

PROBE HOLDUP, \$600 ROBBERY

3 Others Report Street
Assaults; Man Held.

A holdup on the State house lawn and a \$600 residential robbery are being investigated by police today. Three pedestrians also were victims of assaults last night.

Norman A. Drago, 24, of 2920 W. Washington st., told police three men took a ring valued at \$125, a lighter and \$10 cash after one of the trio lured him to the State house.

He said a man whom he met in a downtown hotel asked him to walk over to the State house with him. When they walked in the west entrance, two other men joined his companion and robbed him, Mr. Drago said.

Three Attacked

John G. Craig, of 3748 Kenwood ave., returned home early today just as a burglar ran from his house. Missing were \$10, jewelry valued at \$50 and \$100 in bonds.

Three persons were attacked on the streets during the night and one suspect was arrested.

Dorothy Green, 18, of 363 N. East st., told police she was grabbed by a man in army uniform as she walked near New York and New Jersey sts. last night. After a struggle she said he grabbed her purse and ran.

Later police arrested Anthony J. Pongratz, 30, of Philadelphia, O., at Ohio st. and Park ave. They said he answered the girl's description of her assailant and that he had her pocketbook in his possession. They also found contents of the purse in his pockets, police reported.

Billfold Taken

The man, discharged from Camp Atterbury Tuesday, was held on a vagrancy charge.

Two men attacked Barney H. Pears, 52, of 3160 N. Harding st., early today as he walked near 30th and Clifton sts. They struck him several times and took his billfold. Mr. Pears was treated at Methodist hospital.

Mrs. Mildred Barlow, 44, of 1814 Central ave., was struck by a man who attempted to grab a package from her as she got off a trolley. The man fled when she screamed for help.

PROFITS DROP 7% IN CORPORATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 25 (U.P.).—Corporation profits last year after payment of taxes were estimated today at \$9,100,000,000, or 7 per cent less than in 1944.

The estimate was made by the commerce department.

It also reported that corporations accumulated a backlog of \$28,000,000,000 in savings out of profits in the war years 1941 through 1945. This backlog, the report said, should "permit a substantial volume of capital expansion without resort to outside funds."

It said that less than half of the net profits of the war period were distributed as dividends. Dividends of \$4,500,000,000 last year were the highest for any of the war years. The record for dividends was \$5,800,000,000 in 1929.

Dividends were figured on a net basis—total dividends paid by corporations less dividends received by corporations.

Tax payments by corporations increased tenfold during the 1929-43 period, advancing from 15 per cent of profits in 1929 to a wartime high of 60 per cent in 1943.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

BIRTHS

At Coleman—Edward, Lila Scott; Robert, Mary Sink and Harrison; Doris, Ruth, and John.

At Methodist—William, Esther, Weiner; Martin, Mary Warner, and Cyrus, Adam Gray.

Deaths

John G. Goods, 74, at City arteriosclerosis. William A. Ray, 62, at Long, bronchopneumonia. Wilhelm C. Kiel, 74, at 406 N. Arsenal, diabetes mellitus. Hattie, 72, at 2326 N. Capitol, cerebral hemorrhage. Andrew York, 87, at 610 Terrace, diabetes mellitus. John J. Doan, 73, at City, cerebral hemorrhage. Florence Hayes, 56, at Methodist, carcinoma. Minnie Eickman, 64, at 41 W. 32d, carcinoma. Frank McDraw, 60, at 728 N. Pine, mitral insufficiency. David Harris, 71, at 1512 N. Meridian, chronic myocarditis.

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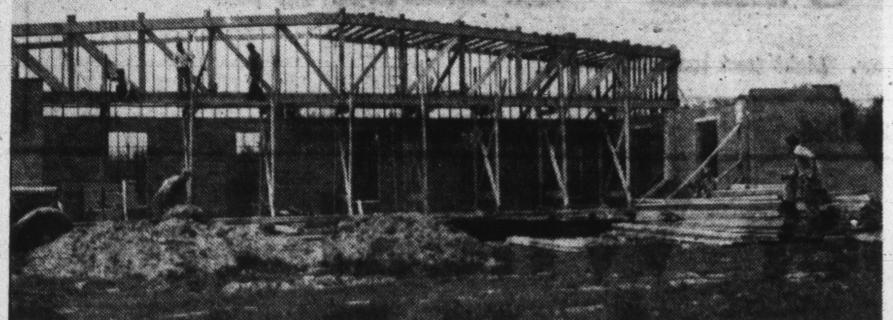
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Twin-Engined Aircraft Soon Will Be a Specialty



Greencastle looks forward . . . William Colwell (right foreground), manager of the municipally-owned airport, inspects work on the new repair shop where he will specialize in twin-engined craft.

