

## 'Freak Squeak' Letters Flood The Times Office

Authors Tell of Narrow Escape From Injury, One Tells of Danger From Spinning Wheels

Indianapolis and Marion county residents have had more than their share of narrow escapes from injury—according to the avalanche of early entries in The Times Freak Squeak contest.

Accounts of those freak accidents which could cause serious injury or death—but don't—will be judged for the \$45 in prizes which The Times will give. Letters brought to The Times or postmarked by midnight Friday will be judged for this week's award. The Times will pay \$5 for the best letter each week for four weeks and, at the close of the contest will pay an additional \$25 for the best Freak Squeak of the series.

**Arm Nearly Mangled**  
The following account from a safety enthusiast is what we mean by Freak Squeak:

"One day while I was in the basement something fell behind our electric pump. I reached through the wheel to pick up the object, quickly realized the hazard, and jerked my arm back. A second later the pump automatically turned on, and the wheel went spinning around at a rate of speed that would have mangled my arm.

"My Freak Squeak taught me that it is extremely important to have spinning wheels enclosed to avoid accidents."

If you have had a close call it could be worth cash to you if you send the account to The Times. Write in your own words what happened, using as few words as possible. Then complete in 35 words or less this sentence: "My Freak Squeak taught me..."

Mail or bring your letter to Freak Squeak editor, Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland st., Indianapolis 9.

The Indianapolis Safety Council is co-operating with The Times in the search for Freak Squeaks. The contest is open to everyone, whether a subscriber of The Times or not, except employees of The Times and the Indianapolis Safety Council and their families.

### Two Women Report

#### Purses Snatched Here

Purse snatchers were on the prowl in Indianapolis during the week-end.

Helen Kercheval, 209 S. McKim st., reported that when she stepped off a street car near her home Saturday night, a man ran out from an alley and grabbed her. She said he took her purse containing \$2.50 and fled.

Margaret Griffith, 1607 Broadway, reported a man grabbed at her purse at 16th and Illinois sts. Saturday night but ran when she screamed.

**SHELL KILLS CHINA STUDENT**  
NANKING, June 16 (U. P.)—A mortar shell, its source unknown, killed 15 students at Kwei-yang in southern China when it landed on their campus, the central news agency reported today.

## Mass Celebrated For Fr. O'Donnell

Rev. John Cavanaugh Conducts Services

SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 16 (U. P.)—A solemn requiem mass was celebrated today for the Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, former president of the University of Notre Dame, who died last week at the age of 52.

The services were conducted by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, who succeeded the Rev. Fr. O'Donnell as president in 1946.

The Rev. Fr. O'Donnell's body has lain in state in the university parlors since he died of cancer after being ill since January. He had been connected with the university almost continuously since 1912 as both a student and faculty member.

**Dignitaries Attend**  
Scores of dignitaries of church and state attended the services. Heading the Indiana delegation were Governor Gates and Senator Homer E. Capehart.

Others included the Most Rev. George Leech, Harrisburg, Pa.; the Most Rev. Edward F. Hoban, Cleveland; the Most Rev. Joseph H. Albers, Lansing, Mich.; the Rev. John F. O'Hara, C. S. C., who preceded Fr. O'Donnell as president of the university; Marg. Fulton J. Sheen, Washington, D. C.; and the Tr. Rev. Henry F. Wugan, chancellor of the Indianapolis archdiocese.

Admission to the mass was by invitation only because of the limited seating capacity in Sacred Heart church.

**NEW 'SHOOTING STAR'**—This first flight picture of the new Lockheed P-80B shows the "Shooting Star" jet-propelled fighter plane as it cruises over Burbank, Cal. Dive flaps extended below the fuselage slow it down to the speed of the accompanying camera plane. Its improvements over its predecessor, the P-80A, include faster firing guns, more resistance to battle damage, and a pilot ejector seat.

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#### Flag at Half-Staff

The flag at the entrance to the Notre Dame campus hung at half-staff as the simple, green casket was carried from the parlors of the administration building to the church. The procession was formed of priests and lay faculty members.

"He was a kind man, especially to those whom others always forget," said Brother Boniface, S. S. C. university sacristan at Sacred Heart church. "We'll remember him of the great things he had done, of course, but we'll remember him for those many small things he did—while others forgot. He was

a busy man, indeed, but never too busy to help someone else. And little things make a great man greater."

