts to clear during our first six weeks in the northern edge of the town.

Bombing Not Answer

It also ruined roads in the vicinity which were necessary for the advance of our tanks and wheeled vehicles. Our engineers will now have to clear these lanes under fire from the multiple mortars with which the Germans are now shelling the approaches to the town.

We cannot go into full detail in regard to the accuracy of our bombing, but nobody who was there will deny the assertion that some of our heavy bombers missed badly.

Thought 13 Lucky; Enlists On 13th, Dies on 13th Raid

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Know," and "My Buddy," for the rest of his combat trips.

Sgt. Zahn, whose father, Curtis Zahn, 2711 Guilford ave., also enlisted on Friday the 13th in the last war, was killed Feb. 25.

In one of the 200 letters he has sent Mrs. Duncan, Sgt. Zahn said he "may lose his life in this war but cannot be the judge of that."

He published a story of a raid over Germany and also has written eight poems to his mother about the war.

1200 JAPS SLAIN ON BOUGAINVILLE ISLE

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shellfire in the fighting, and the beaten enemy left 1173 dead behind them when they broke off their counter-attack. American losses were placed at 123 killed.

Bomb Plantation

American bombers dropped 174 tons of explosives on Boran and Banti plantation at Wewak.

Allied ground troops were pushing forward from Cape Rigny to pass through the villages of Salpa and Yokopi in their thrust toward Madang, approximately 200 miles east of Wewak.

American bombers also attacked Rabaul, on New Britain, Bougainville in the Solomons and thrust far into the Carolines to hit Oroku atoll, only 190 miles east of the big enemy bastion at Truk.

American planes carried out seven separate attacks on the Carolines and the eastern Marshalls without the loss of a plane.

MELLIS, LAWYER, FILES

Frank Mellis, Indianapolis lawyer, today filed his declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state for the Republican nomination of circuit court judge here. Mr. Mellis lives at 1606 Leonard st.

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YANKS AND RAF BATTER REICH

U. S. Raid Follows Attack On Stuttgart by British.

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western Germany, as well as on railway targets at Amiens, strategic junction controlling the main supply and reinforcement route for German troops on the French invasion coast, apparently were designed as diversionary attacks to draw off night fighters from the main blow at Stuttgart.

Forty-one bombers were lost in all the night's operations from Britain, the air ministry announced. British Wellington bombers from Italian bases simultaneously bombed Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, last night to bring new pressure against Hitler's shaky satellites to get out of the war. The raid was the sixth on Sofia by American or British bombers and a German DME dispatch reported it caused "heavy damage."

The British-based RAF night assault exceeded in weight any previous one-night offensive by more than 500 tons. The number of bombers involved was believed the largest ever sent out by the RAF.

Engine Works Smashed

Swiss dispatches said that portion of the attack concentrated on Southern Germany was of unparalleled dimensions. The triangle formed by Karlsruhe, Mannheim and Stuttgart belched flames whose glow could be seen in Zurich 100 miles away, the dispatches said.

Watchers along the Swiss-German border said "terrible detonations" were audible from the direction of Stuttgart soon after an hour-long procession of heavy bombers crossed over Lake Constance.

Though there was no immediate confirmation, air observers believed the R. A. F.'s big four-engine bombers may have unloaded some of their new six-ton super blockbusters on Stuttgart, as well as tens of thousands of incendiaries.

The main target at Stuttgart presumably was the Daimler-Benz works, which manufacture engines for Messerschmitt and Heinkel planes, as well as for tanks and heavy trucks.

The night's raids ended a two-week lull in the R. A. F.'s heavy night attacks on Germany, during which they made six raids on French railway yards and aircraft plants in an attempt to disrupt German preparations for the defense of France against invasion.

The raids followed by only a few hours an American daylight attack yesterday on Brunswick in Central Germany. Swiss reports reaching Stockholm said 400 American bombers participated in the attack, hitting the Meissner-Schmitt 110 works with "great effect." Between 2000 and 3000 persons were killed, a Stockholm dispatch said.

