

HOOSIER WINS HIGHEST HONOR

Sgt. McCall Is Awarded Congressional Medal

The congressional medal of honor, and a citation personally signed by the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, will be awarded to S. Sgt. Thomas E. McCall of Attica at a post review at Ft. Harrison tomorrow.

An infantryman, Sgt. McCall is a prisoner of war in Germany. His father, Richard D. McCall, will receive for his son the country's highest honor at 4:45 p. m. from Col. Henry E. Tisdale, post commander.

The sergeant won the decoration during an attack on the German position along the Rapido river in Italy Jan. 22, 1944.

Last Man Alive

The last man in his section left alive and unwounded, Sgt. McCall was last seen advancing on an enemy machine-gun nest with his own machine gun blazing from his hip. By that time he had knocked out two German machine guns and killed or routed their crews.

Word was received later that he had been taken prisoner by the Nazis.

Commander of a machine gun company, McCall exposed himself to enemy fire and led his men through a barbed wire entanglement on the opposite shore to a road where the section's two machine guns were set up.

Killed Nazi Gun Crew

When one of the guns was destroyed, wounding the gunner and killing his assistant, the Attica soldier crawled to the wounded man and dragged him to safety. After men of the second machine gun group were wounded, he picked up the gun and killed or wounded all of the crew in a Nazi machine-gun nest.

Then he turned on a second machine gun crew that had started firing on him and rushed it, killing four of the gun crew. He then went after a third machine gun nest.

SOLDIER IS FREED, LOCAL GIRL'S FIANCE

Word that Cpl. Don Johnson of the 106th division was released from a German prison camp April 9 by allied troops has been received here by Miss Shirley Mitchell of 1306 Edgemont ave.

Cpl. Johnson, who trained with the 106th at Camp Atterbury, was liberated from Stalag 9-A. He was captured last Dec. 16 in the battle of the bulge. He informed Miss Mitchell, his fiancée, that he would return home "after putting on some weight." His mother, Mrs. Rita Eldridge, resides in Hartford, Conn.

Marine Newsman To Talk at Butler

T. Sgt. Ward Walker, marine combat correspondent, will be the principal speaker at the 12th annual Journalism Field day at Butler university.

A veteran of the Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Guam campaigns, he will speak before a general assembly of high school students preceding a series of specialized group meetings.

He will be introduced by Evan B. Walker, executive assistant to the president of the Indianapolis Railways. Mr. Walker, former Butler publicity director, inaugurated Journalism Field day at the university in 1934.

A reporter for the Chicago Tribune in civilian life, Sgt. Walker served in Samoa and New Caledonia after joining the marines in 1943. He then was assigned to the first marine division, serving at Cape Gloucester and Peleliu, and later to the third marine division when he went to Guam.

Last December he was assigned to the 106th division, where he was killed in action.

DOUGLAS TALKS IN CITY MAY 11

Justice Replaces Truman in War Loan Drive

Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. supreme court speaks here May 11 at Indiana's seventh war loan kick-off rally. He replaces President Truman, who scheduled an appearance here two days before the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Chairman Eugene C. Pulliam of the Indiana war finance committee announced today that Mr. Truman had designated Justice Douglas to take his place as speaker for the Hoosier campaign.

Douglas was chairman of the securities and exchange commission before his appointment to the supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Louis D. Brandeis.

The justice will speak to Hoosier war finance committeemen at a luncheon. His talk will be broadcast on a coast-to-coast radio network, as well as a network of 18 Indiana stations. The broadcast would be the first of national aspect in the seventh war loan.

RILEY HOSPITAL TO GET OLSON ESTATE

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., April 25 (U. P.)—The James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Hospital for Children in Indianapolis was scheduled today to receive eventually the entire estate of the late Charles M. Olson, widely known capital city theater operator.

Mrs. Ethel C. Olson, his widow, was named executrix of the will when it was admitted yesterday to probate in Hamilton circuit court. Her bond was fixed at \$500,000, indicating that Mr. Olson's property was valued highly.

The estate was bequeathed to Mrs. Olson, with the provision that upon her death it becomes the property of the Riley hospital. The will stipulated that all of Mr. Olson's holdings, except the money he left, be held intact after his widow's death, and that the income from the property be divided equally among several brothers and sisters.

When the last beneficiary dies, the estate goes in fee simple to the children's hospital.

Mr. Olson died several weeks ago at his home in Carmel.

Given Promotion On Library Staff

Miss Wilma Reeve, a member of the library staff since 1919, last night was appointed assistant librarian by the school board.

She was recommended by Miss Marian McFadden, librarian, and has held the post of chief of circulation since 1941. She is a graduate of Earlham college and the New York State Library school.

Miss Mary C. Wilson, head of the registration department, will take Miss Reeve's circulation post. She joined the library staff in 1910.

SLAVS CROSS BORDER
LONDON, April 25 (U. P.)—Yugoslav troops have crossed the old Yugoslav-Italian frontier and are fighting in the outskirts of the Adriatic port of Fiume, Marshal Tito's communique said today.

