

MILLBURG BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT AFTER HARD BATTLE

BANDITS HOLD UP BANK CASHIER AND TELLER AT POINT OF REVOLVERS. MAKE ATTEMPT TO GET AWAY.

About twenty minutes after the doors of the Millburg State bank had been opened for business, Saturday morning, two well dressed men entered the bank and, at the point of revolvers, ordered Cashier Benjamin Kral and Teller Miss Elizabeth Kreitner to put up their hands. No sooner had the command been complied with than two other members of the gang entered the bank. Two of the men jumped over the railing behind the cashier's cage. The cashier was standing in the cage and the teller was at her desk just behind him. They were pushed into a corner by one of the bandits and held there with revolvers in their faces. The other three bandits scooped all the cash and securities within reach into a grip and placed the grip into a sack which they carried with them. Cashier Kral and Miss Kreitner were then ordered into a small closet and locked in.

The bandits hastened to a Cadillac car, which was stationed within a short distance of the bank and in charge of a fifth member of the gang, and as they jumped into the car they swung down the street in the direction of Benton Harbor.

Cash and Securities Taken.
The bandits secured \$2,900 in cash, a \$500 Liberty bond, and savings notes and mortgages amounting to several thousand dollars.

Within three minutes from the time the men entered the bank the job was completed and they were on their way, without any regard to speed regulations, towards Chicago.

Cashier Kral lost no time in breaking the lock on the door of the bank and freeing himself and Miss Kreitner, and he at once called the police at Benton Harbor and the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Franz notified his deputies in all parts of the county to close in on the bandit car.

A Hot Chase Followed.

The bandits traveled at a terrific speed down the Territorial road towards Benton Harbor. They were traced out of Benton Harbor and finally to Stevensville, thence to Baroda where they turned into the Glendora road and headed towards Galien. Deputy Sheriff Con Allen and Floyd Lintner, a former deputy, in response to the sheriff's call started in a Buick car north from Galien and had gone but a mile when they saw a hot touring car coming towards them at a mad pace. They blocked the highway by running their car across the road. Allen and Lintner, armed with shotguns, ordered the bandits to surrender. The bandits jumped from their car and opened fire, and Lintner and Allen took refuge behind their car and returned the fire with their shotguns. One of the bandits' bullets passed underneath the officers' car and struck Lintner in the right heel, severing a tendon. The Galien officers attempted to follow the bandits but a tire on their car had been punctured by a bullet and they were forced to give up the chase.

The bandits continued their flight through Three Oaks, and by taking dirt roads from that place they succeeded in eluding the officers for a time. They were next heard of in the vicinity of New Carlisle, Ind., and in the meantime the officers of all the surrounding cities had been notified and were on the lookout for the Cadillac car containing the bank robbers. Chief of Police Lane, of South Bend, and Sheriff Franz were close on their trail. Constable Elias Ackley of New Carlisle, picked up the trail at his home town and in company with Oscar Smith, a former Buchanan resident, they started after them. The bandits had stopped at the farm home of Jed Drollinger, near Mill Creek, seven miles from New Carlisle, to inquire their way. Ackley and Smith swung their car across the road in front of the bandits' machine and jumped out. The bandits opened fire, and Ackley was shot through the groin. Smith cut loose with his shotgun and his first shot, through the windshield of the bandits' car, blinded the driver. The others jumped out to do battle, and Smith

wounded three of them. Although the bullets flew thick and fast around Smith he escaped unhurt. While the battle was at its height, Police Chief L. J. Lane, of South Bend; Sheriff Franz of this county, and Officer Frank Szamechi arrived on the scene. The bandits ran for cover and took refuge in a barn, hog house and strawstack. One of them tried to escape through a marsh and Chief Lane stopped him with a bullet thru his leg. Another buried himself in the strawstack and remained hidden for half an hour, when he surrendered after the remainder of the gang had been surrounded in the barn and forced to give up. In the meantime Ackley and Smith guarded the car containing the loot.

The bandits gave their names and addresses as follows:

James Long, aged 40, alias John Isdel, Chicago, not wounded.

John Marshall, aged 26, Hamilton, Ont., seriously wounded in abdomen.

Frank King, aged 25, Toledo, Ohio, shot in leg. On parole from Eastern Pennsylvania prison for participation in a \$50,000 diamond robbery two years ago in Philadelphia, Pa.

