

Policeman, Two Others Slain in Kansas City Gun Battle

2 Wounded Following Routine Call

Officer Riddled by Shotgun Slugs

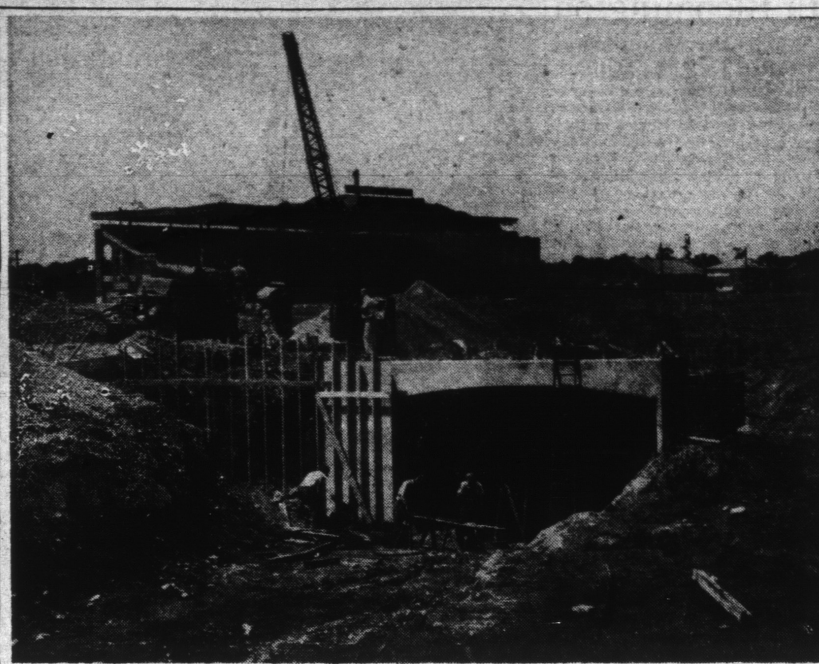
KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 28 (UP)—A routine disturbance call turned into a massacre today which left one policeman and two other persons dead, another officer riddled with shotgun slugs and a third civilian critically wounded near the downtown district.

A terrified eye-witness, Rosemary Christwell, said she saw Erskine Stephenson, 30, shoot Patrolman Floyd Montgomery to death, and blast Emil Jones and Patrolman Paul Warrington with shotgun slugs from the porch of a midtown apartment.

Stephenson and Mrs. Amos C. Hughes, 27, were found shot to death inside the building. Stephenson had been shot through the head, apparently by a pistol, while Mrs. Hughes had been felled by a shotgun.

The witness, sister of the injured Emil Jones, said she saw Stephenson turn back after the patrolman fell, but heard additional shots. Mr. Jones, his sister said, had called the police after Stephenson had "called us names."

Erskine Stephenson, first identified as Amos C. Hughes, had been living with Mrs. Hughes, police said.



LESS CONGESTION — State fair officials promise fewer traffic problems this year as they rush completion of this vehicle underpass on the east side of the race track. A pedestrian underpass is being built on the north side and will allow free movement to and from the track's interior.

South Bend Bendix Idled by Strike

Not Pay Dispute, UAW Declares

SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 28 (UP)—The South Bend plant of the Bendix Aviation Corp. was struck today, and officials of the CIO United Auto Workers Union blamed contract difficulties for the walkout.

The plant's 7300 workers took a strike vote on Saturday. They formed picket lines at 12:01 a. m. yesterday when their contract expired.

Robert J. Mahoney, president of UAW Local 9 of the UAW, said the issue was not a wage dispute. "It is a protest over contract inequities," he said.

Ready to Negotiate He added that his union was ready to negotiate with company officials if "labor's rights are recognized."

The union, before taking its the Amalgamated Clothing strike vote, also rejected the company's 11-cent hourly wage increase.

Meanwhile, the plant was closed also for the annual inventory until July 7 by approximately 125,000. But company spokesmen said that the inventory was not a strike action.

Approximately 150,000 workers employed by manufacturers of men's and boys' clothing will take vacations with pay simultaneously during the first two weeks in July, completely closing down the industry.

Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (CIO), said the industry's 11-cent hourly wage increase would be taken beginning in July by approximately 125,000. But company spokesmen said that the inventory was not a strike action.

