

HOLD 2 BOYS IN BANDITRY CASE

Gas Station Man Routes Pair With Gun.

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Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Police said they were wanted by the F.B.I.

Sipes and Branan were rounded up after they ran up against Mr. Moran in the filling station he manages at 802 Oliver ave.

Man Drew Gun

Branan asked the attendant for an Indiana road map. When Mr. Moran reached for the map, Branan jabbed what appeared to be a revolver through his trousers pocket. Mr. Moran handed over \$32.

Branan then backed his victim into the washroom. At this point the tables turned as Finis Moran drew his own revolver. The bandits ran.

Mr. Moran fired and the bullet whizzed past Branan's head. Sipes fired at the filling station operator with a rifle, then dashed into a nearby cab.

Seized in Cab

When Mr. Moran raced to a telephone in a store across the street, Branan fled in the stolen car they were using at the time.

Squad cars, summoned by Mr. Moran's call, blocked the cab's path at Kentucky ave. and West. At Police Sgt. John Haley and John Foran yanked Sipes out. From him they learned the pair had been staying at the Stratford hotel, and arrested Branan there.

The youths' statements were that they started from Bloomington, went to Anderson, then came to Indianapolis, financing their journey with stickups. They took the 16-year-old Indianapolis girl to Kansas City, they said, and left her there when she became intoxicated. They proceeded through the Southwest and South, before returning to Indianapolis.

LOCAL WOMAN, 71, HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

Lena Bertel, 71, of 517 W. McCarty st. was critically injured this morning when she was struck by an automobile while crossing West st. at McCarty.

The car, driven by John Eads, 68, 1406 N. Tremont ave., was going south on West st. when it hit Mrs. Bertel. She was taken to City Hospital and Eads was slated for having no operator's license.

Organizations

The Crossroads of America Lodge No. 501 will meet at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Tremont Hotel.

The Brightwood chapter 209, G. E. S. will observe officers' advance night at 8 o'clock tonight in the Veritas temple, 1200 E. 38th st. The Rev. Vernon and Clifford Schley is worthy patron.

Mrs. Francis Ruiz will be installed president of the Maj. Robert Anderson Women's Relief corps at 1 p. m. tomorrow in the home of Mrs. John Barber, retiring president. W.L. Barber, retiring

The Indianapolis Bar association will meet at 8:15 p. m. Wednesday at the Columbia club for installation ceremonies.

The Indianapolis chapter 200, G. E. S. will hold an initiation meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow at 1522 W. Morris st.

The Joseph E. Gordon W.E.C. 48, will meet at a noon luncheon tomorrow at 812 N. Illinois st.

The Sahara Grotto Drum and Bugle corps will meet on the first Friday of each month at the Hotel Indiana. It has been the practice. New officers will be installed at the coming meeting.

Journal Changes 'Pressure' Used by Officers' Clubs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (U. P.)—Members of congress reserved comment today on a charge by the unofficial Army and Navy Journal that reserve officers have been forced to join and support officers' clubs to build up fat post-war treasures.

In its current issue, the Journal asked congressional investigation of army and navy commissioned officers clubs. It charged that officers outside the regular establishment were coerced into joining the clubs to provide "untold thousands" for post-war building projects.

Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D. Utah) of the senate military affairs committee, said he has received no requests for investigation. However, he said his committee would examine the financial reports of such organizations in the normal course of events. The committee, he said, would "look into anything that looks out of line."

Hushed Facts Are Revealed In Pearls-Priorities Case

By ROBERT C. RUARK
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The weird tangle of half-truths, lost memories and hushed facts in the case of the pearls and priorities was straightened out today, with the arrival in town of Maury Maverick, head of Smaller War Plants Corp. and of Charles Murray, son and secretary of Senator James E. Murray (D. Mont.).

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Mr. Maverick, who flew in from Omaha Saturday, says he cabled Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Wedemeyer, and the state department, asking that Goldstone and McGowan be investigated. He demanded cancellation of their credentials and their removal from the China theater if they were shown to be conducting private business while posing as government representatives.

Mr. Maverick said he was told by an officer in army's criminal investigation division that the men were attempting to set up a \$10 million monopoly in cultured pearls.

Mr. Goldstone was traveling as "economic consultant to the senate small business committee." He is the president of the Imperial Pearl Syndicate of Chicago, New York and San Francisco.

Mr. McGowan, although an employee of the Small War Plants Corp., was in China for Senator Murray's small business committee—and, Mr. Maverick says, without his knowledge. Mr. Maverick says Senator Murray's office had written a letter, asking to borrow Mr. McGowan for the trip, but that he withdrew permission before he himself left for China.

The deal was renewed after I left," Mr. Maverick says.

A lot of faulty memories improved over the week-end. Senator Murray and others of his committee last week denied all knowledge of the men. But a call to the senate department to a newspaper indicated that Senator Murray's memory had improved, and his file was ready to talk.

Authorized by Committee

The senator went to New York over the week-end, but he instructed a secretary to say that Goldstone and McGowan had been authorized to travel as members of the small business committee.

