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IN TOLEDO GANG

**70-Year-Old Man
Held; All Face
Court Today**

RAID FARMHOUSE

**Four Jailed on Sunday
After Shooting of
Suspect**

Thirty-five burglaries and four safe robberies since June 1, in which about \$5,000 worth of loot was stolen, were cleared yesterday when nine members of a well organized gang of thieves, arrested in a police round-up since Sunday, made statements to detectives.

The group under arrest include a 70-year-old man, a juvenile and several ex-convicts, police reported. Charges will be placed against them this morning when they will be taken into court.

FOUR NABBED SUNDAY

Four of the group were arrested Sunday after one of them had been shot and wounded by a restaurant proprietor after a robbery. The arrests of the remainder followed statements made by the captured suspects.

Police said that the statements of the group indicated that the various members of the gang, who were unemployed, had been cared for by the 70-year-old man who furnished the burglar tools and took care of the disposal of the loot.

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Raiding a farmhouse in the vicinity of Angola and Reynolds roads, detectives said they uncovered some of the burglar tools, two rifles, two shotguns a revolver and loot valued at about \$200.

The burglaries were committed at A. & P. and Kroger groceries, confectionary stores, drug stores and gas stations, according to the statements made by the suspects. They

Various Happenings and Events Which Have Remained in the Stroller's Mind

With MITCHELL WOODBURY

DO YOU Remember—

When Fifi Dorsay, current movie star, appeared the Saxon Auditorium as Mlle. Fifi in "The Greenwich Village Follies," and when she tapped her boy friend, the Ed Gallagher, of Gallagher and Shean fame, gently on the conk with a ginger ale bottle at the known LaTabernilla?



Mitchell Woodbury

When Archie Stone was considered a great ring bet, but gave up the boxing profession because of the wishes of his parents?

When a traveling edition of the "Lies" appeared in the Valentine and chorines shocked the natives by appearing in what now would be a combination of a piece bathing suit and tights?

When Ray Sheets, now of the detective force, galloped about the backfield for Woodbury high?

When George White, the producer of the "Scandal" headlined the bill at Keith's theater with Lucille Cavanaugh?

When Lou Greiner, Dick Kettlewell and Roy Bargy provided entertainment deluxe in Stiffert's in the basement of the Valentine building?

When Ed Lynch, attorney, was a football star at Notre Dame?

When Harry King used to sing illustrated songs and various members of the audience to sing a chorus alone at the Coliseum?

When Kenyon Johns, Charles Medaris, Bill Barbour and the Stroller presented a sketch of the latter's authoring the stage of the picture theater at Delaware and Detroit avenues and were showered with missiles by friends (?) in the audience?

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Witness Says Stolen Goods Bore Marks for Export Shipping.

The fact that packages contain-
ing goods for export shipments
have special marking, making
identification easier, may prove
damaging to Jack Sullivan, Virgil
V. Vandervort, Albert R. Snyder
and Clyde J. Gross, all of Toledo,
now on trial in federal court in
connection with the hijacking of
a truck load of merchandise near
Clyde, O., last Aug. 24.

Frank Badger, shipping manager
for the Hall Manufacturing Co.,
Toledo, identified two packages on
exhibit in the case as those con-
taining hones which the company
had shipped to France and Portu-
gal and a part of the truckload.
Other government witnesses were
not so certain about cartons con-
taining goods being the identical
one checked in bills of lading.

Testifies for Government

Lloyd J. Magley, Toledo, indicted
with the others and who pleaded
guilty, testified for the government
and told of disposition of some of
the stolen goods by him. Harlan
Dann testified against Gross in
relating how on several occasions
he had aided in removing some of
the stolen goods from one hiding
place to another. One cache, he
testified, was a barn on the farm
of Gross' father near Swanton.

Donald Welsh, 1327 Gordon street,
driver of the hijacked truck from
which the government says goods
valued at about \$10,000 was stolen,
including cigars, spark plugs and
atomizers being shipped to Buffalo
by the Service Cartage Co. through
the agency of the National Carload-
ing Corp., told a detailed story of
the kidnaping and how he had iden-
tified two of the accused in a police
line-up.

Menaced for 75 Miles

He testified that he drove for 75
miles with a revolver held in his
ribs after his truck had been
stopped at the point of a pistol
three miles east of Clyde.
The truck was driven back to
Clyde and taken over by the hi-

DRINK BLAMED IN SHOOTING

Woman Admits Store Thefts Followed 'Party'

Drink was blamed by police for
the actions of two young sisters,
one of whom was shot and wounded
seriously early yesterday after they
had burglarized the F. S. Konop
grocery, 2819 Dorr street.

The younger girl, Hilda Baumla,
19, of 720 Norwood avenue, is in
County hospital. Although she was
struck by more than 50 shotgun
pellets fired by Mr. Konop, pro-
prietor of the grocery, she is ex-
pected to recover.

Her sister, Mrs. Lila Jewell, 22,
of the Norwood avenue address,
told police the burglary was the
fourth they had committed during
the night and that they followed
a party at which she and her
sister had been drinking beer.
About \$3 worth of groceries and
cigarettes were stolen in the four
burglaries, police said.

Price To Be Freed

Russell Price, 26, of 2117 Jeffer-
son avenue, who was arrested when
he and Mrs. Jewell took the latter's
sister to Mercy hospital, was ex-
onerated of any suspicion in con-
nection with the burglaries. He is
held on a charge of suspicion but
probably will be released today, ac-
cording to Detectives Owen Green
and Ray Sheets who questioned
him and Mrs. Jewell yesterday.

Mrs. Jewell, who said she, her
sister and Mr. Price had been
drinking beer Friday evening, ad-
mitted she and her sister had
burglarized the Palmer smoke
shop, 712 Dorr street, where she
said a window was broken "just for
meanness," the K. & S. market,
2766 Detroit avenue, the A. & P.
store at 1723 Detroit avenue, and
finally the Konop grocery. The loot
consisted of meat, groceries and
cigarettes.

Sought Man's Help

Mrs. Jewell, mother of two chil-

PRINCIPALS IN SHOOTING OF TWO YOUNG TOLEDO SISTERS



KNIFE WIELDER BITTEN BY DOG

Assailant Is Taken To City Prison And Victim To Hospital; Others Are Injured

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A landmark in North Toledo for 70 years, the home at 1033 Summit street, known to early settlers as a Hough house, was swept by flames yesterday afternoon, resulting in damage of \$10,000. A fire injured and 15 occupants of the home, operated by Mrs. Anna Meffley as a rooming house, were rescued. The blaze which firemen fought for more than two hours. The above picture of the dwelling was taken shortly after firemen had put the blaze under control.

Ten Years Ago Today In Sport

Toledo police basketball team was made up of a number of crack athletes who had joined the force. On the club were Ray Sheets, Tubby Rousch, B. Schutte, Frank Baumgartner, Hank Rigney, Johnny Losgar, Sam Layole, Tom Patterson, Jap Halstead and Denny Clark. . . . Red Sox traded Pitcher Herb Pennock to the Yankees for Norman McMillan, George Murray and Camp Skinner. . . . Sporting Life, a Philadelphia publication, in an article discussing future college football stars, mentioned Bill Hunt of Scott and Frank Pauly and Gordon Jeffrey of Waite. . . . Both the American and National leagues made plans for cutting all expenses to the bone. Harry Greb gave Tommy Loughran a lacing in 15 rounds at New York. . . . Wilmarth Paine's six baskets gave the M. R. Y. C. basketball team a victory over the Nationals of Mansfield. . . . Twenty years ago today in sport: Toledo ball club signed Pitcher Al Leak from the Traverse City team.

GIRL BANDIT S PLEADS NO

Hilda Baumia, 19, S Grand Jury Under

Hilda Baumia, 19, shot Jan. 21 in the grocery store, limped to court today and pleaded to a charge of burglary.

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Brown's bond was set and Shea's at \$2,500.

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Woman Released

Anna Runco, 23, of 112 Fifteenth street, who was arrested early Thursday for questioning, was released Thursday night. She admitted receiving a call from a man named "Jack" from the Lorraine hotel Tuesday, but insisted she did not know who the caller was.

From facts revealed so far to police, Mr. McLaughlin apparently was slain because Eagen, or Vacchiano, became angered because he and a woman companion were ejected from the Park Lane Sunday night when the clerk learned they were not married.

Captain Timiney said robbery also may have been the motive. There was \$60 in the cash drawer, but it was not touched by the two gunmen who shot Mr. McLaughlin after Vacchiano had shouted, "Let him have it."

Funeral services for Mr. McLaughlin were held Friday in the Murphy mortuary, Collingwood Memorial. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

SLAIN CLERK'S FUNERAL HELD

Detectives Mingle With Mourners in Hunt for Park Lane Killers.

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Victor Hugo Hinkle

LIKE LINDY

Toledo Baby Looks Like Kidnaped Child.

RESEMBLANCE of Victor Hugo Hinkle, Jr. to kidnaped Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., has caused Victor Hugo Hinkle, Sr., no little annoyance.

Source of persons, Mr. Hinkle said, have commented upon the likeness, and Sunday Detectives Cummings and Scheets visited the Hinkle apartment in Cherry street after receiving a call that the Lindbergh child was being kept there.

Fortunately, the detectives knew Mr. Hinkle, and the baby's real identity was established quickly. But Mr. Hinkle had to call off a contemplated trip to Sandusky.

FOR HIJACKING

Two Are Given Five-Year Terms in Leavenworth; One Probated.

Five Toledo men convicted of interfering with interstate shipments in the hijacking of a truck loaded with \$10,000 worth of merchandise near Clyde last August were sentenced Tuesday by Judge George P. Hahn in federal court.

Jack Sullivan and Virgil Vander-vort must serve five years each in Leavenworth prison, while Clyde Gross must serve four years in the Chillicothe prison. Alfred R. Snyder and Lloyd Magley were sentenced to 18 months each in the Chillicothe prison, but Magley was probated.

Convicted on white slavery charges, John Carr was sentenced to four years in Leavenworth, and Guy Tucker to two and one-half years in the same prison. Peggy Blair and Goldie Head were sentenced to two years each, but the judge said he would recommend them for parole. They were accused of bringing Inez Wyer of Morenci, Mich., to Toledo last year and attempting to place her in a resort in Monroe street.

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Man, Bride Charged With Terrorizing Two Merchants

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The third suspect, a 19-year-old youth who is said to have boasted that he was the driver of the car in which Jimmy Lahey was slain recently, was arrested in connection with the attempted extortion of \$150 from Mrs. Rachel Bodinus, 21, of 341 Van Buren street.

The woman suspect, a 19-year-old wife, was nabbed by four detectives and a patrolman just after she had handed George Bruss, operator of a grocery at South avenue and Broadway and one of the intended victims, a note identifying herself as the person to whom \$1,000 should be paid.

Mr. Bruss, who had that amount of money in his possession, had started back for his store after waiting for several minutes at Frank street and South avenue, the designated meeting place, when the young woman appeared before him.

Detectives John Mullen, George Timiney, Ray Scheets and William Lucas and Patrolman John McCarthy, who were hiding nearby, arrested the woman.

She is said to have confessed immediately to police, implicating her husband, who was arrested shortly afterward in his home on Oliver street.

The woman is said also to have admitted sending the note to Bud

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Bud & Luke barbecue stand at Broadway and Knorr street, demanding \$5,000 from him under threat of blowing up his place.

Mr. Fowler, fearing for the safety of his family, sent his wife, children and parents to Kokomo, Ind., as a result of the threatening letters.

He received three notes from the extortionists since April 6 in which demands for \$5,000 were made with instructions to leave the money at the rear of the English Lutheran church in the 1300 block of Broadway. Money, padded with paper, was left at the designated place each time, but no one appeared.

Mr. Bruss, who was threatened with being "put on the spot" if he did not comply with the orders given him, received his first note April 25 and the last one Wednesday night. He was following instructions received in the Wednesday letter when the woman was arrested.

DENIES KNOWLEDGE

Although police say his wife made complete confessions regarding the alleged transactions, the woman's 21-year-old husband denied knowledge of the plot when questioned by police last night shortly after his arrest. Both are held on technical charges of suspicion.

The third suspect, who lives in the East Side, is held in the Safety building following his identification by Mrs. Bodinus, a former student in Waite high school.



Mrs. Bodinus

Mrs. Bodinus, a friend of Detective Harry Davis, told the officer yesterday that after she took her husband to work at the Holland Baking Co. two weeks ago, a young man jumped on the side of her automobile when she stopped for a traffic light at Sum-

mit and Cherry streets on her way home.

Mrs. Bodinus told police she recognized the youth as a brother of a friend. She said the youth said he had a gun and forced her to drive to Starr avenue and Wheeling street under threat of death.

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BODIES OF PAIR ARE FOUND OFF LEWIS AVENUE

Abandoned Auto Believed To Be Death Car Discovered Mile From Scene; Residents Hear Shots Fired

The bodies of two unidentified men, believed to be Cleveland gangsters, were found on lonely Swiss Gardens lane off Lewis avenue, just south of the Michigan state line, early Friday.

Residents of the neighborhood heard nine shots fired at 1 a. m. Friday in the vicinity of the murder and saw a dark sedan speed from the lane to Lewis avenue and head north toward the state line, 500 yards away.

The men are believed to be Harry Gertzlein, 37, of Shaker Heights, and Philip F. Poms, Cleveland, or D. Jaffe, Cleveland.

One of the victims was believed identified Friday when police here learned the Packard sedan found abandoned near the scene had been purchased in Cleveland May 19, 1931, by Harry Gertzlein, 42, of 3579 161st street, whom police said was a known racketeer in Cleveland.

Victims of Gang War.

Detectives William Ehrhardt and Ray Scheets and Deputy Sheriffs Harry Bensman and Joe Packo went to the scene after a resident of the vicinity found the bodies several hours after the shooting.

The detectives said the dead men, who wore suits bearing Cleveland labels, apparently were the victims of a gang war.

