

Aged Couple Beaten, Robbed by Intruder

Neighborhood Rumor of Hoarded Wealth Blamed for Attack

A neighborhood legend of hoarded wealth today was blamed for the brutal beating of an elderly couple by a masked intruder last night.

Harry Apel, 80, of 4521 N. Illinois St., answered the door when someone knocked at 6 p. m. yesterday. A masked man forced his way inside the house and struck the partially-paralyzed Mr. Apel, knocking him down.

His wife, Clara, 78, ran to his aid and the masked man struck her, knocking her to the door.

Election Weather

Termed GOP Boost

Rain May Bring Farmers to Polls

(Continued From Page One) committees will put out 15-minute musical programs at varying times from 7:45 to 10 p. m.

Democratic State Chairman Ira Haymarket tempered his forecast of election-day victory with a warning to party workers to be "alert" for election irregularities. He recalled "widespread irregularities" in 1944 and said a repetition this year would bring vigorous prosecution.

Republican State Chairman Clark Springer forecast victory for every Republican candidate and said "the only question now is the size of the majority."

Slayer of Student Hunted by Posse

CARROLLTON, Ga., Nov. 1 (UPI)—A sheriff's posse searched the fashionable country club areas here today for the slayer of a Georgia Tech student who was shot while protecting his girl companion from a would-be rapist.

Carl Stevens Jr., 22-year-old Tech student home for the weekend, was found near the new Sunset Hills Country Club late last night shortly after his girl friend stumbled into a nearby house and reported the attack.

Bloodhounds Aid Hunt

Local officers and state troopers used bloodhounds in an effort to track down the slayer.

The hysterical girl, her clothing torn and in disarray, ran to the home of George Syme about a mile from the country club and gasped out a sketchy story of the attack.

Although the girl apparently was unharmed, Sheriff B. B. Kilgore said she was in no condition for lengthy questioning. She was placed in a hospital here.

(Georgia law prohibits publication of the name of the victim of rape or an attempted rape.)

He left and warned his wife he had "men stationed outside."

He knocked the elderly people down three times, telling them they "had better hand over the money." When they replied he had none he struck them again.

Cute Phone Wires

Ordering the elderly couple to the home belonging to her sister, Mrs. Mabel Randau, Dr. Leo Gelfand pronounced her dead but declined to sign a death certificate because he was not familiar with her condition.

He ransacked the bedroom, tearing the bedding apart. Under the pillow he found a paper bag.

The bag contained a yellow gold watch engraved "Clara Litel," valued at \$100; a \$3 gold piece dated 1880; a \$3 gold piece dated 1861 with Mrs. Apel's mother's name "C. Litel," engraved on it; a lavaliere type woman's watch chain, a gold wedding band and two bank deposit books. He also took \$15.

Warns Victims

He left and warned his wife he had "men stationed outside."

After he was gone several minutes the couple armed themselves with a butcher knife and went to a neighbor's house. They phoned a friend who restored their telephone wires and called police.

Police took the couple to the home of a friend to spend the night. Mrs. Apel described her assailant as about 30 to 40 years old, almost 6 feet tall, wearing light clothes. She said he had a fair complexion and dark hair. He wore a white mask which covered his face.

Neighborhood gossip that the elderly couple was believed to have a considerable sum of money hidden in the house was believed responsible for the brutal beating.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Apel were confined to their home today as the result of shock and injuries.

11 Die in Shipwreck

LONDON, Nov. 1 (UPI)—Reports from Cornwall said today that the French tanker Saint Genuole was wrecked near Land's End off southern England and 11 of its 12 crewmen apparently drowned.

Mary Nolan, Once Famed Actress, Dies

Found by Roomer in Hollywood Home

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 1 (UPI)—Mary Nolan, the hard-luck girl who danced for Florenz Ziegfeld and rose to silent screen stardom, died yesterday in obscurity.

The tiny blond, who became the toast of Broadway as Imogene (Bubbles) Wilson, died in a modest bungalow court, apparently of a chronic gall bladder ailment. She was 42.

She was found by a roomer at the home belonging to her sister, Mrs. Mabel Randau. Dr. Leo Gelfand pronounced her dead but declined to sign a death certificate because he was not familiar with her condition.

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Things on Upgrade

Earlier this year, Miss Nolan was found close to starvation in a rented room. She had just completed her memoirs, "Yesterday's Girl."

She died when things seemed to be on the upgrade for her. Friends said she recently completed negotiations to sell her life story in both screen play and novel form.

It was the final blow of the hard luck that dogged her. She was orphaned at 3. At 14, she went to New York, broke and friendless, and began working as an artist's model.

A few years later, silk-hatted admirers flocked to pay her homage as "Ziegfeld's most beautiful girl."

Then the jinx struck again. She fell in love with Frank Tinker, one of Ziegfeld's top comedians, and was named in a divorce suit brought by his wife. The scandal drove Bubbles from Broadway.

