

Officers Pledge No Repetition Of Grubbs Case

Fairchild, Smith Agree With Judge

Prosecutor Frank Fairchild and Sheriff Smith have promised Criminal Court Judge Harry Chamberlin they will not remove prisoners from Marion County in the future without a court order.

By doing so last week, the two law enforcement officials came under a barrage of criticism.

The prosecutor and sheriff transferred a confessed slayer, Ethridge Grubbs, 34-year-old Bloomington stoneworker, without a court order from Marion County Jail to Bloomington.

Slain By Sheriff

Grubbs later was shot to death by Monroe County Sheriff Fred Davis after, he said, the prisoner attempted to slash his wife's throat in the Bloomington jail.

Following a closed 35-minute session with Mr. Fairchild and Mr. Smith yesterday, Judge Chamberlin issued the following statement:

"We all agreed that in the future they will seek a court order before any prisoner is taken out of the county."

Judge Chamberlin called in the two officials for "a very serious talk" after he had asserted earlier their actions in the incident were "not proper."

Not Contrary to Law

But the judge said following the conference he "found that they are of the definite opinion that their act was not contrary to law."

"They felt strongly that they acted in the furtherance of justice," he added. "And I think they thought they were acting honestly and sincerely."

Asked whether he himself believed the Grubbs' removal was legal, Judge Chamberlin said: "No comment."

The judge concluded:

"As far as I'm concerned, it's a closed case. There's nothing for me to do."

Both Prosecutor Fairchild and Sheriff Smith refused to comment on the conference. "Any statements will have to come from Judge Chamberlin," they said.

Oldest Member To Help Church Mark 50th Year

Samuel A. Hylton, who has been a member of the First Church of the Brethren for 48 of its 50 years, will take part in its golden anniversary service tomorrow at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Hylton is to the celebrating church longer than any other member.

Dr. V. F. Schwalm, president of Manchester College, will speak on "The Church in the City." Another important part of the program will be the recitation of the "Act of Rededication" led by Mr. Hylton.

The leaflet for tomorrow constitutes a printed record of the church from its beginning 50 years ago.

The First Church of the Brethren was organized as a small mission at 57 Germania Ave. In 1924, the congregation moved to its present location, 3201 N. Capitol Ave. The building was the former Grace Presbyterian Church.

Daniel M. Long is the minister. He came here from Hagerstown, Md., two years ago.

'Machine Gun' Kelly Sent to Leavenworth

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., June 2 (UPI)—George "Machine Gun" Kelly became "just another prisoner" at Leavenworth federal prison today after spending 17 years at Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

Kelly, one of the nation's most notorious outlaws, is serving a life sentence for kidnapping millionaire Charles F. Urschel in 1933.

He was transferred here yesterday because of "good behavior," Warden Walter A. Hunter said.

\$175 Watch Snatched

Bertha Southern, 54, of 744 Fletcher Ave. reported a \$175 wrist watch was snatched from her early today by a man as she walked on West St. south of Washington St.

INDIANAPOLIS TRAFFIC CASUALTIES (152 Days)

1951 1950
Accidents 3201 3381
Injured 1376 1202
Killed 27 29

1951 Traffic Toll Rises To 27 as Woman Dies

The city's 1951 traffic death toll stood at 27 today, only two fatalities short of the 29 persons killed within the same period last year.

The latest victim, Mrs. Flora Sparks, died yesterday in General Hospital. The 54-year-old woman, who lived at 759 Shortridge Rd., was critically injured in a two-car collision Thursday night at the intersection of Arlington Ave. and 16th St.

According to police, the accident occurred three feet inside city limits.

Mrs. Sparks was a passenger in the car driven by her husband, Samuel, 54, who was slightly injured.

Driver of the other car, Robert E. Smith, 39, of 311 E. North St., was arrested by police and charged with drunkenness. His case yesterday was continued until June 30.

DATELINE: Hollywood



Hammond Youth, Victim of Wreck, Is Still Critical.

David Giotto, 18-year-old Hammond High School athlete, today was the only remaining hospitalized victim of an automobile wreck last Saturday, which injured four and killed 59.

Young Giotto, a 440-yard runner, was listed as still in critical condition, but slightly improved.

Richard Helmer, 17, was sent back to Hammond yesterday in an ambulance, having recuperated enough from severe head cuts to make the trip.

Kenneth Gassaway, 18, was released last Sunday, and Raymond Kuzos, 18, driver of the car, was treated for minor injuries and released following the crash. Robert Davis, 16, died before he could reach the hospital.

The five, all Hammond High trackmen, were entering Indianapolis on U. S. 52 when their car skidded on the wet highway at 82d St., scraped a tree and careened off a telephone pole. They were en route to Technical High's athletic field to watch Hoosier high school track finals.

RFC-B&O Files Turned Over to Justice Dept.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, June 2 (UPI)—The Justice Department has received the Senate Banking Committee's complete files on dealings between the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, it was disclosed today.

The committee acted after it made public a 1947 report proposed by Sen. Charles W. Tobey (R. N. H.), who headed an investigation of RFC loans totaling \$87 million to the B. & O.

Also being made available to the Justice Department was Sen. Tobey's proposed 74-page report which never was adopted by the investigating sub-committee since 1947 or the full committee since the investigation.

Patrolman Paul F. Crooke, 30, of 1847 Barth Ave., suffered a fractured pelvis and internal and head injuries at the W. 16th St. track last night when a hotdog racing car was flipped into the stand.

Suffers Broken Leg

Patrolman Gordon D. Hartley, 37, of 1725 Cottage Ave., suffered a broken right leg and lung injuries.

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His vehicle locked wheels with another car on the southeast curve. It was catapulted over a 2½-foot steel guardrail and a five-foot wire fence and hit the front rows of the grandstand broadside but upright.

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