A Packard sedan, bearing Ohio license No. 640-773, found abandoned on Custer drive near Lewis avenue a mile to the south of the scene of the shooting, was believed by police to have been used by the gunmen who did the killing.

Check Gives Clue.

Garage bills and repair slips found in the car were being checked thru Cleveland authorities in an attempt to identify the owner of the car.

The only paper found on either of the bodies which might lead to the identification of the men was a check made out by Phillip F. Poms July 10 for \$70 on the Central United Banking Co. of Cleveland and indorsed and cashed by Charles

tims in Michigan but made a miscalculation.

Victim's Face Burned.

Where the auto containing the party stopped, Dr. Kreft believed the two victims were forced from the car, knocked down and then shot. The younger victim bore powder burns on his cheek, showing the shots were fired at short range.

The men were shot, one at a time, Dr. Kreft believed, thus allowing for the pause Mrs. Donley heard between the two volleys.

The gunmen then fled north but stopped within a short distance and doubled back on their tracks to abandon the car, police believe.

The bodies were taken to the Gasiorowski mortuary where Dr. Kreft performed a post mortem examination.

LINDBERGH TIP HERE IS FAILURE

Detectives Rush to Cherry Street
Apartment But Curly-Haired
Baby Is Accounted For

Detectives rushed to a Cherry street apartment yesterday after they were given a tip that the Lindbergh baby might be kept in hiding there.

The officers, Detectives Barney Cummings and Ray Scheets, found a child of remarkable resemblance to the famous missing baby but left when the guardian of the curly-haired child convinced them the boy was not the Lindbergh heir.

MAN ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

Search of Five Weeks
Ends With Capture
in Monroe.

Chester Hall, 22, sought here five weeks in connection with a series of house burglaries, was arrested in Monroe Thursday afternoon and returned to Toledo by Detective Inspector Emmett Cairl and Detectives Lucas and Sheets. The man is held on suspicion.

His wife, Bernice, 19, and Dorothy Helvie, 20, were arrested in Monroe five weeks ago and are held in the county jail on grand jury indictments. They implicated Hall in the robberies and said he left them in Monroe.

The girls were arrested after they moved from the home of Mrs. Emma Crum, 361 South Detroit avenue, after stealing articles. Mrs. Crum overheard them speak of going to Monroe and notified police. Hall served a term in prison at San Quentin, Calif., for robbery.

MARY OTHERS
Trade—Terms—No Down Payment
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**Arrested After Battle
When Restaurant
Is Robbed.**

With the capture of four young bandits and a girl following a gun battle at the Inn restaurant, 235 Seventeenth street, where one of the gunmen was shot early Sunday, police continued their efforts Monday to complete a roundup of a gang that has taken part in nearly a score of hold-ups here since the first of July.

Those held, all of whom confessed, gave their names as Aloysius Heltman, 19, Tecumseh street, wounded in the right hip; Ernest Love, 17, Oakwood avenue; Anthony Kusnierek, 18, East Woodruff avenue; Perry Rose, 17, Palmwood avenue, and the girl, Jerry Schifer, 20, East Woodruff avenue.

The four youths entered the Inn restaurant at 2:35 A. M. Sunday, taking \$25 from a cash register and \$5 from a customer. After they fled, Frank Phillips, proprietor, ran to the door and fired four shots at them, striking Heltman who stood on the running board of the bandit machine. Love, according to statements made to police, returned the fire.

Patron Robbed

Those in the restaurant at the time of the holdup were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Searight, 333 1/2 Oliver street; Louis Opre, Wheeling street, and George Wheeler, 316 Jefferson avenue. Mr. Searight was robbed of \$5.

Mr. Wheeler pursued the bandit car to Washington and Ontario streets and thought that he saw two women in their car.

The roundup of the gang began when Detectives Robert Fielding, Ernest Raitz, Ray Sheets and William Erhardt found Heltman and Love in a stolen automobile at Nebraska and Westwood avenues a short time after the gun battle. These two were taken to the Safety building where Love was booked on the charge of robbery. Heltman was charged with suspicion and sent to St. Vincent's hospital under guard.

Apartment Raided

As the result of information received from these prisoners, police went to an apartment in the 200 block in East Woodruff avenue. Detective George Eckerman risked his life when he pried a screen out of a window and climbed into a room where Kusnierek, Rose and the Schifer girl slept.

Kusnierek awakened, but did not recognize the officer. He got out of bed and walked toward a table on which a revolver lay, saying that he was going after a cigaret. Detective Eckerman grabbed the gun and told the youth that he was under arrest.

In the meantime Detectives Owen, Green, Raitz, Fielding, William Culver, Sheets and Erhardt surrounded the house. The three prisoners were taken to the Safety building. Rose was booked on the charge of robbery and Kusnierek on suspicion. The girl also was held on the charge of suspicion. Later all three signed statements. The youths admitted taking part in the following robberies:

Places Robbed

Spot Lunch, Yondota and Fassett streets. \$40; Standard Gas station, City Park and



Jerry Schifer

Jerry Schifer, 20, trapped when police rounded up a gang of bandit suspects, was unconcerned Monday as Gordon Dressel of the Blade camera staff snapped her picture in the women's bureau of the police department.

Bar B. Q. at 740 South avenue, where Leo Gregg, the proprietor, was robbed of \$10 and a watch.

In addition to the place held up, the youths admitted stealing three automobiles. Heltman, in the hospital, admitted to officers that he was a member of the bandit gang.

The Schifer girl told police that she had worked in Nebraska avenue and went to the apartment with the two bandits a few days ago when they offered to take her to her home in Bucyrus.

8 Others Arrested

She said the youths told her about a holdup in Monroe street and mentioned several other jobs.

Kusnierek, in his statement to police, admitted that he took part in the holdup of the Love drug store in Glendale avenue May 10 with Floyd Glinka and Chester Solecki. The bandits fired on police during the robbery. Glinka and Solecki were captured but Kusnierek escaped when he posed as a spectator and offered to guard the prisoners for police.

All of the prisoners will be placed in the police lineup for identification by victims of recent robberies here.

Eight other men also were arrested on the charge of suspicion Saturday night and Sunday. They are believed to have taken part in a series of robberies here.

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Automobiles For Sale

Police Wednesday believed they had rounded up the band of bank robbers responsible for a half-dozen bank holdups netting \$10,000 in Toledo and vicinity in the last four months with the arrest of three men and two 21-year-old girls here and the capture of three Toledo men in Akron, O., late Tuesday.

The trio arrested in Akron was captured following the holdup of a bank in Pennsylvania, just across the Ohio line, police here were told. One of the men was shot in the leg when he resisted arrest.

The wounded man is Carl Shearer, 22. With Shearer, police captured Donald Patterson, 23, also of Toledo. Another suspect, Albert Welch, was arrested Monday night. Three girls were arrested with Welch.

ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE.

The girls are Mabel King and Viola Friend of Toledo and Irene Friend of Akron.

The wounding of Shearer followed his attempt to escape from Detectives Ernest Binkley and E. L. Englehart of Akron. Patterson surrendered.

Confession of one of the men arrested at Akron implicated another man living in a Macomber street house here, Toledo police were informed.

Detectives Chris Brennan, Michael Rowan, Carl Hartung, William Rogers, Ray Scheets and Paul Ringle raided the Macomber street house and arrested the occupants, three men and two girls. The man they sought was among those captured.

TRIED TO PASS PURSE.

One of the suspects, police say, attempted to pass to one of the women a purse containing \$515. It was seized by the officers. The suspects will be view in the police lineup late Wednesday by victims of recent bank holdups here.

The three men and two girls arrested here are Carl Hibold, 32, of 1455 Macomber street; Ralph King, 38, same address, who was named in the confession of one of the Akron suspects; O. G. Knittle, 41, Sandusky; Martha Deusel, alias Hibold, 21, of 1453 Macomber street, and Rosemary Williams, alias Lucille Miller, 21, of 1136 Woodruff avenue. The Williams girl gave her address as 2716 Wyndale.

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Vacchiana Wanted by Officers of Two Cities



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QUESTION ACQUAINTANCES

Had Been Wanted Here Since
Shooting of Valentine in
Pool Room Argument.

Search for Frank Vacchiana, 24 years old, who has been sought by Dayton police for almost a year for the slaying of Sam (Zip) Valentine, 26 years old, in a South Main street pool room on the night of May 15, 1932, was renewed by Dayton and Toledo police last night when authorities from the northwestern Ohio city reported he is suspected of the killing of a night clerk of a Toledo apartment hotel early Tuesday morning.

A dragnet was thrown over the entire city by Dayton police and detectives in an effort to capture Vacchiana after three Toledo detectives arrived with the information that he is suspected of firing three shots which fatally injured John McLaughlin, Park Lane hotel clerk, in Toledo early Tuesday morning.

SEARCH STARTED.

Accompanied by Detectives Ray Sheets, Owen Green and Ralph Murphy of the Toledo police department, Detective Sergeant C. C. Croft, Detective M. C. Kirkpatrick and more than a score of uniformed police officers and Police Captain D. C. Wetzel began immediately to communicate with known acquaintances of the suspected slayer in a determined effort to uncover clues which might lead to his arrest.

Vacchiana is reported to have fled to Toledo after the killing of Valentine and is said to have resided in that city most of the time since. Numerous times during the past 10 months Dayton detectives have made trips to northern Ohio cities running down tips which it was hoped would lead to his arrest.

WOMAN WITH TWO



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Toledo detectives were sent out of the city Thursday to continue building up their case against four suspects accused in the murder of Charles Mersing, 48, special policeman, shot during an attempted holdup of the Shanty restaurant, 4320 Monroe street, April 30.



Felix Kasprzak, 29, of East Hudson street, issued a signed statement admitting his part in the crime. Kasprzak, who has served prison terms for burglary and larceny, admitted owning and driving the automobile used in the restaurant holdup, detectives said. Edward Kaminski, 23, of East Weber street, who at first said he drove the machine, changed his story on being informed of the latest confession and said that he sat at Kasprzak's side.

Recruit Sought

Detectives Owen Green and Ray Sheets left the city Thursday for Columbus, where they will obtain extradition papers to return a 25-year-old recruit in the reforestation camp at Fort Knox, Ky., who was named by the two held here as being a member of the gang. This youth did not participate in holdups on the night of the murder, the prisoners said.

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Tells of Robbery

Kasprzak is said to have told police that he picked up Kaminski in Lagrange street the night of the murder and stopped at the home of the third man. Two others were picked up in Lagrange street. He admitted driving his companions to Naftalin's restaurant, Ashland avenue and Columbia street, where they robbed the patrons.

Later they invaded the Shanty, but according to the confession, Kasprzak and Kaminski jumped in the automobile when the shooting started which resulted in Mr. Mersing's death.

After the shooting at the Shanty the suspects then drove to the Swallow Inn barbecue, Sylvania-Alexis road and Telegraph road, and held up that place.

Coroner Frank G. Kreft ordered Kaminski held on a charge of homicide after the coroner and his secretary, Wilma Yarrick, took a statement in the Safety building Wednesday.

Second Gun Recovered

Kaminski in his statement said that he guarded the rear of Naftalin's restaurant while his companions were inside holding up the patrons. He said he stayed in the car with Kasprzak during the holdups of the Shanty and Swallow Inn.

Police have recovered the second gun believed to have been used in the murder. The first was found several days after the killing while the second was found in a shed in the Lagrange street district where

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Obarski, who was in the killing, confessed to the murder of the policeman on the night of the holdup. He named the gunman as Chapman, alias Chapman, alias Kaminski, who has been named by the gunmen in the holdup. They said, with the exception of the cash register.

Tells of

Obarski told that he was behind the holdup place when Mr. Mersing was shot at Mr. Mersing's restaurant. He said he grabbed his assault rifle and the fight began in the restaurant. Shots were fired and Obarski was wounded fatally in the heart.

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Detectives Emmett Carl and Harry Clark went to Detroit with two revolvers obtained from Kaminski and bullets taken from Mersing's body for examination by ballistics experts. They also took a third gun, which has been identified by victims of holdups as one used by the bandits, and a bullet taken from the wall of the Swallow Barbecue, held up after the Shanty murder.

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Obarski, who confessed to the killing, explained the movements of himself and his companions on the night of the murder. He named George Naftalin, alias Chapman, 26, and Joseph Obarski, who has escaped from prison, as the gunmen involved in the killing. They raided the Shanty restaurant, said, with the intention of getting the cash register.

Tells of Gun Fight
Obarski told the officers that he was behind the counter when Michaelski shot at Mr. Mersing. The fight began in which Mersing was wounded fatally with a shot to his heart.

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Mrs. John Kasprzak, 32 E. Hudson street, mother of the newest suspect, blamed liquor for the downfall of her boy.

"When he gets drunk," she said thru an interpreter, "he loses his mind. He has not had much work to do lately, and he has been running around and getting drunk."

Is Ex-Convict.
 Kasprzak three years ago was convicted of acting as lookout man for a gang that held up a West Toledo drug store. He served 18 months in the Ohio penitentiary. He was arrested and sent to Mansfield before, released, and returned as a parole violator.

They were occupied Thursday in efforts to trace the other three members of the gang, including the slayer. It is believed they are in the city.

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Obarski told the officers that he was behind the counter in the place when Michaelski aimed a gun at Mr. Mersing. The officer grabbed his assailant and a gun fight began in which about 15 shots were fired. Mr. Mersing was wounded fatally with a bullet in his heart.

The gang obtained \$50 in the holdup of the Naftalin restaurant, Ashland avenue and Columbia street, before the gang reached the Shanty. Obarski said that four of the bandits received \$12 each of the loot and that Felix Kasprzak, 29, owner and driver of the machine they used, was given only \$2.

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Makes Statement

After repeated questioning, detectives informed Kaminski of what they knew of the Shanty killing. The officers said that he made an oral statement admitting his part in the case as well as in the Naftalin restaurant and the Swallow Inn holdups.

