

# 'Coconut King,' Native Hoosier, Slain on Island

Discharged Employee Blamed in Death of Philippines Tycoon

MANILA, Apr. 20 (UP)—Reports from Basilan Island in the Far South Philippines said today that W. D. Robinson, 68, a native of Indiana who is known as the coconut king of Zamboanga, had been shot to death Monday by a discharged Moro employee of his plantation at Lamitan.

Mr. Robinson bought and developed a 100,000-acre plantation after spending his honeymoon in the Philippines as a young man. During the war he and his wife, the former Anne Hodges of Dallas, Tex., were forced to live three years as refugees in the hills.

They returned to the United States after the war. Mrs. Robinson remained in Dallas to recover from her war experiences while Mr. Robinson returned to Basilan Island.

Mr. Robinson was shot five times with a carbine. Witnesses identified his assailant as Benzon Masaganda, who had been discharged for cattle thefts.

Left in Early Youth

Mr. Robinson was a native of Indiana, but he left the Hoosier country during his early youth, sometimes working at odd jobs and sometimes going to college.

His adventures led him to Texas and to the State University at Austin where he captained the football team in his sophomore year and received a law degree in 1906.

Mr. Robinson put out his shingle in Dallas, but soon the Far East beckoned.

After a tour of the Orient, he returned to Dallas to marry Anne Hodges, then first violinist and concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. They honeymooned in the Philippines.

Mr. Robinson became interested in coconut farming and invested his money in coconut land on Zamboanga. His more than 100,000-acre plantation established him as "the Coconut King of Zamboanga."

When the Japs invaded the Philippines, the Robinsons sought refuge in the hills and remained there three years, until the American troops returned.

Nationally circulated magazines wrote features on the "Coconut King" and his wife when they returned to the United States after the war.

## Governor, Mayor Laud Home Show

Both Gov. Henry F. Schricker and Mayor Al Feeney today issued proclamations urging citizens to attend the 24th Annual Home Show which opens Friday at 5 p. m. in the Manufacturers' building at the State Fairgrounds.

The show will open with a procession led by the Pike Township Consolidated School bands directed by Weldon Morgan.

Dr. Ralph N. Tiley, president of the Indiana State Teachers College at Terre Haute, will bring a class from his school and another group from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College to officiate at the opening.

After the bands lead the students into the pit of the Manufacturers' building where the model houses have been built, the Governor, the Mayor, officers and directors of the Home Show will hear Dr. Tiley in a brief address.

A gold key will be presented to a young woman from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College who will unlock the basic house. Later another gold key will be used by a woman student from Indiana State Teachers College to unlock the expanded unit of "The House That Grows."

Two hundred exhibits showing latest furnishings, equipment and accessories for the home are being moved into the Manufacturers' building today.

After Friday the Home Show will be open daily through Sunday, May 1, from 11 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. Next Sunday the exposition will go on daylight saving time.

## Prepare for 1949 Savings Bond Drive



These officials of state savings bond committees prepared for the 1949 drive last night. Left to right are Perry Meek, Marion County chairman; Mrs. R. B. Stewart, women's state chairman; Gov. Schricker, honorary chairman, and J. Dwight Peterson, vice state chairman.

## Campaign Called Test of Democracy

Schricker Is Speaker At State Gathering

Hoosier citizens already hold about \$1,150,000 in U. S. Savings Bonds. Gov. Henry F. Schricker told state and county bond sales committee men and women during their Patriots' Day Savings Bond Dinner.

Held last night in the Claypool Hotel, the event was similar to observances held in 48 states heralding the approach of the "Opportunity Drive," to be held May 16 through June 30.

The address by Gov. Schricker preceded President Truman's speech honoring a national bond group in Washington, D. C.

"The continued success of the Savings Bond program is one of the finest possible proofs of the power of democracy at work that we can give the world," Gov. Schricker said.

"It is a program by the people, and for the people, to strengthen the economic position of our country upon which the strength of our nation depends," he continued.

J. Dwight Peterson, vice chairman of the state advisory committee, U. S. Savings Bonds Division, Indianapolis, told the group of the serious responsibility facing them in the coming peace-time drive to start May 16.

He congratulated the workers on their "outstanding" achievements during World War II and the years since V-J Day.

In part he said, "The Treasury belongs to the people. Confronted with an added task the size of the Savings Bond program, your Treasury has to depend upon volunteers for about 98 per cent of the work of promoting and selling the bonds."