Greencastle Town Fathers Have Huge Plans for City

By VICTOR PETERSON
Times Staff Writer

GREENCASTLE, April 25.—Big things are afoot in this university town and all of them are keyed toward plunging Greencastle ahead of other cities of comparable size.

Currently the town fathers are focusing their attention on a sewer expansion program which will cost about \$100,000. When completed it will extend city service to the four corners of this town.

In the talking stage for a year, plans now are shaping up so that actual construction can get under way in a few months.

The enlargement also will necessitate the revamping of the sewage disposal plant.

"We are going ahead as rapidly as possible," said Ward D. Mayhall, works board member. "When it is completed it will take a good deal of worry from the city."

"We never have had an outbreak of disease because we lacked a complete sewage disposal system, but it has been a source of constant concern."

Consider Annexation

Almost hand in hand with the sewer improvement is the consideration of annexing three outlying communities to the city. An overture will be made by the city shortly and it is expected that the areas involved will respond readily to the invitation, Mr. Mayhall said.

Some 2000 people now live in the areas considered for annexation. The sites are located east and west of town and in the Indiana st. road section.

Upon annexation, the city will extend city water, lights and sewers to the areas as well as police and fire protection. It will increase the population within the corporate limits to about 7000.

Want 'Finest' Airport

Considerable attention also is being centered upon the six-month-old municipally-owned airport.

"Some people think we are ahead of our time fostering the airport," said Kenneth E. West, board secretary of the aviation commission.

"We do not feel this way, and everything points that Greencastle will have one of the finest airports in the country for its size."

Today work is being rushed to complete a workshop for engines. William Colwell, manager, expects to make it a leader in specializing on twin-engined craft.

Individual Hangars

Later this summer construction will begin on a series of individual hangars, Mr. Colwell said. The field originally was created by the federal government as an emergency landing field. In 1927 it was sold to the city, but was inactive until last October.

At present DePauw university figures prominently in the shape of things to come at the airport.

H. H. Brooks, the university comptroller, also is president of the city's aviation commission.

"I have been trying to interest the school in making use of the airport and a great deal of attention has been given the idea," Mr. Brooks said.

"During the war the school had lots of experience with naval flight training and the authorities realize the value of aviation in every-day life."

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By UNITED PRESS

New labor troubles loomed in the rubber and railroad industries today as strikes and shutdowns kept 629,000 American workers idle.

The major developments:

ONE: A strike of 900 C. I. O. rubber workers at the Akron, O., plant of Goodrich Tire and Rubber Co. was expected to make idle 2000 employees today. A union official predicted that the entire plant, employing 15,000, eventually would close down if the strike continued.

TWO: Two railroad brotherhoods met in Cleveland to consider calling a nation-wide rail strike May 18. The brotherhoods reportedly were dissatisfied with the recommendations of a presidential fact-finding board.

SEVEN: There was no comment from spokesmen for Chrysler Corp. on a threat by the U. A. W. executive board to strike the company if it "arbitrarily fired workers when they reached the age of 65."

THREE: In Seattle, major steam-

ship companies and the striking cannery workers union reached an agreement which would permit more ships to sail for Alaska, where residents are critically short of provisions.

FOUR: The C. I. O. United Auto Workers executive board denounced Governor Harry F. Kelly of Michigan for sending state troopers "to intimidate" U. A. W. pickets at the Consolidated Vultee Stinson plant in Wayne, Mich. Five hundred strikers demonstrated there for several hours yesterday.

FIVE: Negotiations struck to enforce demands for a wage increase which they said the company already had promised them.

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