

Col. Matt Winn Is Dead at 88

Known to Turf Fans As 'Grand Old Man'

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Col. Winn is survived by one other daughter, Mrs. Carl Eliwaner of Chicago. Funeral services will be held in Louisville at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Saturday.

Col. Winn developed the Kentucky Derby into one of the greatest spectacles in racing.

Took Over in 1902

Col. Winn, who knew nothing about racing when he agreed to take over operation of Churchill Downs in 1902, saved the track from extinction many times because of his love for the Kentucky Derby.

The grand old man of racing lived to see the diamond jubilee Derby last May. He lived to see the track he and a group of stockholders purchased for \$40,000 grow into an establishment valued at more than \$7 million.

Col. Winn, who received his title from a Kentucky governor, saw every running of the Kentucky Derby from the first one back in 1875 when he was 13 years old. He fought to keep the Derby running during both World Wars. When racing was banned by the government during the last war, Col. Winn declared that the 1945 Derby would be run if hostilities ended in Europe by the last day of December. The Derby was run more than one month later than scheduled, but the chain was not broken.

The colonel, a native of Louisville, took over management of the track when it looked like the doors might be closed permanently. One of his first battles at the track came with the Western Turf Association, which had refused him fair dates for a meeting in 1903.

Col. Winn promptly called to gather several other track owners who felt they had been treated badly by the Western Association and formed the American Turf Association.

His next battle over the track came in 1908, when the city of Louisville said that bookmaking was the only form of wagering at the Downs at that time, was illegal. The returned colonel got out the Kentucky statutes and found that pari-mutuel betting was legal in the Bluegrass State.

He bought six old French pari-mutuel machines and continued wagering at the track.

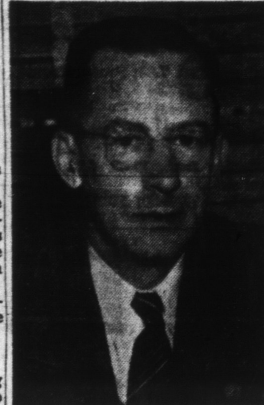
Col. Winn also battled to keep the Derby running in 1918 when he faced criticism from a Louisville writer who suggested that racing be discontinued for the duration of the war.

Col. Winn raised potatoes in the infield and auctioned them off in barrel lots. He gave the proceeds to the Red Cross, and the races continued.

The colonel was born June 30, 1861, in Louisville. He attended a Catholic school until he was 14 and then went to Bryant and Stratton's Business School, from which he was graduated in 1876.

His first job was as assistant

Named Chairman



Wray E. Fleming

Mr. Fleming, general counsel of the Hoosier State Press Association, was appointed Indiana chairman of the 1950 March of Dimes campaign today. Mr. Fleming, 3521 Winthrop Ave., served as state administrator of the War Savings Bond staff from 1941 to 1943.

bookkeeper for a glass company. Three months later he left to clerk in a grocery store. Then, with 12 years of grocery business behind him, he entered the tailoring trade, about which he knew nothing.

The colonel took over the track after Charlie Price, former secretary of the Downs, persuaded him to buy it and save the Derby.

Col. Winn said he knew nothing about operation of a race track. But he took over on a part time basis, retaining his tailoring business for a year until he saw that he could make a success of racing.

Once started, his racing enterprises were not limited to the Downs. Since 1904 he owned or managed 10 other race tracks, including Empire City, Juarez, Mexico City, Laurel, Douglas Park, Laloma, Lexington, Lincoln Fields, Fairmount and Washington Park. He had been president of the Downs since 1902.

He was executive director at Lincoln Fields and chairman of the board at Empire City.

Never Bet on Horses

Col. Winn never placed a wager on a horse after he directed his first Derby in 1903. He stopped any member of his family or his household staff from offering a tip. That rule extended also to all officials of tracks with which he was connected.

Col. Winn married Miss Mary Doyle in 1889 and she died in 1902. The couple had 10 children, one son who died in infancy and nine daughters, four of whom survive the colonel.

In latter years the colonel lived in an apartment located under the grandstand at Churchill Downs. The apartment consists of five bedrooms, a large dining room, living room, modern kitchen, a den and six baths. An elderly couple served as his valet and cook.

Those who knew the colonel intimately said his greatest hobby was his first love—racing. Many pictured Col. Winn as the traditional southern gentleman with a broad-brimmed hat, a white vest and goatee, but they were wrong. He looked like what he was—a highly suc-

State Coal Supply Committee Named

Board to Co-ordinate Dwindling Fuel Piles

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fluence with John L. Lewis," the Governor commented.

