

## FT. WAYNE GIRL BRUTALLY SLAIN

City in Furor Over 3d  
Murder of Woman in  
Six Months.

Times Special

FT. WAYNE, Aug. 7.—This city seethed with anger today over the third brutal murder of a woman here within the past six months.

Latest victim was Phyllis Connie, 17-year-old South Side high school senior, whose battered, nude body was found in a weed patch southwest of the city yesterday.

In many respects this case was parallel to the unsolved slayings of Anna Kuzeff, 19-year-old defense worker, who was found strangled on a lonely path May 23, and Billie Haaga, 38, who was bludgeoned to death Feb. 2.

Benninghoff to Report

Miss Connie had been missing since Friday afternoon when she left home to attend a movie. Deputy Coroner Dr. D. R. Benninghoff said she had been dead since Friday. Her skull had been crushed by a series of blows with a blunt instrument, believed by the coroner to have been a hammer.

Dr. Benninghoff said he would report today whether the South Side high school senior had been criminally assaulted.

Her body was discovered by Glen Foulks, 39, defense worker, and his brother, Wybourn Foulks, 37, as they drove along the ditch road, a seldom traveled lane, about six miles out of Ft. Wayne. Definite identification was established by the girl's uncle, E. A. Behnke.

Foulks said their attention first was attracted by a pair of shoes and an umbrella lying on the road shoulder. They said they investigated further, finding more clothing draped on a fence.

Object of a Search

She had been the object of a search since her disappearance. Mayor Harry W. Baals had obtained the aid of the civilian defense committee organization in the hunt and descriptions of the girl were broadcast from a Ft. Wayne radio station. Her parents had offered a reward.

The girl's death came shortly after police had ceased full-time investigation of the Kuzeff and Haaga cases. A state police detective who had been working on both deaths was returned to regular duties and Jules Stumpf, Ft. Wayne chief of police, said that he saw no indication that either murderer would be solved in the near future.

Anna Kuzeff was attacked as she walked a lonely path to a midnight shift at a war plant. Billie Haaga, horribly beaten, lurched into a farmhouse on Feb. 2. She lived three days in a hospital but never regained consciousness.

Veteran of Four  
Fronts Returns

COXSWAIN LEOTIS A. SHIR-  
CLIFF, who had complete charge of troop landing barges on Saipan, Salerno, Sicily and in North Africa, is home today, wearing four bronze battle stars and ready for a much-needed rest.

He is spending his 30-day leave in Indianapolis with his wife, Hazel, 584 Dewey ave.; his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Venard (Verne) Tresser, 1172 Eugene st., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shircliff, 813 Udel st.

On his last trips to sea he took off Japanese prisoners on Saipan to be dropped by the transport in concentration pens.

In action on Saipan he spent nine days and nights at the helm of his barge, almost continuously under enemy fire, shuttling marine invaders and supplies from transport to shore. He won the bronze star for this work.

## Attacking Yanks Ignore Machine Gun Fire to Roll Nazis Back in France



Yank infantrymen dash across an open field in the face of heavy machine gun fire to engage S. S. troopers in close battle. The soldier in foreground lies prone to fire a rifle grenade. At the right a bazooka gunner races along with his comrades to join the attack.

## Jeep-Riding Yank Enters Nazi-Held City, Dines, Dates Girl, Rides Away Next Day

By HELEN KIRKPATRICK

Times Foreign Correspondent

GRANVILLE, Aug. 4 (Delayed).—Who is the American sergeant? Everyone in Granville wants to know. So do I.

He arrived in Granville on Saturday afternoon, July 29. The Germans were still there. He drove up in a jeep though it was his own town.

People gathered around—pleased, frightened, delighted.

"The Germans are still here," they tried to tell him. He finally understood.

"Where?" he asked. They pointed to an old

fortress high on a hill. He drove off. Two shots rang out.

The sergeant returned to the Hotel Normandy. "Can I get something to eat?" he asked.

He sat down at a window, looking out over the hundred gathered around.

He picked out a girl, made a date, spent the evening with her, stayed the night in the hotel and at dawn he drove away.

"Goodbye," he waved. "I'll be seeing you again."

Two days later the first American tanks came through the town.

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## You'll Get Less Butter Soon If the Dry Spell Continues

Hoosier dinner tables will have less butter on the menu within the next 30 days and perhaps for the rest of the year if the drought continues to burn up Indiana pastures.

F. E. Tyrie, manager of the Indianapolis branch office of Schlesser Bros., Inc., said today that production has been reduced to a point where creameries are running from

15 to 20 per cent behind the 1943 rate.

