

# Admits Slaying Hoosier Farm Couple, Decapitating Sister

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Man and Wife  
Shot in Sleep

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PRINCETON, Ind., Aug. 5 (U.P.)—A 46-year-old man recovering from a nervous breakdown went berserk early today. He later admitted shooting to death a farm couple with whom he lived and decapitating his 48-year-old sister with a butcher knife.

Roy Turpin, unemployed former dealer in used automobile parts, was held in Gibson county jail. An investigation was launched by Sheriff James McDonald and Coroner C. C. Cooper.

The victims were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bateman, both 55, and Turpin's sister, Miss Nora Turpin, 48.

Called for Help

Sheriff McDonald quoted Turpin as admitting he shot Mr. and Mrs. Bateman as they slept about 3:30 a.m.

Mr. McDonald said his office received an urgent telephone call from a woman pleading for help but that the call was cut short.

Deputies hurried to the Bateman home two miles northeast of Princeton, where Turpin was found mummeling incoherently.

He willingly submitted to arrest, the sheriff said.

Mr. McDonald said there was apparently no motive for the slayings.

The frightened sister called the sheriff's office, he said, but he took the telephone from her in the middle of her call and cut her head off with a butcher knife he had obtained in the kitchen.

Admits Killing

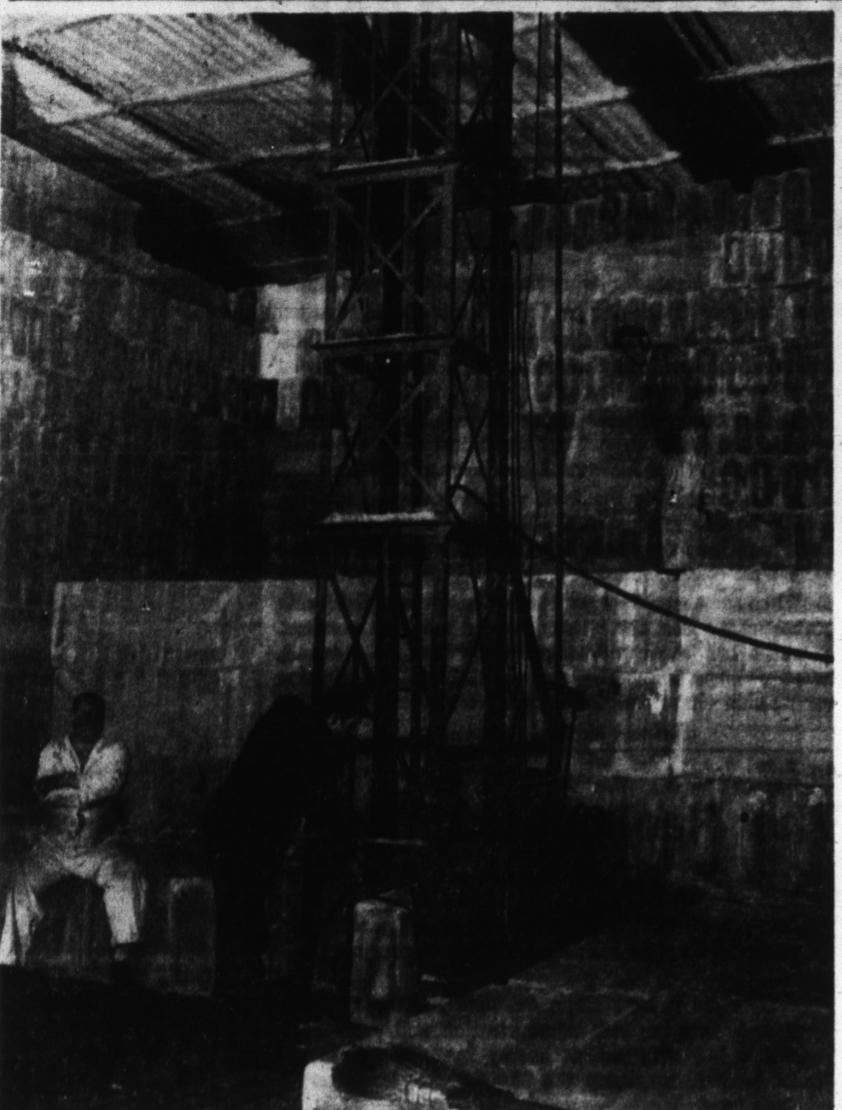
"I did it and that's all there is to it," Mr. McDonald said. Turpin told him during questioning: "The sheriff said he believed Turpin 'knows just exactly what he did and why.'

"But we haven't been able to get any clear explanation of his motive," said Sheriff McDonald. The sheriff said a special grand jury probably would be summoned to investigate the case.

Turpin was calm when questioned by the sheriff and other authorities for several hours today. The sheriff said he did not appear remorseful.

Before the war Turpin operated a Princeton used auto parts business and later bought a similar establishment in Denver, Ind.