Edward Summers, aged 25, Chicago. Shot in the face.

Edward Murray, aged 23, alias James Allison, Chicago, wounded in head.

All of the bandits were taken to South Bend and the wounded were given attention. They were taken to St. Joseph Saturday evening, by Sheriff Franz assisted by his deputies and a number of South Bend policemen. King and Marshall were taken in an ambulance and the other three were chained together in a touring car.

Local Officers on Trail

Marshal Mitchell and Deputy Sheriff Frank Imhoff responded to the call and started on the trail of the bandits. They arrived in Galien soon after Allen and Lintner had tackled the bunch, and they traced the bandits for many miles, losing the trail when they drove their car on the dirt roads, over which the officers' car could make no time.

Smith Well Known Here

Oscar Smith, who created havoc in the bank bandit party, near Mill Creek, Saturday afternoon, is well known in Buchanan, he having been employed by McCollum's taxi line for some time. When Oscar cut loose with his shot gun the members of the party seemed to realize that something was going to happen and their plans for an immediate return to Chicago were abandoned.

STREAM POLLUTION CAUSES SICK FISH

STATE BOARD CAUTION PEOPLE AGAINST USE OF FISH FROM QUESTIONABLE SOURCES. REPLY TO INQUIRY

The report that a number of people were made sick from eating fish caught in the St. Joseph river was referred by Dr. Snowden, village health officer, to the state Department of Health, and the following response was received by his telegram, under date of Feb. 19:

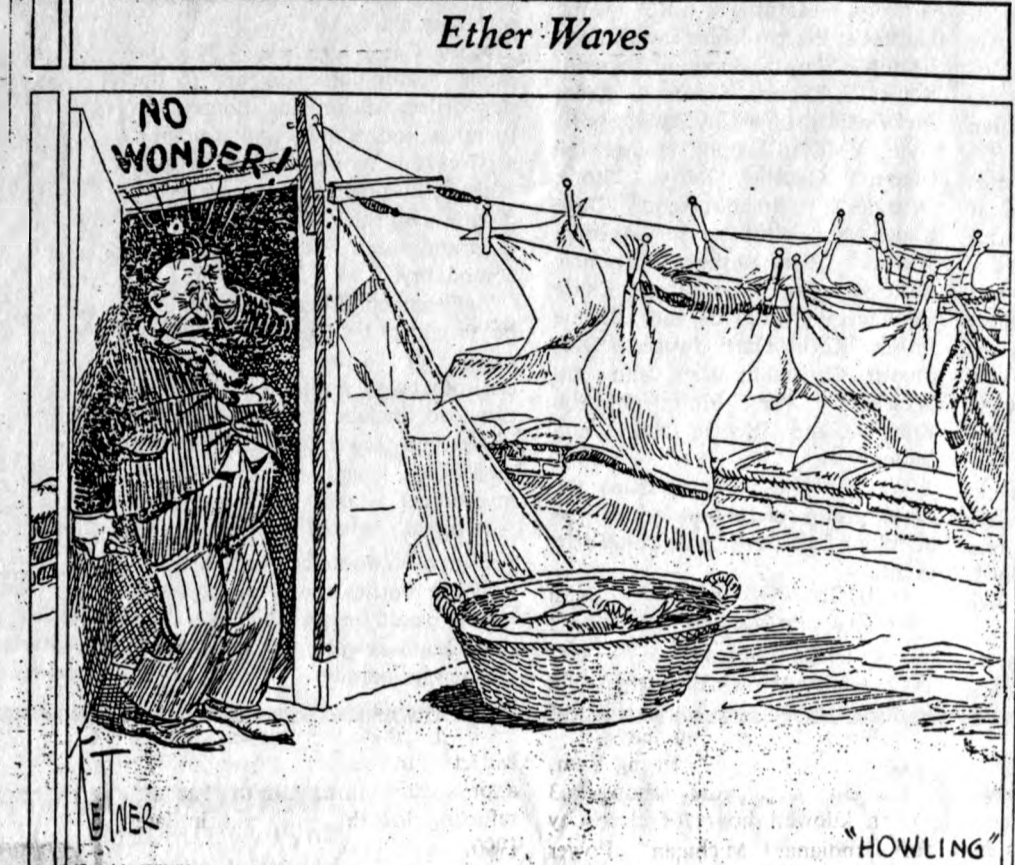
"We refer to your telegram to Honorable R. M. Olin, Commissioner, Department of Health, February 13th with reference to sickness apparently caused by the eating of fish taken from polluted or contaminated streams, and investigations made by Chemist Waldo L. Scovill of this department, and Mr. John Helper, Department of Health.

