

Legion Post Cites 6 Police And 4 Firemen For Merit In 1948



Martin Fahey . . . companion of Patrolman Sheehan in patrol car.

Michael Garvey . . . applied artificial respiration to drowning child.

Ray Whobrey . . . with Patrolman Jefferson risked life in arrest.

Harold Jefferson . . . arrested robbery suspect after gun duel.

Battalion Chief Arnold W. Phillips . . . carried child from fire.

Capt. Michael J. Gardner . . . rescued child from burning home.

Pvt. Charles J. Schenck . . . crawled through wreckage to aid victim.

Battalion Chief Bert A. Uversaw . . . carried aged woman to safety.

Awards Hail Services 'Beyond Call of Duty'

Acts Run From Seizing Suspects In Shooting to Rescue of Lives

Six policemen and four firemen were awarded certificates for "meritorious" service during 1948 last night at a dinner given by Robison-Ragdale Post 133, American Legion.

Police officers cited by the Legion for outstanding action beyond the call of duty were Harold Barnes, Michael Garvey, Michael Sheehan, Martin Fahey, Harold Jefferson and Ray Whobrey.

Firemen receiving merit citations were Battalion Chief Arnold W. Phillips, Capt. Michael J. Gardner, Battalion Chief Bert A. Uversaw and Pvt. Charles J. Schenck.

Presents Citations

H. Ellis McCommon, post awards chairman, and Virgil Shepherd, director of the Indianapolis Chapter, American Red Cross, presented the citations at the post's 16th annual open house in Central Christian Church.

Those cited and their service were:

Harold Barnes—Radiated description of hit-and-run driver who later confessed to fatally injuring Patrolman Robert Baker.

Michael Garvey—Alert action saved life of child pulled from Eagle Creek by giving artificial respiration.

Michael Sheehan and Martin Fahey—Questioned occupant of taxicab who turned out to be holdup man suspected of an attempt to kill.

Fired Several Shots

Harold Jefferson and Ray Whobrey—Arrested robbery suspect after chase in which the man fired several shots at the officers.

Battalion Chief Arnold W. Phillips and Capt. Michael J. Gardner—Carried two children from burning home.

Battalion Chief Bert A. Uversaw—Carried aged woman to safety after battling his way through flames and smoke to third floor of an apartment building.

Pvt. Charles J. Schenck—Supported severely injured man trapped in wrecked car for two hours who was in danger of death from loss of blood.

Enters Bill to Survey Small Business Needs

A State Representative moved today to give the Hoosier small business state aid in fighting his battles.

Rep. Charles E. Turner (D. New Albany) introduced a bill in the House which would provide a state commission to make a "study and survey" of the problems of small businesses and recommend legislation which might assist them.

The commission would be made up of representatives of the State Commerce, Agriculture, Industry and Public Relations departments.

Protective Group To Seat Officers

Open house and candlelight installation of officers of the Degree of Honor Protective Association will be held at 8 p. m. tomorrow at 734 S. State Ave.

The refreshment committee includes Mrs. William McCaslin and Mrs. Harry Scherzer. Mrs. C. R. Rhodes will handle entertainment.

Officers to be installed include: Mrs. Rhoades, president; Mrs. J. K. Garrott, past president; Mrs. Burr Mac, first vice president; Mrs. McCaslin, second vice president; Mrs. Lawrence Rosemyer, financial secretary.

Mrs. Elmer Lumley, treasurer; Mrs. Clifford Glunt, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Holzschuh, usher; Mrs. Harry Scherzer, assistant usher; Mrs. H. M. Fox, color bearer; Mrs. Jess Callaway, left assistant; Mrs. Garwood Storer, right assistant; Mrs. Mary Ragsdale, inner watch.

Escorts appointed are: Miss Trevelia McCaslin, Mrs. Mildred Bartram, Mrs. Andrew Zervas and Mrs. Jewell Geibel.

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DEATHS

Phyllis Ann Turner, 3 months, at General Hospital; Pauline Wittmann, 69, at 2216 Parker, arteriosclerotic heart; Thomas Johnson, 64, at 726 N. Belleview, pneumonia; Charles A. Miller, 77, at 534 N. Tibbs, pneumonia; Alex Powers, 74, at General, carcinoma; Nellie C. Lawler, 68, at 2327 New Jersey, heart; Anna Loutio, 66, at 220 E. Walnut, cardio vascular; Daniel J. Shes, 72, at 732 Fletcher, hypertension; Elizabeth B. Timpe, 58, at 916 N. Oak, heart; Leslie H. Crockett, 84, at St. Vincent's, pneumonitis; Charles Monroe, 61, at Long, carcinoma; Ardin E. Tucker, 68, at 4228 E. Michigan, heart; Frederick D. Gary, 41, at Veterans, leukemia; Mabel E. Miller, 79, at Methodist, pericarditis; Minnie Louise Schildmeyer, 36, at Long, hypertension.

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2 Men Killed In State Traffic

Train-Car Collision Fatal to 34-Year-Old

One man died in a train-car collision early today and one other fatality on the highway was reported.

Robert F. Ostermeyer, 34, of Muncie, was killed instantly at 1 a. m. when his car was struck by a New York Central passenger train four miles east of Muncie.

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Detectives Round Up Gang Of 9 to Crack Robbery Ring

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W. 11th, also charged with robbery with a deadly weapon.

At the home, police recovered some \$1800 lost from the Kardast Cleaning burglary. On Jan. 19 the gang broke into the cleaning place, loaded a truck with merchandise and drove away.

Several garments, including a suit of Dr. Frank Sparks, president of Wabash College and the top-coat of former Prosecutor Judson L. Stark, were sold by the gang.

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NAACP May Back Watts in Appeal

Attorney General Will Fight Action

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People indicated today it would back Robert Austin Watts' appeal of his death sentence by the U. S. Supreme Court.

The 27-year-old former Indianapolis city truck driver, convicted of the sex murder of Mrs. Mary Lois Burney, was granted a 30-day stay of execution by the Supreme Court Monday, a few hours before he was scheduled to die in the electric chair at Michigan City Prison.

Meanwhile, Indiana Attorney General J. Emmett McManamon said if the NAACP took up the appeal of Watts he and a deputy would probably be Frank E. Coughlin who with Merl Wall, another deputy attorney general, represented the state in the prosecution of Watts.

The NAACP is said to be basing its appeal on the grounds there were no Negroes on the Shelby County jury which convicted Watts, and that the conviction was drawn from him by duress.

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