

Bandits Crash Car and Escape From Police

Boy Comes Between Them and Officers, Barring Shooting

Fleeing bandits who crashed a stolen car into a home at 2564 Columbia Ave. last night made good their escape when a small boy ran between them and police, forcing pursuing officers to hold their fire.

The "Mutt and Jeff" bandits, one over six feet tall and the other about five feet six inches, held up the Spot Liquor Store, 1301 E. 30th St., shortly before 8 p. m.

They fled with \$66 and a pint of liquor taken at gunpoint from clerk Eula Taxis, 45, of 3029 Graceland Ave. Bystanders got a description of the car and its license number which showed it to be one reported stolen from Glendel K. Wilson, 1031 Alton Ave., from a parking lot at 201 N. West St.

Spot Bandit Car
Minutes later Police Sgt. Edward Clark and Patrolman Robert C. Orr Sr., were driving north on Columbia Ave., when they saw the bandit car speeding toward them.

The bandits made a skidding right turn into 27th St. and the car went out of control, crashing into the front porch of the home of Harry Rowley. It continued across the lawn, then stalled and the two bandits jumped out and ran.

The pursuing policemen started after them with guns drawn. But as they raised their guns to fire a 12-year-old boy, attracted by the sound of the crash, ran between them and the bandits.

They then chased the bandits to a railroad tracks and south to 25th St., but lost them as the pair ran east from the railroad.

Slugging-Robbery
A slugging-robbery and an armed 33-cent holdup also were reported to police early today.

James Cross, 28, of 2958 N. Denny St., said he was beaten as he walked through an alley near 30th St. and Sherman Drive at 1 a. m. He said his assailant slugged him, leaving seven deep gashes in his head and took \$52. He was treated at General Hospital.

Cloyd Gorder, 33, of 214 E. 10th St., Apt. 8, told police he was walking by an apartment building at 10th and Delaware Sts. at 1:30 a. m. today when a gray-haired man put what he believed was a gun in his side and demanded his money.

The elderly bandit searched him, taking all the money Mr. Gorder was carrying—33 cents. The man then ran west in an alley. Police said they had been called to that section twice earlier on reports of prowlers.

Girl Balks at Schooling, Tries to End Her Life

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 13 (UP)—Socorro Gonzales, 12, tried to commit suicide rather than return to school, police reported today.

Doctors at Santa Monica Hospital said she would recover from a dose of poison which she took yesterday.

Detective Inspector Pat Gomez said the girl told him she had pleaded for permission to get a job rather than enroll in Junior High School.



Photo By Henry E. Giesing Jr., Times Staff Photographer.

Here's a case where the carpenter is very, very, very angry with the plumber—trade union affiliations notwithstanding. Lester J. Himbs, 3733 Orchard Ave., a carpenter on a construction job in the 1900 block of N. Bosart Ave., works to liberate his car from a deep mud hole in front of the new property. Mr. Himbs says the hole was dug by a plumber, and refilled with soft dirt.

T. M. FITZGERALD ELECTED
Thomas M. Fitzgerald Sr., president of Capitol City Supply Co., has been elected treasurer of the National Beer Wholesalers Association of America, Inc., succeeding Henry Morgan of Chicago, who resigned.

In Indianapolis—Vital Statistics

EVENTS TODAY

1949 Parade of Homes—Sponsored by Marion County Residential Builders and Indianapolis Home Builders. Open house of 300 homes in Indianapolis from 3 to 5 p. m. through Saturday.

Phyllis Sisters of Indiana Convention—Through Thursday, Claypool Hotel.

Indianapolis Area Baptists Fall Session—Through tomorrow, 45 p. m. Woodruff Place Baptist Church.

Free Watch Inspection Service by Members of the Watchmakers Association of Indiana—During "Watch Inspection Week," through Saturday.

Fourth Ward Women's Republican Club Dinner—7:30 p. m., 2406 S. Illinois St.

Woman's Benefit Association—12 noon, 1915 E. Delaware St.

Sahara Grotto Dramatic Club Noon Luncheon Meeting—Grotto 401 E. Washington St.