Approximately 150,000 workers employed by manufacturers of men's and boys' clothing will take vacations with pay simultaneously during the first two weeks in July, completely closing down the industry.

Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (CIO), said the industry's 11-cent hourly wage increase would be taken beginning in July by approximately 125,000. But company spokesmen said that the inventory was not a strike action.

Approximately 150,000 workers employed by manufacturers of men's and boys' clothing will take vacations with pay simultaneously during the first two weeks in July, completely closing down the industry.

Urges Statehood For Brooklyn

ASBURY PARK, N. Y., June 28 (UP)—Edward Scott, a patriotic Brooklynite, would like to cut the sovereign state of California out of the Union and replace it with Brooklyn.

Police said Scott was discovered trying to raise a Brooklyn flag in place of California's in a "salute to the States" ceremony.

"Brooklyn's as good as California anyway," said Mr. Scott, whose boardwalk officials intervened.

Wheat Prospects Growing Brighter

Million-Dollar Crop Expected

NOBLESVILLE, June 28 (UP)—Prospects of a million dollar wheat crop in Hamilton County are growing brighter day by day as favorable weather conditions continue.

According to John Ehlman, chairman of the Hamilton County A.A.A., there are approximately 25,000 acres of wheat in the county this year. The crop is ripening rapidly and farmers and local grain buyers predict at least an average yield of 20 bushels per acre.

The yield may be larger—considerably above average—if the favorable weather continues. Harvesting of the county's crop of 500,000 or more bushels of wheat will start in a week or 10 days. As most of the grain will be harvested by combines, the work will be delayed until the crop is dead ripe. Wheat which is cut by binders, shocked and later threshed is harvested a week or two earlier than that which is combined.

Grain buyers estimate that new wheat will sell on the local market for about \$2 per bushel.

Local Issues

June 28—STOCKS—810 Asked Agents Fin Corp com 8 28 American States pf A 24 Delta Electric com 17 Delta Electric pf 17

BONDS—1000 American Loan 4 3/8 97 1000 American Loan 4 3/8 97 1000 American Loan 4 3/8 97

Local Produce

Local Truck Grain Prices

1-Room Schools Fewer in State

Consolidations Cut Number to 306

The Indiana State Department of Education disclosed today that there would be only 306 one-room schools in operation over Hoosierland next fall.

The department said that would be a reduction of 209 from "about a year ago."

The estimate of "little red schoolhouses" remaining was made on the basis of a survey of county educators which showed that 67 consolidations were effected during the past school year, 42 others scheduled to be effective next school year, and 76 additional consolidations in the process of planning.

Close 11 High Schools Eleven high schools that were open last year will be closed this fall, the survey showed.

The department said consolidation in most communities was "the expedient thing to do." However, spokesmen acknowledged that in some areas it was impractical to abandon one-teacher schools.

What is the general sentiment for consolidation? one question asked.

Thirty-three counties replied that sentiment opposed consolidation. Twenty-nine said consolidation was favored, and the other 30 said general sentiment was in doubt.

Burglars Ransack Downtown Shoe Store

An undetermined amount of money and merchandise was taken by burglars who ransacked the Thom McAn Shoe Store, 40 E. Washington St. last night.

The yeggs entered the store through a second story window as a fire escape landing in the rear. The combination was knocked off the safe but it was not opened.

Hits Policeman's Car; Held on Five Counts

NEW YORK, June 28 (UP)—Joseph Attilio, 26, was charged today with (1) driving without a license, (2) having improper license plates, (3) leaving the scene of an accident, (4) dangerous driving, and (5) third degree assault.

Mr. Attilio accidentally ran his automobile into a car owned by a policeman, Edward Baldini.

Living Costs Still Soaring, Survey Shows

Meat Prices Reach All-Time Peak

The cost of living, which reached an all-time high in May, still is climbing, a survey showed today.

Meat prices are at an all-time peak, and meat industry spokesmen said there is no hope of a price break until September at the earliest.

On the brighter side, fresh vegetable prices in many areas have declined recently because of the seasonal shipment of vegetables to market.

Rents on Rise However, the Bureau of Labor Statistics at Washington predicted that longer-range seasonal pressures would bring a slow, steady climb in most food prices until November.

