



A general gets promoted . . . Judge Cleon W. Mount of Tipton pins second star on Indiana's Brig. Gen. Jesse McIntosh during ceremony last night at armory here. Gen. McIntosh, commander of the all-Hoosier 38th National Guard Division, was promoted to major general by the Army. Judge Mount, a retired Army colonel, has been pinning promotions on the Hoosier general since he first won his bars as a second lieutenant in 1923.

'My Bill Is Dead'— Wife Learns Her Hubby Is 100-Burglary Suspect

By BOB BOURNE

"My Bill is dead."

The small, pretty brunette dabbed at her eyes as she talked. She had just learned that her husband, whom she knew as "kind and loving" had been arrested by police and FBI agents in connection with nearly 100 robberies and burglaries in northern Indiana.

"It's just so hard to believe. I still think that maybe he will walk in that door and tell me that it is all a terrible mistake."

Mrs. Wilbur Wright, who had married her husband after a whirlwind romance here last June, was talking about a man the police know as Willis Rife. He was arrested yesterday in a room in the 2400 block in N. Park Ave.

"I can't help remembering," she sobbed, "how he used to bring me flowers and little things. We were so happy."

Foiled As Salesman

"He always told me that he was a salesman for a juke box company, and that he made his calls during the night. He would leave home about 5:30 o'clock in the evening and be home again in the morning. He also said that he sold matchbooks as a side line."

Mrs. Wright frequently dabbed at her eyes with her handkerchief, as she told how she had come here three years ago to be with her first husband, how that marriage ended in tragedy, and how she met Wilbur Wright through a friend.

"After we were married, I took him home to Santa Fe, N. M., and introduced him to all my friends and my family. He was always neat and very polite. It is hard to imagine that he could have been just playing a game all that time."

Mrs. Wright first learned that her husband was wanted by authorities last week after he had narrowly escaped a trap. The trap was set up in Grant County, north of Marion. Law enforcement officers from Huntington, Marion, Grant and Wabash Counties, and state police took part in the chase.

Wrecks Car in Escape

Rife escaped after he wrecked a car and ran into nearby woods. The next day his picture appeared in a Marion newspaper.

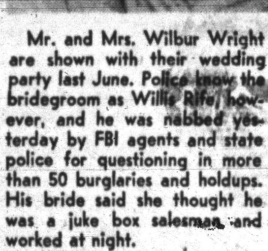
Local friends of Rife, who knew nothing of his after-dark escapades, recognized the photo and showed it to Mrs. Wright.

"I was beside myself. I didn't know what to do. When he didn't come home, I came here to stay with friends."

"I want no part of him. As far as I'm concerned, my Bill is dead. Willis Rife is a man I have never known. I only knew Wilbur Wright. He was a nice man and that's the way I want to remember him."

"After dark, my Bill became Willis Rife. I never knew that man, and I don't want to," she sobbed.

"My Bill is dead."



Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright are shown with their wedding party last June. Police have the bridegroom as Willis Rife, however, and he was nabbed yesterday by FBI agents and state police for questioning in more than 50 burglaries and holdups. His bride said she thought he was a juke box salesman and worked at night.

Boy, 4 Others Injured in Traffic

An 8-year-old boy and four automobile passengers were injured in rush hour traffic accidents yesterday.

John Birge, 8, of 937 S. Tremont Ave., was struck by a car driven by Garland Wayne, 28, of 732 Fletcher Ave., as he ran across the intersection of Kappes and Morris Sts. at 4:30 p. m.

A few minutes later cars driven by Charles L. Holliday, 28, Westfield, and Joseph C. Bill, 21, of 323 S. Oxford St., crashed at New York and East St. The Bill car was making a left turn into East St.

Passengers in the Bill car treated for minor injuries were Nancy Rigion, 17, of 1449 S. Rolser St.; Dolores Gray, 20, of 2838 Central Ave.; Apt. 2-A; Catherine Turichia, 20, of 515 S. Harris St. and Eva Campbell, 29, of 218 N. State Ave.

New Storm Nearing British Columbia

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 6 (UP)—The British Columbia coast prepared for another bout with the weather today as 50-mile-an-hour gales headed for Vancouver Island and lower British Columbia.

15 Face Hearing Today In Dice Game Raid

Fifteen men were to face trial in Municipal Court today as the result of a dice game raid last night at the Friendly Billiard Parlor, 1212 N. Senate Ave.

William Hopkins, 45, of 318 11th St. was charged with keeping a gambling house and 14 others were slated for vagrancy. Police seized a revolver, ammunition and a book of policy tickets in the raid.

In Indianapolis — Vital Statistics and Events

A mass of cool air will pass over Indiana tonight, bringing snow showers to the Lake Michigan area. It will be preceded by some showers.

Cool weather will remain in the state tomorrow, followed by colder weather tomorrow night, with temperatures expected to range from 12 to 23 degrees in the state.

Slight warming is expected Thursday. Temperatures in Indianapolis one year ago today: High, 48; low, 32. See Weather Map on Page 15.

EVENTS TODAY

Indiana Farm Bureau Co-Operative Association Convention—Final day, Claypool Hotel.

Indiana Meeting, Fundamentals Institute Fellowship—Broadway Baptist Church, 216 St. and Broadway.

Indiana Show Trainers Association Convention and Spring Shoe Show—Finn

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indiana Association of Licensed Nurses Home Convention—Claypool Hotel.

Indiana County Associations Convention—As follows through Friday, Claypool Hotel.

