

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, 34, 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 \$500 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. Pongrats, 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.

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

Two men attacked Barney H. Fears, 52, of 3160 N. Harding st., early today as he walked near 30th and Clifton sts. They struck him several times and took his bliffed. Mr. Fears 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 \$25,000,000,000 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 1929-45 period, advancing from 15 per cent of profits in 1929 to a wartime high of 60 per cent in 1943.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

BIRTHS

Girls  
At Coleman-Edward, Ed. Scott; Rob. Mary Bink, and Harrison, Doris Martin.  
At Methodist-William, Edgar Weiner; Martin, Mary Warner, and Cyrus Adah Gray.

Boys  
At St. Francis-Jacob, Catherine VanDyke.  
At Coleman-Norman, Annette Alexander; Harold, Angie Grubb, and Harry, Isabelle Shirk.  
At Methodist-Dorothy, Doris Allen; Harry, Wilma Barrie; George, Doris Stanley; James Dorothy Ellis; Charles Lucille Stoner, and Tanase, Juanita Coleman.

DEATHS

John S. Good, 74, at City, arteriosclerosis.  
Walter A. Ray, 62, at Logg, bronchopneumonia.  
Wilhelmina C. Kiel, 74, at 405 N. Arsenal, diabetes mellitus.  
Hattie E. Thomas, 73, at 2336 N. Capitol, cerebral hemorrhage.  
Andrew Yost, 87, at 410 Terrace, diabetes mellitus.  
John J. Dean, 72, at City, cerebral hemorrhage.  
Florence Hayes, 56, at Methodist, carcinoma.  
Minnie Eickman, 64, at 41 W. 32d, carcinoma.  
George Frank McGraw, 60, at 726 N. Pine, mitral insufficiency.  
David Harris, 71, at 1315 N. Meridian, chronic myocarditis.

Say Superior U. S. Masks Prevented Axis Gas Warfare

CHICAGO, April 25 (U.P.).—American gas masks were so much better than any used by the axis that the enemy was afraid to start gas warfare, it was disclosed today.

This revelation was made in an army-navy report on the work of scientists at Northwestern university, headquarters during the war for chemical warfare research.

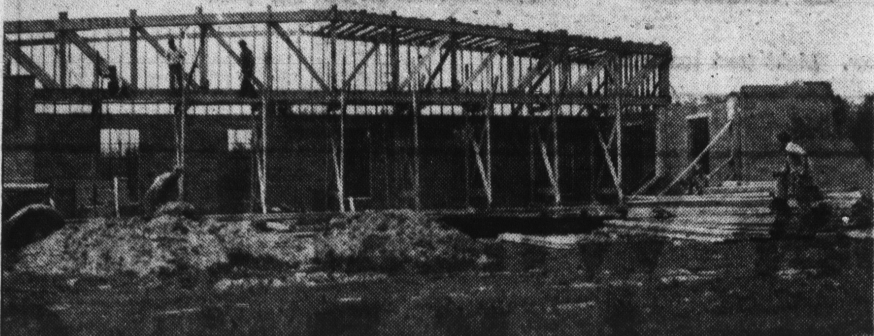
The story of the three-year development of the mask was told by Dr. Frank T. Gucker Jr., Northwestern professor of chemistry.

Assured Protection  
The perfected mask assured protection against all known gases, including the new secret gas recently described by Secretary of War Robert Patterson as "rendering Jap masks useless" and the famous German gas characterized before a senate committee as "the deadliest poison gas in the world," the report said.

Before Pearl Harbor the U. S. army gas mask was considered adequate protection against all gases, but early in 1942 research revealed that this mask was vulnerable to certain deadly gases.

Great alarm was aroused when the Germans were found to be accumulating large quantities of materials from which one of the gases could be made.

Twin-Engine 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-engine 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 the 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-engine 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."

MODERN RECTIFIER

WASHINGTON — Rectifier for converting alternating into direct current consists of a metal container inside of which a mineral element, selenium, is suspended in oil. The container is heavily tin-plated and the whole unit hermetically sealed. It works efficiently in boiling water or packed in ice, it is claimed.

STRIKES KEEP 629,000 IDLE

Goodrich Production Is Threatened by Tieup.

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.

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: A threatened strike of 65,000 A. F. of L. railway and steamship clerks against the Railway Express agency was averted for at least 30 days when President Truman appointed a fact-finding board to investigate the wage dispute. The strike originally was scheduled for Friday.

SIX: Negotiations in the strike of 400,000 A. F. of L. United Mine Workers against the nation's soft coal operators remained stalemated.

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."

The railroad fact-finding board

had recommended a 16-cent hourly wage increase and a few working rules changes for members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The unions had sought a 25 per cent pay boost and 45 rules changes.

A spokesman indicated last night that while the unions might accept the 16-cent wage increase they opposed vigorously the few rules changes allowed by the board.

The Goodrich workers struck to enforce demands for a wage adjustment which they said the company already had promised them.

BASKET SMOTHERS FIRE

WASHINGTON.—Metal wastebasket that smothered out a fire accidentally started in it has double open downward-projecting lids covering the outer part of the circular top. These accumulate the carbon dioxide from a fire in its early stages and use it to prevent further oxygen from reaching the flame.

INFANTRY TO TRAIN AT CAMP NIAGARA

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont. (U. P.).—Because the broad commons of Camp Niagara has been judged unsuitable for modern mechanized military training, historic Camp Niagara in the future will be used only for training infantry units.

The camp, which is more than 150 years old, will be used for only a few months each summer.

