

Indiana and Michigan News

DIES WHILE VISITING RELATIVES IN NILES

Groom of Month Is Suddenly Stricken Ill—Burial at Silver Lake, Ind.

NILES, Mich., Dec. 5.—The Thanksgiving visit of Leonard Hoffman, 21, and his bride, terminated in sadness here last evening when Mr. Hoffman after being ill since last Friday died at 10:20 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Hoffman's brother, Everett Parker, 903 Ferry st.

The cause of the death was an infection affecting the throat. Besides the widow of one month, Mr. Hoffman is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman of Silver Lake, Ind., and three brothers also of Silver Lake. The widow and the parents took the body to Silver Lake this afternoon for burial.

In the Circuit court at St. Joseph Judge Charles E. White, sentenced Lewis Wyatt of Buchanan to serve from six months to one year in Jackson for violation of the liquor laws. Wyatt was arrested in Niles some weeks ago when the act of delivering a bottle of "booze."

Isaac True, 52 years, is dead at his home north of Barron lake in Cass county after a prolonged illness from abscesses. He is survived by his wife and three children, who reside at home and by his mother, Mrs. Frank True of Eau Claire. The funeral services were to be held this morning at the church at Summerville. Burial will take place in Summerville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed are parents of a son, born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beecher, Yankee street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ehrlich and son, William; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ehrlich and son, Dick and George Ehrlich of South Bend and Mrs. Catharine Boyer of Chicago spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ehrlich, Regent st.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Schrumpp have returned from LaPorte, Ind., where they spent Thanksgiving and the week end with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Murphy, 204 Clay st., entertained Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller and daughter, Rowena of South Bend Sunday.

Mrs. G. F. Cook, 1103 N. Sixth st., will entertain the Dodeca club tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. R. W. Johnson and Mrs. E. W. Hood, are expected to be guests.

Robert Tusey has taken possession of the equity store at Barron lake, which he purchased from Fred Barrett.

Announcement is made of the wedding of Miss Lois Bowering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bowering to Robert Middleton, an employe of the Michigan Central railway company at the terminal, which took place last Saturday afternoon at St. Joseph. Rev. Mr. Dawe, pastor of the Congregational church of that city performed the ceremony. For the present the young people will reside with the bride's parents at 711 Grant st. The bride has a position at the Hunter Ice company's office as book keeper.

Leonard C. Heverboer, the Chief Advisor of the Grand Rapids Chapter of the order of DeMolay for boys, will bring his degree team to Niles on Dec. 15, and initiate the candidates who will comprise the charter members of the new chapter in Niles.

Julius Schultz has returned from a visit with relatives in Kenosha, Wis.

The College Women's club will have a one o'clock luncheon Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. I. Tyler.

At the semi-annual election of officers of Paw Wah Ting Encampment F. O. O. F., Russell Woodruff was elected chief patriarch; Chris Reum, S. W.; J. W. Robert Reum; E. S. C. Richardson; treasurer, Earl Benjamin; P. S. L. A. Johnson.

H. D. Donnell, C. E. Moon, F. E. Powell and T. C. Hance accompanied Rev. H. T. Scherer, pastor of the Presbyterian church in South Bend and attended the dinner given in honor of Rev. Calvin C. Hays, Monday evening.

William Curtis of Chicago spent Sunday and Monday with his sister, Mrs. Belle Curtis Woods and his brother, Edward Curtis.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 has been set as the date for the concert to be given at St. John's Evangelical church under the auspices of St. John's choir. The program will include chorus numbers, orchestra numbers and soprano solo by Miss Corinne Lawton, supervisor of music in the Niles public schools.

Mrs. Leora Forler will entertain the Octave club at dinner this evening.

Miss Marie Diskow has returned to Marshall to resume her duties as a teacher in the public schools after spending the Thanksgiving vacation with Mrs. Emma Cranson in east Oak street.

Mrs. Charles Wyburn of Hammond, Ind., who has been seriously ill, is now improving according to reports received by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kugler.

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MT. CLEMENS, Dec. 5.—Evelyn Greiner, 15 years old, came home with her clothing torn and told her parents that she had been attacked by two unidentified men.

He Tried to Cut Capacity of This Oyster Consumer

Sight of Fourth Dozen Impels former Bivalve Gorgier to Draw Razor.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 5.—Sitting in a restaurant and watching a huffy coal heaver eat three dozen raw oysters was all that Stewart Johnson could bear, and when the coal heaver ordered another dozen, and then ignored Johnson's pleas that he cease, desist, or stop, Johnson admitted that he lost his temper, drew a razor and rushed upon the oyster champion.

Patman Thomas Ryne, who happened to be in the restaurant, prevented bloodshed, and Johnson, who is 26 years old and lives at 3233 Baker st., was locked up on a charge of disturbing the peace.