Indiana Highway Supervisors Association, Commissioners Association, Assessors Association, Records Association, Clerks Association, Auditors Association, Treasurers Association, Surveyors and Engineers Association, Indemnity Superintendents and Masters, Township Association, Attorneys Association, Marion County Tavernkeepers Association, Christmas Seal Campaign—Through

Indianapolis Presbyterian Mass Meeting—

BIRTHS

At St. Francis—Louis, Katherine Adams. At General—Carl Lee, Blanche Barnett. At Methodist—Frank, Lella Apsey, William, Evangeline Hinderknecht, Charles, James Davenport, Clara, Jeanette Meyer, John, Dorothy Hydon.

DEATHS

At St. Francis—Richard, Dorothy Hiesman. At General—Howard, Gloria Coyle. At Methodist—Frank, Lella Apsey, William, Evangeline Hinderknecht, Charles, James Davenport, Clara, Jeanette Meyer, John, Dorothy Hydon.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Anna vs. Frank E. May; Nidia E. vs. Harry B. Thomas; Sets vs. Paul J. Schooner; Rosetta C. vs. Harold B. McQuibban; Charles E. vs. Thelma J. Quinnell; Mary vs. Raymond Grapman; Mary J. vs. Marvin S. Houskins; Lillian vs. John Bailey; Marjorie vs. Marvin Carpenter; Frances G. vs. Bartley Whitfield; Gerald vs. Margaret Pedgley; John M. vs. Sylvia Margaret Pedgley; John M. vs. Sylvia Margaret Pedgley; John M. vs. Sylvia Margaret Pedgley.

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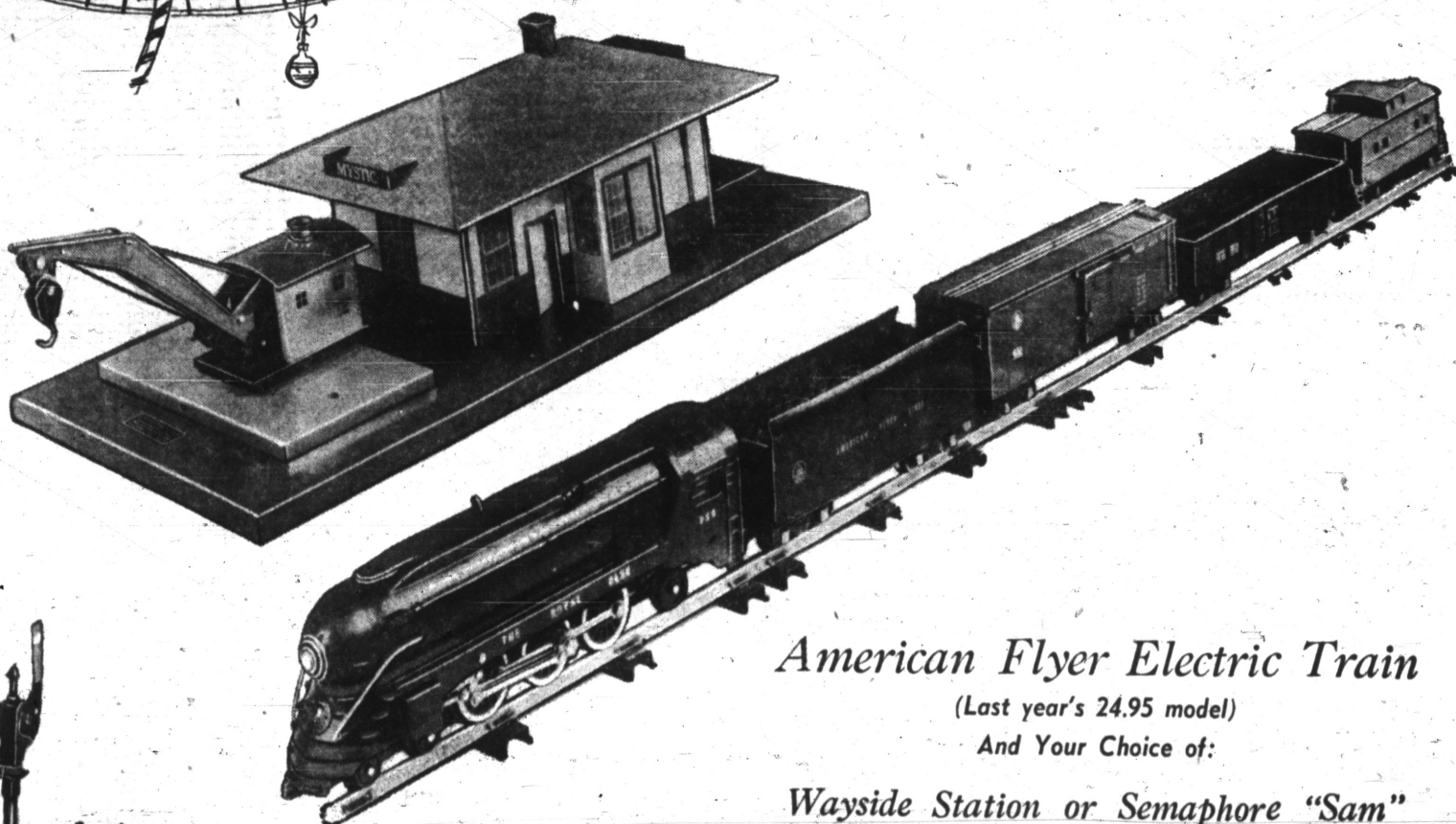


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