

# Death of Girl Puts Week-end Road Toll at 6

## Crash Near Madison Fatal; Hold Driver

The toll of week-end traffic fatalities on Indiana's rain-swept highways rose to six today with the death of a 15-year-old girl injured in a collision on Indiana 29, 5 miles north of Madison yesterday.

Miss Marie Peterson, of San Jacinto, Jennings County, died at 9 a. m. this morning in Kings Daughters Hospital at Madison.

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State police said she was a passenger in a car driven by Charles Praker, 18, R. R. 1, Dupont, Ind., whose vehicle collided with one driven by Charles Noresey, R. R. 4, Madison.

Police said Praker was arrested on a charge of reckless homicide, charging that he failed to stop at a stop sign.

Blamed on Rain

Meanwhile, rain also was blamed for most of 42 traffic accidents which occurred in the city since midnight Saturday.

In the more than two score accidents here 14 persons were hurt, none seriously. In addition, one person was killed.

The fatalities over the state chalked up Indiana's largest week end toll of the new year.

The other dead:

James Batson, 65, Hasting, Mich.

Miss Wilma Jean Hicks, 18, R. R. 2, Alexandria.

Pearl Miller, 60, Terre Haute.

John F. Schwartz, 71, R. R. 4, Terre Haute.

John Skaggs, 61, Anderson.

Critically injured here late Saturday evening was Michael A. Seal, 50, 1530 N. Meridian St., pedestrian struck in front of 1468 S. Meridian St. Mr. Seal was taken to General Hospital suffering from fractures of both legs and shock.

Driver of the car which struck him was William H. Royle, 51, 121 Berwyn St., police said.

Two of the state fatalities occurred in a head-on collision in the rain five miles north of Anderson on U. S. 9.

Driven by Father

Mr. Batson and Miss Hicks were killed and Mr. Batson's wife, Mrs. Nina Batson, 55, is in critical condition at St. John's Hospital, Anderson.

Miss Hicks was riding in a car driven by her father, Standford Hicks, 53. He is in St. John's suffering from injuries and shock.

Mr. Miller was drowned when his car left the road on a turn three miles north of Seelyville, near Terre Haute, glanced off a bridge and plunged into a swollen creek.

Mr. Schwartz, custodian of the Vigo County court house, Terre Haute, was killed in Ind. 46, five miles southeast of Terre Haute. Police said Mr. Schwartz drove out of a county road onto the main highway and collided with a car driven by Harold Hoffman, 34, Bloomington. Mr. Hoffman and his wife, Betty, 24, were injured, neither critically.

Struck by Train

Mr. Skaggs died two hours after his automobile collided with another at an Anderson street intersection.

In other accidents in the city a three-quarter ton truck driven by Clyde Warner, 27, 1717 Bellefontaine St., was struck by a C&E train at 19th St. and the Monon tracks.

Mr. Warner was treated at General Hospital for an injured left leg and a cut lip. He was arrested for having no operator's license and charged with disobeying an automatic traffic signal.

At 7 p. m. yesterday a trackless trolley going east on Washington St. made a left turn into Alabama St. and hit Ernest LePage, 1534 E. Michigan St. who was treated at General Hospital for a cut over his eye and released.

Mr. LePage was charged with drunkenness. Police said he walked into the left front of the trolley operated by Corbin Locks, 31, 2419 N. Arlington Ave.

# Feeney Will Seek Plan Chief's Job

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cause of his interest in these residents' cases and the fact that if the present amendment passes Mr. Kammins would have "too much power" in determining whether the homes should be permitted to remain.

Mayor Feeney said he had no part in introducing the amendment measure and that he had not had opportunity to read its provisions.

Fears Too Much Power

He said he was not opposed to measures which would increase public housing in the city but he felt that what he had heard of the amendment threw power to the Plan Commission which was beyond its scope.

"I'm for housing and I'm for redevelopment," he said, "but I don't want the two mixed. The Redevelopment Commission has done a fine job. If someone wants to clarify provisions of the Commission's law that is all right, but I am against putting one board over another. It would tend to slow down the work of redevelopment and I am opposed to that."

Other provisions of Mr. Kammins' amendment would eliminate the selling of 10 or more parcels of land at less than assessed value and give individuals right to appeal their cases to court.

# Be-Bop Society Hears Platters at Weekly Session



Be-bop... All set for their regular weekly session devoted to the discussion and furtherance of "Bop," the Be-Bop Society of Indianapolis selects some fine representative platters. Onto the turntable goes a wax by "Yardbird" Parker, a "real crazy" Dixie Gillespie bit and man—they're gone. Seated left to right at the turntables are William Boyd, James Cummings and Donald Esters. Standing are Fred Anderson, Oliver Bell, Upton Lloyd Stout, Bobby Hayes, Buford Bohannon Jr., Augustus Gaines, Chico Green and jazz pianist Erroll Grande.



And dancing too—Strictly speaking, be-bop is just a form of music for listening and any dancing is just an added attraction. These two enthusiastic society members, Earl "Lay" Wilson and Upton Lloyd Stout, find the high-flying jazz passages too much to take sitting down so they take off into "The Corkscrew," a new step as intricate as the passages it follows. The Bopsters, who wear "gone with the wind" ties, Dixie Gillespie berets and "ker-riker" glasses, formed a mutual admiration society for the "new sound" in music.