Kaminski, according to the detectives, said that he drove the automobile in which the gang rode at the time of the holdups. He said, they reported, that he did not witness the actual shooting at the Shanty restaurant.

The detectives quoted Kaminski as saying that the youths taking part in the holdups had been drinking, but that they were not intoxicated. He named four others as his companions. Two are being

Re-enacted For Coroner

The attempted robbery April 30 at the Shanty restaurant, 4320 Monroe street, where Charles Mersing, special policeman, was slain, was re-enacted late yesterday in the presence of Coroner Frank G. Kreft and city detectives to close technically the coroner's inquest in the murder.

The shooting scene was re-enacted following the confession of John Obarski, 26, of East Streicher street, who named George Chopinski, 26, alias Chapman, under arrest, and Joseph Michealski, a fugitive, as the trigger men in the slaying, police said.

Homicide Charges

Dr. Kreft said he has directed homicide charges to be placed against the four suspects under arrest and also the fugitive. Obarski and Chopinski, who were returned from Angola, Ind., Sunday, are held on murder charges.

The coroner said suspicion charges against Edward Kaminski, 23, and Felix Kasprzak, 29, probably will be withdrawn today when homicide charges will be filed against them. The next action against the four will be taken by the county grand jury, the coroner said.

Search Here Fails

Acting on a tip that Michealski was hiding in a Hill avenue house a squad of detectives took Obarski with them but were unable to find the fugitive late yesterday.

A statement, reputedly signed by Obarski, said the gang of five obtained \$50 in the robberies at Naftalin's restaurant, Ashland avenue, which preceded the Shanty restaurant visit, and the Swallow Inn, Telegraph road, which followed.

Felix Kasprzak, as the driver, ob-

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HOLD UP TWO THIEFS IN SHANTY CASE

Six Now Under Arrest in Slaying of Watchman in Restaurant

Two Toledoans named as members of the bandit gang that shot and killed Charles Mersing, Hampton Park special policeman, in a holdup at the Shanty, Monroe street restaurant, a month ago, were believed held Saturday at South Bend, Ind.

The suspects gave their names as John Obarski and George Chapman. Two of the men sought are John Obarski and George Chopchinski. A third man arrested with them gave his name as Joe Michealski, who police believe is Joseph Kasprzak, seventh member of the gang.

Michealski was released by the Indiana authorities. Police have asked that he be rearrested.

John Louy, superintendent of the police bureau of identification, who was notified Saturday the men had been arrested at Angola, Ind., May 26, in an auto stolen in Toledo, has asked South Bend authorities for finger prints of the suspects to complete the identification.

Named as Gang Members.

Kasprzak, Obarski and Chopchinski were named as members of the gang by Felix Kasprzak and Edward Kaminski, who are held at the Safety building here and have confessed participation in the robbery.

The gang climaxed a night of banditry here with the slaying of Mersing. They first appeared at the Naftalin restaurant at Ashland avenue and Columbia street, where they held up a score of patrons. Next they went to the Shanty, killed Mersing as he attempted to thwart the robbery, then to the Swallow, Telegraph road, where they escaped with a small amount of cash.

South Bend police said the suspects were arrested by state police as they entered Angola driving an

Three Who Confessed and Two They Implicated Indicted.

Five men were indicted by the grand jury late Friday for first-degree murder in the shooting of Charles Mersing, Hampton Park policeman, April 30, during a holdup in the Shanty restaurant, 4320 Monroe street.

They are George Chopinski, John Obarski, Felix Kasprzak, Edward Kaminski and Joseph Kasprzak.

Obarski, Kaminski and Felix Kasprzak had confessed implication in the murder.

GET HOLDUP SUSPECT

Peru, Ind., Man Held as One of Four Corn City Bandits Who Got \$3000.

George Paul Garner was arrested in Peru, Ind., late Sunday at the request of Detectives Owen Green and Ray Scheets as a suspect in the machine gun holdup of four employes and four customers in the Corn City Savings association, 802 S. St. Clair street, Feb. 11.

Four bandits escaped with \$3000.

First Degree Murder Warrants Sworn Out for Trio Nabbed at Angola, Ind., in Connection With Charles Mersing Slaying.

Police received word Saturday of the arrest in Angola, Ind., of three more men believed to be members of the bandit gang which committed several holdups here and murdered Charles Mersing, 48, watchman, in an attempted robbery of the Shanty lunchroom April 30.

Angola police notified John Louy, superintendent of the bureau of identification, that they are holding George Chapman and John Obarski on charges of violating the Dyer automobile theft law. Joe Michealski was released on his own recognizance.

Obarski and Michaelski have been linked with the holdup gang in confessions made here, and Chapman is believed to be George Chopchinski, also named. Police have been asked to send fingerprints and photographs of the three men to establish definite identification.

Detectives swore out first degree murder warrants against the men, and were to go to Angola Saturday afternoon to return them if federal authorities will consent to their

3 MORE SHANTY SUSPECTS HELD

Trio Arrested at Angola Wanted in Connection With Murder.

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tion papers for Frank Kaminski, under arrest in Marion, N. C., in connection with the bandit gang.

Police said Frank Kaminski was not along the night of the slaying, but that he is wanted in connection with the holdup of a Kroger store at 4324 Monroe street in February when a bandit was believed wounded.

Wanted in Burglary

Kaminski also is wanted in con-

release. Angola officers were requested to rearrest Michealski, whose real name, police believe, is Kaspyrczak.

Arrested May 26

The three at Angola were arrested May 26 while driving an automobile stolen May 25 from in front of the Chevrolet plant in Central avenue. The car belonged to Noel K. Collins, Ottawa Lake, Mich.

Detective Harry Clark left Saturday for Columbus to obtain extradi-

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ADMITS HOLDUP OF CORN CITY SAVINGS FIRM

George Paul Garner, 35, of Kokomo, Ind., who was arrested in Peru, Ind., Saturday, admitted to detectives here Thursday afternoon that he was one of four men who held up the Corn City Savings association, 802 South St. Clair street, Dec. 28, 1931, when \$500 was taken.

The other three are serving terms of from 10 to 20 years each in the Ohio penitentiary.

The association also was held up in February of this year when \$4,000 was taken.

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By FRED SPP

Kenneth Gumm Gouble, notorious figure in Toledo nearly have been paroled from penitentiary, according to information received by John Gumm, superintendent of the bureau of identification here.

Gumm, the son of a Toledo jeweler, was shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Evelyn Gouble, of Sylvania, in a room 229 14th street, July 13, 1923, minutes after he had married Pearl Thomas, an artist, former wife of a Toledo jeweler, Miss Couture commencing after wounding Gumm.

Pearl Thomas won a divorce from Gumm in 1923 on charges of neglect and cruelty, and then in 1923, entered a life of crime, charged with pandering and harboring girls in an indictment was nolle prosequi. A jury returned a no bill on a larceny charge against her but he was sent to the penitentiary in 1926 for forgery.

Mr. Louy's records show that Gouble was paroled in 1927, but was returned to the penitentiary within a few months for a violation of the parole. Gouble began serving a one to two year term for pandering, and was paroled from the Ohio penitentiary Aug. 15, to be taken to the Ohio penitentiary on trial on charges against him.

Gouble, now 43 years old, was sent up to the penitentiary on an 18 to 25-year term for a bank robbery. Gouble was arrested in

ON GANGSTERS GROWS TIGHTER

Reams To Prosecute Business Men for Paying Mobs

TIMINEY BACK

State Provides Club in Revoking License at Columbus

Applying fresh pressure to the crushing headlock he has on Toledo gangdom, County Prosecutor Frazier Reams late yesterday warned Toledo business men that if they accede to the racketeers' demands for extortion money they will be prosecuted as accessories to the crime.

This warning was sounded by the prosecutor after he was informed from several reliable sources that gangland—in a frenzied attempt to keep its pockets lined with easy money—had started a mass attack on business men with demands for tribute "or else."

The racketeers' shoulders appear closer to being pinned decisively to the mat now than ever in the history of Toledo and their latest spasmodic struggle for existence, now that the lid has been clamped down tightly on slot machines and gambling, lies in the extortion of money from legitimate business places for "protection."

Owners Threatened

It has been revealed that several Toledoans—principally operators of small restaurants where beer is dispensed—have been approached with threats that they will have to start "contributing" or the consequences will be both unpleasant and unfavorable to future business.

Mr. Reams said he had anticipated such action but had not looked for it so early in the game

ute and pay the assessment they are liable to prosecution and punishment.

"Here is the other side of the issue: If they will communicate with this office, the sheriff or the police immediately after such demands and threats are made ample protection of the proper sort will be afforded them and they will be assisting as good citizens should in throttling the dying gasp of Lucas county gangland.

"Business men who are thus approached are urged to obtain as accurate a description of the persons making the demands as possible and also the license numbers of the machines they drive so as to aid in attempts to apprehend them and to corroborate the testimony of other persons."

Fixing Reported

Mr. Reams also revealed that reports had been made by operators of business establishments in the county that they might permit slot machines to be operated in their establishments without fear because "the fix was in with the prosecutor's office."

He reacted to this information by immediately detailing County Detective James O'Reilly to launch a series of raids in the county yesterday which netted the confiscation of four machines.

"Such a thing as a 'fix with the prosecutor's office' is unthinkable," Mr. Reams declared.

"For the benefit of those residents of Toledo and Lucas county who are inclined to be skeptical, I will say definitely right now that this current drive against slot machines, gambling and racketeering in general is absolutely on the level and will be rigidly enforced as long as I am in office," Mr. Reams declared, his ire aroused by the report a "deal" had been made with him.

Cabinets Taken, Too

These machines were contained in steel cabinets which were opened by the business men by working a combination. Bars prevented the machines from being lifted from the cabinets and Detective O'Reilly sent for a truck in which the cabinets and machines were taken away.

The detectives also waited at a restaurant operated by James

ploye of Tom Worland, appeared with keys with which to unlock bars retaining the machines in their cabinets. He was followed closely by Worland who did not have keys to release the first two machines seized and told the detectives to take the cabinets and all.

Detectives last night raided seven business places in the West End and confiscated slot machines and punch boards.

Timiney Returns

Meanwhile search for fugitive gangsters wanted for questioning in the Jack Kennedy murder continued with Detective Capt. George Timiney leading the chase. Capt. Timiney and Detectives Owen Green and Ray Scheets returned yesterday from a city in Ohio where they had been tracing a tip concerning the whereabouts of Yonnie Licavoli and four members of his mob.

The men are Ralph Carsello, Joseph (Wop) English, Joe Morcelli and John Marabella.

The Ohio Liquor Control commission at Columbus yesterday provided County Prosecutor Frazier Reams with a new means of combating racketeers when it revoked the license of a Columbus restaurateur to sell beer on the grounds he permitted slot machines to operate in his place.

It was announced the commission will begin a thorough investigation of the Black Hawk cafe, 513½ St. Clair street, operated by Kennedy, as a result of a request that the license for the place, which is held in the name of Eulice Popard, be transferred to J. L. Mason, 1016 Jackson street.

This announcement was made after Police Chief Daniel Wolfe had informed the commission of the circumstances surrounding Kennedy's sudden death and that Popard's whereabouts were unknown.

IS IDENTIFIED AS TOLEDOAN

With the body of the murder victim found on a city dump in Monroe, Mich., positively identified as that of W. G. Pochini, former Detroit baker, a mild investigation into the case centered on the bootleg trades Wednesday.

Byron Gilday, chief deputy sheriff of Monroe county, had no motive for the killing to follow, although other Monroe officers and Toledo detectives believed that Pochini, known here also as H. Serafini, had been operating as a hijacker recently.

Detectives were informed that Pochini was here Saturday night or Sunday seeking to sell alcohol under the market price. With their revenue fading as the result of the legalization of beer and a loosening of prohibition laws, those in the alcohol trade have been making a studied effort to increase and control the price of their stocks recently, it has been reported. This suggests that Pochini was killed because he violated the alcohol market "code" or else tried to sell stolen booze.

Identified by Brother

Identification of the dead man at the morgue of Eli Allore, coroner of Monroe, was made positive Tuesday night by Hugo Pochini, brother of the slain man, and Sam Spicuwzi, brother-in-law, both of Detroit.

Although Pochini's face was badly battered, his relatives recognized him and also identified a long scar on the second finger of his right hand. The two were accompanied to the morgue by Lieutenants Hogan and Griffith of the Detroit police department.

The body first was identified Tuesday by George Rudy, 30 Fifteenth street, former manager of the Fretti apartments, 22 Fifteenth street, where Pochini formerly

WAS TOLEDOAN

Investigation of Monroe Murder Centers on Bootleg Trades.

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lived. Richard Wilson, present manager of the Fretti apartments, looked at the body Monday and doubted that it was that of Pochini, who, he said, resided at the apartments from April to May with a woman believed to be his wife. He was asked to leave because of a violation of the apartment rules, Mr. Wilson said.

It was learned in Detroit that Pochini, known both as Quintillo Pochini and William Pochini, operated a large bakery in Detroit with his brother three years ago. This business was discontinued and he came to Toledo and for a short time operated a bakery in the 300 block of Vance street with a man named Dominick. He then went to work at the Columbia bakery in Front street.

Clues Are Traced

One report received in Monroe was to the effect that Pochini assisted unloading a truck full of sugar hijacked in Michigan and taken to Ohio recently, but this was not substantiated. Pochini was supposed to have received \$10 for the work.

Detective Captain William Rydman, with Detectives Ray Scheets and Owen Green were in Monroe Tuesday on the case. The slain man had no police record here, although he was known in circles frequented by hoodlums.

Pochini was born in Italy where he has a sister and a brother. He is survived also by his wife, Teresa, from whom he was separated a year ago, and two children, a daughter, Alice, 12, and a son, 4, all of Detroit. It was understood that the wife accompanied relatives to Monroe Tuesday night but remained in their automobile outside of the morgue.

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POLICE ROUND UP BANDIT QUARTET

Three Robbers Confess, Implicate Fourth After Two Are Identified

Arrest early today of a 32-year-old Gordon street man by Detectives Ray Scheets and Owen Green completed the quick rounding up of a quartet of bandits who held up three places of business here Tuesday night.