JUDGES SELECTED TO HEAR BLUE SUITS

Judges Ralph Hamill of superior court 5 and Hezlie Pike of superior court 2 were selected today to preside over hearings on two of Prosecutor Sherwood Blue's suits to close permanently the "guest houses" of the Anderson foundation.

Judge Hamill will preside over the case involving the state's attempt to close a guest house at 403 W. Michigan st. Judge Pike will preside over the case to close the other establishment at 604 N. Senate ave. Hearings on both cases were set for next Monday.

The suits asked that the places be padlocked permanently on the ground that they are public nuisances due to alleged law violations in the places.

LaFollette Switches, Backs Compromise Soldier Vote

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cannot challenge my position for their own governor never has favored a federal ballot and has been outspoken against it."

Both Reps. Ludlow and Madden took the view that the new measure does restore the poll-tax and registration requirements and therefore handicaps, rather than helps, soldiers to vote.

Awaits Replies

"I believe the old law is a better one and unless we could improve upon it we had better left the whole matter rest," Mr. Ludlow asserted.

Gov. Henry F. Schricker and all other governors have been asked to report to President Roosevelt on how the bill, approved by the sen-

Three Indianapolis Fighters Listed as Lost In Action in Two Separate War Theaters

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Galloway, has been missing in action since Feb. 12 in the central Pacific theater.

The 23-year-old, officer is a pilot of a B-26 Mitchell bomber and has been overseas since October. He enlisted in the air forces two years ago.

A graduate of Cathedral high school, Lt. Galloway was attending Butler university when he enlisted. He was commissioned as first lieutenant in December.

Before going overseas he was in a submarine squadron in Charleston, S. C., and then was sent to Hawaii and other advanced bases.

T. SGT. WILLIAM J. MCALLISTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. McAllister, has been missing since Feb. 10 following a mission over Europe.

A radio operator and gunner on a Flying Fortress, Sgt. McAllister was stationed in England and was on his 14th or 15th mission when he was lost.

A graduate of Shortridge high school, the 22-year-old sergeant entered the army in October, 1942, and previously had worked at Allison division of General Motors. He went overseas Nov. 4.

He has been decorated with two air medals for meritorious achievement on missions.

S. SGT. CHARLES R. HARRIS, husband of Mrs. Edna L. Harris, has been missing over Germany since Feb. 10.

A waist gunner and assistant radio operator, Sgt. Harris was stationed in England. He is the son of Mrs. Alma Harris of the S. Harris ave. address.

A graduate of Avon high school, Sgt. Harris was employed by Link-Belt Co. before entering service.

MAJ. CARL DEVANEY, husband of Mrs. Marylou Patterson Devaney, 955 N. Pennsylvania st., was wounded recently in Italy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Devaney, Noblesville, and was graduated from the electrical engineering school at Purdue university. He worked for the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. three years before entering service.

A native of Arcadia, Maj. Devaney attended school there. Mrs. Devaney is an Indianapolis attorney and deputy Marion county prosecutor.

PFC. RAYMOND MONTGOMERY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Montgomery, 252 N. Addison ave., was wounded in marine action Jan. 29 in the Southwest Pacific theater.

Marine Pvt. Montgomery had been employed at Link-Belt before he enlisted Nov. 3, 1942. He has been overseas since June. His mother is employed at Allison division of General Motors.

S. SGT. ARTHUR POTTER, radio operator on the 8th army air force Flying Fortress, "Lady Lillian," has been awarded the oak leaf cluster to the air medal for courage, coolness and skill in his second series of five missions over Nazi Europe.

Sgt. Potter is the husband of Mrs. Irene Potter, 2125 W. 42d st., and the father of a year-old son, George Arthur.

He entered the army air forces in August, 1942, and was a member of the 11th infantry, company M., at Ft. Harrison three years.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT today confirmed the previous report that S. Sgt. Charles E. Atkinson, son of Mrs. Edna Pettit, 137 W. Market st., was missing in the European theater and announced the names of 11 Hoosiers outside Indianapolis missing in action.