Lyons Chapter 508, O.E.S. Pitch-In Dinner—6:30 p. m., Lyndhurst Masonic Temple.

Southport O.E.S. Auxiliary Noon Luncheon Meeting—151 Southport Drive.

American Society for Quality Control Indianapolis Section Meeting—Afternoon session and dinner and business meeting at 12 noon, Lincoln Hotel.

Public Question and Answer Session on Indian Real Estate Law—Sponsored by Indianapolis Real Estate Board at 7 p. m., Lincoln Hotel.

Catering Executives Club of America Columbia University Alumni Association Luncheon Meeting—12:15 p. m., Columbia Club.

"Luncheon"—A Police Benefit Mystery Drama by Fletcher Place Community Center—7:30 p. m., center, 501 Center St.

Indianapolis Area Baptists Fall Session—Through Thursday, Claypool Hotel.

Hotell Lunch—Noon Luncheon Meeting—Through Thursday, Hotel Lincoln.

St. George's Episcopal Church—Luncheon Meeting—12:15 p. m., Washington Hotel.

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Driver Uninjured As Car Hits Bridge

Machine Demolished In Crash With Span

A driver escaped uninjured when he skidded into a bridge at 25th St. and Emerson Ave. last night, wrecking his late model convertible coupe.

The driver, Adhemar G. Martin, 27, of 7800 Spring Mill Road, told investigating deputies that a tire blew out, sending his car hurtling into the small bridge.

The car was demolished, deputies said, but the driver suffered only a cut on the chin.

A 7-year-old boy also escaped with minor injuries when he was struck by an automobile at Noble and Harrison Sts. yesterday.

The child, Ronald West, son of Mrs. May West, 1722 Fletcher Ave., ran from behind a truck into the path of a car driven by Cecil McBride Crosby, 25, of 961 English Ave., police said. He was treated by General Hospital ambulance doctors.

Map Plans to Merge Conservation Agencies

State officials today began mapping plans to bring various agencies of the Conservation Department under one roof.

Gov. Schricker and other state officials examined a three-story building at 311 W. Washington St. yesterday to determine its suitability. No decision was made.

At present the conservation department occupies supply and office rooms at the State Library, with the U. S. Geological Survey and with the State Highway Department in the state house annex.

Receives BS Degree

Thomas Otto Meyer of Indianapolis was graduated from Washington State College with the BS degree in agriculture with honors at the conclusion of summer school last week.

Naval Flier Urges Brass To Rebel at Defense Setup

Army, Air Force Officers Targets

By JIM G. LUCAS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 — A 46-year-old Navy flier—for three years a variety boxer at Annapolis—has called the Navy to revolt.

Specifically, Capt. John G. Crommelin Jr. wants it to revolt against the Army, the Air Force and the Department of Defense.

He says they're trying to wreck naval aviation, that they're gambling with national security, and that their schemes add up to a "potential dictatorship."

Tough, sharp-spoken Johnny Crommelin—one of five brothers graduated from the Naval Academy from 1923 through 1941—says he knows what will happen to him. He'll be court-martialed. He knows, he says, he's tossing his career over. But he says he's sick of subterfuge. By holding his tongue, he says, he's felt "like an accessory to a crime."

Already, there are signs the revolt he sparked is spreading. Rear Adm. Austin Boyle, chief of Navy Air Reserve training, called Capt. Crommelin "one of the greatest naval aviators of all time." When such a man speaks, Adm. Doyle said, "the American people should listen."

Fleet Adm. William (Bull) Halsey urged others to pitch in. Capt. Crommelin, he said, "deserves the help and respect of all naval officers." That may be the rallying cry.

Through it all, the captain worked yesterday at the Pentagon, beside Air Force and Army officers in the joint chiefs of staff logistics planning division. If he was disturbed by the newspaper headlines he did not show it.

It was for the joint chiefs, his bosses, that he reserved his fiercest barbs. Gen. Omar Bradley, the chairman, he says, has a "landlocked philosophy." Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg and Gen. J. Lawton Collins, he added, are no better. Among them, he says, they're throttling the Navy.