INDIANA'S TRAFFIC DEATH TOLL DROPS

Despite a 26 per cent increase in the number of automobile accidents, Indiana's traffic death rate dropped 14 per cent in the first quarter of 1945, state police announced today.

Figures cited by Col. Austin R. Killian, state police superintendent, show 168 fatalities during the first three months of this year. This compares with 195 deaths recorded during the same period of 1944.

Economic loss from traffic mishaps throughout the state was quoted at \$41,552,000, with Marion county leading. Accidents in the first yearly quarter cost motorists here \$5,618,000.

GERMAN CASUALTIES TOTAL 11 MILLION

A Moscow broadcast reported by the F. C. C. said today that 11,000,000 Germans had been killed or captured on the Eastern front. Of the total, 2,000,000 casualties were inflicted since Jan. 1.

Elizabeth Beggs Rites Tomorrow

Rites for Mrs. Elizabeth Mae Beggs, 4030 E. Minnesota st., will be conducted by the Rev. B. T. Morgan at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Shelby Street Methodist church. Burial will be in Greenwood.

Mrs. Beggs, who was 53, died yesterday in Robert Long hospital. She was a member of the Shelby Street Methodist church and had been matron at the James E. Roberts school for eight years.

Survivors are her husband, Marion; her mother, Mrs. Marie B. Meek of Indianapolis; two brothers, William E. and George W. Meek, and a sister, Mrs. Martha J. Book, all of Indianapolis.

OTA MILLSAUGH BENNETT

Services for Mrs. Ota Millsaugh Bennett, who died yesterday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Pickering, 1304 Central ave., will be held at 1:30 p. m. Friday at Moore Mortuaries Irvington chapel. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

Mrs. Bennett, who was 70, was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis and was a member of Woodside Methodist church.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Pickering are three other daughters, Mrs. Edith Wright and Mrs.

Gladys Guy, both of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Susan Cox, Chicago; three sons, Clarence Millsaugh and Lee Millsaugh, both of Cleveland, O., and Harold Millsaugh, Pittsburgh, Pa.; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

HARRY FINK

Services for Harry Fink, who died yesterday in his home, 2816 Meredith ave., were conducted today in the Aaron-Ruben funeral home.

Rabbi David Shapiro and Cantor Samuel Levin officiated and burial was in Knesses Israel cemetery.

Mr. Fink, a resident of Indianapolis 32 years, was 71 and belonged to the Knesses Israel congregation. Survivors are three sons, Ralph and Louis of Indianapolis, and Maurice of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Miss Anne Fink of Indianapolis, and two grandchildren.

LOUISE M. DRAPER

Mrs. Louise M. Draper died today at her home, 5209 Park ave. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. R. E. Weidner, Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. Leonard Jablon-ski, Cleveland, O.; a granddaughter, Joann Long, St. Louis, Mo., and

FOUR PERSONS HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

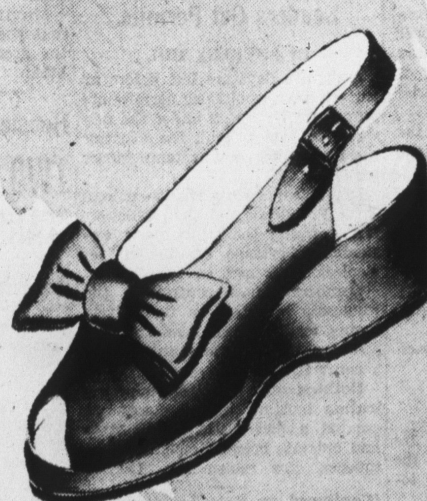
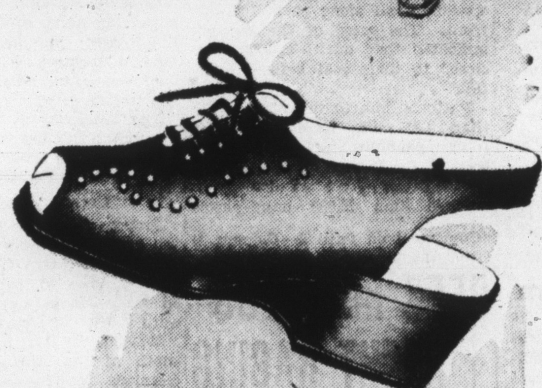
An East side woman was recovering today from injuries received when an automobile in which she was riding was struck by a truck. Mrs. Hazel Hill, 48, of 2524 E. 17th st., past worthy matron of the Brightwood O. E. S. and a well-known singer, was injured yesterday in an accident at Brookside ave. and Windsor st.

She was a passenger in an automobile driven by Otto Camody, 60 of 2905 N. Sherman dr., who received hand and leg injuries. Arrested on a reckless driving charge was Robert Braun, 17, of 1115 Linwood st. He was injured slightly.

Eugene Ross, 8, of 1306 DeLoss st., received face cuts when he was struck yesterday in the 1500 block of English ave. by an automobile driven by Alfred Ramsey, 47.

Two nieces, Mrs. Richard A. Fox worthy and Mrs. Marshall Arno both of Indianapolis.

Rites will be held at 3:30 p. m. Friday at Plummer & Buchanan mortuary and burial will be in Crown Hill.



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