

Two Boys Confess Derailing Passenger Train At Walton

Youths Wanted To See What Would Happen

Police Renew Quiz, Consider Charges

WALTON, Ind., Jan. 30.—Two pre-teen-age boys are held without charges today after confessing they wrecked a Pennsylvania passenger train here Monday in which four were killed and 40 injured.

Lyle Graves, 11, and his buddy, Jack Sprinkle, 12, admitted their guilt to Cass county Sheriff Howard Smith, FBI agents, state police and Pennsylvania railroad police last night.

The youths spent the night in an orphanage while officials prepared for a more detailed questioning—and the consideration of charges today.

"We just wanted to see what would happen," the frightened and fearful youths said.

Confess Theft

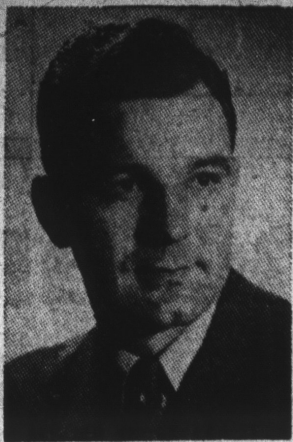
Two minor thefts, which preceded the derailment, led to the arrests. Sheriff Smith investigated the theft of a lipstick from a home and a check-writer from a coal office near the tracks.

A resident here reported seeing the Sprinkle boy writing on walls with a lipstick. On investigation the boy confessed the thefts and broke into tears when asked about the train wreck.

He first implicated a 5-year-old brother of the Graves boy, but authorities doubted it and questioned Lyle. He admitted his part in all three acts, Sheriff Smith said.

According to Sheriff Smith, the youths decided, while playing after school Monday, to wreck the train that night.

They first tried lifting railroad



ALUMNI SECRETARY—Paul S. Monastyrski has joined the staff of St. Joseph's college, Rensselaer, Ind., as the institution's first full-time national alumni association secretary. Formerly of Whiting, he attended St. Joseph's from 1934 until 1936, and later was employed by the Standard Oil Co.

ties onto the tracks but found them too heavy to move. Later they found a large plank which they placed across the rails.

The bale of wire they found stacked with others near the roadbed. They rolled one off the top, stuck an iron pipe through the center. Then they rolled and dragged the 175-pound bale to the tracks.

For a while they waited to see what would happen. Becoming frightened they went home. The train was derailed when the wire caught in a switch and tossed six of eight cars off the track.

No Juvenile Record

"They are not cocky, but they don't seem to be scared," Sheriff Smith said.

Neither boy, he said, has a juvenile record, and to his knowledge, never had been in trouble before. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Sprinkle and Mr. and Mrs. James Graves, all of this city.

Senate Studies 2 Labor Bills

Hold Closed Session After Public Hearing

The state senate labor committee met in closed session this morning to have a "heart-to-heart" discussion of two controversial labor bills now before the upper house.

Both bills were discussed yesterday at a public hearing in the state senate chamber. One would extend a war emergency act permitting women to work around-the-clock.

Speaking against the women's work hour bill was Miss Mabel Lutherbeck, business representative of the Distillery Workers union in Lawrenceburg.

Pro and Con Criticism

"Women who work after dark cause their families to worry. They are subject to murder, attack and all sorts of horrors when they come

home late at night," she said.

Miss Genevieve Brown, legislative chairman for the Business and Professional Women's club here, said, "Let a woman work when and where she can if she has a family to support."

Dr. E. D. Hager, medical director for the U. S. Rubber Co., testified there was nothing injurious to a woman working at night any more than there would be to a man.

State Chamber of Commerce representatives endorsed the bill outlawing the union closed shop contract. All expressed belief it was a fundamental human right to let a man work wherever he desires with or without union affiliation.

Carl Mullen, president of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, labor spokesman against the measure, said, "This bill outlaws all forms of labor security. If it is passed, it will do much to destroy good labor relations in Indiana."

Other labor leaders who spoke against the bill were Walter Frisbie, secretary of the state C. I. O.; Powers Hapgood, regional C. I. O. director, and Pat Hess, Ft. Wayne, vice president of the federation.

Governor Gets College-Aid Bill

Provides Payment Of Housing Costs

A measure to appropriate \$2,411,981 to reimburse state colleges and universities for emergency housing costs was sent to the governor for his signature today.

The measure passed in the state senate under suspension of rules today. Introduced in the house of representatives by Majority Floor Leader George Henley (R-Bloomington) the measure passed there yesterday under suspension of rules.

Under the bill, Indiana university will receive \$1,231,125; Purdue, \$878,500; Ball State Teachers college, \$328,672; and Indiana State Teachers college, \$64,663.

Republican leaders requested speedy passage of the bill because, they said, some schools were unable to meet January payrolls.