"The matter is apparently one of stream pollution, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Departments of Conservation and Health.

"This Department is concerned with the problems as the fish constitute an article of food and we are charged with the administration of the Michigan Food Laws.

"We assume that you have given due warning in the community, cautioning against the use of fish from questionable sources, and advising local fishermen against selling or offering for sale any of the 'sick' or 'groggy' fish.

"Bureau of Foods and Standards, W. P. Hartman, Director."



Bank Bandits are Placed Under \$500,000 Bonds

THE FIVE MEN WERE ARRAIGNED BEFORE JUSTICE DAVIS IN ST. JOSEPH MONDAY AND WAIVED EXAMINATION.

The five bank bandits who were captured after a gun battle, near Mill Creek, Ind., Saturday, were arraigned before Justice Davis in the county jail, Monday. They waived examination and were held for hearing in the city court in the sum of \$100,000 each. Unable to give the bond they were returned to their cells. The hearing was held in the jail for the reason that King and Marshall were so badly crippled up that they could not be moved.

It is the belief of Sheriff Franz and Undersheriff Paget that there was a sixth man in the gang. This belief is strengthened by the fact that only \$237.50 of the cash stolen from the bank was recovered. Paget went to Mill Creek to make an investigation. In a Herald-Press report, Paget said that he found that

the sixth man hid in a barn on the farm of John Dollenberger, of Mill Creek, where the gang was rounded up after the duel. A sawed-off shotgun was found in a grove near the barn. The stock of the gun had been riddled by bullets. The man, Paget said, staid in the barn until about 9:30 when he struck out for South Bend on foot. He was overtaken by John Holstotler, of Mill Creek, who was driving to South Bend, who took him in and let him out at the corner of Michigan and Washington streets.

The theory that there was a sixth man was scouted, however, by Chief Lane, of South Bend. Lane said that only five men jumped from the car at Mill Creek when it was held up by Ackley and Smith, and only five men ran from the car. "I am confident that there were but five men in the automobile. I saw everything that went on myself. None of my men saw more than five," said Chief Lane.

Bank Robbers the Cause of Nabbing Liquor Cargo

KALAMAZOO OFFICERS HUNTING BANDITS HOLD UP CADILLAC CAR AND FIND 832 PINTS OF BOOZE

Soon after the bank robbery at Millburg, Saturday morning a high-powered Cadillac car was noticed going through Lawrence at 75 or 80 miles an hour and the officials having just received notice of the Millburg bank robbery supposed that the car contained the bandits. The big car whizzed on through Paw Paw and on towards Kalamazoo. Officials at Kalamazoo were notified of its coming by the state police at Paw Paw, and Sheriff Borden, accompanied by several deputies, started out in automobiles to arrest the bandits. At a gasoline station on the Kalamazoo-Paw Paw road they noticed a high-

powered car with a Detroit license number being filled with gas. Thinking it might be the bank bandits Sheriff Borden flung open the door of the car and found Bera Van Sickle, alias Bert Kline, and his wife in it. Packed away in the automobile were 31 cases and 88 bottles of ale, 832 pints in all.

Van Sickle was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Stockwell at 5:30 Saturday afternoon on a federal warrant charging him with transportation and possession of liquor. He waived examination and was bound over to the federal grand jury in Grady Rapids on \$1,000 bail. Van Sickle was sent to Marquette prison, from Kalamazoo, in 1921, for a term of one and a half to three years on a charge of felonious assault, having shot a customer during an argument while delivering a case of liquor.

DR. NALDER OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE TELLS KIWANIANS ABOUT PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Kiwanis club members enjoyed another excellent meeting last night and a program of instruction and entertainment.

Dr. F. F. Nalder, director of college extension, and a member of the faculty of Columbia College at Pullman, Washington, was the speaker. The subject of his talk was "The Pacific Northwest." He said that the Pacific Northwest is that part of the United States north of the California line and west of the Rocky mountains, taking in the states of Washington and Oregon and a small part of Montana.