The three other robbers were arrested in a house on Bassett street early yesterday when Detectives Scheets and Green traced an auto used in the holdups.

The trio made oral statements admitting they had robbed the Franklin Creamery Co. branch at 1490 Sylvania avenue, the Hamburger Inn at 851 W. Central avenue and a Standard Oil filling station at Sylvania avenue and Secor road.

Return of Parole Violator Is Sought

Detectives Owen Green and Ray Scheets left for Columbus Tuesday to obtain extradition papers for the return to Toledo from Knoxville, Tenn., of a 19-year-old parole violator wanted here as a suspect in the holdup of the Corn City Savings association, 302 South St. Clair street, Feb. 11.

The youth was probated to County Detective James O'Reilly following a robbery in the 1600 block of Adams street, but failed to report for several months.

Four Deny Guilt In Shanty Slaying

Four of five Toledo youths indicted for the first degree murder April 30 in The Shanty restaurant, 4320 Monroe street, of Charles Mersing, 4524 Monroe street, a special watchman, who frustrated a robbery of the place, pleaded not guilty to the charges yesterday when arraigned before Judge Robert G. Gosline.

Youth Confesses Gas Station Holdup

William Culbertson, 19, of Route 4, Box 75, Dorr street, will be arraigned today in municipal court on a charge of robbing Carl Schmidt, 632 Brighton avenue, attendant at a Gulf gasoline station at Monroe street and Rushland avenue, of \$10 July 22.

Detectives asserted Culbertson has admitted the robbery. He was arrested by Detective Captain Willard Rydman and Detectives Owen Green, Ray Scheets, John Mullen and Frank DeLora on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Schmidt.

Payroll Holdup Arrest Is Made

A 35-year-old Toledo man was arrested Thursday night for questioning in connection with the holdup Wednesday of Samuel Weisman, of the National Cloak Co., 930 Summit street, who was robbed of \$925, payroll funds. The arrest was made by Detective Captain

Waite Goes Strong to Win; Snider Runs 85 Yards for Score on Opening Kickoff

BY DICK M'GEORGE

THE Waite high grid team scored five touchdowns on Lackawanna, N. Y., high in the bowl Friday night. Three of them were one-play affairs, one a two-play score and the other the culmination of a sustained drive from the visitors' 45-yard line. The final score was 33 to 0.

Red Snider, who was the big gun in the Waite offense, was the main figure in two of the one-play scores. He grabbed the opening kickoff on his own 15-yard line and with splendid interference raced through the entire New York team for the touchdown. Wright kicked the goal.

To many fans it was the play of the evening, nobody recalling the stunt being pulled in the bowl since Ray Scheets took a kickoff back of the goal in 1920 and ran 105 yards against Columbus West.

Snider's second effort came in the third period when Lackawanna opened a passing attack. He intercepted one of Marcy's tosses and streaked down the sidelines for 55 yards and another touchdown. Shortly after the second kickoff the teams exchanged punts and then exchanged fumbles with Lackawanna finally getting the ball on the Waite 30.

Marcy spun through tackle for 16 and then bucked to the 10. Another spinner put the ball on the seven but a fast charging Waite line broke through on the fourth down and tossed him for a big loss. A few minutes later, Waite threatened Lackawanna's goal but met a stubborn defense and lost the ball.

Marcy attempting to kick, was met by four Waite linemen who blocked the punt. Monk Meyers scooped up the ball and ran 12 yards for the score. Wright again kicked goal. Shortly after Snider had counted the third touchdown on the intercepted pass run, the Waiters took the ball in the center of the field and led by Vernon Knitz and Urbanyi carried the ball to the four where Knitz plunged for the score.

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Slain Policeman's Wife Breaks Down When Called to Witness Stand

Mrs. Charles Mersing, widow of Charles Mersing, slain Hampton park policeman, wept when she was called to testify Wednesday, in the first-degree murder trial of George Czupcinski, one of five youths indicted for killing her husband, in the Shanty restaurant, 4320 Monroe street, April 30. She was excused by Common Pleas Judge Roy R. Stuart.

Mrs. Mersing, a plainly dressed, middle-aged woman, faltered on the first question of Joel Rhinefort, assistant prosecutor.

"What is your name?" Mr. Rhinefort asked.

"Mrs. Charles. . . ." the widow sobbed.

Judge Stuart asked Mr. Rhinefort what he expected to prove by the witness. He said he hoped to show how Mersing was dressed and what his occupation was on the night of the murder. The state contends that Mersing was dressed as a policeman.

Mrs. Mersing continued to sob and Judge Stuart asked her if she would rather not testify. She said

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she preferred not to, and left the stand and courtroom weeping. Coroner Kreft was the second witness. He said there were five bullet wounds in Mersing's body and one .32 caliber steel bullet.

Shanty Owner Called.

William Russell, 1716 Macomber street, part owner of the Shanty, was the third witness. He said it was Mersing's custom to visit the Shanty each hour thru the night. On the night he was slain, Mr. Russell said Mersing wore a hat with a visor, a "zipper" jacket and puttees.

Mr. Russell described the holdup.

"I was standing in the kitchen doorway talking to Mersing," he said. "A man came up behind Mersing. He turned and one shot was fired. I shut the door as Mersing stepped outside and the shooting continued. I then looked out of a window and saw Mersing standing alone in front of the Shanty, but saw no one else."

Found Body.

He said that he, his son, daughter, his wife and a number of guests found Mersing's body outside a few minutes later. He said he would be unable to identify the man who appeared in the kitchen doorway. He said the policeman had a revolver in a holster at his side.

The witness was followed by his son, Lloyd A. Russell, a part owner of the restaurant. He told substantially the same story as his father. He said he was not certain Mersing's badge was exposed at the time of the shooting, but that it was his custom to wear it on the outside of his coat.

Jury Sees Scene.

Prior to calling the first witnesses, the jury visited the scene of the murder.

Three of the five indicted for the murder may turn state's evidence to testify against Czupcinski, it was

the Shanty, but that Obarski was not armed.

Jurors in the case, selected after the defense had exercised all of its six peremptory challenges and the state had exercised five of its six, are:

Complete Jury.

Mrs. Lois Ernst, 1465 Superior street; William J. Henricks, 150 Dartmouth drive; Mrs. Mary J. Feldman, 2317 Monroe street; Ed-

Widow of Slain Watchman Breaks Down After Taking Stand.

Mrs. Charles Mersing, wife of the slain night watchman for whose murder April 30 George Czupcinski is on trial, broken down at the start of her testimony in common pleas court Wednesday and was unable to continue. She was called as the state's first witness.

"Will you state your name to the jury," Joel S. Rhinefort, assistant county prosecutor, directed.

"Mrs. Charles—" began the witness but started sobbing. After a few moments Judge Roy R. Stuart asked Mr. Rhinefort what he wished to prove. The assistant prosecutor said he wanted to determine how Mr. Mersing had been dressed, the nature of his work and when Mrs. Mersing had last seen him.

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Mersing wore a badge but Russell was not sure whether it was on the cap. He said Mersing carried a pistol in a holster attached to a leather belt and that it was in plain view. Mersing, he said, usually visited the dining place about once every hour of the night.

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In his opening statement, Mr. Rhinefort asked that the death penalty be given. He said he expected the evidence would show the defendant was one of the trigger men in the attempted robbery and that the five youths participated in a robbery before the Shanty attempt and in another one afterward.

Mr. Schreiber's opening statement was brief. He said the defense expected the testimony to show that the defendant had no part in the crime.

All Challenges Used

In selecting the jury, the defense used all its six peremptory challenges and the state used five of its six. Members of the jury, six men and six women, are: Mrs. Mildred L. Allyn, 5326 Brandon

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A sign just outside the prison office entrance read at 7 o'clock Tuesday night: "Population today, 4,340." When we emerged it read: "Population today, 4,339."

SHANTY RESTAURANT

Alibi as in Shooting.

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Detectives Owen Green and Ray Scheets were to go to Cleveland Friday to attempt to locate two rings which Elliott is said to have confessed he took in holdups in that city.

to establish an alibi for Czapcinski at the time Charles Mersing, special policeman, was slain during an attempted holdup of the Shanty restaurant, 4320 Monroe street, early in the morning of April 30, were made Friday in the common pleas courtroom where Czapcinski is on trial for the murder.

Walter Zaborowski, 17, of Temperance, Mich., a defense witness, told of visiting his brother's home in Hausman street April 29 and of seeing Czapcinski there at 2:30 the next morning. Others at the house, he said, were Virginia, Hattie, Stanley and Anna Zaborowski and Stanley Wijas.

Stanley Zaborowski, 26, corroborated the alibi testimony of his brother, Walter. He said that he left his home at 131 Hausman street about 9 P. M., April 29 to go fishing with Eddie Czapcinski and returned about 11 P. M. The prisoner visited the home in the afternoon to see his sister, Hattie Zaborowski, the witness said. When he retired at 1:30 A. M., Zaborowski was on a davenport in the front room and was still there at 9 A. M. when he left to shoot craps.

Finds Group Drinking

Walter Zaborowski testified he attended a motion picture show in the downtown district at 10:30 P. M. and walked to the home of his brother. He found the group named in the kitchen drinking, the youth said.

Zaborowski told of taking a few

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Business Asserts Saw Czapcinski in Brother's Home.

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drinks himself and said that two pints of liquor were consumed by those present. When he retired at 2:30 A. M. everyone present was in bed with the exception of Hattie and Czapcinski, the witness said.

The youth told of visiting the house many times, but could recall only one date of such a visit, that of April 29. He remembered this, he said, because his sister, Anna, was ill and he saw a date on a bottle of medicine. This bottle, the witness related, was given to Attorney Cornell Schreiber for the defense of Eddie Czapcinski, brother of the defendant, Thursday.

Young Zaborowski admitted his sister, Josephine, who lives in Franklin avenue, is the wife of Eddie Czapcinski.

Druggist Identifies Bottle

Frank Pietrykowski, druggist at 2902 Elm street, identified a bottle exhibited to him by Attorney Schreiber as one he sold to Stanley Zaborowski at 11:30 P. M. April 30. It contained medicine to relieve pain, he asserted.

The first defense witness was Wilma Yarick, 2436 Cherry street, secretary to Coroner Frank G. Kreft. In a statement made to the coroner May 31, Miss Yarick said, Edward Kaminski, one of five youths indicted in connection for the crime, testified that he furnished guns used on the night of the killing. She also quoted testimony of Felix Kasprzak, one of those accused in the murder, as saying that Czapcinski was "feeling fair" on the night of the murder. John Obarski, another member of the murder gang, testified that Czapcinski was so intoxicated on the night of the crime that he was staggering, Miss Yarick said.

State Rests

The state rested its case Thursday noon when Judge Stuart adjourned court until 9 A. M. Friday to allow time for calling defense witnesses.

Found Guilty



George Czapcinski

George Czapcinski was found guilty of first degree murder in the slaying of Charles Mersing April 30 by a jury in common pleas court last night. The verdict was returned with a recommendation of mercy, making a life sentence mandatory with hope of pardon.

SHANTY MURDER TRIAL RESUMED

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JURY FINDS CZAPCINSKI GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER; MERCY

Case Is Presented to Members P. M.; Restaurant Waiter Called as Final Witness

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JURY FINDS SHANTY SLAYER GUILTY

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lunch, Detroit and Sylvania avenues, and of George Lewis, former proprietor of a shoe store in Phillips avenue, both of whom had testified Czapcinski had held up their places of business, Mr. Schreiber said: "If this youth is suspected of robbery, let the state try him on that charge. But do not convict a man of murder on the possibility that he may have, at some time or another, committed a robbery."

Other Arguments

The closing arguments of the case were presented by Assistant Prosecutor Harry Friberg, who spoke before Mr. Schreiber, and Assistant Prosecutor Joel Rhinefort.

Both pointed to the alibi as an obvious fiction. They denied the story told by the three indicted men

comment with no possibility of pardon. The verdict was returned after 20 minutes of deliberation.

The defendant, however, was in the court when he fell from a hammock and was reported.

Offered

Czapcinski was charged with four other youths, turned state's evidence on three charges named as an alibi that he was of the murder in the slaying of Mrs. Stanley Hausman street. He testified against his brother, named in the same case as John Obarski, Felix Edward Kaminski, Joe Kasprzak, also named in the case, who has not been apprehended.

Rebuttal

A final rebuttal was called by the state. Winmon, colored, was called to testify in the restaurant

GUNMAN FACES DEATH CHARGE IN GIRL KILLING

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ALIBI IS GIVEN IN SHANTY TRIAL

Defense Witness Asserts He Saw Czapcinski in Brother's Home.

Efforts to establish an alibi for George Czapcinski at the time Charles Mersing, special policeman, was slain during an attempted holdup of the Shanty restaurant, 4320 Monroe street, early in the morning of April 30, were made Friday in the common pleas courtroom where Czapcinski is on trial for the murder.

Walter Zaborowski, 17, of Temperance, Mich., a defense witness, told of visiting his brother's home in Hausman street April 29 and of seeing Czapcinski there at 2:30 the next morning. Others at the house, he said, were Virginia, Hattie, Stanley and Anna Zaborowski and Stanley Wijas.

Stanley Zaborowski, 26, corroborated the alibi testimony of his brother, Walter. He said that he left his home at 131 Hausman street about 9 P. M., April 29 to go fishing with Eddie Czapcinski and returned about 11 P. M. The prisoner visited the home in the afternoon to see his sister, Hattie Zaborowski, the witness said. When he retired at 1:30 A. M., Zaborowski testified, George Czapcinski was on a davenport in the front room and was still there at 9 A. M. when he left to shoot craps.

Finds Group Drinking

Walter Zaborowski testified he attended a motion picture show in the downtown district at 10:30 P. M. and walked to the home of his brother. He found the group named in the kitchen drinking, the youth said.