# Schricker Names Steckler Public Counselor for PSC

## Appointment Plunges Attorney Into Thick Of Transit Firm's Appeal for Higher Rates

By ROBERT BLOEM

Gov. Schricker today appointed William E. Steckler, Indianapolis attorney and former Democratic member of the state election board, to be Public Counselor for the Public Service Commission.

The appointment plunged Mr. Steckler immediately into the Indianapolis Railways appeal for higher rates. As counselor it is his duty to represent the public in utility rate hearings before the PSC.

Mr. Steckler succeeds Glenn R. Slenker of Monticello, a Republican who resigned to resume his seat in the state House of Representatives.

As he sent Mr. Steckler cold into the tricky railways rate case, Gov. Schricker declined to comment on the status of two of the three members of the PSC itself.

Two Lane Ducks

Commissioners Lawrence Cannon, Democrat, and Lawrence Carlson, Republican, technically are "lane ducks" since they have been carried over from the previous administration without specific re-appointment.

Former Judge Roscoe C. O'Byrne of Brookville has been named chairman of the commission to succeed LeRoy (Toby) Yoder, Goshen Republican.

Mr. Steckler, the new public counselor, is a native of Mt. Vernon, a graduate of Indiana University Law School, a veteran of World War II. He has been active in Democratic politics in Marion County and served as a member of the state committee's speakers' bureau during the 1948 election campaign.

He and his wife and two children live at 5843 Keystone Ave.

# Professional Help In Seminar Topic

Social workers, newspaper writers, laymen in various other walks of life and ministers will give their ideas regarding "What Is Happening to the American City and Its Churches," Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the YMCA.

They will meet in preparation for a seminar on the subject to be sponsored later by the Church Federation. Findings of the seminars here and in other cities of the nation will be used at a national convocation.

The national convocation will be sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council of North America and the International Council of Religious Education.

Local persons asked to head committees preparing material for discussion Feb. 2 are: Henry Graham, Carl R. North, Charles E. Bacon, Ralph Humphrey, Harold Gee, the Rev. R. F. Buck and the Rev. Roy B. Connor Jr.

# Jacobs Would Tax Tickets To Inaugural

## Declares He'll Vote Against Exemption

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—Rep. Andrew Jacobs, Indianapolis Democrat, declared today that he will vote against exempting inauguration week tickets from the 20 per cent federal amusement tax.

"If the big government here in Washington can stoop to taking penny taxes from teenage-canteens in Indianapolis, I see no reason why we should lift the taxes on a lot of well-heeled politicians coming here for a gala week," Mr. Jacobs said.

Prepares Statement

He prepared a statement for the record to set forth his stand when a vote on the exemption is taken in the House. It reads: "I would like to exempt every man from every tax, but we dare not do so. The financial guarantee by district businessmen furnishes no excuse for exempting inauguration tickets from the admission tax. The multitude descending upon Washington will furnish them the profits they are anticipated. Such guarantees are usual business practices, generally profitable, perfectly legitimate, but not altogether altruistic."

He also said that he had lived in Washington for 10 years and was married in 1936 with a French civil ceremony and a Moslem religious ceremony, for more than three years.

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INSTITUTE FOR WCTU

The Elizabeth Stanley WCTU Institute will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday in the home of Mrs. C. E. Vollmer, 914 N. Ritter Ave.

# It's Official Now—Rita, Aly to Wed as Soon As They Are 'Free to Do So'

## Marital Plans Finally Revealed

CANNES, Jan. 17 (UP)—The road-show romance of movie star Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan will lead to their marriage just as soon as the prince is "free to do so," they announced today.

Prince Aly, son of the fabulous Aga Khan and a multi-millionaire in his own right, met the press in the drawing room of his Riviera chateau where Miss Hayworth is his guest.

He announced their marital plans while reporters sipped at his Scotch whiskey.

Miss Hayworth did not appear, but she had him issue for her a one-line statement which said: "I have been waiting only for him to be free to marry him."

Prince Aly's statement, equally terse, said: "I am going to marry Miss Hayworth as soon as I am free to do so."

In Two Languages

Both statements were issued in English and in French. They were dated, "Chateau de L'Hors, Gorge Juan, Jan. 15, 1949."

After the statement was passed out, Prince Aly enlarged upon it to say that divorce proceedings to free him of his British wife, the former Joan Vande-Buller, who is heiress to some of the Guinness brewing money, have been in progress nearly a year.

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# Pastor to Help Students Get Church Posts

## Butler Staff Member Offers Job Service

Small Christian Churches needing part-time pastors and students wishing to supplement their incomes while attending the Butler School of Religion will be aided by the Rev. Robert Lewis, new school staff member.

The Rev. Mr. Lewis, pastor of the Seventh Christian Church, will perform this two-way service as the newly appointed placement secretary for the Butler School of Religion.

Dean O. L. Shelton of the Butler School of Religion explained that the school keeps a list of churches in the rural districts and cities of this community which cannot afford to pay full-time pastors.

When students enroll, the placement secretary puts them in touch with such churches and they serve them as ministers while attending classes at Butler.

It is a valuable service also because there are not enough graduate ministers to fill all the vacant pulpits, Dean Shelton commented.

The Rev. Mr. Lewis, a former pastor of the Fountain Square Christian Church, is very active in youth and interdenominational work. He has been president of both the Indianapolis Christian Ministers' Association and the Christian Church Union.

Dawson Trial Begins

The trial of Dan W. Dawson, 2517 Baltimore Ave., charged with the first-degree murder of Rufus Morrow on July 11, began today before Judge Saul I. Rabb in Criminal Court 2.

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