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## Inside Indianapolis

By Ed Sovola

"WOULD YOU care to go out there with the men?"

Walter W. Hammon, superintendent of construction on the Indiana Telephone Company building, was asking the question. We were standing on the north side of the 10th floor looking out the windows at four men who were dismantling the outdoor elevator.

Under certain conditions my ears don't work so good. Besides, the view over the city was excellent from where we stood.

Several minutes elapsed before my system became accustomed to the height and I was able to look at the men on the sectional tower, the street below and the Chamber of Commerce roof.

The men had six 2 by 12 planks to walk on. Between the planks there was a space of about 14 inches. No fair walking there although it didn't seem to bother the men to have half of a foot in space.

**Then He Said It a Little Louder**

MR. HAMMON repeated his question, this time louder and very close to my left ear. There was nothing left to do but tell him that a million dollars wouldn't get me out on the planks and the wobbly structure.

"Can't we see all there is to be seen from here?" The most pleading note I could muster was in the question.

"I understand," said the superintendent. "It isn't that you're scared. It's just that you don't want to get in their way, right?"

Buddy, Ralph Gifford, Doc Blaco, Cleo Cheatham and Jim Stratton, 18-year-old member of the crew, were doing the top work. Below, handling the lines, were Foreman Ray Rorick and John Hovater.

The elevator, explained Mr. Hammon, was built of steel tubes. It reminded one of a huge Erector Set project. All tubes were bolted. Tubes included the heavy corner posts, horizontal and cross ties and smaller diagonal braces.

Everything has to be lowered to the ground by means of a rope. Loads going down vary with the size of the tubes. Corner posts and angle iron braces usually went below in pairs. Smaller pieces went over the side in bunches.

"Does anything ever get away from the men?" Although the question was directed to Mr. Hammon, Cleo Cheatham came through with the answer.

"If a piece falls," Cleo chuckled, as he shook and twisted a post. "We yell down 'Headache' for a warning." Fair enough.

To the observer from the 10th floor, the men worked and acted as if they were about two feet off the ground instead of 90. Movements and steps were sure, deliberate and no steel piece was moved without checking that everything was clear on the makeshift platform. Oh, yes, there was no horsing up there.

When Cleo finally loosened the corner post and was ready to lift it out, Ralph Gifford, without being asked, moved behind his partner and

Careful... High above the ground (left to right) Cleo Cheatham, Jim Stratton, Ralph Gifford and Doc Blaco take an elevator apart.

grasped the thick bridleman's belt. Cleo did a half knee bend, wrapped his arms around the post and heaved. When the post came out, Cleo, with both feet protruding over the edge, had nothing on the corner for balance but Ralph's grip from the back Gulp.

**Dismantle Five Sections a Day**

ON THE way down, I had enough, Mr. Hammon said the men will dismantle five sections a day. From this job, the steel tower will go back to Chicago to be used somewhere else.

Foreman Ray Rorick, while waiting for a load, had nothing but praise for the youngest member of the crew, Jim Stratton.

"He's only been at it for three months and already he's doing a man's job," said the pusher. "You don't see many youngsters like that coming up in this business."

A shout from above preceded a dull thud by about three seconds. At the base of the elevator, quivering upright, was a 12-foot section of conduit. The pipe was imbedded in a heavy timber a good eight inches.

"Did they yell 'Headache' up there?" The foreman wasn't the least bit disturbed. "We're pretty safe here. Goodby, I've got a headache."

Twenty-four student nurses at St. Anthony's Hospital in Terre Haute say they want "You, Doc" when it's published. Along with that wonderful vote of approval there were four others for a total of 28. So, it's 659 requests. Boy, will I be happy when I make the first 1000. Then 28,000 won't seem so far away.

## Giggling Boys

By Robert C. Ruark

NEW YORK, Aug. 1—Ever since the stork brought a television set I have been squandering my afternoons watching DiMaggio and Musial make nervous wrecks of the pitchers, and in the process a certain amount of listening to the announcers is necessary.

You cannot pick a wholehearted fight with the boys for the sickly job they do with the commercials, since there are only so many things you can say about a cigarette, a cigar or a beer, and somebody has to pay for the telecast.