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THEFT SUSPECT FOUND IN PRISON

**Carl Covey, Wanted in
Owen Robbery, to Be
Returned Here.**

Carl Covey, 28, Toledo and Alma, Mich., one of six men wanted in connection with the holdup of the Owen's Bargain Wagons, Inc., 2221 Albion street, in October, 1932, when \$800 was taken from several employes, has been traced to the Eddysville penitentiary in Kentucky, detectives were informed today.

Two of the bandits who took part in the robbery are serving time in the Ohio penitentiary, two are on parole and one jumped his bond and became a fugitive from justice. Detectives Owen Green and Ray Scheets received information from police of Louisville that Covey received a three-year sentence for a robbery committed Oct. 16, 1932, in Louisville.

The officers said that Covey is

3 YOUTHS GET LIFE IN KILLING

**Guilty Pleas on Lesser
Charge Accepted in
Shanty Murder.**

Three Toledo youths who turned state's evidence in the recent trial of George Czapsinski, with whom they were jointly indicted for the first degree murder of Charles Mersing April 30 at the Shanty restaurant, 4320 Monroe street, stood mute today when Judge Roy R. Stuart imposed sentences of life imprisonment in the Ohio penitentiary on them.

The sentences were pronounced by Judge Stuart when the prisoners, John Obarski, Felix Kasprzak and Edward Kaminski, through their attorney, Marcus Friedman, changed their pleas of not guilty

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declined to stay the execution as had been asked persistently by Vacchiano's attorneys in pleas before the clemency board Thursday. The board recommended no stay and the governor, as was customary, followed the advice of the board.

Toledoans who witnessed the execution, including Sheriff David Krieger, Deputy William Bierwirth, Attorney Dan McCullough, one of the attorneys who represented Vacchiano, William Purcell and newspaper men, arrived at the penitentiary first about 5:30 P. M.

Preparations Evident

Even then there was evidence of the preparations for the task that lay before prison officials. Other newspaper men and police officials from other cities, Dayton, home of the killer, had started to arrive. The chaplain and two Toledo priests were leaving the prison. They had visited the prisoner. He had told them he was guilty.

By 6:45 the assemblage had grown to two score. The undertaker who was to prepare the body for immediate shipment to Dayton today was there. He said that Mrs. Mary Vacchiano and her brother had requested that the body be removed to Dayton immediately for services and burial in Mount Calvary cemetery.

Priests Visit Prisoner

The chaplain, Father John A. Sullivan, Columbus; Father Charles Doyle, Toledo, confessor for the prisoner and adviser to him while he was in jail in Toledo, and Father Raymond Gorman, also of Toledo, were ushered into the prison proper.

Warden Preston E. Thomas, upon the request of Toledo newspaper men, made his appearance. He brusquely denied any knowledge of the affairs of the prisoner, but said he understood Vacchiano made no denial of the murder. An hour earlier the prisoner admitted he committed the slaying.

Mr. Thomas said his wife had ordered a chicken dinner prepared for the prisoner. As to whether the meal was eaten he did not know. He refused to permit the newspaper men to interview Vacchiano, explaining that the last hours were for spiritual devotions that could not be interrupted.

Hatred Is Evident

Mr. Thomas said he knew nothing of the hatred that had sprung up between Bruno and Vacchiano. About the prison, however, it was common comment that Vacchiano had frowned upon his partner in the murder. Bruno and Vacchiano each had declined to testify for the other in the two murder trials.

It was the same display of venom and reckless hatred that had carried Vacchiano from a juvenile career of adventure to a ruthless career of banditry and killing.

Warden Thomas was attired in topcoat and stiff hat. A cane hung from his arm. In his hand he held a stack of passes that were handed to the witnesses as they filed past him and called out their identifications.

Witnesses Taken In

The witnesses were worked from one barred room to another until they emerged into the open prison yard.

Almost simultaneously Vacchiano, the 22-year-old killer, started his "walk up back."

The warden and a trim guard headed the file of witnesses as they walked along the high stone wall of the inner yard in the faint, ghastly light of a tell-tale spotlight perched high on a parapet. In muffled tones the twoscore men trod the length of the yard. Through a chilly chasm between a barren brick building and the high, rough stone wall they passed.

The prison yard was dark, excepting for the dull stream of flood lights. The walls of the dormitories were dark and silent except for one single corner where a sharp conversation, a complaining jangle of voices drifted through two windows. The fever of the execution seemed to be in the tones.

Guards Direct Witnesses

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"Thanks for every thing you've done," the prisoner answered.

The two attendants poised the leather hood over the prisoner's head. It slipped into position and then caught. It was raised to be readjusted. Vacchiano had closed his eyes. They remained so until the cap again went into place.

The guards stepped back. A third man took a step toward the door to the right of the chair. He knocked twice. Immediately from within could be heard a low buzz and a red light on the wall back of the prisoner lighted. Vacchiano's right hand clutched the end of the chair arm. The left, lying on top of the other chair arm, clenched into a tense fist. The body heaved

VACCHIANO DIES IN CHAIR FOR KILLING CLERK

Murderer Admits Guilt
Before His Execution
for Park Lane
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CARRIES CRUCIFIX
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At the far end of the yard, behind the buildings, light streamed from an open door at ground level. Two uniformed guards directed the witnesses within.

As each stepped through the door, a guard commanded, "Take off your hats."

It was the death chamber. It was in a one-story, brick building, with a ground level floor of cement. It was rectangular in shape, the size of a large living room.

At one side, against the inner wall directly in the center, was a dais extending a third of the way across the room. On either side of the dais was a door.

Surmounting it was a chair. Except for the trappings it might have been a rough throne. It was the death chair.

Hardly had the witnesses been arranged within, all standing, when a slight commotion was heard at the door to the left. The door swung open and Vacchiano stepped into the barren room. He seemed to walk in a trance, chest forward, legs possibly just a little uncertain. A smile played on his face. He stepped like a bather, venturing uncertainly toward an offset beyond which was an unknown adventure.

Adjust Position

As he sat down in the chair, his body plopped back against the crude framework as if he had misjudged the elevation of the seat. He adjusted himself comfortably

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The buzz almost faded and the body relaxed. The fingers loosened. It revived again. A faint sound as from crackling, stiff paper came from the body that again had tautened. A curl of smoke arose from the right leg. The electrode on the head sizzled.

Body Examined

Dr. Frank Keil, prison physician, motioned with his right hand and the buzzing ceased. He ordered the high windows opened. The body again relaxed. The red light went out. The prisoner's shirt was opened. A stethoscope told the doctor that the state had fulfilled its orders.

The physician, in the formality of the law, announced that an electric current had been passed through the body of Frank Vacchiano of sufficient strength and time that he was dead. Warden Thomas stood near the chair with his cane hanging on his arm during the electrocution. He then promptly marched out.

The electrodes were removed. The cap was lifted. It appeared no longer to be Frank Vacchiano. The penalty had been paid.

McLaughlin Slain in Lobby of Hotel

Frank Vacchiano, Dayton killer

VACCHIANO DIES IN CHAIR FOR KILLING CLERK

Murderer Admits Guilt Before His Execution for Park Lane Slaying.

CARRIES CRUCIFIX INTO DEATH ROOM

Gunman Smiles as State Exacts Penalty for Taking Life of Hotel Man.

BY RUSSELL BREMER
Of The Blade Staff

Columbus, Dec. 30—The venom in the heart of Frank Vacchiano sent him to his death, a valiant but pitiful death in the electric chair.

He died with something of a dash of recklessness, as he had lived, at 7:35 P. M. last night for the admitted ruthless slaying of John J. McLaughlin, Park Lane hotel clerk, March 29.

Only a few hours before his death the venom still was in his heart, the venom that made him a killer, the venom that turned him against his partner in crime, Albert Bruno, in death row, sentenced to meet the fate of Vacchiano Jan. 11.

In the last few hours his spirit, which relatives had pleaded was an insane spirit, changed.

Shuffles Into Chamber

As he haltingly shuffled into the death chamber of Ohio penitentiary to meet his fate, decreed in a sentence by Judge Robert Gosline, only a trace of the old bravado remained. Surmounting it was a peace that wreathed the killer's countenance in a not unpleasant smile.

As he entered the death chamber, the condemned man bore before him a silver crucifix. A step from the death chair he halted and kissed the crucifix.

The chaplain, standing before the chair, asked, "Are you all right

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Young Bandit Sticks Up Shop Fourth Time, Gets Caught

Orvil Goate of Gibsonburg is the pitcher that went once too often to the well.

Orvil found that the Sanitary Hand laundry at 1308 Adams street was an easy place to stick up and it was always good for ten or twelve dollars.

Orvil didn't have a job and he needed money to eat, or at least that's his story.

Made Four Trips.

So he went back to the well of money four times, 30 miles on an electric line each way.

Monday the police had prepared a reception committee in the person of Detective Owen Green who had waited day after day for the expected visitor.

"That's all there is to it" says the nice-looking, 19-year-old holdup man.

"Yuh, hafta eat. I couldn't get a job. So I've been trying to earn my living this way for the last month and a half. I guess I'll just hafta take it."

Investigate Story.

The youth said he and his mother lived with his grandfather until last spring when the grandfather died. Orvil Goate quit the Gibsonburg High school in his junior year. He couldn't get a job. He said he and his mother were unable to get themselves put on the relief lists. Police are investigating the story.

At any rate it got to be a habit with Orvil Goate to take an electric car at Gibsonburg, get off at the Interurban station in Toledo and stroll out to the Sanitary Hand laundry. There he would hold up the proprietor, rifle the cash register, run down 14th street to Jackson, out across to Canton, back to the Interurban station and catch the next car for Gibsonburg.

Five-Day Vigil Ends.

Then came the five-day vigil of Detective Green. Shortly before 4 p. m. Monday the proprietor, Mrs. Rebecca Lebovitz, had a premonition that the place would be robbed again.



Orvil Goate

Weisler to do the same. Miss Rudick was pushed aside by the robber as he entered. Miss Dorr was in the rear of the shop.

The first time the bandit held up the shop was Oct. 21. Each time he had been successful. The first time Mrs. Lebovitz and Miss Dorr were alone in the laundry. The second time Mrs. Laura Durell was with them and the third time Miss Dorothy Parker was present when the bandit appeared.

Men Identified by Wife of Owner; Third Is Still at Large

Two members of a robber trio responsible for the theft of jewelry, valued at \$1,000, two slot machines and \$70 in cash at the Forest Inn on the Dixie highway, north of Toledo in Michigan, were arrested here last night a short time after the robbery.

Mrs. Forest Myers, wife of the proprietor, told police the three men entered and sat down at a table. One then went upstairs to a wash-room.

Investigating later she discovered a room upstairs had been ransacked and the money, a wrist watch and three diamond rings missing.

The two men downstairs then seized two slot machines and carried them to their auto in which they escaped. The third man fled on foot.

Mrs. Myers gave police the license number and Detectives Owen Green and Ray Scheets saw the machine parked near Tenth and Monroe streets. After a short wait they arrested three men who approached.

Two were identified by Mrs. Myers and three other women who were in the inn at the time, police said. The suspects are said to have admitted stealing the slot machines, looting them of \$12 and then selling them for \$9. They said they did not know where their companion had gone.

rhyme Without Reason (or Meter) in Valentine Tributes to Toledo's Great and Near Great

By BETTY BIRCH

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for your dentist or your boss, for
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as much rhyme, reason and meter,
e you Valentines with the personal
for a few prominent Toledoans.

Mount this one on lavender and old
lace and send it to Mayor Solon T. Klotz:

*"A Valentine for Klotz, the mayor,
Who emulates Pandora, fair:
She opened up her box of woe—
And Klotz to city hall did go.
Pandora struggled with her bugs;
And Klotz with graft and crime and thug.
Though poets of the girl have sung,
You know she was badly stung."*

Address this one to the manager of
Toledo's Town Hall:

*"Now Mrs. Flora Ward Hinesline
Deserves a pretty Valentine.
She brings us writers, singers, hunters
and many other cultured stunters.
So, for the well-known Town Hall series
We'll all stand up and give three cheer-ies!"*

Judge Lee Murlin, who won the Cham-
ber of Commerce award for being the
youngest Toledoan who has done the
most for the city, and who has done a lot
of re-vamping of the municipal court,
certainly deserves a Valentine ditty.
We're sorry, judge, about the meter.

*"Judge Lee Murlin's ingenuity
Cleaned the court of ambiguity,
Gave the laws more perspicuity,
Won him a prize for conspicuity
For civic-minded assiduity—
And any more of this would be a superfluity!"*

Our county prosecutor has been one of

the busiest men in town during the past
months, ridding the town of gangsters,
slot machines and what-nots.

*From the South came Frazier Reams,
"White-haired boy" who smiles and beams,
And gets most things his way it seems
In working out his well-laid schemes.*

*Mr Reams: A Valentine—
Why don't you come up some time?*

Sinclair Walbridge has done a re-
markable piece of work with Toledo's
community chest during the years of
depression and need, and his name
would be on any civic Valentine list:

*"You've run Toledo's Community Chest
That helped the needy from east side to west;
You deserve a nice poem for doing your best—
You'd get one if I were Edgar A. Guest."*

Mary Huggins VanDoren has aided in
making Toledo more music conscious.
For her recitals, her numbers with sym-
phony orchestras, her lecture course on
music appreciation—to say nothing of
her personality—she gets a Times Val-
entine:

*"You talked on music appreciation
And many a Babbitt, without hesitation,
Turned music lover—or good imitation—
And now talks of Brahms instead of inflation."*

Esther Antin, prominent Toledo attor-
ney, created the year's matrimonial sen-

sation when she married Louis U
myer, famous poet, in New York:

*"Hearts and flowers for Esther Antin
Who set the local tongues a-runtin'
When she strummed the poet's lyre
And came home with Untermeuer."*

Owen Green and Ray Sheets, c
tives, did one of the outstanding b
police work of the year, in quickly
ing up that Monroe street Shanty
der. So—

*"Green and Sheets deserve a rhyme
On a lacy Valentine
For the sleuthing they have done
To put gangsters on the run."*

And to conclude the list of
the Toledoans who should be re-
bered on Valentine's day, Chester
ton, poetic member of the Times
comes to the rescue and pays tribu-
the head of Toledo's Social Service
eration:

*1933 was definitely 'dramatic
Frequently fantastic
In a world essentially erratic
Where life was scarcely ecstatic
For the poor.*

*Yet thirteen thousand households
Were fed and housed and heated
Were clothed and cheered and treated
Gently by an able man and bold.*

*This his story we have told,
Thus our Valentine of gold
With fancy lace on
We send to Mister Wendell Johnson,*

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ALBERT BRUNO MUST DIE IN CHAIR TONIGHT

Governor White Rejects
Mercy Plea After
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BLADE REPORTER
GIVEN INTERVIEW

Condemned Man Denies
Shooting McLaughlin
in Raid at Park
Lane Hotel.