Predicting a "continuing shortage," he said that the government took 50 per cent of the butter supply in June and 45 per cent in July and that the dry spell has caused a feed shortage and burned up pastures.

Deliveries were cut 10 per cent last week by the Schlesser company and a similar cut is expected for next week. The only hope for improvement, Mr. Tyrie said, is an early end to the drought.

The shortage already is being felt in other cities, with residents of Muncie reported to have been particularly hard hit and the supply of butter at a serious low.

War food administration sources in Chicago said that government holdings were running far behind early estimates and that the supply in storage is well below the 1943 figure. All state producers are obliged to meet government requirements first.

Italian partisans are operating in northern Italy on such a large scale that the province of Piedmont is in imminent danger of falling completely under their control, a Zurich dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph in London said today. The dispatch said some 6000 partisans were operating in Liguria, and added that at a meeting of Fascist leaders and German military authorities it was proposed that families of partisans should be arrested as hostages.

Italian patriots, aided by allied aircraft, were engaging the Germans in a major battle at Vercelli in northern Italy, the London radio said today in a broadcast recorded by C. B. S.

CLUB SPONSORING PARTY

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## 12 DIE IN STATE OVER WEEK-END

### Six Drownings Head the List, With 3 Killed in Traffic, 2 Slain.

By UNITED PRESS

Violent death claimed at least 12 lives in Indiana during the weekend, with six drownings heading the list of fatalities. Traffic accidents accounted for three other deaths. A young woman was found beaten to death, another Hoosier was fatally stabbed and one was struck by lightning.

The drownings occurred as thousands thronged to lakes, streams and resorts to seek relief from a heat wave.

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Fatal Fishing Trip

Jasper Dishman, 39, and Grouse South, 11, New Castle, lost their lives when the boy drowned in a gravel pit and Dishman vainly went to his rescue.

A fishing trip in White river near Washington cost the life of a 36-year-old farmer, Herbert C. Lottes, who fell from a boat. His companion, Orval Catt, 30, tried to pull him to their capsized boat but Lottes' legs were tangled in a trolley line.

Another victim was 10-year-old John Campbell, Liberty, who drowned Saturday night at Cedar Lake where he was attending a summer camp.

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## Jon Hall Nurses Broken Nose and Brain Concussion

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 7 (U. P.)—

Wearing a crown of bandages, film actor Jon Hall remained in seclusion at his Hollywood home today, nursing the wounds incurred during a pre-dawn battle at the luxurious apartment of band leader Tommy Dorsey Saturday.

Hall spurned hospital care in favor of remaining at home and his physician, Dr. Bernard Pearson, said he was resting as comfortably as could be expected.

In all, Dr. Pearson said, Hall received a broken nose, a brain concussion, face and head cuts requiring 48 stitches and "various contusions and abrasions about the body."

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his home found his body in a field yesterday. Wood was believed the victim of lightning.

Michigan City police questioned Sephus Perry, 49, in the fatal stabbing early yesterday of Mrs. Clara Cole, 34. Ft. Wayne authorities investigated the death of 17-year-old Phyllis Conine, who was found beaten to death in a weed patch along a lonely road.

Eugene Goodnight, 26, died when a tire on his automobile blew out along U. S. 31, near Kokomo, and the vehicle hit a tree and overturned. His wife and two other passengers were injured.

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said, adding that if so, plastic surgery no doubt could be used.

Hall remained adamant in his refusal to file complaints against his assailant—or assailants—and everyone said he was sorry it all happened.

The sorriest, she said, was blond Jane Churchill, New York singer, who described herself as a "distant relative" of Prime Minister Winston Churchill. She ruefully admitted that it was her purse that started the whole thing.

Hall returned to the Dorsey apartment to get the purse and greeted Dorsey's wife, Pat Dane, with a hug. Dorsey objected and pretty soon began to happen with Miss Churchill, Miss Dane, Dorsey, Hall and another actor, Edward Norris, some other guests and a few neighbors involved.

## CITY FATHERS PLAN HIKE IN 1945 LEVY

A \$10,645,000 city corporation budget for 1945, requiring a tax rate of \$1.53 1/2 cents, an increase of 16 cents over the current levy, will be submitted to the city council tonight by Mayor Robert Tyndall.

The budget, prepared by city department heads during the last two months, proposed \$350,000 wage increases for city employees under recommendations made following the recent job survey.

The budget also called for \$280,000 additional funds for new jobs that would be created by the realignment of positions under the survey plan.

Other major increases in the budget over current expenditures include \$30,000 extra for the city health department for malaria control, \$100,000 additional for the park department expansion program;

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