But you can take on about the way they do the broadcasts of the actual games. Even with the pictures to help them out, between the coyness of announcement and the dull statistics and the cute little interpolations for baseball terms, such as "ballantine blast" for home run, you can even go so far as to drive yourself out to the stadium to see it without having to listen to it.

**Can't Be That Funny**

SOMEbody has told these boys that they have to talk all the time. They giggle at their own lousy little jokes. Giggle is the word I wanted. All of them giggle, as if baseball was a cute little dirty joke, and any reference to it is an automatic gag. They even giggle over their sponsored products. Chesterfield cigarettes are every bit as gigglesome as White Owl cigars or Ballantine's brew. They cannot possibly be that funny.

When the lads are not chortling over the delicious humor to be found in the fact that a first baseman wears a finger glove inside his mitt, or convulsing themselves over hidden merriment in a cigarette which is made of tobacco, they chuckle at each other.

When the time comes to describe the action on the field, if they are not too busy giggling at each other or applauding the product which makes this fine wit available, the broadcasting boys take on a sober, scientific mien, which might persuade a casual listener that they all served their bush-league apprenticeship on the Manhattan project.

## Costly Caprice

By Frederick C. Othman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—I never thought I'd be sitting on Adolf Hitler's yacht in the Potomac, admiring the Washington Monument in the moonlight, while an Egyptian in a red fez, embroidered pants and shoes with turned-up toes shagged me a Scotch-and-soda.

But there I was, feeling glad that it was me on the soft cushions instead of Der Fuehrer, and there was the Egyptian—a whole slew of Egyptians passing out sliced turkey, drinks and other occidental fixings.

You may have read how Hitler's 476-foot yacht, Grille, has been on display for charity's sake here and in New York on orders of her owner, George Arida, identified in the public prints as a textile multimillionaire.

**Non-Aryan's Poetic Justice**

WELL, SIR, after the cash customers filed out of Eva Braun's pinkish stateroom the other night, Mr. Arida tossed a cocktail party. That's how it happened to be there. The owner turned out to be a tall, slim and black-eyed Lebanese, handsome, too, in an Oriental kind of way.

But he was no mere multimillionaire. He owned the cotton mills, the cement plants and no telling what else in Lebanon; he was, in fact, one of the richest men in the Near East. He thought it was poetic justice, kind of, for him—a non-Aryan if ever there was one—to wind up with Hitler's floating pleasure palace. So he plunked \$1.6 million last year to the British Navy, which captured the Grille from the Nazis, and has been riding around in her ever since.

That name Grille is German for caprice, and apparently is symbolic. It mattered the original cost of Mr. Arida's whim that wasn't so much, but the upkeep. He has a crew of 60 men aboard, including the servants in the fezzes and a dozen German technicians to take care of the elaborate electro-diesel machinery below decks.

Just keeping her afloat and in commission is costing Mr. Arida \$1500 a day. For this he gets no air-conditioning. He has moved into Der Fuehrer's cabin which, when I looked in, was hot as sin. For a \$1.6 billion Arida could have slept better in an air-conditioned hotel room. That's not all.

He was getting ready for his party when something went kerritz in the Hamburg-built turbines. The water tanks dried up and there was Lebanon's richest man aboard one of the world's fanciest ships, sending ashore for a sea-going plumber.

He finally got shaved. Soon after his guests arrived, the lights blew up.

The chief engineer got those fixed in short order, while Mr. Arida stood on the after-deck and watched. He said he was taking the Grille back to New York (he's on the way as you read this) and then he thought he'd make a little run down to Mexico.

**A Sledge Hammer Is Needed**

HE DIDN'T exactly say so, but I got the idea that if a cash customer came along, Mr. Arida would be delighted to make a deal for his costly caprice. There's nothing wrong with her that a little white paint, some new upholstery and a sledge hammer wouldn't fix.

Mr. Arida tried to keep her exactly as she was when Der Fuehrer was the boss; her paint is getting dull, while her lounges are growing threadbare. I'd use the sledge hammer, if I were the new proprietor, to do away with Der Adolf's bar. You know what that so-and-so did? Built a bar in the shape of the globe and where the U. S. A. should have been he put a hole through which his bartender could pass out schnapps.

## The Quiz Master

??? Test Your Skill ???

Who composed the song, "John Brown's Body?"