At Denver he suffered a nervous breakdown, neighbors said, and returned to Princeton a few months ago. He and his sister moved into



"BRR-RR," AND "OH, BOY"—The polar bear has no edge on white-suited Walter Sagers, chief engineer of the Polar Ice and Fuel Co., who supervises the lifting of blocks from a stack of 117 tons of ice. James E. Norris and Carl Andre are working at a storage room temperature of 26 degrees.

\$10,750 Gem Find Nets \$10 Reward

BOSTON, Aug. 5 (U.P.)—Taxi-cab driver Leo Sandler, 37, piloted his hack through Boston's streets for more than three hours, picking up and discharging passengers, while a week-end case with jewelry worth \$10,750 reposed untouched on the back seat.

Completing his tour early today, Mr. Sandler discovered the case which contained a platinum wrist watch, diamond and sapphire rings, a platinum bracelet and a diamond pendant.

He recalled that his only passenger with luggage was a woman he had taken to a Beacon Hill hotel. He checked the hotel clerk and found that Mrs. Charles D. Matthews of Sikeston, Mo., had reported the jewelry missing.

Mrs. Matthews identified the jewelry and gave the cab driver a \$10 reward.

## Gypsy Smith Dies En Route to U. S.

### Famed Evangelist Swayed Crowds Here

Indianapolis friends of the internationally known evangelist, Gypsy Smith, received word today that he had died yesterday aboard the Queen Mary. He was 87 years old.

The evangelist was born Rodney Smith in a gypsy wagon in England's Epping forest. His father was a tinker. The son took the name of his people for his first name as a preacher and made it famous the world around.

Dr. Orien W. Pifer, former editor of the Methodist Christian Advocate and pastor emeritus of the Central Avenue Methodist church, reported today that Gypsy Smith held his first Indianapolis revival in 1894. It was held in the Central Avenue church shortly after the church was dedicated.

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Gypsy Smith usually was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ostrom when in the city. Dr. Pifer said.

### Wife With Him

The evangelist's death followed a heart attack a few hours after he was carried to the deck of the ship to talk with friends. Mrs. Smith, who accompanied him, told friends aboard ship that they were coming to the United States for the evangelist's health.

Gypsy Smith began his evangelistic career as a child after his entire family had died in a smallpox epidemic. He was heard not only in unpretentious auditoriums, but in such churches as the Anglican Cathedral, Melbourne, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York.

### Owen Estate \$235,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (U.P.)—The late Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma left an estate of \$245,000, according to his will filed for probate here. Most of his estate goes to his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Matthews, and a grandson, Robert L. Owen III, both of whom live in Darien, Conn.

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## Police Capture 2 Burglars Inside Drive-In Diner

### Officers on Same Call Pick Up 2 Youths Who Crashed Car They Admit Was Stolen

Two men were captured today after breaking into the Northway, drive-in sandwich establishment at 5130 E. 10th st.

Police said Walter Parker, 29, James Marksbury, 27, both of 2728 E. New York st., were armed with 25 caliber pistols, wore gloves and carried a small crowbar when they were arrested inside the building. Both were charged at first with vagrancy.

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On the foot-pad front, Dr. Lewis Burts, 46, Knoxville, reported \$25 taken from his billfold as he slept in his room, at the Hotel Lincoln last night. He admitted he had neglected to lock his door.

Sometime before noon yesterday a burglar entered the home of Nelson Stanley at 641 Holmes pl. over a low roof and through a second-story window. Nothing was taken from the house but a bicycle left outside was missing.

Lucille Banks, 123 W. 29th st., said a burglar stole a billfold containing \$106 from her home yesterday. She said the house was unlocked.

Joe Hyberger, 6932 Ralston ave., reported a couple who had been guests in his Ravenswood cabin disappeared early today and with them a \$100 bill and his .30 caliber revolver. The girl, whom he described as a tiny red-head only four feet, eight inches tall, was known to him only as "Sue." He did not name the man.

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## Talked of Gollum On Funeral March

SANTA ANA, Cal., Aug. 5 (U.P.)—Beulah Louise Overell's conversation on the way to her parents' funeral was about George (Bud) Gollum's smile, a jury hearing murder charges against her and Gollum learned today.

Sheriff James Musick said he talked to the 18-year-old heiress about the deaths of wealthy Mr. and Mrs. Walter Overell and asked if Gollum could have murdered them without her knowing it.

He said a short time after the couple was picked up and charged with vagrancy, a gun identified as the one lost by Mr. Hyberger was found in a rest room at the bus depot.

Godfrey Thornton reported the theft of two suitcases from his room in the Barnes hotel yesterday. He said the cases, containing \$113 worth of clothing, were taken while he was away.

He said Miss Overell told him that the night her parents' yacht blew up she went home, called her grandparents, then took a bath and went to bed. Gollum sat up all night beside her holding her hand, she said.

