

HOLD 2 BOYS IN BANDITRY CASE

Gas Station Man Routes Pair With Gun.

Finis Moran, local filling station operator, wrote this yesterday to an alleged crime agency that carried two Bloomington youths through the midwest, southwest and south.

One of the bandits tried to hold up Finis with a toy gun yesterday. This was a mistake. Finis had a real gun of his own. Finis used it and the lads scrambled. Both were later nabbed by Indianapolis police after Finis phoned to give details of their flight.

The youths, held on vagrancy charges while police unravel the threads of their alleged crime career, are James S. Sipes, 20, and Jack Brannan, 22, both of Bloomington.

Girl Companion
In coinciding statements, they admitted taking a 16-year-old Indianapolis girl with them in a stolen car jaunt to Kansas City. They confessed half-a-dozen recent stickups in the Indianapolis area and a series of holdups elsewhere in Indiana and in Missouri, Oklahoma,



Jack Brannan James Sipes

Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky.

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

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

Moran Drew Gun

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

Brannan 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 Brannan'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, Brannan 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 st. 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 Brannan 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 317 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 961, will meet at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Trueman's hall.

The Brightwood chapter 299, O. E. S., will observe officers' advance night at 8 o'clock tonight in the Veritas temple. Mrs. Charles Davis is worthy matron and Clifford Scholey is worthy patron.

Mrs. Francis Buis will be installed president of the May Robert Anderson Woman's Relief corps at 1 p. m. tomorrow in St. Francis. Mrs. Barbara Barber, retiring president, will officiate.

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

The Indianapolis chapter 288, O. E. S., will hold an initiation meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow at 1523 W. Morris st.

The Joseph E. Gordon W.E.C. 43, will meet at a noon luncheon tomorrow at 412 N. Illinois st.

The Sahara Grotto Dram and Bugle corps will meet on the first Friday of each month instead of the second as 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 treasuries.

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 tale 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.).

Mr. Murray, whose father heads the senate small business committee, admitted asking the state department to furnish overseas travel priorities for Joseph Goldstone and Howard McGowan. Mr. Goldstone was taken off an army airplane in China because he had \$25,000 worth of cultured pearls in his possession.

Air travel priorities of Goldstone and McGowan were canceled and they were charged with doing private business while traveling under government credentials.

Mr. Maverick, who flew in from China 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 sew 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 Smaller 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 by the senate department to a newspaper intimated that Senator Murray's memory had improved, and his office 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 request. 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 F. 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, professional and recessional organ music will be provided by Kathleen Hunt.

Students receiving degrees are Harold James Antonides, Indianapolis; Emanuel Phillip Borinsky, Princeton, N. J.; Gertrude M. Daupert, Indianapolis; Mary Ann Gamso, Indianapolis; Duane Henry, Indianapolis; and Mary Lou Mandox, Danville, Ill.

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

By ROBERT RICHARDS
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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.

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 Rutherford, 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.

"In the confusion, before we finally realized what was wrong, it was too late," she said.

They brought Charlie to the Memorial Cancer center and his leg was amputated. But doctors said today that there was no hope. The disease spread into his intestines.

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 whispered 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 get people always come to me and say, 'Why I didn't even know that children could have cancer.'"

But they can and the Memorial center is attempting to raise \$4,000,000 to help fight the disease.

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