Dyed the Curls

She dyed her golden curls red, took the name of Mary Robinson, and rose to stardom in German films.

Soon she was a silent Hollywood star earning \$300 a week in such films as "Sorrel and Son," "Shanghai Lady," "The Woman God Forgot," "Foreign Legion," and "X Marks the Spot."

With things again looking up, she married movie executive Edward J. Mannix in the early Thirties.

The jinx struck again in 1935. She charged that Mannix beat her and asked \$500,000 in a divorce suit. A short time later she was hurt seriously in an auto accident and not long after she was listed in police records as a drug addict.

She gradually dropped from public notice and was in complete obscurity until she was found starting this year.

Boy, 17, Wounded in Rifle Accident

Seventeen-year-old Sam Pate, 1948 Hovey St., received a flesh wound when a rifle accidentally discharged yesterday.

He was one of four boys who were target shooting near Road 431 and the river. Frank Radcliffe, 15, of 1939 Shelby St., who was carrying the gun, slipped and dropped the rifle which fired one shot. The youth was treated at General Hospital.

Arrest 'Stage Manager' On Forgery Charge

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 (UPI)—Arthur Markey, 26, of Pittsburgh, wanted by police of three Eastern cities for alleged larceny and check forgery, was under arrest today awaiting a Felony Court hearing.

General ambulance doctors used inhalators on five other persons early today after they were overcome by furnace fumes in the home of Jefreis DePrend, 618 E. 9th St.

Left at home after treatment were Mrs. Blanche DePrend, 50, her son, Mr. DePrend, her grandson, Jimmy Edwards, 10, and Mr. DePrend's two children, Joan, 2½, and Sherran, 11.

When the flames of a burner on a gas stove somehow blew out yesterday, Mrs. Vivian Butcher, 55, John Overton, 60, and Mrs. Butcher's daughter, Mrs. Bernice Beard, 23, were overcome in a rooming house at 1142 Prospect St.

Mrs. Butcher and Mr. Overton are in fair condition at General Hospital. Mrs. Beard was treated and left at home. Police said the accident was discovered by a passerby who smelled escaping gas.

Overcome—Mrs. Bernice Beard (left) and her mother, Mrs. Vivian Butcher, 1142 Prospect St., were two of the 11 persons overcome by gas yesterday. Mrs. Butcher is in a "fair" condition at General Hospital. Her daughter was treated and remained at home.



ASSAULT VICTIMS—Harry Apel, 80, and his wife, Clara, who will be 79 tomorrow, were brutally beaten by a masked man who ransacked their home last night. The robbery was believed an outgrowth of a neighborhood legend that the couple kept large sums of money in their home. All the robber got, however, was two gold pieces and some family keepsakes.

Deny Negligence in Death by Gas

Police Accused Of 7-Hour Delay

(Continued From Page One) close only one call, that being made at 9:13 a. m. on Oct. 31.

"In his own statement to me, Mr. Finley said he waited one-half hour from 2:40 to 3:15 a. m., then retired." Chief Roush declared. "He stated he again awakened at 6 a. m. hearing some unusual noises. At this time he made an investigation and attempted to arouse the family but did not call us until about 9 a. m."

Had No Luck

Mrs. Finley told The Times to day, "I know it was between 2:30 and 2:45 a. m. when we called the station. We talked to an officer who told us the police would be

right out.

About 4 a. m. my husband again attempted to arouse someone at the Counts. He had no luck and we decided we had better go back to bed. We were certain police would awaken us when they came."

She said her husband went to the Counts again at about 5:45 a. m. but could arouse no one. She said it "was a little after 9 a. m. when we called them (the police) the second time."

At headquarters police denied having received the first call. On duty at the time as dispatcher was Officer Paul Meeker. Lt. Jack Small was desk lieutenant and head of the late shift was Capt. Frank Daily.

The switchboard was manned by a single operator, Kathryn Shoemaker.

Lt. Small could not recall any telephone report from the Auditor Rd. address.

"If a call came it should have reached one of us (himself or the dispatcher)," he said. "And I wasn't so busy but what I would remember it."

Dispatcher Meeker said, "It might have come in about the time we had all the difficulty with the switchboard."

He explained that the board "went blank" once during the night and that no calls could get through.

No record of a call from the Finleys appeared on the dispatcher's radio log until 9:13 a. m. when the police finally made an investigation.

Worst Boner

The campaigns of both men showed there will be no turning away from the social reforms which began in the first Franklin Roosevelt administration. Mr. Dewey proposed a greatly expanded Social Security program, higher minimum wages, and greater natural resources developments.

There were campaign boners but none in the same class with the "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" crack of the James G. Blaine campaign. President Truman made the most bubbles, but generally they were at a local level of political impact.

Markey, a former GI who contends he was wounded at Anzio and lists his present occupation as "assistant stage manager," was arrested on a forgery and grand larceny complaint brought by a detective for Saks Fifth Avenue.

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