Two surprise witnesses testified yesterday that the Overells opposed the young couple's marriage and threatened their daughter with loss of her inheritance unless she finished her education first.

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and for fall dates?

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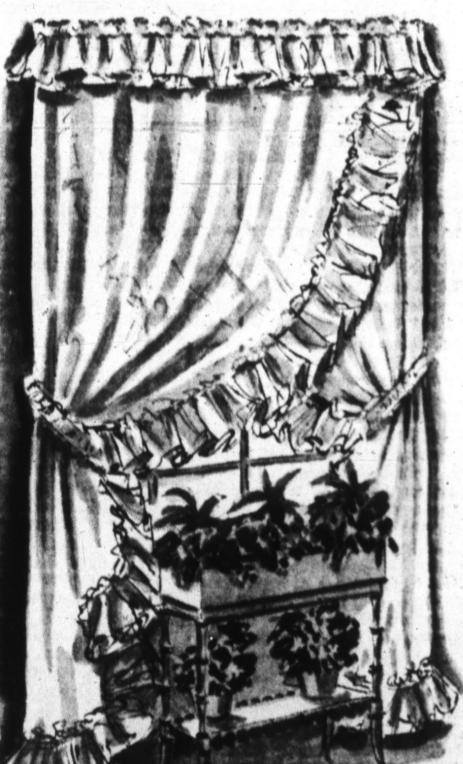
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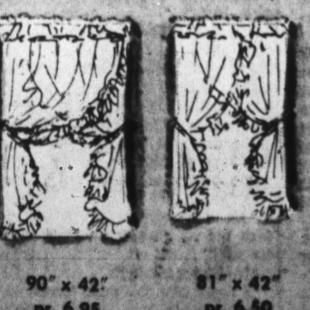


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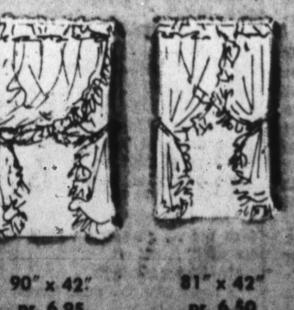
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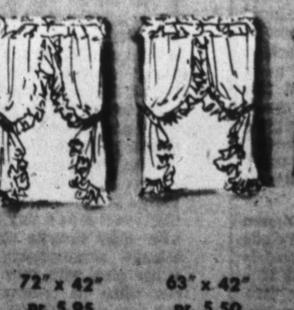
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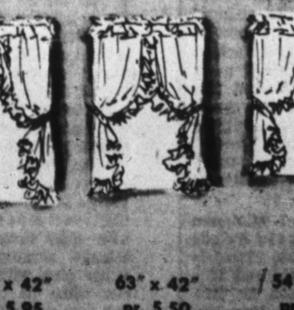
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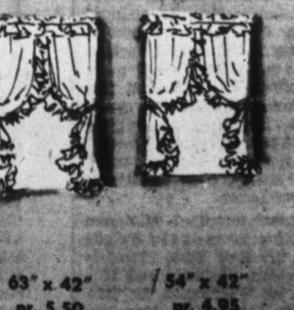
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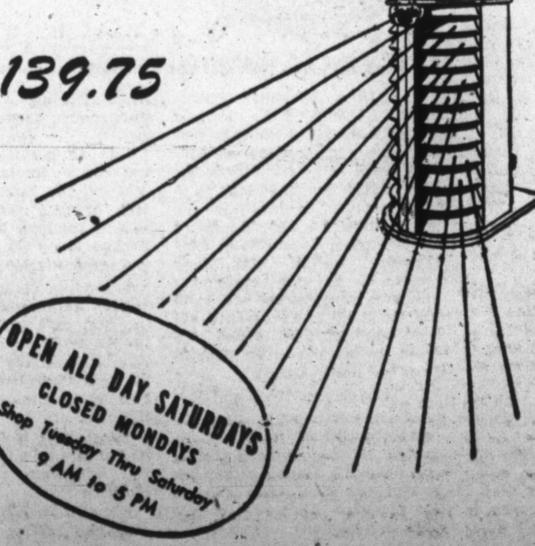
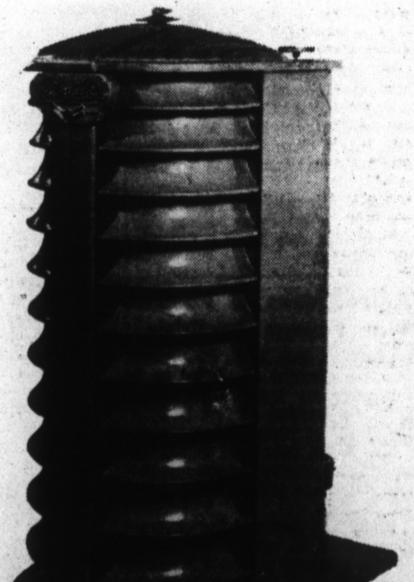
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