The song's origin is uncertain. The words and air have been credited to several different people. The tune comes from an old Negro melody. The words probably evolved in folk-song fashion. The song was first sung in 1861.

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## Reason for Questions: New City Directory in Making

### 50 Enumerators Busy Getting Data On Everyone Over 18 in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS residents have been asked two million specific questions in the past 17 weeks.

The data received from their answers will make up the Indianapolis City Directory—the book which lists the names of everyone over 18.

Every day 50 local enumerators wade muddy water and brave the hazards that make the life of door-to-door callers miserable.

They merely ask a few questions and—put the answers on a small card. Everyone in town has his own personal card.

The R. L. Polk & Co., Indianapolis Division, is compiling information that will give pertinent data on all persons in the city over 18 years of age. The book will be out in late fall.

WILLIAM E. STONE, manager of the local office, says that the gathering of the information will require about five more weeks, then the some 350,000 cards, each with six questions, containing the information will be sent to Detroit where they will be arranged alphabetically and according to streets and business categories.

"When we are through we will have about 360,000 cards to file. Some persons require more than one card," he said.

"Take a minister," he said, "there is one card for his church, one for him as a clergyman, one for his home, and one for him as an ordinary citizen."

"How do we keep our errors at a minimum?" he said. "Well, it isn't easy."

"Our enumerators are not per-



Miss Mary Ann Elliott (left) has six questions for Mrs. Ralph Maddux and son, Jimmy, 1822 Ruckle St.

## Question Friends Of River Victim

### Woman Drowns on Swimming Party

Five persons were being questioned by police and coroner's deputies today investigating the drowning of a 37-year-old woman Sunday during what authorities described as a drunken swimming party.

On the strength of garbled accounts given by the five witnesses and a shouted statement of the victim, Mrs. Bessie Peirce of 923 Division St., authorities sought to learn whether her death was suicide.

The five companions of the dead woman, held on vagrancy charges, are Noah Osborne, 38, of the Division St. address; Mrs. Cathleen Muse, 42, also of the Division St. address; Charles Simpson, 38, and his wife, Beatrice, of 436 E. New York St.; and Earl Hinman, 32, of 318 East Walnut St.

Police said although the witnesses gave varying accounts of the drowning and conflicting reports as to where it happened, they agreed the victim dived back into the water a second time after she was pulled out of the river.

Police reported that she told them that she pulled Mrs. Peirce out of the White River at a point near Southport Road, where the party was in progress, and that after a few moments Mrs. Peirce jumped back into the river again.

**Attempted Rescue**

"This is it," she was quoted as having shouted as she jumped in the second time. Mrs. Muse told police she tried to pull Mrs. Peirce out a second time but was forced to abandon her when the victim made no attempt to swim and was pulling her down.

The survivors returned to the Division St. address after the drowning and police were unable to determine which of them called headquarters.

Mrs. Peirce's body was recovered a half mile down river from the scene of the drowning by Deputy Sheriff Cecil Denzio and Richard Rakke, 17, of RFD No. 4, a boat owner.

The five friends were arrested after Hinman ran out a rear door and attempted to flee in a car and Mrs. Muse concealed herself in a closet, according to police.

## Ex-Reformatory Chaplain Dies at New Albany Home

### Rev. Lyman Murr Had Parishes Here

By GALVY GORDON

More than 20,000 former inmates of the Indiana Reformatory today mourned the loss of a personal friend and confidant.

The Rev. Lyman C. Murr, who died yesterday in his New Albany home, was chaplain of the reformatory before it was moved from Jeffersonville to Pendleton.

He also served under Gov. Harry G. Leslie from 1929 to 1933. He was 78.

He had the distinction of being the only minister appointed to the post of State Reformatory chaplain by two Indiana Governors.

Born on a farm near Corydon in Harrison County, the Rev. Murr served 49 years in the Methodist ministry before his retirement in 1937.

**Was Pastor Here**

During his near half-century ministry he served as pastor of the Grace Methodist Church and Roosevelt Temple in Indianapolis.

He also served in the West Street Church in Shelbyville and the Methodist Church in Lawrence, Ind.

On Saturday afternoon, a few hours before his death, he addressed an open-air meeting of young Methodist people near New Albany.