BY EARL AIKEN
Of The Blade Staff

Columbus, Feb. 6—Albert Bruno, the killer, gave me one of the last few precious hours of his life as he waited in his tiny cell in the Ohio state penitentiary today for his electrocution, which will take place about 7:30 tonight.

The 25-year-old gunman, who once was a Pittsburgh barber, adopted a fatalistic attitude as he discussed many things. As we talked, he did not know that Gov. George White had refused to grant a reprieve that would delay his execution.

Governor White, acting on the unanimous recommendation of the state board of paroles, which heard a review of the Bruno case Monday afternoon, announced today that he would not halt the electrocution.

Denies Killing

Bruno was wearing blue serge trousers, a vest and a white shirt open at the throat, revealing a scapular around his neck. As we talked through a metal grating, his thoughts turned to the morning of March 29 when he and Frank Vacchiano, Dayton killer, crashed into the lobby of the Park Lane apartments and shot John J. McLaughlin, night clerk, to death. He expressed bitterness toward Fred Taylor, bell boy, who escaped being murdered as he made himself a running target for the killers' guns.

"He's the one guy that knows that I am not guilty. If he would tell the truth, he would have to admit that my back was turned to McLaughlin when he was shot. I didn't even see McLaughlin fall. It all happened so quickly that I didn't have a chance to think about it.

"I did chase that bell hop to scare him a little, but he's the one

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BRUNO MERCY PLEA IS DENIED

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who knows that I did not shoot at McLaughlin."

Denounces Attorney

Continuing in a bitter train of thought, the killer denounced attorneys who defended him during his murder trial here. He believed that his defense was inadequate and complained because no character witnesses were introduced and because nothing was brought out about his character by the defense.

"This trouble has taught me one thing," Bruno said. "I have found out who my real friends were. Those I thought were friends ran out on me. Of all the people I never thought would be my friends were two detectives, Owen Green and Ray Scheets.

"When I met those two fellows I hated them and told them so. Since then I found out that they are two real guys and turned out to be two of my very best friends. I hope Owen and Ray are down here to see me take my bow."

Bruno launched into some philo-

sophical observations about death.

Tells of Mother's Visit

"Well, what the hell, it's just like being an air mail pilot. You've got to die some time, only I don't like to go out with this against me," he said.

The killer told of motion pictures featuring airplane pilots he had seen and of reading stories concerning the feats of aviators.

"You know, when a flier is about to crack up he makes a salute to somebody. I sorta feel that way, only I haven't got anybody to salute."

Bruno was asked if he wished to send any word to anyone in Toledo.

"If anyone in Toledo is interested, tell 'em I said hello."

Bruno discussed a number of varied subjects during the interview and at times smiled and grinned. He told of a visit his mother, Mrs. Cometti Bruno of Pittsburgh, made to his cell Monday morning. It was a surprise.

Regrets Extra Cost

"My heart leaped clear over to the other side of the room when she walked in," Bruno said. "You know she entered a taxicab and told the driver she wanted to see her son who was in jail.

"The taxi driver took her to the county jail and then brought her here."

Bruno seemed to resent the extra cost of the trip to his mother. He did not know that his parent was making frantic efforts to gain an interview with the governor and make a last minute appeal for his life. Indications at the state house were that the executive would not see Mrs. Bruno.

Bruno said that he had read in the papers about Frazier Reams, Lucas county prosecutor, being interested in lie detectors.

English Offers Comments

"I would like to go out and buy the best one made," he said. "I would like to use it on myself and then on George Timiney, Prosecutor Reams, Rhinefort and Bunge (Joel Rhinefort and Arnold Bunge, assistant prosecutors) and those two witnesses and see who is telling the truth."

As Bruno talked, his next door neighbor in the death house, Joe (Wop) English, also of Toledo, listened in on the conversation and offered some comments.

English is awaiting electrocution for the murder of Jackie Kennedy in Point Place July 7. He was in good spirits and read a letter he had just received from DeWitt Fisher, one of his defense attorneys, in which the attorney indicated that he would take English's appeal to an outside court. English was highly optimistic for one in his situation.

He asked about a number of the boys back home and occasionally took setting up exercises in his cell.

"I gotta keep in shape, you know," the prisoner said.

English understood that Warden Preston E. Thomas was once a boxer and expressed the desire to go a couple of rounds with his keeper. The Wop was a boxer himself in happier days.

Bruno did not make any special request for items to be included in his last meal. Before being taken to the gallows he will be given the trimmings, pre-

ALBERT BRUNO RAILS AT FATE, DIES IN CHAIR

Slayer Spurns Assistance
in Walking His Last
Steps; Launches Into
Bitter Tirade.

HITS PROSECUTOR,
FORMER LAWYER

"Me a Murderer? Why
I Wouldn't Kill a
Chicken;" One
Man Faints.

BY EARL AIKEN
Of The Blade Staff

Columbus, Feb. 7.—Albert Bruno, 26, Toledo, paid with his life in Ohio penitentiary here Tuesday night for his part in the slaying of John J. McLaughlin, Park Lane hotel clerk in Toledo—paid with terrible bitterness in his heart but disdaining to exhibit fear of death.

Hardly had the 35 spectators assembled in the death chamber when a door opened suddenly. Before entering, Bruno, puffing the stub of a cigar, stuck his head through the doorway and stared at the electric chair.

For a split second he stood there. Then suddenly he took off his glasses with one quick jerk. The glasses struck his cigar. Bruno brushed at his chest as sparks and ashes showered him. Quickly he removed a ring from his finger, handed it to a friend and started forward.

A guard held his hand supportively under Bruno's right elbow. Bruno jerked away impatiently.

"I Can Get There Myself"

"Let go," he snapped. "Hell, I can get there all right by myself. I don't need any help."

Without hesitation he flung himself heavily into the death chair, looked at the chair arms, glanced down at his feet and then peered at the row of faces in front of him. Without glasses, Bruno's weak eye muscles twitched rapidly, spasmodically.

Silently, swiftly two guards fussed with contraptions around the chair. Bruno turned his head from side to side, watching the proceedings.

The room was deathly silent. "Say, wait a minute," Bruno demanded suddenly. "Don't I get a chance to talk here a minute?"

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Bruno Pays Death Penalty After Loosing Bitter Tirade

Slayer Spurns Assistance in Walk to Chair, Then
Denounces Prosecutor, Lawyers and Others;
"Me a Murderer? I Wouldn't Kill a Chicken."

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Can't I say something? Don't be in such a hurry."

Greets Sheriff

The guards stopped, straightened up, looked at Bruno, then at Warden Preston Thomas and moved one step away.

"Is there anybody in the crowd here that I know?" Bruno asked as he peered intently from face to face. He saw Sheriff Dave Krieger. "Oh, hello, Dave. Say, I didn't know you'd come down here to see me like this." Bruno seemed resentful.

"I didn't have any choice in the matter, Al," the sheriff replied.

Bruno then launched into a bitter tirade against Frazier Reams, prosecuting attorney; his former lawyer, and others who, in his opinion, had wrongly sent him to the chair. He talked on and on, sometimes slowly, deliberately, at moments apparently searching for words, then snapping off rapidly-voiced sentences of resentment. Much of it was a repetition of what he had told me several hours earlier in a lengthy interview.

Questions Warden

The guards moved uneasily. Bruno stopped, stared at the floor, then glanced toward Warden Thomas.

"Say, you're the warden, ain't you? Well, listen. How's come even down here I can't get a fair shake? There was some movies I wanted to see. I wanted to hear some radio programs. I had several friends put in requests for me. How come you wouldn't give me a break?"

"This is the first I knew of such a request, Al," the warden replied in an undertone.

"Well," continued the condemned man, "this is a hell of a thing. Why, my mother's coming here tomorrow to see me. She thinks I'll be here. Instead of that, I'm going out in a pine box."

"Listen, all you fellows. I'm not afraid of what's going to happen to me here in a minute; but listen—me a murderer. Murderer? Why, I wouldn't kill a chicken . . . Home in a pine box as a murderer. That's a fine thing."

Bruno stopped, shook his head, then resumed.

Sorry for His Mother

"Well," he said slowly, "I'm sorry about going out this way. I'm sorry for mother . . . sorry I brought disgrace on my family in this way . . . Me a murderer."

His chin lowered. Bruno seemed lost in reverie. One of the guards resumed preparations.

"Aw, wait a minute," barked Bruno as he jerked his head and tugged at the steel bands holding his arms to the chair. "Don't get so excited. Hell, I'm exci—WAIT a minute." The guard stepped back again. Bruno seemed to catch himself at the word excited. He seemed resentful at his slip.

"Can I have a drink of water?" he inquired.

Someone extended a tin cup. Bruno tried to reach for it but was strapped down. The guard stepped closer with the water. Bruno sipped twice, licked his lips, then took a long sip.

"Where's that newspaper man I talked to this morning," he asked suddenly.

I stood directly in front of Bruno, six feet away. He saw me, looked

Bruno's head. The condemned man saw it, looked away and fixed his eyes on the wall directly ahead of him and back of the rigid spectators.

The mask dropped. The Catholic prison chaplain leaned forward, squeezed Bruno's body, clutched left hand, gave it a pat and stepped back.

An appalling silence. Then a dull metallic crunch outside. Simultaneously a whine, a high pitched "wee" of murderous voltage. Bruno's body stiffened, strained against the straps. That spiteful whine of current continued.

It stopped. Started again. Crackling, horrid little noises.

Smoke Curls Up

A thread of smoke curled upward from Bruno's bare right leg. It was 7:42 P. M.

Death had taken charge. Something heavy fell against my right shoulder. William Harding, 335 Rockingham street, a jeweler, guest there of Deputy Clarence Fall, was sinking to the floor.

"Open that window," a guard whispered. Two men picked up the man, carried him outside. He was revived quickly.

The prison doctor, meanwhile, had made his official examination of the man in the chair announcing in formal manner, "Albert Bruno is dead."

"That's all, gentlemen," said a guard. "Step lively."

Among the spectators was J. J. Urschel, Toledo business man, who happened to be in the city and who attended his first execution as my guest. He had known Mr. McLaughlin, victim of the revenge of Bruno's friend, Frank Vacchiano, Dayton, who paid with his life in the same chair Dec. 29.

Other Toledo spectators included Jay Gilday, chief jailer at the Lucas county jail; Detective Ralph Van Vorce, William Owens of the county auditor's office, Frank Sherman, another deputy, and Alton Miller of the Newsboys' association.

Others who witnessed the execution were Probate Judge Peter W. Gullau, Port Clinton; Norton Rosentreter, prosecuting attorney, Port Clinton; Nick Stevens, Port Clinton; Al Bennett, Oak Harbor; several newspaper men, and Bruno's last attorneys, John Nolan and Hugo Chestosky.

Directs Own Appeals

All of the last-minute appeals were directed by Bruno. He sent a telegram to President Roosevelt, another to Prosecutor Reams. It arrived half an hour before Bruno's execution.

Later in the day Bruno had grown increasingly bitter. He tore up his prayer book, the warden said, and broke his rosary, declaring he had prayed not to be convicted and now had lost faith in prayer. He ate sparingly of his final meal.

As members of the death watch stepped from their automobiles in front of the penitentiary just before the execution their attention was drawn to a huge electric sign, half a block away, blazing an announcement of a company's product-caskets.

A sign just outside the prison office entrance read at 7 o'clock Tuesday night: "Population today, 4,340." When we emerged it read: "Population today, 4,339."

SUSPECT HELD GIRL'S DEATH TALKS IN QUIZ

Asks Without Penalty on Charge He's Held For

The degenerate held as a suspect in the murder of Ethel Norris, young Ohio woman, is becoming legal-minded after a 48-hour session with detectives, and Saturday seemed to be ready to make a bargain for his confession.

The 40-year-old man has made many inquiries about the law. Although he has not denied murdering Ethel Norris, whose battered body was found in a culvert near Erie, Mich., Monday, he has asked what sentence he would receive in the event he confesses.

Detectives gave the man respite Monday night Friday after hammering him with questions throughout the day. He, still as convinced he killed Ethel Norris. They hoped Friday to hasten another sex murder on him—the slaying May 5, 1932, of Winifred Rafferty, Robinwood hospital waitress. The suspect gave an alibi which may eliminate him from that case, however.

Women Identify Him.

Detectives used psychology in questioning the man. Thursday night after his capture in his home on Hollywood avenue he was not questioned. But six women were brought in at hour intervals and each identified him in attacks.

Friday five women identified him. Between showups detectives questioned the man. At first he talked a little. He said he had attacked prostitutes. As the identifications continued he became more nervous and thoughtful.

Meanwhile detectives are checking bloodstains found Friday on a weighing machine and nearby leaves on the McClain farm on Suder avenue, three miles north of the Michigan line. Analyses will be made here to determine if the stains are human blood.

Pencil May Be Clew.

Authorities are certain the murder took place in Michigan. Dr. Kreft determined at an autopsy Thursday night that the girl was dead when she was placed in the culvert.