A survey is now being completed. Mr. Hutson said, to locate coal stockpiles. He said the committee would attempt to put needy cities and institutions in touch with these supplies, but could not undertake to provide transportation or assure delivery.

He said no plans had been made yet to provide for emergency mining of coal and that for the present, the committee would rely entirely on supplies above ground.

"I believe there is enough coal above ground to take care of the immediate situation," Mr. Hutson said. "If we get to the point where it seems necessary to negotiate for a new supply from the mines, we will have to take it up at that time."

The Governor said as far as State institutions are concerned, the State probably would consider shifting supplies from one to another before attempting to arrange for emergency mining operations with the striking UMW.

Utilities Shutdown Averted

A complete shutdown of utilities in Washington, Ind., was averted through State intervention, Mr. Hutson said. He reported that a union mine owned by the city of Washington would start operations again today or Monday.

Commenting on the coal situation, Gov. Shriver said: "We have no way of knowing what the future holds. We can only hope it holds an early settlement of the strike."

Installs 100,000th Water Meter

The Indianapolis Water Co. passed another milestone today when the 100,000th water meter was installed at the home of David C. Hammer, 4501 Farrington St.

The meter setter was Ralph J. Emory, a 20-year employee of the dental water meters currently company. A total of 92,314 residents are in service in the city. The remainder are in commercial, industrial and miscellaneous use.

SENTENCING TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6 (UP)—Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, convicted of treason as the war-time Tokyo Rose, appears before Federal Judge Michael J. Roche today for sentence.

Successful businessman, stocky, silver-haired and usually puffing a stogie. He preferred an old fashioned to a mint julep any day. Many said he was a double for the late Guy Kibbee. Second to his love for racing was his fondness for bridge.

Col. Winn made Churchill Downs and the Derby what it is today, the nation's most colorful and traditional-laden sporting classic. Ever-increasing crowds have forced additions to the racing plant, often called "a hodgepodge with a soul"—the plant that Col. Winn built.

Can Device Rid City of Pigeons?

A Richmond inventor has offered to save Indianapolis, Marion County and the state thousands of dollars in building up-keep — not to mention improvement in sanitary conditions — by de-pigeonizing public buildings.

In a letter to the Works Board today, Theodore Garrett of Richmond said he had perfected a device which has successfully rid Richmond of the winged pests. His letter bore the endorsement of a Richmond banker, the postmaster, city engineer and other prominent citizens.

The de-pigeonizer, Mr. Garrett explained, consists of brass rods installed on roofs of public buildings. To the rods are attached metal fins and the entire apparatus is operated by a motor.

The fins flag gently when the current is on thereby discouraging pigeons from roosting. Result: No pigeons and subsequent damage.

K of C Schedules Meeting on Oct. 16

Major degree ceremonies of the Knights of Columbus will be performed Oct. 16 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 13th and Delaware Sts.

Third and fourth degree members are invited to attend.

Club Lists Speaker

Oscar A. Swank, of Orleans, executive general manager of the International Dairy Exposition, will preview the exposition at a luncheon of the Indianapolis Optimists Club tomorrow in the Severin Hotel.

STRIKE VIOLENCE FLARES

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (UP)—Pickets overpowered police guarding an office of the strike-bound Holmes Electric Protective Alarm Service today, overturned two parked automobiles and set one on fire.

Robert Hannegan Dies at Age of 46

Former Democratic National Chairman

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cause of his health and at that time was ordered to take a year's rest.

Put Truman In

Mr. Hannegan was also a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee to which post he was appointed by the late President Roosevelt. He served as Democratic Chairman until he resigned in 1947 to buy the Cardinals in partnership with Fred M. Saigh Jr., the present owner.

Mr. Hannegan was Commissioner of Internal Revenue and a St. Louis attorney when he was picked by the late President Roosevelt in 1944 to the fourth-term campaign.

For a while, things went smoothly. At the national Democratic convention in June, 1944, Mr. Hannegan master-minded the behind-the-scenes maneuvers which gave the vice presidential nomination to Mr. Truman.

Party Split Open

That 1944 convention brought the long-smoldering party split between conservative and left-wing elements into the open. The fourth-term campaign was successful, but in the succeeding two years leading up to the 1946 congressional campaign, Mr. Hannegan's troubles multiplied.

In the 1946 election, Republicans captured not only the House but the Senate.

Almost all of Mr. Hannegan's career was spent either in politics or in government service. He was born in St. Louis, on June 30, 1903, and was educated in the schools of his home town. He received his law degree from

Three Hoosiers Killed On Rain-Drenched Highway

Three Hoosiers are dead today and an elderly Indianapolis man was fighting for his life in General Hospital as the result of traffic mishaps on rain-drenched, slippery highways and streets.