Calls Self Firebrand
Johnny Crommelin calls himself a firebrand. He says he's a crusader. At the National War College—where he recently completed training as an officer destined for higher things—he was known to his classmates as a man of intense convictions.

When the lectures were about naval airpower, he frequently came close to breaking them up. One instructor says he was "never a student of moderate viewpoints."

Ironically, only two years ago, Capt. Crommelin—who now bids for a Navy martyr's crown—was in the Navy doghouse. His charges sparked an investigation of the Green bowl, an Annapolis organization started in 1908, he said, "to build up the prestige and service reputations of its members." He told Congress it was an infamous thing.

Into that probe, he dragged such names as Vice Adm. William Fechteler, now a deputy chief of naval operations; Adm. Dewitt C. Ramsey, then vice chief of naval operations; Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd, Paul F. Lee and Charles W. Styer.

Telephone Tapped
Today Capt. Crommelin says he's hardly been able to put down the telephone receiver since he spoke his piece. Army, Navy and Air Force officers call to tell him he's right. To them all, he says: "This telephone is tapped—you know that."

The captain was born in Alabama and attended the Univer-

Indiana Teachers Must Take Oath

Loyalty Mandatory, Farrington Says

While proposals that teachers be required to sign loyalty oaths is causing national discussion, President Clarence L. Farrington of the Indianapolis School Board pointed out today that such oaths have been mandatory under Indiana law for more than 15 years.

Every person receiving a teacher's license must sign the oath, Mr. Farrington said, in a talk before the Downtown Co-operative Club in the Washington Hotel.

The oath, which must be signed and notarized, reads as follows: "I solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and the laws of the United States and the State of Indiana, and will, by precept and example, promote respect for the flag and the institutions of the United States and the State of Indiana, reverence for law and order and undivided allegiance to the government of the United States of America."

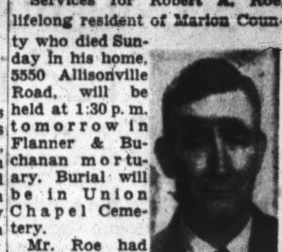
Others Not Bound
Rollie Geddes, director of teacher training and licensing in the Indiana Department of Public Instruction, said the oath does not cover college and university teachers, since they are not bound by the regulations applying to primary and secondary schools.

All primary and secondary public teachers sign the oath, as well as primary and secondary teachers in state-accredited parochial and private schools.

Licenses are ordinarily renewed

Robert A. Roe Rites Tomorrow

Services for Robert A. Roe, lifelong resident of Marion County who died Sunday in his home, 5550 Allisonville Road, will be held at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in Union Chapel Cemetery.



Mr. Roe

Mrs. Florence Hiner

Services for Mrs. Florence N. Hiner, employee of the Indianapolis Towel Co. for 20 years who died Sunday in her home, 1326 Southern Ave., will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday in the J. C. Wilson Chapel of the Chimes.

A native of Indianapolis, Mrs. Hiner was a member of the Shelby Christian Church at Versailles, Ind. She was 66.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Opal Gregory, Dupont, Ind., and Mrs. Hazel Perry and Mrs. Mabel Robbins, Indianapolis; four sons, Herbert Beach, Chicago; Wilbur Beach, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Robert and Raymond Beach, Indianapolis; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Frater, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Rose Biddle, Dupont; a brother, Thomas Burton, Dupont; and 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

after five years; but there are some life certificates. There may be a few teachers holding life licenses who received them before the General Assembly made the oath mandatory, Mr. Geddes said.

Capt. J. G. Crommelin Jr.

city of Virginia before he went to the Naval Academy in 1919. He was graduated in 1923. In the war he took part in a half dozen or more naval battles. He was aboard the Liscome Bay when she was torpedoed off Tarawa. He won a Legion of Merit and a gold star.

After the war he was the first commander of the new carrier Saipan. He left her to enter the War College—usually a sign a man has a future.

Lauder Unchanged

STRATHAVEN, Scotland, Sept. 13 (UP)—The condition of Sir Harry Lauder, 79-year-old minstrel and composer, remained unchanged during the night, his physicians said today. Sir Harry is suffering from cerebral thrombosis and uremia.

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