"Mr. McGowan, at the request of the west coast oyster industry, was asked to make the trip to see what could be done about importing seed oysters to replenish the industry on the coast. He was borrowed from smaller war plants for that purpose," the secretary said.

(Mr.) Maverick said yesterday: "This is the first time I've heard anything about the oyster industry wanting Mr. McGowan to act for them. It didn't come up when the original request was made."

Request From Attorney

"Mr. Goldstone was asked to make a survey of the oriental jewel market from a standpoint of small business," Senator Murray's spokesman continued. "The survey was to establish whether it would become necessary eventually to send a full and formal government mission to explore the industry. Mr. Goldstone is an expert on oriental trade."

The secretary said that the request to expedite Mr. Goldstone's credentials came from Maj. Lem Schofield, Philadelphia lawyer and "an old friend of the senator's."

Maj. Schofield is Goldstone's counsel, and he said he merely vouched for his client to the small business committee, which wanted Mr. Goldstone as a consultant.

Denies Request

Charles Murray, however, said the small business committee accepts no responsibility for what either man did in China. He said: "Mr. Goldstone was just a business man looking around."

This, despite the fact that he was traveling on priorities arranged for an "economic consultant." Mr. Goldstone paid his plane fare. Mr. McGowan was traveling at government expense.

Charles R. Pollack, secretary of the West Coast Oyster Growers Association, said that Mr. McGowan did not make the trip at his bequest. He added: "I wrote Mr. McGowan Nov. 10, accepting his offer to investigate the Japanese oyster situation while in the orient on other business."

The state department is still unwilling to talk about the matter, although Mr. Maverick said he informed the department of the ac-

BUTLER TO GRANT 6 PHARMACY DEGREES

Butler university college of pharmacy will hold graduation exercises for six students at 8 p. m. tomorrow in Sweeney chapel.

The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. George P. Leonard, director of the Butler evening division, and Dr. M. O. Ross, president of the university, will confer the degrees.

Dr. Edward H. Niles, dean of the pharmacy college, and members of the faculty will head the procession, which will open the exercises, and Dr. O. L. Shelton, dean of the school of religion, will read the invocation and benediction. Prelude, processional and recessional organ music will be provided by Kathleen Hunt.

Students receiving degrees are Harold James Antonides, Indianapolis; Emanuel Phillip Borinsky, Princeton, W. Va.; Gertrude M. Daupert, Indianapolis; Mary Ann Gams, Indianapolis; Duane Heiny, Indianapolis, and Mary Lou Maddox, Danville, Ill.

YOUNG Charlie W. Hale, III, is a patient in the children's ward of New York's Memorial hospital. He has cancer.

The trouble started last May when the Hales lived in Kutherford, N. J.

"It was a small knot between his knee and his groin," Mrs. Hale said. "It didn't hurt him, or anything."

But we took him to a local doctor. This doctor didn't know what it was. He gave us some salve."

THEN Mrs. Hale's second child, Andrea, was born. Their doctor left on his vacation.

1958 Stray Dogs Caught in 1945

With the cost of living on the rise, leading a dog's life has certain advantages.

It cost only 3.8 cents a day to feed canine residents at the city dog pound, an annual report to the safety board discloses.

The 1945 report further shows

an average cost of \$2.33 to pick up each stray dog. During the year 1958 dogs were impounded.

SORGHUM SEED MULTIPLIES

WASHINGTON—A seed supply of 30 pounds of new variety of sorghum in 1941 was pyramided to produce 32,000,000 pounds of grain in 1944.

Doomed by Cancer, Lad of 3 Thinks Leg Is Being 'Fixed'

By ROBERT RICHARDS
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Charlie Hale said, "They've taken my leg away to fix it, but of course they'll bring it back."

"Of course, son," his mother answered.

And the doctors answered the same way, except those who couldn't face questioning by a 3-year-old who is slowly dying.

They just turned away and pretended they didn't hear.

CHARLIE sits in a wheelchair and rocks all day long, and listens to the phonograph. No one has told him that he is about to die, but he wouldn't believe them if they did. Doctors said it was a matter of weeks.

"You see that door," he whis-

pered to his mother the other day pointing to the operating room.

"They're going to take me in there

pretty soon, and then they're going

to give me back my leg."

MRS. HALE said, "And yet people

always come to me and say, 'Why,

I didn't even know that children

could have cancer.'

PEOPLE must stop just saying

"This is so awful," he said.

"They must do something to see that this

thing is licked. I'll never stop fighting it, myself, even if my boy must die."

The Hales have faith that a cure

will be found.

AND 11-months-old Blanca Villegas, from Caracas, Venezuela, helps them to believe it. Blanca came to the hospital with a growth just behind her eye, but the doctors caught it in time.

She walks around grinning now.

And they're going to do all they

can to make more cases and like

Blanca's.

They know how it feels to have a

boy—with bright, gray eyes—who'll

never go home again.

*Jamieson Cottons by Peggy Thayer, wise
young designer who believes that
charm and common sense go together:
proves it in such South-North fashions
as these.*

Gown Room, Third Floor