William Joseph Dudley, 73, of 1309 Hartford St., suffered a fractured skull and other critical injuries in a freak accident at Meridian and South Sts., last night in which his car traveled driverless for a block after he had been thrown from the driver's seat.

Police said Mr. Dudley apparently was driving south on Meridian St., when his car collided with an automobile operated by Charles Bowman, 41, of 1313 Woodlawn Ave. Mr. Dudley's car swerved around the corner after the impact and continued west on South St. until it crashed into a pole.

Police Witness Crash

Police in a patrol car witnessed the accident and at first believed it was a hit-run case. They gave chase to the car only to find it driverless after it crashed. Mr. Dudley had been thrown out and had rolled to the curb at the intersection.

General Hospital physicians said his condition was critical. He has not regained consciousness since the accident.

A Noblesville school teacher, Mrs. Ellen Gentry, 48, of RFD 2, Noblesville, was killed instantly yesterday when she alighted from a bus and walked in front of a truck at Roads 13 and 37 in Hamilton County, state police reported.

Police said Mrs. Gentry apparently was driving south on Roads 13 and 37 when she stepped from the curb. When she fell to the street she dropped her purse but she believed police had it when she was taken to General Hospital for treatment.

At the hospital, however, it was discovered that investigating officers had not seen the purse. Police said Mrs. Gentry was struck by a car operated by George E. Bunch, 25, of 719 N. Alabama St., as she stepped from the curb. When she fell to the street she dropped her purse but she believed police had it when she was taken to General Hospital for treatment.

Judge Selected For Watts Trial

W. F. Marshall Gets Special Assignment

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SHELBYVILLE, Oct. 3 — The special judge selected this morning to preside at the second murder trial of Robert Austin Watts is scheduled to assume jurisdiction of the case this afternoon.

Judge William F. Marshall of Rush County was named as special judge after the state and defense each struck one name from a panel of three candidates drawn up by Shelby Circuit Court Judge Harold Barger.

Judge Barger named as candidates Judge Marshall, Judge George Long of Bartholomew County and Judge Samuel Offutt, Hancock County. The defense struck the name of Judge Long and the state that of Judge Offutt.

Judge Marshall was notified of his selection and indicated he would come to Shelbyville this afternoon to assume charge.

The defense filed a motion for a special judge last Monday, the day before Watts was scheduled to go to trial again for the November, 1947 slaying of Indianapolis housewife Mary Lois Burney. The motion charged Judge Barger, who presided at Watts' first trial, was "biased and prejudiced."

Today the defense also filed special bills of exception to seven of Judge Barger's decisions delivered last Monday. In each of the seven instances Judge Barger overruled defense motions.

It was expected that a new trial date would be set after Judge Marshall assumes jurisdiction of the case today.

Meanwhile, Judge Barger still is scheduled to preside Monday at a habeas corpus hearing seeking Watts' release from jail. This action, which charges Watts is being held illegally, is a separate civil suit apart from the trial proper.

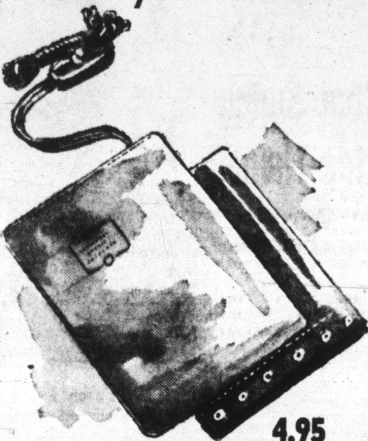
BANDITS ROB CAFE

TERRE HAUTE, Oct. 6 (UP)—Authorities widened a search today for two youthful bandits who held up cafe owner Joseph Thomas at gun point just outside the city limits here yesterday and escaped with \$700.

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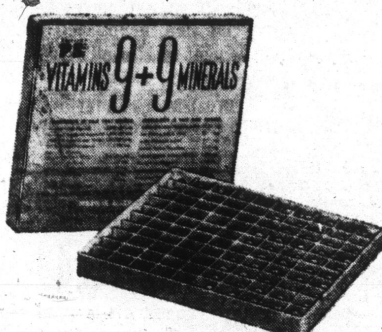
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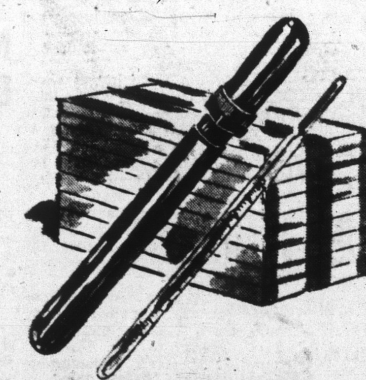
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