Sheriff Joseph Bairley of Monroe county also was checking to learn the identity of the owner of a woman's silver mechanical pencil engraved with the name "S. R. found on the Dixie highway near a culvert a quarter-mile from the place where the slaying was found.

Alibi of Suspect in Murder Of Girl Is Declared Broken

as the man who attacked them. The attacks have occurred during the last year. He would pick them up on a downtown street, drive them into the country, usually into Michigan, and attack them, the women said. Although questioned for hours yesterday the prisoner refused to answer. Asked directly about the killing of Miss Young, he merely

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Detectives Owen Green and Ray Scheets succeeded late yesterday in exploding the suspect's alibi.

The falsity of the supposed alibi was revealed by discrepancies in the statements made by the prisoner, his wife, and his sister-in-law, police revealed.

His wife said she spent Saturday night at the home of her brother. Her husband, who had been with her, left at 11:30 p. m., she said. The time of the murder has been fixed at sometime early Sunday.

The sister-in-law who lives in the Hollywood avenue home of the prisoner, said he returned home Saturday night shortly after she and her husband drove into the garage. But the prisoner told detectives his brother and sister-in-law were in bed when he returned and he did not see them.

He called for his wife about noon Sunday. Six women identified the suspect

Suspect in Girl's Murder Intimates He'll Admit Crime

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shrugged his shoulders and declined to answer.

Each of the women who identified the prisoner told detectives he threatened to kill them if they disobeyed his commands.

Police now believe the girl was killed when pushed out of a speeding auto.

The girl was dead before she was placed in the culvert, Corner Frank G. Kreft determined at an autopsy Thursday night in the Walter mortuary. Burial of the victim was delayed until yesterday morning at 9 o'clock to permit the post mortem examination. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon.

Monroe authorities said yesterday they believed the girl was killed in Monroe county. They base their belief on the discovery yesterday of bloodstained leaves on the McClain farm on Suder avenue, three miles north of the Ohio line.

The deputies, Lynn Minney and William Hoffman, also found blood stains on the weighing scales on the farm. They gathered some bloodstained ice in the culvert where the body was found. The leaves and ice were taken to Monroe and will be brought here where an analysis will be made to see if the blood is that of the slain woman.

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IN GIRL MURDER

Expected to Break Under Quiz; Identified by 7 Women as Attacker.

Refusing to answer questions, a 40-year-old suspect in the slaying of Ethel Young, 23, whose body was found under a culvert near Monroe, Mich., Monday night, was expected to break down today under the almost constant grilling to which he has been subjected.

The prisoner, a narcotic addict, was identified Thursday night by six women as the man who attacked them recently in the manner of a degenerate. The murder of Miss Young is believed to have occurred Saturday night or early Sunday.

The suspect declared today he was at his home Saturday night but detectives who have checked his activities declare he is not telling the truth.

Refuses to Answer

Asked directly about the killing of Miss Young, he refused to answer, merely shrugging his shoulders and hanging his head. He admitted having been with street women, but said he didn't know whether any of them were those reported to have identified him in a police showup. He explained that he couldn't see the women when they looked at him through the screen in the showup room. He denied having committed any acts of degeneracy.

A seventh woman of the streets

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IN GIRL MURDER

Expected to Break Under Quiz; Identified by 7 Women as Attacker.

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identified the suspect at noon today, detectives announced. Most of them said they had been picked up by the man, always on Saturday nights or early Sundays, and that he carried a gun. Police have been unable to find a gun in the suspect's home.

Threatened With Death

Each of the women who identified the prisoner told detectives today that the man had always threatened them with death if they obeyed him, several quoting him as declaring: "You wouldn't be the first one I've killed."

Detectives today also announced that Miss Young's hat, for which they have been searching, was found Thursday by a man 1 1/2 miles from where the body was found. The finder, detectives said, had given the hat to a Monroe woman bootlegger who burned it.

Detectives believe that the suspect may be the killer who attacked and beat Winnifred Rafferty, Robinwood hospital maid, to death in the 2200 block of Robinwood avenue in May, 1932.

Officers Besiege Home

The man held was arrested after a large squad of detectives watched a home in the 2300 block of Hollywood avenue for four hours Thursday, finally forcing the suspect to surrender when they threatened to break into the home.

Less than 10 minutes after he was taken to the Safety building he was identified by a woman of the streets as the man who in September drove her in his automobile to a place near Erie, Mich., and then subjected her to mistreatment under threat of death.

The woman viewed the suspect in a lineup of prisoners, and trembled as she glanced at him. She was too upset to identify positively the man in the lineup, but, confronting him in the turnkey's office a short time later, openly accused him of having attacked her and dared him to deny the charge.

Says He Offered Her Money

She accused him of offering her money for her company in his car, and then told him, in the presence of police officers, the treatment to which he had subjected her.

Following this identification and that of five other women of the streets in similar lineups Thursday night detectives said they are convinced that the suspect has some knowledge of the death of Miss Young.

One of the women told police that after she was mistreated by the suspect she kicked violently at his automobile as she was leaving it. Detectives checked the car located in a garage at the man's home and found the impression of her heel on the side of the car where she said she had kicked it. Each of the women who identified the suspect Thursday night had been taken outside the city limits, usually to points in lower Michigan, near the place where Miss Young's body was found.

This fact strengthened the police theory, held for two days, that Miss Young was the victim of a degenerate and was slain after she resisted his advances and refused his demands.

At least 10 street women have been treated in the manner de-

Others to View Prisoner

Other women and girls who have been victims of molesters, including several who were attacked in West Toledo a few weeks ago, will look at the prisoner.

The suspect, traced through a license number and description of his car, refused to allow officers to enter his home Thursday, although eight officers surrounded the house.

The officers visited a store nearby where a woman, who police say is the suspect's common law wife, is employed and asked her aid in getting into the home. She refused to help them.

After a watch of several hours failed, Detectives Emmett Cairl and Harry Clark of the homicide squad went to the Safety building to obtain an assault and battery warrant, which would give them authority to enter the home forcibly if necessary.

While they were obtaining the warrant, on testimony of two women, other officers who remained at the Hollywood avenue home threatened to break in the door if the suspect did not surrender. He opened the door for them and surrendered peaceably.

Woman Arrested

Meanwhile the woman left her work and was watching the officers. As the man surrendered she tried to enter the home and was arrested after a struggle with two officers. She was released after being questioned at the Safety building.

Besides Detectives Clark and Cairl, other officers who took part in the raid and arrest of the suspect were Detectives Owen Green and Ray Scheets, who obtained the information concerning the man; Detectives John McCarthy, John Michalak and Arthur Brown of the hoodlum squad and Detective Capt. Willard Rydman.

Another development in the case came Thursday night when Coroner Frank G. Kreft of Lucas county and Coroner Eli Allore of Monroe performed an autopsy on Miss Young's body in the Walter funeral home and definitely announced she died of a fractured skull. The triple fracture was caused by a fall, Coroner Kreft said, probably by the woman being pushed out of a speeding automobile. Burial services for the girl, to have been held Thursday afternoon, were halted to permit the autopsy.

Three wounds on the head were believed to have been caused by the barrel of a pistol, since comparison of a pistol barrel with the cuts fitted perfectly. A bruise on the lip corresponded with the marks which would be made by a pistol cartridge chamber. Bruce Young, Neapolis, a brother, attended the autopsy as did Arnold Bunge of the prosecutor's staff; Dr. Paul Hohly and Detective John Hovey, Toledo and Sheriff Joseph Bairly and Deputy Lynn Minnow, Monroe.

Checking Other Cars

Detectives are still checking two other automobiles in the belief they may have been used in the crime. One, stolen in Warren street, was recovered in Valparaiso, Ind., with the rear seat stained with blood. It contained a woman's coat. Another car taken in the Indiana city about the time of the recovery of the Toledo car was found in Monroe Wednesday.

Checking the record of the suspect arrested Thursday, officers learned the man was first arrested in 1903 in Uniontown, Pa., and was sent to a boys' industrial school. He was paroled, returned to the institution as a parole violator and escaped in 1906. He was arrested here in 1911, charged with assault to kill. This charge was reduced to

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Railroader retires After 41-Year Job

Charles William Litten, 71
3809 Hoffman avenue, car ins
in the Michigan Central.

Suspect Says

Hollywood Avenue Man
Asserts Ethel Young
Leaped From His Car
Near Monroe.

Taken to Michigan

Barnett Breaks After
Maintaining Silence
Under Long Grilling
by Detectives.

Harry C. Barnett, 40, of 2364 Hollywood avenue, confessed yesterday that Ethel Young, 28, whose mysterious death authorities had been trying to solve since her body was discovered Monday near Monroe, was killed when she jumped from his auto.

Two hours after he made his verbal statement to detectives in the Safety building, Monroe authorities came for him and took him there.

Barnett was arrested Thursday by a squad of detectives who surrounded his home. Six women identified him as the man who had picked them up on downtown streets, driven to the vicinity of the scene where Miss Young's body was found, and there attacked them, police said.

Asks About Sentence

The prisoner was questioned repeatedly but all day Friday he refused to talk. He finally asked Detective Emmett Cairl what sentence he would have to serve if he confessed, and this was the first indication he gave of knowing something about the death. He told Detective Cairl to return yesterday and promised to talk.

He was questioned throughout the morning yesterday but it was not until 2 p. m. he told his story to Detective Captain Williard Rydman and Detective



Following hours of grilling, Harry C. Barnett, 40, of 2364 Hollywood avenue, confessed yesterday that Ethel Young, 28, whose mysterious death authorities had been trying to solve since her body was discovered Monday near Monroe, was killed when she jumped from his auto. Owen Green, 28, of 2364 Hollywood avenue, confessed from his auto early Sunday on a highway near Monroe, Mich., police said.

Ethel Young Killed In Jump From Auto Suspect Confesses

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turn around. He said he intended to take the woman to a Monroe hospital. Before he reached the scene he noticed another car, he said, and when he was unable to find Miss Young, he said he assumed the other motorist had picked her up.

His Version Believed

Detectives are for the most part inclined to believe the prisoner's version of the death as accidental. The manner in which Miss Young got into the culvert where she was found was not determined. Police believe it possible for her to

TOLEDO GIRL'S DEATH SOLVED BY CONFESSION OF SUSPECT

Clears Death Mystery



HARRY C. BARNETT

SAYS WOMAN DIED IN LEAP OUT OF A

Mystery shrouding the death of Ethel
whose body was found in a culvert three
of Monroe, Mich., Monday evening, was
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Barnett, 40, of 2364 Hollywood avenue, who
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Barnett said that the death was accidental
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TELLS SHERIFF HE WILL TALK

"I'll Give You a Good Story
Monday," Barnett Says
to Monroe Sheriff

News-Bee State Service.

MONROE, Mich., Feb. 19.—More details of the death of Ethel Norris, 26, were to be related Monday by Harry Barnett, 40-year-old degenerate who confessed Saturday the young Toledo woman fell from his auto on a highway near where her body was found.

Barnett is in the Monroe county jail.

"If you'll lay off me until Monday, I'll give you a good story," Barnett told Sheriff Joseph Bairley Saturday when he was being taken to Monroe after admitting to Toledo police that Miss Norris leaped from his auto.

Charge Is Prepared.

Unless Barnett changes the story he told detectives here, he will be charged with second degree murder.

Sheriff Bairley believes the woman was murdered. Barnett's confession did not explain how the girl's body came to be stuffed into the culvert.

Denies Hiding Body.

In his original story, Barnett said he met Miss Norris for the first time Saturday night a week ago, when she accepted an invitation to ride in his car. He said she either fell or leaped from the car near Erie, Mich., in the locality where the body was found in a culvert.

Toledo detectives were not satisfied with Barnett's story. He was unable to account for the presence of the body in the culvert. He said he could not find the girl after she fell and concluded that another motorist had taken her to a hospital.

Barnett declared he became frightened and went to his home at 2364 Hollywood avenue, where he

IN 5 MINUTES

Youth Caught by Police Following Holdup Of Drug Store.

Five minutes after a drug store holdup at 10:15 last night, Detective Ray Sheets and Patrolman Henry Bricker arrested the robber. The captive, 18, had a toy pistol and a hunting knife when the officers nabbed him at Adams and Fourteenth Streets. He admitted the drug store robbery and a gasoline station holdup, the detective said.

He told police he loitered an hour in the Bert Hammontree Drug Store, 1320 Monroe Street, before forcing the clerk, Howard Laverder, 2372 Maplewood Avenue, to hand over \$35 from a cash register.

He admitted taking \$50 Wednesday night from Robert L. Edwards, attendant in a gasoline station at Jefferson Avenue and Twenty-first Street.

Detectives are attempting to connect him with other recent robberies, although he gave a Battle Creek, Mich., address, and said he had been in Toledo only a few days.

Suspect In 3 Holdups

Held Under \$5,000 Bond

A man who, detectives said, admitted holdups last week at Legree's Confectionary, 1010 Collingwood Blvd.; the grocery of Mrs. Mary Birchall, 542 Norwood Ave., and Phoebe's Grocery, Division St., was held today for grand jury action.

Bond of \$5,000 was set for Macio S. Rhyne, 38, of 428 Indiana Ave., after he pleaded not guilty before Municipal Judge Geraldine Macelwane on a robbery charge.

Detective Lieuts. Ray Scheel and Adam Dlugiewicz said Rhyne admitted the robberies. He was arrested for investigation Tuesday night, a short time after the holdups of the confectionery and the Norwood Ave. grocery.

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628 Lucas St., as the bandit who held them at gunpoint and fled with \$250.

Miller was asked if had seen any of the four persons. He said Mr. Loundon looked familiar, might have met him some place within the last two or three weeks.

Finally, Miller asked Lieuten

ants Scheets and Dlugewicz what they wanted with him. Lieutenant Scheets said, "You know you're the man who robbed that market on Indiana Ave."

Miller replied: "Why didn't you ask me that in the first place? Sure, I held up that store."

The detectives said he would be prosecuted for that robbery.