### 2 Recovering Here After Suffering Burns

Two victims of fire mishaps were recovering today after first aid treatment at City hospital.

Mrs. Mary Winship, 38, of 5321 Central ave., was burned when fumes from a paint spray she was using ignited yesterday.

Sandra Sue Frost, 5-year-old daughter of Mrs. June Frost, 2939 Annette st., was taken to the hospital yesterday after grease in a skillet ignited and burned her.

## Mexican Border Veterans Elect

Col. A. L. Moudy Again Named Commander

Col. A. L. Moudy was re-elected national commander-in-chief of the Mexican Border veterans at the 18th annual encampment yesterday in the Columbia club.

Raymond E. Willis, former U. S. senator from Indiana, who addressed the group at a noon dinner, praised the patriotism of the Mexican Border veterans in volunteering their services and for their subsequent military efforts and contributions as peace-time citizens.

Col. Moudy is former national quartermaster general of the Mexican Border Veterans and past 11th District commander of the American Legion.

#### Other Officers Named

Other officers elected were George F. Parish, Jackson, Mich., senior vice commander; Don O. Bowman, Jamestown, N. Y., junior vice commander; Tilford W. Guiley, Indianapolis, adjutant general; Col. Manfred G. Henry, Indianapolis, quartermaster general; Gen. H. A. Pickert, Detroit, Mich., inspector general; Charles Anderson, San Antonio, Tex., judge advocate general; Dr. T. M. McLashan, Bismarck, N. D., surgeon general; S. M. Nielsen, Mt. Pleasant, Utah, historian; W. Earl Ulrich, Findlay, O., chaplain; and Lester Cutler, Shelbyville, Ill., sergeant at arms.

New officers of the national auxiliary, which met in conjunction with the encampment, are Mrs. Maude Wheeler, Ft. Wayne, national

## Truman Orders Full Probe To Foster Safe Air Travel

WASHINGTON, June 16 (U. P.)—Civil aeronautics officials believe an error in navigation may have caused the Pennsylvania-Central Airlines crash that took 50 lives Friday night, it was learned today.

While their probe of the Blue Ridge mountains disaster continued, President Truman ordered a full-scale investigation into the whole matter of air safety on which he expressed "deep concern." He appointed a special board of inquiry. The board will begin work tomorrow.

Chairman James M. Landis of the civil aeronautics board was named chairman of the board. He said he had no comment on the P. C. A. disaster until preliminary findings are announced.

#### Study Pilot's Messages

CAB investigators at the scene of the wreckage were reported studying the last communications that the pilot, Capt. Horace Stark, had with federal air traffic controllers to see whether he miscalculated his position.

Other members of the presidential board are:

Brig. Gen. Milton W. Arnold, air transport association vice president; al president; Mrs. Helen Wheeler, Indianapolis, senior vice president; Mrs. Mary Rousche, Indianapolis, junior vice president; Mrs. Agnes Thompson, Ft. Wayne, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Gilmore, Indianapolis, treasurer; Mrs. Winnie Ellen Guiley, Indianapolis, chaplain; Mrs. Sylvia Harper, Indianapolis, conductress; and Mrs. Josephine McManus, Indianapolis, historian.

and operations and maintenance expert; Dr. Jerome G. Hunsaker, chairman of the national advisory committee for aeronautics, and engineering and design authority; T. P. Wright, civil aeronautics administrator, head of the federal agency primarily responsible for air safety, and aeronautical engineer; H. B. Cox, veteran American Airlines pilot, civil engineer and representative of the air line pilots association (A. P. of L.).

#### Hoosiers' Bodies Identified

At Leesburg, Va., scene of the crash, 13 bodies still had not been identified. Definite identity had been established for 37 victims, including Mrs. Martha Bryan, Ladoga, Ind., and her infant daughter, Judith.

There were two army plane crashes over the week-end. At Springfield, Vt., today national guardsmen brought 12 charred bodies down from the summit of Hawks mountain. A B-29, lost in a rainstorm, smashed headlong into the peak and exploded.

A C-47 crashed at Ft. Knox, Ky., and burst into flames, but its 30 passengers escaped almost unscathed after an unnamed army sergeant opened an escape hatch.

### High School Office Desk Looted of \$35

Burglars entered Cathedral high school, 1416 N. Meridian st., overnight and looted an office desk of \$35, school authorities said. Police found a window on the south ramp broken and the glass in the school office door smashed.

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