

Thief Stabs Man Critically in \$4 Robbery

Thug Attacks Woman in Downtown Area

A man was stabbed and left for dead early today by an assailant who robbed him of \$4. Police found Fred Lathrop, 45, of 1042 W. North St., collapsed in front of 1100 W. North St. at midnight. He had been stabbed over the heart and his face slashed.

Mr. Lathrop, who is in critical condition in General Hospital, could not give police details of the attack. He told them that all he remembered was a man in a leather jacket and cap robbed him of \$4 and then stabbed him.

Another street robbery, a man who knocked down a woman and stole her purse, was run down by a motorist who witnessed the crime. The thug escaped, however, despite what appeared to be serious injuries.

The thug knocked down Mrs. Daisy Pence, 58, of 511 N. Illinois St., as she walked on Michigan St. between Meridian and Illinois Sts. about 5:30 p. m. He grabbed her purse containing \$30 and ran.

A passing motorist, John Lawrence, 2910 Forest Manor Ave., saw the slugging. As the pursuer ran in front of his car, Mr. Lawrence stepped on the gas and shot his car forward. He struck the man, knocking him down.

The man jumped up, however, and ran limping north on Illinois St. Mr. Lawrence followed him but the man escaped between some houses near Illinois and Walnut Sts.

Liquor Store Held Up
A bandit help up the Tip Top Liquor Store and its owner, Lawrence Connell, last night, taking \$25.

Charles Gardner, 53, of 946 N. Bolton Ave., told police his home was burglarized yesterday. Missing items included diamond valued at \$200, a brooch valued at \$250 and Masonic cuff links valued at \$50, a .32 caliber revolver and \$14.50.

Recluse Found Starving in Shack Amid \$3500 Hoard

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 18 (UP)—A 64-year-old recluse was hospitalized in critical condition from near starvation today. He was found unconscious in his tiny shack surrounded by tin cans and cigar boxes jammed with more than \$3500 in pennies, nickels, quarters and half-dollars.

"Take care of my money," were the first words William H. Higgins spoke upon regaining consciousness in St. Francis Hospital. In his ragged clothes were found an additional \$150 in bills.

Police said he was a former bricklayer who left his wife and 11 children seven years ago because they objected to his hobby of collecting junk. He said the wife and children, all grown now, are all comfortably well off.

MR. HIGGINS also was discovered to have "substantial savings" in a Trenton police said. He operated a small peddling lot and lived alone in a 12x14-foot shanty with his junk.

It took police several hours to count the money. 3423 pennies, 15,181 nickels, 6811 quarters and 648 half-dollars.

Boy, 5, Gives His Life To Save Brother, 8

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 (UP)—Five-year-old William Gugler gave his life to save his big brother.

William and Burnie Gugler, 8, were crossing busy Washington Blvd. in the rain yesterday when a panel truck loomed up suddenly. William put his hand on his brother's shoulder and pushed him to safety. But the truck struck William, hurling him 40 feet and killing him almost instantly.

Truck Driver Claude T. Waldon, 45, Bell, Cal., was booked on suspicion of manslaughter.

IU Plans Nursing Education Workshop

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 18 (UP)—A three-day nursing education workshop to be held on the campus of Indiana University Jan. 5, 6 and 7 will discuss state requirements for future nursing education.

The workshop will be sponsored by the Indiana State League of Nursing and the I. U. division of nursing education in co-operation with the Indiana Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses, the State Board of Health and the Indiana State Nurses' Association.

Heads Press Club

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP)—John C. O'Brien, Washington correspondent for the Philadelphia Inquirer, has been elected president of the National Press Club without opposition. He succeeds Joseph H. Short Jr., of the Baltimore Sun.

Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU

—BIRMINGHAM, 1943—

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m. 40.00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 40.00

Record since Jan. 1 40.00

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

	High	Low
Atlanta	45	29
Boston	45	29
Chicago	45	29
Cincinnati	45	29
Cleveland	45	29
Denver	45	29
Indianapolis	45	29
Kansas City	45	29
Los Angeles	45	29
Memphis	45	29
Minneapolis-St. Paul	45	29
New Orleans	45	29
New York	45	29
Omaha	45	29
Pittsburgh	45	29
San Antonio	45	29
San Francisco	45	29
St. Louis	45	29
Washington, D. C.	45	29

Today's Weather Fotocast



TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—Widespread precipitation is predicted tonight through much of the United States, with rain in the Central Mississippi Valley and Southern States and snow in the northern Rockies, parts of the Plains and the lower Great Lakes. Temperatures are indicated at zero in North Dakota and below freezing elsewhere in the north, and in the 40's in southern States. The eastern half of the country can expect colder weather in the next 24 hours, forecasters say.