He gave a synopsis of the history of this territory beginning with the

MEYER SHIMKOVSKY DIED AT HOSPITAL

MAJOR OPERATION PERFORMED BY CHICAGO SPECIALIST ON MONDAY SHOWED INTERNAL CANCER.

Meyer Shimkovsky, who for a number of years past has been engaged in the scrap iron and junk business in this place, died at the Clark hospital, Tuesday morning.

Mr. Shimkovsky has been sick for the past six weeks. It was at the last week to take him to the Mayo Bros. hospital at Rochester, Minn., for examination and treatment, but his weakened condition would not permit of his making the trip. An operation was decided necessary and Dr. Carl B. Davis, specialist, of Chicago, was called for that purpose. The operation was performed Monday and revealed cancer of the stomach and intestines in an advanced stage.

Mr. Shimkovsky was born in Russia, January 5, 1863. He came to America thirty-five years ago and settled in South Bend, moving to Buchanan 13 years ago. Before leaving Russia he was united in marriage to Sarah Livinsky and to this union four children were born—Ira, located in California; Mrs. Alice Frank, South Bend; Ida, at home, and Louis, who is attending school at Ann Arbor.

The funeral services will be held from the daughter's home, 806 S. Fellows street, South Bend, Wednesday morning. Interment in the Jewish cemetery, South Bend.

FIFTY ONE MINERS LOSE THEIR LIVES

EXPLOSION IN CITY MINE AT SULLIVAN, IND., TRAPPED THE MEN AND WRECKED THE MINE.

Fifty-one miners lost their lives, on Friday afternoon, by an explosion in the city coal mine near Sullivan, Ind. One hundred and twenty men were at work in the mine at the time of the explosion, which occurred in the northeast shaft of the mine where fifty-one of the men were at work and were held by a cave of rock and dirt. Men on the opposite side of the mine were not affected by the explosion and made their way to the surface without assistance.

The scene at the mine entrance following the explosion is described as heartrending, to say the least. The wives and children of the entombed men were gathered about and their anxiety to hear something from their loved ones can easily be imagined. It was one of the worst mine disasters that has occurred for a long time and the sympathy for the unfortunates, and material aid, was extended without delay. For the alleviation of distress caused by the disaster the Indiana senate and house passed a bill appropriating \$10,000,

Mrs. Henry Weiss entertained the Harmony Thimble club last Thursday afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

TIME TO PURCHASE YOUR LICENSE PLATES

Although no official dead line has been set by the Secretary of State it is the opinion of County Treasurer Haid that the final date for using 1924 auto plates will be March 1. Only about 7000 auto owners of Berrien county have applied to date for the 1925 license plates and there are approximately 14,000 auto owners in the county. Treasurer Haid urges the auto owners to get their plates as soon as possible.

SHELDON TRACED TO ATLANTA, GA.

MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN SICK AT ATLANTA OR ELSEWHERE ALONG LINE, OR HE MAY BE LOST IN CHICAGO

The whereabouts of John M. Sheldon remains a mystery to his friends here. Leaving Jacksonville on the evening of February 7th he should have reached Buchanan not later than the following Monday. His physical weakness, brought on by his age and ailment, he having been severely afflicted with asthma for some time, caused his friends some uneasiness when it was found necessary for him to return to his home here and it was thought that every precaution possible was being made to assure his safe arrival. For that reason considerable concern was felt when he failed to arrive on time, and the uneasiness has increased from day to day since his disappearance was reported.

It was reported in Friday's issue that the railroad officials had found the reason of his ticket, showing that he had traveled from Jacksonville to Albany, on February 7th.

LATER—Agent Robe, of the Michigan Central, received word this morning that the conductor on the train between Albany and Atlanta, Ga., remembers a passenger resembling the description of Mr. Sheldon on his train on the night of the 7th instant and that he was so sick that he was afraid he would die before the train reached Atlanta.

SUDDEN DEATH OF FRANK W. PHILLIPS

HEART FAILURE CAUSES DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN CITIZEN WHILE GOING HOME FROM HIS DAY'S WORK.

Frank W. Phillips, a well-known Buchanan citizen, living on Fourth street, died very suddenly, Monday evening about 5:30 o'clock, when near his home as he was returning from his day's work at the Clark Equipment plant.