Those lost in the European theater are S. Sgt. Paul G. Boles, son of Mrs. Fern Boles, Sullivan; Sgt. Edward L. Caton, husband of Mrs. DeLores L. Caton, Farmersburg; 2d Lt. William S. Gindgold, husband of Mrs. Ethel S. Gindgold, Terre Haute; S. Sgt. Robert E. Hagry, son of Mrs. Matilda Hagry, South Bend; Sgt. Jerome A. Hellmann, son of Mrs. Philomina G. Hellmann, Tipton; 2d Lt. Clyde E. Hewitt Jr., son of Mrs. Lena Hewitt, Gary.

Also missing are 1st Lt. Michael G. Koury, son of Alex Koury, Michigan City; S. Sgt. Stanley W. Leer, son of Elvin Leer, Bristol; 2d Lt. Albert F. Myer, son of Albert C. Myer, Lafayette; T. Sgt. Sam D. Orlich, son of Mrs. Bessie S. Murphy, Gary; and Sgt. Charles W. Rice, son of Charles E. Rice, Spencer.

SEE LEGISLATIVE FIGHT ON BALLOT

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legislature will legalize them, Governor Schricker said.

"The use of supplemental federal ballots, provided by soldier-vote bill, is not now authorized by the laws of Indiana."

Want Ballot for All

"I propose to call a special session of the general assembly in the near future to facilitate soldier voting under our own laws, and at that time will recommend that federal ballots be legalized in our state. I cannot speak for the general assembly but do not anticipate serious opposition to such a proposal. Our people are definitely in favor of giving the ballot to every voter in the armed services. We hope to reach most of them under our own laws, but failure to do this should not invalidate a federal ballot."

Democratic leaders say that if the Republican legislature fails to legalize the federal ballot they will be repudiating their own congressmen who voted for the compromise measure which permits the use of supplemental federal ballots.

They also say that by failing to legalize the federal ballots, the Republicans will be directly to blame for those who cannot vote in the election because they did not get their state ballot.

While a number of measures are drawn for submission to the special session, both G. O. P. and Democratic leaders are hopeful that the session can be kept short and limited to wartime measures.

BLAST RANGOON SUPPLIES

NEW DELHI, March 16 (U. P.).—Powerful formations of American and British bombers blew up supply dumps in the Rangoon area of southern Burma Tuesday night, setting the entire target ablaze with almost 100 tons of bombs, a communique disclosed today.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

All Data in Central War Time

Sunrise... 6:55 Sunset... 6:53

TEMPERATURE

March 16, 1944

7 a. m. 55 2 p. m. 62

Precipitation 24 hrs. end 7:30 a. m. .32

Total precipitation since Jan. 1... 5.36

Deficiency since Jan. 1... 2.13

The following table shows the temperatures in other cities:

Station	High	Low
Atlanta	78	51
Boston	36	32
Chicago	49	34
Cincinnati	62	51
Cleveland	63	32
Denver	31	20
Evansville	62	54
Fl. Wayne	62	37
Indianapolis (city)	74	44
Kansas City, Mo.	43	33
Memphis	73	70
Minneapolis-St. Paul	35	27
New Orleans	46	37
New York	49	34
Oklahoma City	49	34
Omaha, Neb.	75	52
Pittsburgh	66	64
San Antonio, Tex.	71	52
St. Louis	68	52
Washington, D. C.	70	53

SEVENTH DISTRICT, Indiana Federation club, 10 a. m., at the school, night.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

These lists are from official records in the county court house. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in name and address.

Severin Barstad, 27, U. S. navy; Paula J. McClurg, 23, of 3967 Guilford.

James W. Edwards, 26, Camp Atterbury, Ind.; Rosemond Whitehouse, 24, of 1188 N. Neville.

Calvin Hathaway, 41, of 1598 Martindale; Annie Elizabeth Robertson, 29, of 3508 Martindale.

Edwin Andrews, 31, of 2031 Central; Dorothy Chennault, 19, of 1280 Eugene.