Times Cloth-A-Child Aids Albert E. Roberts Rites Set Monday

(Continued From Page One) RI-5551 and asking for a donor appointment to take one or more children to the store and spend your own money to outfit them.

CONTRIBUTIONS	
Previous balance, \$6581.59	
Chix & Kurves Sub Debs;	
Reges & Lex Squires	
and Soubrius Club of	
Lady of Lourdes Church	114.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter C.	
Sanderson	5.00
Various members of the	
Rivers Club Boosters	22.00
Organization	
Tuesday Social Club	10.00
Equipment Distributors	
of Indiana	165.00
Indiana Farm Bureau Co-	
operative Association	
Inc.—Farm Moderation	
Department	29.28
Delta Phi Beta Sorority	2.00
Employees—Dept. of Pub-	
lic Purchase, City Hall	25.00
Johnny and Charles	
Schellberg	1.00
G. B. Millikan	10.00
Christian Men Builders,	
Inc.	10.00
South Grove Golf Club	5.00
Fairbanks Memorial	
VIEW Post No. 1587	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Foulke	10.00
Mrs. G. M.	5.00
Happy to Help	5.00
Biddy Ann Folsom	5.00
Newass Tribe No. 190	5.00
IOBM	5.00
From an Old Friend	25.00
Star-Etts Sub Deb Club	5.00
of Tech	5.00
Today's Total	\$ 577.63
Total to Date	\$7159.22
DIRECT DONORS	
In memory of Ella R.	
Feibleman	1 Child
New York Central	
R. B. Employees	17 Children
Indpls. Water Co.	4 Children
Supervisors, G. A.	
field Area	2 Children
Vanguard Hardware	
Co. Employees	2 Children
Mr. and Mrs. E. A.	
Burch and Friends	1 Child
Capital Indemnity Co.	1 Child
Crosstown Canteen	1 Child
Eagles Ladies' Auxiliary	
No. 211	1 Child
Gammas No Sorority, Mu	
Chapter	1 Child
Masterful Laboratory of	
Allison No. 5 Plant	1 Child

Three Boys Held In Auto Theft

Three boys were turned over to J.A.D. authorities after they were arrested by police at Pennsylvania and South Sts. early today in an automobile reported missing from Sacred Heart rectory, 1530 S. Union St.

The boys were picked up after the Rev. Ronald Auerbeck, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, reported the car missing from the rectory garage. Two of the boys are 15 and the other is 16. They are admitted no other thefts.

A 17-year-old youth was in Marion County jail today, after he was caught by police at Washington and Geisner Sts. with a truck stolen from Central Transfer Co., 624 W. New York St.