The Bureau also noted that rent generally is rising. Price increases have been announced or are anticipated momentarily on several basic commodities.

As a result of the wage concessions won by John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers, the cost of coal is expected to rise 40 cents a ton or more.

Meats to Stay High A spokesman for the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers said meat prices are expected to stay high until September or October, when cheaper grass-fed cattle moves to market. Prices normally climb 10 per cent during the summer because of the seasonally short supply, but so far this season they already have risen 15 per cent.

Wheat prices gained moderately on the Chicago Board of Trade last week, but prices of grains fed to cattle were lower.

The National Retail Furniture Association reported that furniture prices generally have fallen off somewhat in recent months and now are steady. Wholesale prices, however, have remained high.

25 Are Honored At Purdue Center

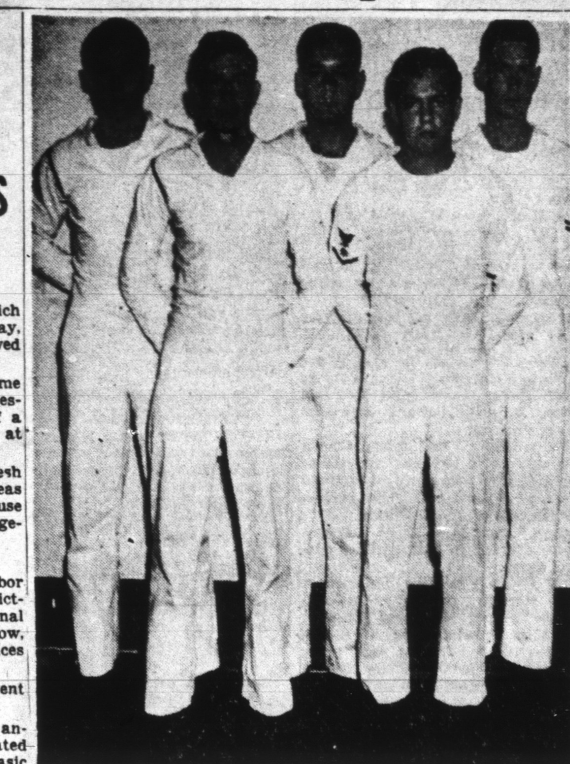
Cite Students for Outstanding Work

Purdue-Indianapolis University Center here has graded 25 students as "distinguished" on the basis of grade-point computations.

Each has maintained an average of five grade-points out of a possible six for a minimum of 14 semester-hours.

Distinguished students are Richard C. Allen, 3701 E. Market St.; Benjamin J. Barrett, 2747 Guilford Ave.; Jack H. Beck, 2403 N. Delaware St.; Joseph D. Bergman, 226 Parkview Ave.; Charles E. Branson, 1049 Congress Ave.; James B. Brewster, 5301 E. 10th St.; Edward L. Burton, 134 W. 21st St.; James G. Campbell, 1229 W. 32d St.; Robert W. Cross, 4119 1/2 Byram; John P. Doherty, 534 N. Oakland Ave.; Dredford Z. Green Jr., R. 12; Gene E. Ingle, 240 N. Tacoma Ave.; James P. Kern, 837 N. Oakland Ave.; Robert E. Kline, 122 N. Grant Ave.; Robert E. Lawrence, 1512 N. Oxford St.; William J. Maddox, 3029 Park Ave.; Edward A. Newburg, 6034 Guilford Ave.; John R. O'Malley, R. 13; David L. Palmer, 20 E. 22d St.; George L. Pitts, Greensburg; Roy R. Smith, R. 15; William F. Sparks, 4151 Graceland Ave.; Joseph E. Wachstetter, 817 N. Jefferson Ave.; Robert F. Wenrick, 1940 N. Park Ave.; and Francis R. Carlson, 3555 Salem St.

INDIANAPOLIS CLEARING HOUSE



NAVY GRADUATES—Hoosier graduates of the U. S. Naval Preparatory School, Bainbridge, Md., are (left to right): Walter G. Langlois, seaman, Hammond; Clarence L. Johnson, seaman, New Albany; John W. Jeffries, seaman recruit, 850 N. Beville Ave., Indianapolis; Charles F. Craig, quartermaster, third class, Kokomo; and Arthur D. Bonwell, electronics technician, second class, Dana.