Mr. Phillips had been in poor health for some time past, but his ailment had not been considered of sufficient seriousness to cause him to give up his work at the Clark plant. Going home after work, Monday evening, he decided to call at Dr. Strayer's office for some medicine and thence continued his journey to his home.

When in front of the home of Mrs. Anna Sparks, next door to his own home, Mr. Phillips was seen to stagger and fall by Mrs. Harry Boyce who was sitting at the window in her home. Mrs. Boyce summoned D. D. Pangborn from the grocery near by, and with the assistance of two other men who were passing the prostrate form of Mr. Phillips was carried to his home. Dr. Snowden, who had been summoned by phone, stated that the cause of Mr. Phillips' death was heart failure.

Frank W. Phillips and his excellent family have been residents of Buchanan for the past seven years. He is survived by four daughters and two sons, his wife having departed this life in May, 1923. Mr. Phillips was born near New Carlisle, Ind., on December 27, 1867.

The funeral services will be held from the Christian church, Thursday afternoon. Final arrangements as to the hour had not been made at this writing.

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM BUCHANAN'S TEMPLE OF LEARNING PREPARED BY SCHOOL EDITOR, LETCHER.

(By Grace M. Letcher)

Honor roll for the month of February, group A:

Consisting of all students who have received a mark of 90 or above in four subjects. Freshmen—Mary Drew, Robert French, Elizabeth Koltenberg, George Wynn; Sophomores—Edith Beal, Howard Lentz; Juniors—Josephine Gross, Ione Riley; Seniors—Earle Baker, Johanna Desenberg.

Group B, consisting of all students who have received a mark of 85 or above in three subjects and 85-90 in the fourth and fifth. Freshmen—Thorsen Allen, Anita Boyle, Harvey Letcher, Lyle Mitchell, Ellis Seikmann, Alfred White; Sophomores—Seymore Gross, Mary Hall, Elizabeth Longfellow, Leslie Marsteiner, Agnes Spaulding; Juniors—Eva Ellis; Grace Letcher, Helen Lyon, Donald White, Chester Woolley; Seniors—Hildur Anderson, Henry Beal, Therom Childs, Helen Dempsey, Dorothy Porz.

Phi Kappa Literary Society
The Phi Kappa Literary society held its February meeting Monday evening at the home of the president, Miss Johanna Desenberg. Formal and "rough" initiation of the debutants was an entertaining as well as important feature of the meeting. Those who after suffering known tortures that evening became full fledged members of Phi Kappa are: Dorothy Clark, Agnes Spaulding, Walter Scott, Lyle Chubb and Seymore Gross.

A short business meeting followed and refreshments were served. At the March meeting installation of officers will take place.

M. H. S. begins this week in a crippled condition due to the absence of Miss Easton, the music and drawing teacher, who is ill at her home in Hammond, Miss Anderson, English and history teacher and Rev. Saffren, violin class instructor.

Ag. Department
Everything is now in readiness for the big Father and Son banquet to be held at the school on March 17. Miss Notley has prepared the menu for the occasion. If rumors count the Az. boys and their fathers cannot afford to miss marking this date on their social calendar.

Bob Rinker who has charge of the ticket sale reports that he is doing a busy business.

The class in Horticulture is at present all taken up in the problem of pruning grape vines. The next experiments in this class will be problems concerning grafting. The spraying of fruit trees comes next on the long list of practical projects in Horticulture 10.

The Animal Husbandry class has been visiting farms in the vicinity to get a real and substantial background for textbook statements. In experimental work they have tested samples of milk sent in by a local restaurant. Anyone wishing to have milk or cream tested is urged to send in samples. Correct results are guaranteed.

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A FULL HOUSE AT CLARK THEATRE THIS WEEK

A farce comedy in three acts entitled "A Full House" will be presented by the Clark Players, at the Clark theatre, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. The play is given for the benefit of the Buchanan Athletic Association and the proceeds will be used in beautifying and improving the athletic field, in which so many of the people of Buchanan and vicinity take an interest. No similar undertaking has received the endorsement of as large a per cent of the people as the Athletic field, and this fact was evidenced every day last season by the number of people in attendance at the various games. An opportunity is given to help with the improvements at the park, and at the same time enjoy one of the best plays ever given by the Clark Players. The tickets are on sale now, and reserved seats may be had at Glenn E. Smith's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mangold visited in Three Oaks over Sunday.

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