Spring Near—Crawfordsville 'Hopper Thought'

Times State Service
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 30.—"Spring is just around the corner"—or so it appeared until mid-week brought a change in the outlook.

With pussy willows already sprouting, robins on the lawns, and all the usual mid-winter phenomena that make news, Charles Sosbe, retired telephone company lineman, found a 2½-inch grasshopper on the sidewalk in front of his home.

When the 'hopper was first discovered, it was a little lethargic from the cold but after it had been inside for a few minutes it became quite lively.

Then to add spring-like atmosphere, the fire department received a call to put out a grass fire, which is the kind of a blaze the fire ladies ordinarily link with late summer or early fall.

Metal Industry Group to Meet

The Metal Working Industry of Indianapolis group, a new organization which is a division of the Indianapolis Association of Credit Men, will meet tonight at Hotel Washington. Nearly 200 representatives of metal working firms will attend.

The speaker will be R. S. Foster, president of the R. S. Foster Lumber Co. Ralph Johns, general service manager of the association will preside. The purpose of the new division is to serve the Indianapolis metal working industry, the second largest in the United States.

Merritt Fields, executive manager of the Credit Men, directs the new group. Members of an advisory committee are Robert J. Adams, J. N. Huser, E. A. Gardner, Louis C. Buehler, Robert Langenkamp, H. H. Melaun, E. J. Brech and Karl Burck.

'Gonas Graveyard' Motion Tossed Out

Senator John S. Gonas (D, South Bend), who has held steadfastly to his reputation of introducing two bills a day, today was the target of Republican lampooning.

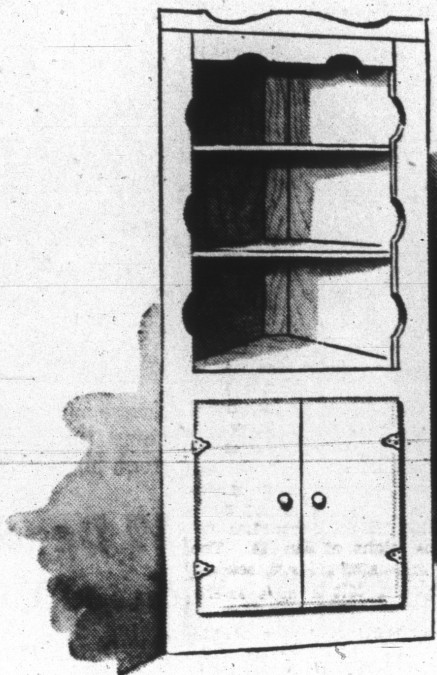
Senator A. W. Mitchell (R, La Porte) introduced a resolution which would provide a "Gonas Graveyard" committee to which all of the Democratic senators' bills would be assigned.

Another section of the resolution proposed that Senator William C. Bates (R, New Albany) be made chairman of the committee as "the heaviest sitting man in the senate." Senator Bates borders the 300-pound mark.

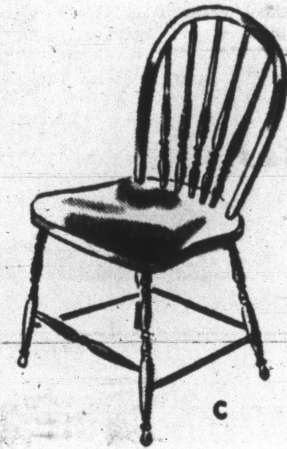
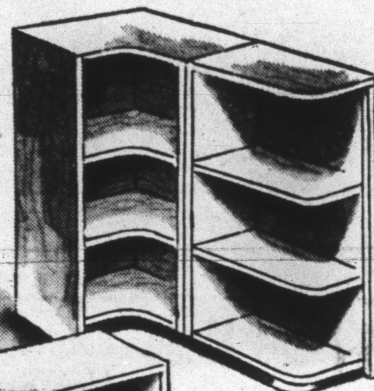
Senate President Richard T. James ruled the motion out of order and assigned the resolution to the waste paper basket because only one copy was presented.

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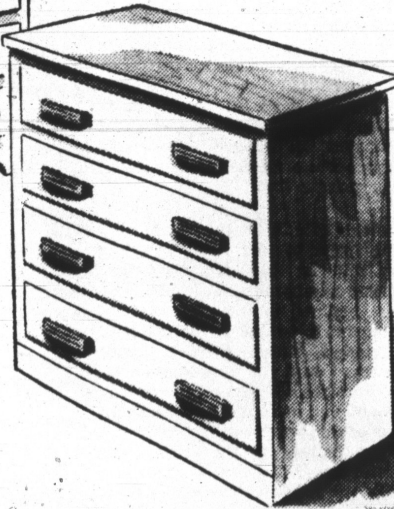
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