Seek Defense Fund For Slayer Suspect

Hoosier Friends Rally To Aid of Farmer

NEW CARLISLE, June 28 (UP)—Friends and neighbors of Jerome (Tex) Ryan, 36-year-old farmer accused of slaying two persons in Kansas 14 years ago, today circulated a petition and sought to raise a fund to provide legal assistance for him.

They described Mr. Ryan as a "solid citizen" and "an honest, reliable man of integrity."

He was arrested June 19 on information supplied by a detective story fan who said he saw a photograph of the accused in a magazine.

Authorities said he was indicted in the slaying of two Independence, Kas., farmers in 1934 and took up residence in New Carlisle (St. Joseph County).

Wife to Visit Him Residents of the northern Indiana farming community said the petition was placed in circulation Saturday in response to "popular request."

He was taken to Independence last Tuesday. His wife, Isabel, 32, said she planned to visit her husband "in a few days."

Mr. Ryan was charged with shooting death Cecil Thomas, Oct. 18, 1934, in an argument and afterwards slaying a neighbor of Mr. Thomas, William Hicks, and wounding Mrs. Thomas.

Home Builders to Join National Observance

The Indianapolis Home Builders Association pledged their cooperation for the local observance of National Homes Week early in September in a resolution passed at their annual summer outing at Lake Wawasee over the week-end.

The Home Builders will join the Marion County Residents Builders in opening new homes both finished and unfinished during the week. The event will be supported by a heavy advertising campaign.

Ask Closer Check On Welfare Rolls

Taxpayers' Group Urges Investigation

A closer check on the welfare rolls was urged today by the Indiana Taxpayers Association.

A report compiled by the association pointed out that welfare and relief in one phase or another cost \$45 million last year in Indiana.

"We must recognize that welfare has become big business and expenditures will be higher this year than last and within a few weeks budgets for 1949 will be prepared," said Harry Miesse, chairman of the association's board.

He said the association will demand that strict investigations will be made of all persons on welfare or direct relief rolls.

"It is becoming vitally essential to see that these investigations are thorough and that the so-called chiselers are eliminated," Mr. Miesse said.

Local Man Drowns In Lake Freeman

3 Other Hoosiers Water Victims

Four persons, including two children, were drowned in Indiana during the week-end.

George C. Wilcoxson, 5422 E. 10th St., proprietor of the Hoosierland Tourist Lodge near Greentown, was drowned in Lake Freeman Saturday when he slipped over and fell out of his boat while fishing. He is believed to have collapsed from a heart attack before falling into the water. He was 48.

Monticello firemen recovered his body 45 minutes after the accident.

Services Tomorrow Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Moore's Irvington Chapel. Burial will be at Columbus, Ind.

Mr. Wilcoxson formerly was employed the last 15 years at the Sentinel Printing Co., before going into the tourist camp business, two years ago.

He is survived by the wife, Mrs. Nell Wilcoxson, and a brother, Oliver Wilcoxson, Indianapolis.

Falls Into Cistern Three-year-old Mary All-Hayes, Terre Haute, drowned yesterday when she fell into a cistern at the rear of the family home.

Nine-year-old David Myers, Chillicothe (Miami County) drowned Rock Lake two miles east of Akron (Pulaski County) yesterday when he slipped into a deep hole while wading.

August Beckmeier, 75, drowned yesterday when he fell into a pool of water while walking along a road near his home in Evansville.

Hoosier Airmen 'Bomb' Rail Yards

Mock Raid Staged By 448th Squadron

Indiana airmen were back at their normal tasks today after maneuvers yesterday which included the "bombing" of the Logansport railroad yards.

The bombing was part of the show put on by 12 planes of the 448th Light Bombardment Squadron of the Air Corps Reserve. At the same time members of the 122d Fighter Group of the Indiana Air National Guard held open house at Stout Field and staged a round-trip race to Louisville, Ky.

'Falls' 11 Planes Only mishap in the bombing mission of the Air Corps Reserve came when one member, bored with the stiff formation flying, pulled out of position and "shot down" the other 11 planes.

One squadron was commanded by Lt. Col. David Tavel and the other by Capt. Ted Lewis.