Mattie Kenneth Montgomery, 22, U. S. army; Napier Field, Ala.; Martha Evelyn Jarrett, 29, of 2920 Meredith.

Mayer Simon, 21, U. S. army; Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.; Rosalie Rapoport Pollack, 18, of 222 W. Miller.

Robert Rudnick, 41, R. R. 3, Box 461; Mary Olin Carden, 34, of 1411 Cruff.

Elvin Howard Seaton, 23, of 2023 Watson road; Annette L. Lange, 21, R. R. 2, Box 482-H.

Fay Leonard Sharkey Jr., 22, of 814 N. Audubon rd.; Ruby Elizabeth Jordan, 19, of 8729 E. Washington.

George Walter Woolwine, 66, of 1437 Linden; Elsie Ruth Albers, 44, of 1128 Nelson.

BIRTHS

Girls

Omer, Marie Collins, at St. Francis.

Vernon, Alma Lurie, at St. Francis.

Edmund, Josephine Horst, at St. Vincent's.

Charles E. Kitchell, 51, at City, artery.

Frank, Jewell Henderson, at Coatsman.

DEATHS

Edward A. Robertson, 80, at 130 S. Ritter, cerebral hemorrhage.

John Walker Hartung, 51, at Veterans, cerebral thrombosis.

Barney Lee Cantrell, intestinal obstruction.

Clara Beinke, 83, 2012 Hillside, arterio-sclerosis.

Lillian A. Smart, 80, at 4147 Outfield, cerebral hemorrhage.

Ida W. Fischer, 73, at Methodist, diabetes mellitus.

Frank O. Lane, 68, at 551 S. Central court, cerebral hemorrhage.

Amanda J. Smith, 95, at 3245 N. Illinois, aneurism.

Julia Barnes, 69, at City, acute colic.

Charles E. Kitchell, 51, at City, artery.

Coatsman.

BLUE TO SEEK A THIRD TERM

Prosecutor Reveals 5-Point Platform in Campaign For Renomination.

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attended by all but one of the ward vice chairwomen in the county.

County Employees Speak

Mrs. Agnes Todd, G. O. P. county vice chairwoman and an employee of Juvenile Judge Mark Rhoads, presided at the announcement party.

Also speaking at the affair was Mrs. Fern Norris, G. O. P. district vice chairwoman, who is employed in the county commissioners' office.

Mrs. Todd told Prosecutor Blue that she was sure all the Republican vice chairwomen would do their utmost to assure his renomination and re-election.

Mr. Blue formally filed his declaration of candidacy today with the secretary of state, the first to do so.

"I am filing immediately after my announcement to let everyone know that I am ready in earnest about the fight to protect American constitutional government and to prevent the New Dealers from destroying our liberties," Mr. Blue said.

Makes Veiled References

In his announcement speech, Mr. Blue made only veiled references to his current feud with the city administration over law enforcement policy.

He enumerated a five-point program which he said he believed to be essential to the accomplishment of good law enforcement in this community:

1. A mutual understanding of each other's problems.
2. A conscientious effort to coordinate the work of all the enforcement agencies.
3. A willingness to recognize and abide by the limitations upon enforcement officers that are established by law.
4. Disregard of Politics
5. Mutual assistance in meeting those limitations by legal enforcement methods.

5. A disregard of political differences in the interest of sound enforcement and good government.

"I am not only willing, but anxious, to engage upon this program without the least equivocation or mental reservation, and I call upon all other enforcement agencies to express themselves upon this subject," he said.

Mr. Blue, a native of Marion county, has been practicing law here since 1928. Elected prosecutor in 1940, he was re-elected in 1942.

HOLLYWOOD ACTOR HELD IN AUTO DEATH

HOLLYWOOD, March 16 (U. P.).—Barry Fitzgerald, movie character actor, was charged with suspicion of manslaughter today after his automobile killed Mrs. Mary Farrar, 87-year-old pedestrian, and injured her daughter.

The daughter, Mrs. C. V. Torrance, wife of a New York business man, suffered a broken leg and internal injuries. Police said Fitzgerald stopped his car at once and called an ambulance.

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