The Rev. Murr was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Since his retirement, he had been a member of the DePauw Methodist Church of New Albany and taught the Baracas Sunday School class of the church.

**Two Services Planned**

Services at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow in the New Albany DePauw Methodist Church will be followed by additional services at 2:30 p. m. Thursday in the Grace Methodist Church here. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel from Tuesday evening until 1 p. m. Thursday.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Violet P. Sandefur, Tillamook, Ore.; Mrs. Hazel Foley, Cumberland, Ind.; Mrs. Mary Catherine Garrison, Lawrence, Ind.; and Mrs. Rosalind Thomas, Indianapolis; a brother, the Rev. J. Edward Murr, New Albany, retired Methodist superintendent of the New Albany district, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Hit-Run Suspect Tracked Down

### Arrested by Trooper After 3-Week Search

Samuel W. Nickerson, 47, of 127 E. St. Joseph St., operator of the Hillcrest Club on State Road 75, one mile north of Frankfort, today faced trial in Frankfort for hit-and-run driving because of the diligence of a state trooper in tracking down details of an accident early last month.

State Trooper Lester Whitely arrested Nickerson in an Indianapolis bondsmen's office Saturday after almost a month of constant search for a car which struck two automobiles at 1 a. m. July 10, on State Road 28 near Frankfort. The car damaged both of the other vehicles and sped away into the darkness.

In Clinton Court Nickerson was taken before Circuit Court Judge Fred Campbell in Frankfort and released on \$500 bail pending trial in the September term of court. The state trooper said Nickerson struck cars belonging to Mrs. Laddie Bledsoe, of Frankfort, and Herbert Smith, 29, of RFD 8, Frankfort. He was alleged to have knocked both cars from the highway.

Police said Nickerson had been arrested three times, twice on charges of keeping a gaming house and once for assault and battery on a patron of his Hillcrest establishment.

**N. Y. Firm Outbids 13 For County Bonds**

Equitable Securities Corp., 2 Wall St., New York City, today outbid 13 other organizations in an \$1.4 million bond issue for funds for construction of six bridges in Marion County.

The bond issue, put out by the county, carries 1 1/2 per cent interest a year. The corporation gave the county a premium of \$20,669.60.

**'Horsensense' Is Topic**

Bert C. McCammon, former class director of the Dale Carnegie Institute, Inc., has chosen "Horsensense Horsology" as the subject of his talk before the Lions Club of Indianapolis at noon Wednesday in the Claypool Hotel. Mr. McCammon will discuss proficiency in speaking, salesmanship and human relations.

**USO Head to Talk**

Harvey S. Firestone Jr., president of the National USO, will speak on the Howard Barlow show tonight at 7:30 p. m. over WIRE. He will outline the reasons why the USO has again become vital to the welfare of the country.

**Head for Backwoods**

Next week, during a three-day period, every division unit will quit its barracks and head for the Afterschool "backwoods" for training and maneuvers under simulated combat conditions.

A division review, with Gov. Schricker and Lt. Gov. John A. Watkins heading the guest lists, is scheduled for Aug. 6.

There will be no equipment shortage, such as existed in previous training days. Every soldier who is authorized to carry a weapon, will have it. Approximately 500 trucks and 400 jeeps will be used by the division in addition to 32 tanks, 25 105 mm. howitzers and 9 155 mm. howitzers.

**Two Baseball Players Killed, 50 Injured by Lightning**

Bolt Lashes Florida Field Just as Game Begins; Crowd Flees in Panic Over Field

BAKER, Fla., Aug. 1 (UP)—Two baseball players were killed and 50 more players and spectators shocked or burned when lightning lashed the ball field here just as a game was starting yesterday.

The Baker team of the county semipro league was just taking the field against Munson when there was a loud crack like a big whip and players and spectators were stunned.

The infielders were knocked flat—two of them dead—as the bolt plowed a 20-foot furrow down the third base line.

The dead were Allen L. Joyner Jr., 23, Crestview, Fla., and Harry Moore, 24, third baseman and shortstop for the Baker team. Second baseman Joe Taylor was critically burned.

**Tells of Tragedy**

The crowd broke from behind running over the field. Police reported that the Baker team first aid was given on the spot.