Air guardsmen flying P-51s made the round trip race to Louisville and back in 30 minutes.

As another part of the show, Chuck Brown, test pilot for Allison Division of General Motors, flew a twin-bodied P-82 across the field at 500 miles an hour, and two new parachutes were tested with dummies from 300 feet altitude.

Block's

It's Slim! It's Trim! It's Terrific!

NEW WAHL BALL PEN

AN EVERSHARP PRODUCT Rolls Ink on Smoothly ... Easily

FINAL WEEK!

Just 5 More Days to See

Dunn Bros. MINIATURE CIRCUS

THE BIGGEST-LITTLE SHOW ON EARTH

Continuous 6 days a week, 9:30 to 5:00 in BLOCK'S Auditorium, Sixth Floor

New Modern STREAMLINERS to Chicago

The deluxe travel service you hoped for is **Here!**

Yes, Monon sets the pace with completely new, modern trains to Chicago. New diesel electric locomotives, new coaches, new dining-bar lounge cars and new luxurious parlor cars, streamlined inside and outside. Newest idea in travel luxury including complete air conditioning. Everything to make your trip clean, cool, comfortable and enjoyable. The LAST WORD in modern train travel topped by these wonderful Monon meals. We invite you to ride the NEW MONON.

Control Standard Time	
INDIANAPOLIS TO CHICAGO	
THE TIPPECANOE—Train No. 12	
Leave Indianapolis (Union Station)	6:30 AM
Leave Boulevard Station	6:45 AM
Arrive Chicago (Dearborn Station)	10:35 AM
THE HOOSIER—Train No. 14	
Leave Indianapolis (Union Station)	5:15 PM
Leave Boulevard Station	5:30 PM
Arrive Chicago (Dearborn Station)	9:15 PM
CHICAGO TO INDIANAPOLIS	
THE TIPPECANOE—Train No. 11	
Leave Chicago (Dearborn Station)	8:05 AM
Arrive Boulevard Station	12:01 PM
Arrive Indianapolis (Union Station)	12:20 PM
THE HOOSIER—Train No. 13	
Leave Chicago (Dearborn Station)	5:15 PM
Arrive Boulevard Station	8:53 PM
Arrive Indianapolis (Union Station)	9:15 PM

MONON THE HOOSIER LINE CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE RAILWAY COMPANY

GOOD TO CHOICE HOGS (6075)	
120-140 pounds	\$21.00@24.50
140-160 pounds	23.00@27.00
160-180 pounds	26.00@29.00
180-200 pounds	28.75@32.50
200-220 pounds	28.75@32.50
220-240 pounds	28.75@32.50
240-260 pounds	27.75@31.25
260-280 pounds	26.25@29.25
280-300 pounds	25.25@27.25
300-320 pounds	24.25@26.25
320-340 pounds	23.25@25.25
340-360 pounds	22.25@24.25
360-380 pounds	21.25@23.25
380-400 pounds	20.25@22.25
400-420 pounds	19.25@21.25
420-440 pounds	18.25@20.25
440-460 pounds	17.25@19.25
460-480 pounds	16.25@18.25
480-500 pounds	15.25@17.25
500-520 pounds	14.25@16.25
520-540 pounds	13.25@15.25
540-560 pounds	12.25@14.25
560-580 pounds	11.25@13.25
580-600 pounds	10.25@12.25
600-620 pounds	9.25@11.25
620-640 pounds	8.25@10.25
640-660 pounds	7.25@9.25
660-680 pounds	6.25@8.25
680-700 pounds	5.25@7.25
700-720 pounds	4.25@6.25
720-740 pounds	3.25@5.25
740-760 pounds	2.25@4.25
760-780 pounds	1.25@3.25
780-800 pounds	.25@2.25

U. S. Statement

FINAL WEEK!

Just 5 More Days to See

Dunn Bros. MINIATURE CIRCUS

THE BIGGEST-LITTLE SHOW ON EARTH

Continuous 6 days a week, 9:30 to 5:00 in BLOCK'S Auditorium, Sixth Floor

Admissions: Adults 25c Children 14c Tax Included

Sponsored by the JUNIOR CIVIC THEATER

Block's

Block's Stationery, Street Floor