URGED FOR RFC POST
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP)—A White House spokesman said today W. R. Bramwell, Eldora, Ia., is "under consideration" for appointment to the board of directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Lewis, 23, Indiana; Mildred May Andrews, 20, 1243 Roosevelt. Jackson L. Oliver, 20, 319 E. Ohio; Maureen Lee Johnson, 20, 212 E. St. Robert R. Huger, 22, 848 N. Oakland; Marjorie E. Hart, 25, 2601 Cold Springs. William Riddle, 21, 2251 College; Betty M. Tibberty, 16, 2267 S. Lyons. Lucian Barney Rhodes, Jr., 22, 1629 Raymond St.; Mary A. Roseberry, 19, 1708 Milburn. Harold H. Segal, 21, 618 E. 24th; Erica Lehrer, 22, 1120 Union. Clyde Kern, Jr., 21, 648 Thompson; Denise Dianne Bruner, 20, 940 E. Morgan Drive. Ralph A. Wessner, 24, Palestine, Illinois; Nedra Higgins, 24, 3009 Kenwood. Edgar E. Thacker, 21, Ira Mae Mahoney, 18, 610 Birch. Carl Green, 21, Niles, Michigan; Laura Jean Grice, 16, Niles, Michigan. Joe T. Flores, 21, 906 E. English; Esther Joan Shindler, 17, 617 E. St. Clair. Charles S. Batfield, 34, 33 S. LaSalle; Ada Ellen Carter, 42, 439 Galesburg. James Lee Walton, 27, 1807 N. Traub; Ora Mildred Bridges, 40, 4933 S. 16th; John Henry Foster, 40, 1105 N. Tremont. Viola Neal, 16, 807 Fayette. Jerry Lewis, 16, Indianapolis; Idena New-Kirk, 40, Indianapolis. James Lewis Puckett, 25, 729 Roache; Martha Lena Herrin, 21, 450 Burnside. Frank E. Daniels, 25, 1798 Roosevelt; Agnes Emma Herrin, 20, 1324 College. Leo Chennault, 25, 910 N. California; Louis Bailey, 26, 238 W. 13th. William D. Hill, 21, 5790 Woodside Drive; Sharon Elaine Steele, 19, 2844 Allen. Raymond E. Herrin, 20, Cherokee; Pezzi Davis, 16, 154 Waugh. Harry C. Hobbs, 20, Charleston, South Carolina; U. S. Navy; Edith Sabanary. John J. Russell, 31, Frankfort, Ky. Donald Reid Dixon, 32, 1214 Central; Rousie Pittman, 24, 1214 Central. Robert Long, 44, Cincinnati, Ohio; Emma F. Thompson, 38, 2038 N. New Jersey. Melvyn Harding, 30, 1718 Boulevard; Paige, Mildred Thomas, 25, 2435 Barnes. Ernest Williams, Jr., 24, R. R. 2, Box 118, Norma Jean, 21, 2300 S. Delaware. Eddie Murray, 19, 405 W. North; Ruth Barnett, 16, 405 W. North. Almond Burdette, 20, Franklin; Barbara Frances Moody, 19, 1324 Laurel. William N. Dawd, 20, Crane; Patsie Rae Mulender, 18, Grand. Wilbur J. Dyer, 34, 3341 N. Meridian; Helen E. Meredith, 28, 340 E. New York.

DEATHS

Menlo Quigley, 68, 64 Methodist, arterio-sclerotic heart, at 1523 N. Chester, cancer. Naomi C. Cox, 54, at 1523 N. Chester, cancer. John Heresh, 69, at General, myocardial infarction.

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FOOD CRAFT SHOP

16th Floor E. of P. Building

Food & Home Products Demonstration

There will be no parties at the Food Craft Shop until after January 1st. We are celebrating the Christmas Holidays.

The shop will be open each day, however, so you may phone or come in to make dates for your groups after the first of the year.

We have a few dates open in January, February and March are filling rapidly.

Lincoln 8137

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Charles L. vs. Marjorie Locke; Ada Anderson vs. Harold Dyer; Ann vs. Carl Anderson.

Rescues Halted By Rumbling Earth at Mine

Resume Search For 3 Men Tomorrow

ST. MEINARD, Dec. 18—Grim-faced miners today said they would wait until the Lord's Day tomorrow to resume a search for the bodies of three men trapped in the Christmas Mine cave-in.

Today, three days after the cave-in, the angry rumbling earth around the slope mine still refused to give up its dead.

Cave-ins which have persisted since the initial disaster Thursday morning made it unsafe for rescue workers to dig for the entombed men, long since given up for dead.

One body, that of William Huff, 40, near Tell City, was recovered at about 5 a. m. yesterday. The legs of the three other bodies were located, protruding from piles of earth and shale.

Immediately after extricating the one body, however, the rescue teams were forced to retreat to safety because of recurring cave-ins.

They were able to return to the shaft five hours later, at 10 a. m. but by that time tumbling rocks had again hidden the bodies. Officials declared the mine unsafe for rescue work for the remainder of the day.

Some of the teams returned this morning but the earth still rumbled and the rescue work was postponed until tomorrow.

Still entombed are Jacob Harpenau, 40, Tell City; Thomas M. Allister, 37, Troy; and Robert Kelums, 56, Grand View.

Hoffman Names Court Assistant

Juvenile Court Judge Joseph Hoffmann today announced the appointment of Miss Alice Harding as assistant probation officer of Marion County Juvenile Court.

She will replace John Mueller, who became director of Marion County Department of Public Welfare in October.

Miss Harding, who is 39, has had 14 years of experience in social work. During the past five years, she has been case work supervisor for the Family Service Association of Indianapolis.

Prior to that she was engaged in similar work as a caseworker for similar agencies in Cleveland and Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Harding holds a master's degree in social education from the Western Reserve University, Cleveland. Her appointment was approved by the personnel committee of the Juvenile Court Advisory Council.

Thieves Torture Victim With Red-Hot Toaster

DETROIT, Dec. 18 (UP)—Mrs. Thelma Mantelos, 50, told police today that two armed bandits burned her feet with a red-hot toaster for an hour in an effort to get more than the \$10 they found when they ransacked her home.

