



Pleasure



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FORECAST: Scattered showers today. Partly cloudy, somewhat cooler tonight and tomorrow. High today, 82; low tonight, 65. High tomorrow, 78.

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Burglar Shot Fleeing From Police Trap

Caught as He Loots
Grocery; \$500 Taken
In Other Robberies

Caught in the act of robbing a grocery early today, a burglar was shot three times by police at the climax of a series of holdups, burglaries and robberies. Bandits and sneak thieves netted in excess of \$500 cash and a quantity of jewelry over the week-end.

Fred Earl Kesler, 26, of 149 Detroit St., was shot in the neck, leg, and back as he fled from the Oak Park Grocery, 3360 W. Minnesota St., shortly after Kesler midnight. At General Hospital he admitted breaking into the store.

Patrolmen Melvin Osborne and Joseph Bronner, investigating a broken rear window in the store, observed Kesler ransacking a desk in the office. When he saw officers entering the window he had broken his fist through a rear door.

Both Officers Shot

Patrolman Osborne shot twice as the burglar ran through the door and Patrolman Bronner shot once as he ran into a field behind the store.

"Don't shoot, don't shoot, I give up," police quoted Kesler as shouting as he fell to the ground.

At General Hospital his condition was reported as serious. The shot in the neck ranged downward. The other two wounds were not considered serious.

Harvey H. Everling, of 1514 Salley St., manager of the store, said an undetermined amount of change had been taken from the register. Police found \$3.30 in change in Kesler's possession.

Thomas P. McGrath, of Knox, Ind., told police two men strong-armed him at Illinois and Georgia Sts., early yesterday and took his wallet and \$4.15 after slugging him.

Two guests of the Lincoln Hotel, H. J. White, of Springfield, Ill., and Leo Pfeffer, of Seymour, Ill., told police their room was ransacked while they slept early yesterday and \$460 taken from their wallets.

The Indianapolis visitors here for the Indiana State Fair, said they discovered the thefts when they were awakened early Sunday morning. They found their trousers disarranged and their money gone.

Harold Toliver, 25, of 2207 Sheldon St., was booked for vagrancy early today after Gilbert B. Riley of 835 College Ave. held him at shotgun point while police were summoned.

Mr. Riley told police he saw Toliver prowling around his home and attempting to open the front door. He got his shotgun, went around the house and surprised Toliver on the porch.

Screams Rout Burglar

More than \$50 in cash and several watches were stolen from Mrs. Esther Williams, 124 W. 13th St., and two roomers in her house while they slept Sunday night according to a police report.

Police said Mrs. Williams told them she was awakened by a man standing by her bedside. He fled as she screamed and she found her wrist watch had been taken from her arm and \$6 missing from her purse on a dresser.

Two roomers, sleeping in a living room, reported watches and \$43 in cash missing.

Three suspects were arrested as police investigated a liquor store burglary at 143 W. New York St. A quantity of case beer and whisky was found in a house occupied by the suspects.

Two others were being questioned in connection with an attempted safe robbery at the Borden Milk Co., 12 St. and Sherman Drive.

Police were questioning two employees who claimed to have been tied up by two masked men late Sunday night.

1000 Die In Chinese Fire

CANTON, China, Sept. 5 (UPI)—A tragic, 18-hour fire swept through central Chungking over the weekend, killing at least 1000 people and leaving 100,000 homeless, the Nationalist Central News Agency reported today.

The agency dispatch said that the flames destroyed or seriously damaged more than 10,000 buildings in the wartime Chinese capital, which had been slated to serve again as the Nationalists' chief city.

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Fair Expects 2d Record Gate For Labor Day

Grand Circuit Harness Races Start— And Prices of Hot Dogs Go Up

Another record-breaking attendance was expected at the Indiana State Fair today as officials prepared for the big Labor Day crowd.

A peak crowd of 88,537 paid admissions set a new Sunday record in the 93-year history of the big Hoosier exposition. In addition to the paid admissions an estimated 12,000 war veterans were guests of the Fair Sunday.

Activities on the Fair Grounds reached a peak today with the start of the Grand Circuit harness races. The five-day meet was scheduled to start at 2:30 p. m.

Second of the five big horse shows was slated for 8:30 p. m. as a feature in the Coliseum.

Hiked a Nickel

Prices of hot dogs and other items featured at the many concessions on the grounds will be hiked a nickel today by permission of Fair officials. Officials allowed the price hike with the consent of the three youth activity days.

Concessionnaires had complained that prevailing prices during the first days of the Fair had not allowed them a fair profit.

The big midway, all concessions

for the week-end was being amassed today as scattered reports early during the Labor Day holiday indicated the nation's death toll at 233 and the state's at 10.

Deaths in the nation of all types of accidents reached 323 since Friday evening.

In addition to five killed in two crashes at Terre Haute and Ft. Wayne early Saturday night, five more died in traffic accidents late Saturday and yesterday.

Asa M. Biddle, 56, of Vincennes, was fatally injured on a bicycle when he was hit by truck near Bruceville late Saturday night.

Early yesterday, Richard D. Scales, 38, of Park Ridge, Ill., and Mrs. Juliet C. Kent, 70, of Swarthmore, Pa., were killed when their car crashed head-on into a truck in U. S. 6 near Walkerton.

Train Hits Truck

Edward White, 45, of Ft. Wayne, was killed when the automobile in which he was riding collided with a speeding bus in La Porte County early yesterday.

Edna Mae Harris, 35, of Troy, was killed when her car ran off Ind. 70 in Spencer County and hit a bridge abutment near Newington.

State police were investigating the two crashes which took five

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Grandpa was keenly interested in the livestock buildings and his wife displayed at least a passive interest in the assorted grants, bams and bawling. It was hard to get Grandpa out of the Swine Building.

"Come on, come on," a freckled, skinny boy insisted. "These here pigs ain't nothin' we ain't got at home. We're wastin' time."

"That's right, Granddad," an excited feminine voice chirped as sister joined in. "It'll soon be time to go home and we haven't been to the Midway yet. I want to ride all the rides, all of them."

Both of them to the Midway and they've got their hearts set on it. Maybe we won't have to stay long."

By this time the noisy loud-speakers and brassy music of the midway were close at hand. The boy paused before a cotton candy concession and rammed his hand into his pocket.

"Gimme a pink one," he ordered. "Now, Joey." Grandmother almost screamed, "that stuff will make you sick. You KNOW YOU shouldn't eat it."

"It is 100 per cent pure, madam," the candy man protested. "Won't hurt anybody."

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