Other speakers at the honorary dinner were Charles H. Beuschling, Ft. Wayne, chairman of the

## 100 Years After The Ball Is Over He Gets a Bid

FRAMINGHAM, Mass., Apr. 20 (UP)—Wedged between a fireplace mantle and a Dutch oven in a 200-year-old homestead, Ralph Douglas discovered an engraved invitation to a Thanksgiving ball.

The invitation said the ball would be held at P. Barber's coffee house in nearby Hopkinton and "your company with lady is respectfully solicited."

Mr. Douglas isn't going to the ball. The invitation was dated Nov. 25, 1841.

## Tooth Trouble

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## Firemen Rescue Housewife Trying To Save Girl From Kathy's Fate

Child, 4, Falls In 18-Foot Hole

DES MOINES, Iowa, Apr. 20 (UP)—A housewife's heroism was credited today with saving 4-year-old Betty Johnson from the fate suffered by Kathy Fiscus. Mrs. Norene Jamison was hanging out her wash in her backyard yesterday when neighbors told her that blue-eyed Betty had fallen in a nearby well.

Mrs. Jamison ran to the scene and found a group at the well trying to lower a rope to the frightened child. Betty had tumbled into the 18-foot well when the cover gave way beneath her weight.

Lowered In Hole

But she fell in such a way that she became wedged between the well wall and some pipes just as she plunged into the water at the well bottom.

Mrs. Jamison had the rope tied around her own waist, and neighbors lowered her into the well.

"I found Betty wedged between the wall and the pipes, with water up to her mouth," Mrs. Jamison said.

"I braced myself on the pipes and raised her until she was waist high in the water."

But her strength was ebbing, and another neighbor, Martin Vasser, descended head first into the well as neighbors held his feet. Mr. Vasser, a tall man, tried to pull the woman and child out, but he couldn't make it.

So he held Betty while Mrs. Jamison rested. Firemen arrived and lowered a rope, which Mrs. Jamison tried to fasten around the child. But each time, it slipped off.

Finally, Mrs. Jamison managed to lift Betty high enough so that firemen could reach her with a rope and pull her to safety. Then they hauled Mrs. Jamison to the surface.

She estimated that she was in the well a half hour before firemen arrived.



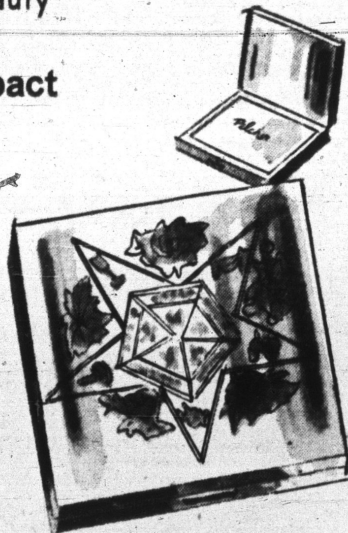
Betty Johnson, rescued from well, talks with her sisters, Judy, 6 (foreground), and Sharon, 12, after she was saved. Mrs. Barney Jamison makes a phone call after rescue.

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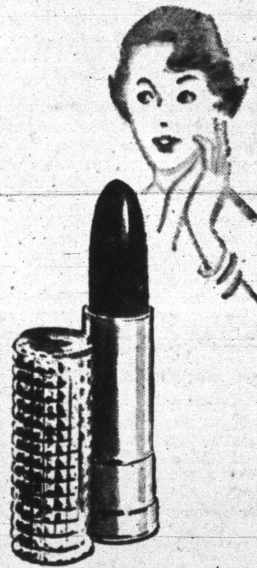
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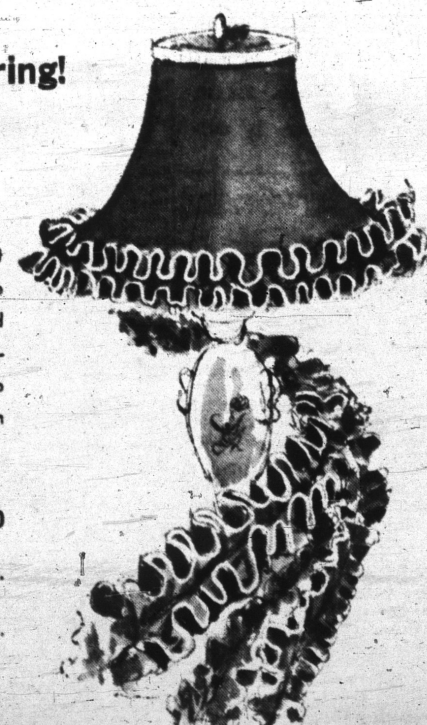
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