## 6000 Guardsmen Begin Training

### 60 Indiana Cities Send Troops to Atterbury

More than 6000 Hoosier National Guardsmen began training here today on this sprawling, war-built military post, as the Indiana National Guard's 38th Infantry Division arrived.

Truck convoys and troops began arriving yesterday from more than 60 Indiana cities. The 115 units of the 38th Division went about getting duffel bags, unpacked and barracks in order.

The guard division, under command of Brig. Gen. James E. McIntosh, Tipton, will concentrate on training of small units during its stay here. This summer's training, ending Aug. 14, is the second 15-day training period for the division since its reactivation in 1947.

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## Gates Backs Jenner Plan to Bolster GOP

### Supports Opposition To Truman Program On All Fronts

By DAN KIDNEY  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—First fruits of the recent reconciliation of Sen. William E. Jenner and former Gov. Ralph Gates who had been arch enemies within the Indiana GOP, were displayed here today when Sen. Jenner's

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (UP)—An influential Republican said today Guy G. Gabrielson of New Jersey has the "inside track" for the chairmanship of the GOP National Committee.

This source said Mr. Gabrielson, New Jersey national committeeman, is reportedly acceptable to major party factions.

office issued a Gates' statement endorsing the Jenner plan to make the Republican Party one of active opposition on all fronts.

Sen. Jenner made a plea for the Republican National Committee to act in the matter when it meets here Thursday.

Mr. Gates' approval carried the promise that he will present it to the committeemen and urged action on it. He is the Republican National Committeeman from Indiana.

**Urges Set of Principles**

Pointing out that the national committee meeting was called to elect a successor to Chairman Hugh D. Scott Jr., Sen. Jenner urged that it also develop a set of Republican principles to guide the party between national conventions when platforms are adopted.

The Jenner principles would oppose about everything President Truman's administration espouses—both foreign and domestic.

Mr. Gates' statement regarding this reads:

"The election of Sen. Jenner is indeed timely and a suggestion which the national committee should follow. The Republican Party too long has failed to have an aggressive attitude and we cannot afford to wait any longer to present a program to the voters of America."

**'Want Opposition'**

"I do not want loyal opposition to the Fair Deal. I want opposition—period. It will be my purpose immediately after the objective for which the national committee has been called, mainly the election of a successor to Chairman Hugh Scott Jr., to present the suggestion of Sen. Jenner to the committee and insist on speedy action. If necessary further meetings of the national committee should be held to accomplish this purpose."

**Text of Statement**

Urging that GOP principles be spelled out as directives for the 1950 campaign, the Jenner statement said in part:

"The average voter has a minimum of interest in who will be named Republican national chairman. He is interested in whether the Republican Party is to be a vehicle through which he can register his opposition to the bungling, spendthrift manner in which the affairs of his government have been administered since Mar. 4, 1933."

"The agenda of the committee's session should be extensive enough to include a forthright statement of principles and objectives of the Republican Party. There are few persons today who remember the name of the chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1860, but there are few who do not recall that the outstanding issue of the campaign of that year was whether any state should have the right to withdraw from the union."

**Cites Lincoln Victory**

"The Republican Party denied the right of any state to withdraw and when it took that issue to the people, Abraham Lincoln who stood on that platform, won a decisive victory."

"There never has been a presidential campaign since that time that the Republican Party did not win a national victory when it took a definite position on a major issue of the period."

"Similarly, in recent years, when the Republican Party has adopted a 'me too' bi-partisan stand and has failed to present the issues squarely to the people it has met ignominious defeat."

"I do not believe in and I do not approve of a bi-partisan approach to the momentous problems which face the people of our country. If the Republican Party is to join a bi-partisan movement for the solution of national issues, then there is no longer a need for the Republican Party."

**Body in Canal Identified, Death Investigated**

A man's body found floating in a canal lock at the Indianapolis Water Co. plant at Blackford and West Sts., has been identified as that of Claude W. Jones, 31, 625 W. North St., and coroner's deputies are investigating possible foul play.

The body was found Sunday by two 14-year-old boys, Charles Starks, 446 Blake St., and Nehemiah Johnson, 462 Blake St.

In General Hospital morgue a number of bruises and abrasions about the head were discovered. Police said the victim had been missing from his room at the North St. address three or four days. Relatives had not been located.