She said the men entered her home yesterday posing as electric company employees. They knocked her unconscious with a revolver and then searched the house for receipts from the Mantelos restaurant, she told police.

Mrs. Mantelos said the robbers then revived her with cold water, tied her to aavenport and tortured her with the toaster.

Physician Says He Killed Rival in Self-Defense

Describes Battle Over Wife's Affections

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 18 (UP)—Dr. Robert C. Rutledge, 29, rallied from the effects of self-administered poison today and said he killed his wife's lover in self-defense.

Dr. Rutledge admitted that he fought with Byron C. Hattman, 29, in a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, hotel room but said he did not know that Mr. Hattman was injured fatally.

Police questioned Dr. Rutledge briefly yesterday when he rallied after taking poison in his fashionable apartment here when officers arrived to arrest him in connection with Mr. Hattman's death.

Tells of Money Offer.
Dr. Rutledge told detectives that he went to Cedar Rapids to offer Mr. Hattman money to stay away from his beautiful blond wife, Sidney, 23.

Mrs. Rutledge is six feet tall. Mr. Hattman, like Dr. Rutledge, stood about six feet two inches, and was powerfully built.

Dr. Rutledge said Mr. Hattman spurned his offer and dashed a billfold full of money. Then, he said, Mr. Hattman pulled a knife from his pocket and started for the doctor. The two husky men grappled violently.

"I took the knife away from him and jabbed at him a number of times to keep him away," Dr. Rutledge said.

Returns to St. Louis
When Mr. Hattman dropped to the floor, Dr. Rutledge picked up the billfold and knife and fled. He returned to St. Louis where he threw the knife and billfold away.

He said that Mr. Hattman, an engineering designer for the Emerson Electric Manufacturing Co., had been telephoning his wife frequently, asking her to divorce Dr. Rutledge and marry him.

"I went to Cedar Rapids to see



Dr. Robert C. Rutledge



Mrs. Sidney Rutledge

him and square accounts for my wife," Dr. Rutledge said.

Dr. Rutledge is a resident physician at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Corn Takes Lead in Record Crop Yield

Grains Top '46 Peak By 17 Million Tons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP)—An unparalleled harvest of 179 million tons of grain this year has brought hope to the housewife and uneasiness to the farmer and the government.

Grain production is nearly 40 million tons greater than in 1947 and 17.6 million tons more than the previous peak in 1946. Corn leads a procession of record-breaking crops with an output of 3651 million bushels, according to the Agriculture Department's latest estimate.

Since corn is the raw material for meat, the housewife can look forward to more steaks and chops at slightly cheaper prices by the end of 1949, the Agriculture Department says. Supplies of poultry and dairy products also will be more plentiful.

Record Yields Set
In issuing its figures for all 1948 crops, the department's crop production board said total farm production had exceeded that of any other year. New record yields per acre were set for corn, cotton, oats, soybeans, potatoes, tobacco and dry beans. Quality was likewise outstanding.

The wheat harvest, second largest in history, was placed at 1288 million bushels. Wheat farmers have already been warned by the department that they are in for trouble during the next few years because of expected declines in foreign demand and lower government price supports.

This year's crop could be the beginning of another huge wheat surplus.

Doctor Cuts Bullet From Man's Spine

Pellet Removed After 24 Years

DAYTON, O., Dec. 18 (UP)—Isaac W. Proffitt, 44, was reported in good condition today following removal of a bullet lodged in his spine 24 years.

Removal of the bullet by a surgeon at Grandview Osteopathic Hospital was described as unique. The surgeon, who asked that his name not be revealed, found the bullet yesterday.

Mr. Proffitt said he acquired the bullet in Bowen, Ky., on July 4, 1924.

"Two men got into a fight in front of a tavern," he explained. "I tried to intervene by talking to them but I saw it was doing no good."

"One of the men became more and more enraged. He had a .25 caliber German automatic and I saw he was going to shoot me. I tackled him and we fell to the ground but I couldn't get the gun away from him. While I was on the ground he shot me in the abdomen."

Order Ship Probe
LONDON, Dec. 18 (UP)—The Transport Ministry today ordered an investigation into the disappearance of the British ship Hesperus about Nov. 14 while en route to Philadelphia in ballast.

CZECH GENERAL DIES
PRAGUE, Dec. 18 (UP)—Gen. Jan Prochazka, 55, chief of infantry on the Czech general staff, died today. He fought in both world wars and in the Czech resistance movement.

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