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Toledo Robbery

Two men, arrested Friday by Detroit police on a speeding charge, confessed yesterday to Toledo police who questioned them in Detroit as part in the holdup and robbery of Philip J. Weiss, 2001 Monroe street, and Wilma Zaviatowski, 941 East Bancroft street, Thursday night, police reported.

Lieut. Raymond Scheets and Sergt. Leo Kwapich, Toledo detectives who questioned the suspects yesterday, said the two men made a full confession of the two robberies.

They said they probably would be returned to Toledo to face the holdup and robbery charges. Both of the victims in Thursday's holdups will be taken to Detroit today in an effort to identify the suspects in a police lineup, Lieutenant Scheets reported.

Man Charged in Nifty

A man charged with robbing two grocery stores within 27 minutes last night was arrested 13 minutes after the second robbery was reported, police said.

The man, Macio S. Rhyne, 38, of 428 Indiana Ave., is also suspected of a third robbery Monday night.

Arrested On Collingwood Blvd.

He was arrested at 8:55 p.m. by Patrolmen Donald Hickey and Andrew Jankowski as he walked in the 1400 block of Collingwood Blvd. The officers said these events led to his arrest:

At 8:15, a man entered Legree's Confectionery at 1010 Collingwood Blvd., and bought a pack of cigarettes. As the proprietor, Mrs. Pearl Legree, started to ring up the sale, he told her "Just leave it (the cash register) the way it is. I'll kill you if you scream."

Suspect For Another Robbery

At 8:42, a man threatened Mrs. Mary Birchall, owner of a grocery at 542 Norwood Ave., and took \$5.

Detective Lieuts. Ray Scheetz and Adam Dlugewicz said they want to question the man about the Monday night robbery of Phoebe's Grocery on Division St., when \$40 was taken.

A Mansfield reformatory parolee, 19, was captured yesterday by detectives after a chase in which two shots were fired in the 1700 block of Erie street.

Detective Ray Scheets fired twice at the youth, who was arrested on suspicion in connection with the attempted robbery of the Nazy cafe, 2238 Front street, last week.

For two weeks police have been seeking the parolee who is believed to have stolen an auto in Detroit. His parents live here, police said.

The chase started in the 1700 block of Ontario street when the youth abandoned the auto upon sighting Detectives Scheets and Arthur Ness.

Detective Capt. Willard Rydman and Detectives Walter Bielefeldt and Earl McBride assisted in the chase which ended in the 1700 block of Erie street where the youth was cornered.

Two knives with long blades were found in the youth's clothing, and a set of stolen Indiana license plates were in the auto, detectives said. In the attempted robbery of the Nagy cafe a knife was used, according to detectives.

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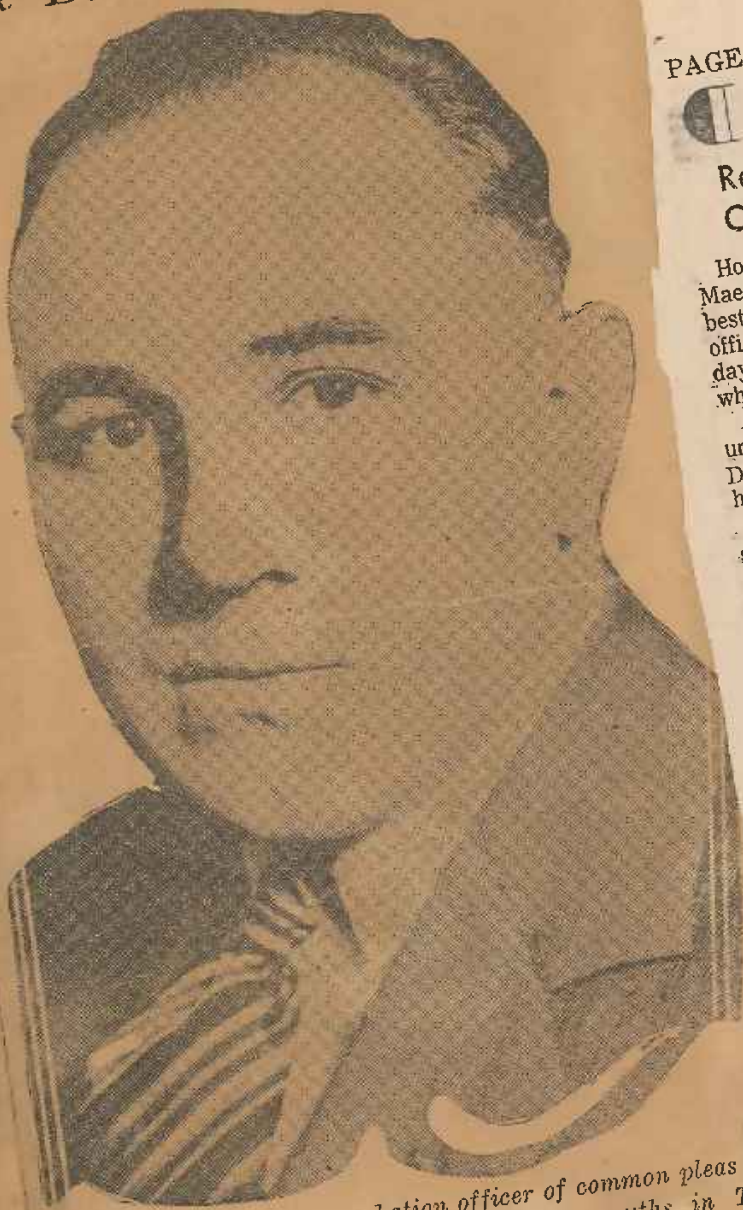


WHEN a big man puts on waders for
out fishing it is often a major project.
etective Ray Sheets, center, helps

Capt. Owen Green put on his waders
at the Rainbow camp on the Sturgeon
River. Larry King offers a bit of advice.



Work Deemed Crime Antidote



Above is Ray Scheets, probation officer of common pleas the "father" to more than 200 delinquent youths in Toledo. "Youth is kept from trouble if kept busy," he says. Photo by George Blount, News-Bee staff photographer.

Howard Tripp

Retired Deputy Chief Of Police

Howard Tripp, 66, of 3110 Maeterlinck Ave., one of the best liked and respected police officers in Toledo, died Thursday in St. Luke's Hospital, where he was admitted June 14.

A veteran of 43 years in the uniform ranks, he retired last December as deputy chief and head of that division.

Chief Tripp's first police assignment was foot patrol on the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift. After three nights along the lonely vigil, he decided to turn in his badge. Another officer talked him out of quitting, and he returned to his beat.

Later, he was assigned to investigate city claims. In 1935, he was named to the newly created accident prevention squad, organized to investigate injury accidents.

Promoted Through Ranks

He was promoted to sergeant in 1940, to lieutenant in 1953, to acting captain in the traffic bureau in 1963, to deputy chief in charge of the traffic bureau in 1967, and finally elevated to head of the uniform division.

During his years as a sergeant and as lieutenant, Chief Tripp was active in the Police Athletic League, a group organized to involve Toledo's youth in athletic programs. One of the youngsters, Chief Tripp coached in boxing was Ramon (Buddy) Carr, now a police sergeant.

"He showed us that police were to be respected, because he was a fine officer and sportsman," Sergeant Carr said. "Many of the kids whom Chief Tripp coached joined the police force because of him."

Self-Discipline Advocate

He was a firm advocate of self-discipline — in dress, actions, and attitudes toward the public and fellow policemen.

"You cannot be a success if you have the attitude that it's a job and not a profession. You must be devoted to your duty, or you'll never be a good officer," Chief Tripp said shortly before his retirement.

Chief Tripp was a member of the Barton Smith Masonic Lodge, the Lucas County Sheriff Posse, Toledo Police Command Officers' Association, and Retired Police Association of Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; daughters, Mrs. McMahan and Mrs. Judy K. brother, Ernest, and sister, Bessie Stevenson.

Services will be at 10:30 Monday in Bersticker mortuary, Heather Downs yard, where the body will be after 2 p.m. Saturday. Services will be at 8 Sunday in the mortuary.

The family requests tributes be in the form of contributions to the St. Peter's Church building fund.



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Thief Steals \$50,000 Gems From Lobby of Hotel Here

300 Diamond Rings Among Jewels in Case Left
Beside Chair by New York Dealer
In Precious Stones.

A dapper jewel thief picked up a leather case containing \$50,000 in diamonds and rings belonging to O. J. Somers, head of the O. J. Somers Co., New York jewelry firm, late yesterday in the Commodore Perry hotel and escaped, according to Detective Capt. Willard Rydman.

The case contained 70 papers of loose diamonds, 300 diamond rings, quantity of zircon rings and order books, Mr. Somers told detectives. The gems were insured.

Mr. Somers told Captain Rydman he left the portfolio of gems beside his seat in the lobby when he stepped to the cashier's window to check out of the hotel.

While Mr. Somers was paying his bill, Alvin J. (Al) Sacksteder, 4414 North Lockwood Avenue, DeSales College athletic director and football coach, seated in the lobby, saw a well-dressed man walk rapidly from the rear of the lobby, pick up the leather case, and hurry down the front stairway, Detectives Ray Scheets and Owen Green reported.

Mr. Somers discovered his loss a few moments later when he returned to his seat.

Mr. Somers told officers he came to Toledo on Tuesday from Detroit. Police believe the thief may have followed Mr. Somers from Detroit.

Police notified enforcement agencies in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. The thief was described as being 35 years old, 6 feet tall, 190 pounds in weight, of dark complexion. He



TOLEDO, OHIO, MONDAY

Holdup Suspects Cite Plan To Rob Hotel In Detroit

4 Men And 2 Women Will Be Viewed By Robbery Victims

Three suspects in a series of robberies admitted yesterday to police that Saturday, a short time before their arrest here, they visited the Taft Hotel, Detroit, in a plan to rob the establishment.

Detectives here quoted the Toledo men as saying that bad timing caused them to call off the holdup.

After sitting in the lobby, waiting for patrons to "thin out," they said, they concluded that too many would be around to stage successfully the holdup which they had expected to net them \$6,000 to \$7,000 there, detectives said.

2 Wives Also Held

Held for investigation are the three, Robert Kowalewski, 19, of 1416 Erie St.; Dean F. Wilcox, 25, of 817 Huron St., and Fred Stockwell, 34, of 434 Erie St. and Kowalewski's wife, Constance, 18; Monroe Black, 22, Tecumseh, Mich., and his wife, Mary, 22.

Detective Lieuts. Ray Scheets and Adam Dlugiewicz said the entire gang would be viewed in a police lineup by victims and witnesses in five robberies which have occurred since August.

The latest robbery occurred Thursday night at Waldo's Market, 310 East Fifth St., Perrysburg, where \$600 was taken. The others included the Cordova Hotel, 1706 Madison Ave., where \$60 was taken Aug. 30 and another \$60 Oct. 1; Sookey's Variety Store, 801 Prouty Ave., \$80 on Aug. 24, and a supermarket in suburban Detroit, where \$1,200 was taken last Tuesday.

Arrested On Return

The three suspects who admitted planning the Detroit robbery Saturday, and Mrs. Kowalewski were arrested shortly after they returned to Toledo.

Black and his wife, known by police to be associates of the four, were arrested Saturday in their home and returned here yesterday.

Wood County authorities have a warrant charging Black with the beating and \$100 robbery Aug. 26 of John Ranby, Milner Hotel, Toledo, near Perrysburg.

The bodies were found at 5
Friday by Leonard Buckmueller
of Swiss Gardens lane, who
driving to the Banner Lumber
in Toledo to bring his father
from work.

One of the victims, a youth
about 25, was lying partly on
sandy surface of the lane. His
hands were tied behind him with
a new clothes line. A cloth was
tied about his mouth. His head
was riddled with bullets. He wore
trousers of bluish gray cashmere
made by a Cleveland clothier.

The other man, a husky six-foot
man, was bound and gagged in a similar
manner, and was lying just on the
edge of the road in the weeds. His
suit was a gray tweed from a
store in Cleveland.

Woman Hears Shots.

Both men's coats were lying on
the side of the road in the weeds
where they had been thrown, appar-
ently after the shooting.

Mrs. Guy Donley, who lives a
quarter mile west of the scene of
the shooting, on Swiss Gardens
avenue, was awake at 1 a. m. and heard
shots, five of them in rapid suc-
cession, a pause and four more
rapidly. She said she looked out
the lane but could see no car.

Frank Adams, who lives at 1200
avenue and Swiss Gardens lane, was
awakened by the shots and went
out to see a dark car speed down
the lane and turn north toward
Michigan. The Packard sedan, when
abandoned, however, was south of
the scene of the shooting.

The bodies were 25 feet apart on
the south side of the lane.

Police found two empty .45
revolver shells and one lead .45
bullet near the bodies.

Reconstructing the shooting, In-
spector Frank G. Kreft believed the
men had been kidnaped in Cleve-
land, bound and gagged and brought
to Toledo by someone slightly familiar
with the city.

The nearness of the Michigan
line leads police to believe the
men had planned to kill their

Chicago, Feb. 19 (A)—Gentle pick a good restaurant for the than bridge game is here.

Four women started it at 7 Wednesday and it was still going Thursday. Their husbands are at their homes for dinner Wednesday night but found nothing but breakfast dishes.

Minister Pleads Guilty to Biga

Lancaster, Wis., Feb. 19 (A)—Rev. F. Edwin Osborne, former pastor of the Christian church, Ebel, Wis., pleaded guilty to big charges in circuit court Wednesday. Judge S. E. Smalley deferred sentence until Tuesday.


Man Carrying Hair Tonic Is Sentenc

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 19 (A) Choice Reeves, charged with transporting intoxicating liquor, officers found him with two bottles of hair tonic in his pockets, is getting a 30-day road sentence.

Boston Mayor Gets Threat of Bombi

Boston, Feb. 19 (A)—An anonymous threat to blow up city state buildings if unemployment not remedied in three months received at the office of Mayor James M. Curley Wednesday.





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