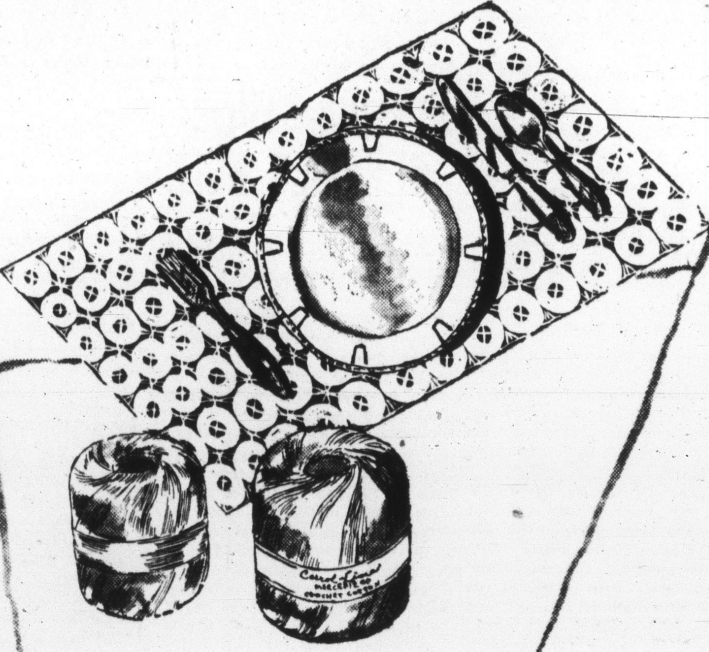
OFFER REFUGE FROM A-BOMB

WASHINGTON, April 25 (U. P.).—A for sale ad in the Washington Star offers 110 acres of valley land 29 miles west of Winchester, Va., with this clincher: "A good refuge from possible atomic bombing."

JAP COLLEGE ADMITS COEDS

TOKYO, April 25 (U. P.).—Tokyo's famed Imperial university was going co-educational today for the first time in the institution's history. More than 100 women were taking entrance examinations.

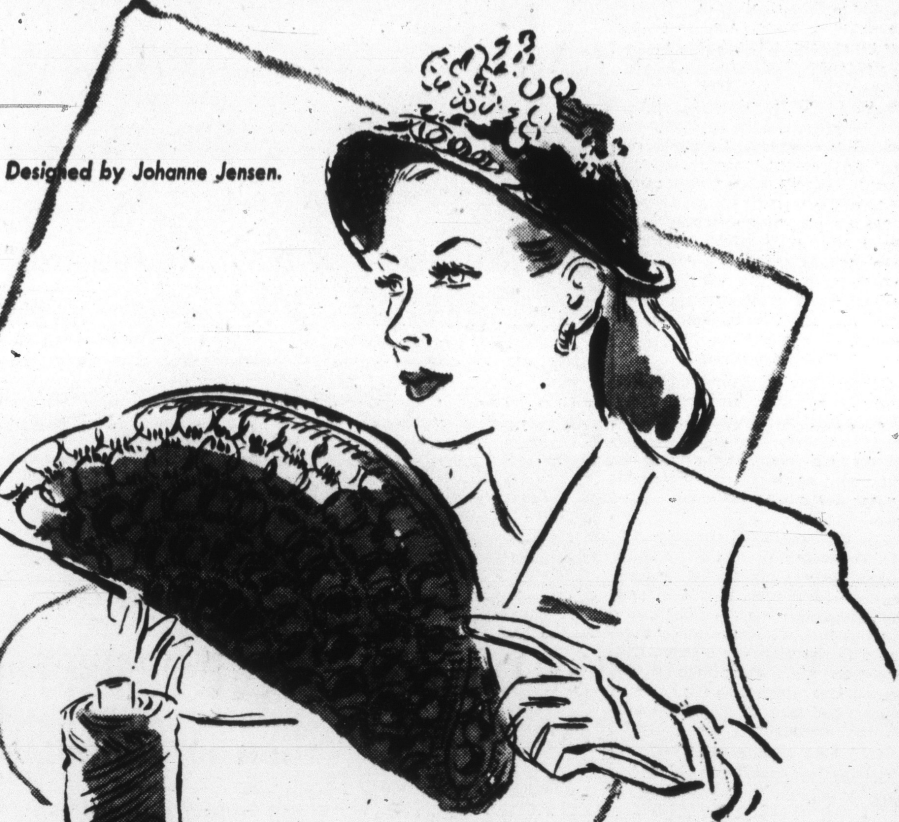
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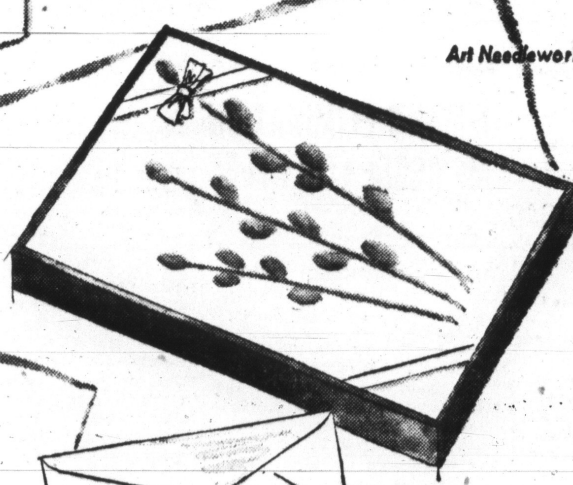
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