"Judge," he told Judge John Faust, "I once was in an oyster eating contest, years ago, and ever since, the sight of a lot of oysters makes me sick."

Johnson had ordered a steak, while Joseph Skamlin, the coal wagon driver near by, ordered oysters—one dozen, two, three dozen.

The last of the third dozen was disappearing when Johnson sidled over and pleaded, "For the love of heaven, don't order any more."

"Another dozen," said Joe to the waiter, with a cold look at Johnson.

Then Johnson pulled his razor. Judge Faust held that Johnson owed civilization about \$10.

TRY COBBLER ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Elkhart Man Is Accused of Criminally Knowing Ten-Year-Old-Girl.

ELKHART, Dec. 5.—(Special).—The case of the state against George H. Brown, 66 years old a cobbler who is charged with committing criminal assault on a 10-year-old girl July 20, last, was begun before a Superior court jury Tuesday, and on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, the state had rested its case.

Att'y R. E. Proctor is aiding Pres. Sawyer. The defendant is represented by Att'y's Harman and Jay. Brown's arrest resulted from an investigation made by Miss Besse Owen, city social worker, who was told by a woman of the alleged crime committed on the girl, a friend of the woman, the girl having confessed to her. Other children of the neighborhood were then questioned, and as a result eight young girls were subpoenaed for the preliminary hearing.

The Indiana penalty for the offense with which Brown is accused is life imprisonment.

The 10-year-old girl was the first witness, and was subjected to a trying cross-examination. A seven-year-old playmate of hers was the next witness.

The last witness this forenoon was the 15-year-old brother of the alleged victim. Other witnesses at the preliminary hearing were five little girls.

Att'y Jay, in a statement to this jury, said the defendant's evidence would show that Brown never mistreated any little girl; that he had a wife and six children; and that he was once a minister of the gospel. E. E. Church of 1611 Elkhart st., was the first witness for the defense.

Brown came to Elkhart six years ago. He was arrested July 27, and his bond placed at \$10,000, which was finally furnished by residents of Delaware county, Indiana.

DRY DIRECTOR ASKS FOR 20 EXTRA AIDS
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 5.—Federal Prohibition Director James R. Davis proposes to "clean up" Detroit by Christmas. To that end he has asked Washington for 20 extra officers.

He has learned that what he calls "fashionable" bootleggers are doing business in cafes and hotels and even private residences, and that they are preparing to unload a big stock before Christmas.

By placing out-of-town officers in hotels and cafes he hopes to trap these men, and also to get sufficient evidence against cafes themselves to warrant them being into the federal court and proceeding against them as common nuisances.

MUST HAVE MADE UP.
WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 5.—Ivan Herald and May Bell Herald, who had filed actions for divorce against each other, today caused both suits to be dismissed. Court costs in each action were taxed against the respective complainants.

MARRIAGE TANGLE INVOLVES GIRL, 17

Owosso Child-Wife Now Seeks Annulment of Two Unions Through Courts.

OWOSSO, Mich., Dec. 5.—The story of how a simple little country girl, believing everything that was told her, became so entangled by two marriages that even lawyers can not solve her present marital status, was revealed when attorneys for Mrs. June Woodman Claerhout Harding, 17 years old, commenced more than a year ago.

The attorneys ask the court to say whether the girl has one husband, two husbands or none at all, and if possible, to free her from her entanglements.

According to the amendment the girl, when only 13 years of age, listened to the whisperings of Gustaf Claerhout, and on April 4, 1921, ran away to Windsor, Ont., with him and was married. Later she returned to her home.

April 15, 1921, the girl began proceedings for the annulment of her marriage, but the cases never came to trial.

Last fall the bill says she met Harding. He paid her ardent suit and she promised to marry him as soon as she could be legally free.

It is said Harding informed her he had been informed by an attorney that because neither resided in Canada when they were married there, and that they had perjured themselves in obtaining the license, their marriage was not valid.

The girl married Harding, Sept. 27. Again she went to her attorneys to get a divorce.

SEEK ANNEXTION.
WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 5.—Residents of the south part of Seward township, owners of land covering four square miles, have filed a petition with the county court, asking that that portion of the township be annexed to Lake township.

The move resulted from numerous controversies between the north and south parts of Seward township over road matters.

OLD RESIDENT DEAD.
WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 5.—Mrs. D. W. Ne, 75, for many years a resident of Warsaw, died today following a long illness.

OUT OF SEASON.
WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 5.—Although ground was frozen in Kosciusko county last night for the first time this season, Rev. J. W. Kreefer today caught a butterfly on the wing at Lake township.

There was a marked rise in the mercury today.

WIFE SEEKS DIVORCE.
WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 5.—Alleging that her husband was guilty of cruelty and that he remained away from home for days at a time, Bess V. Stoner today filed suit for divorce from Fred M. Stoner of Warsaw.

ADMITS EMBEZZLING MONEY FROM FORD

Detroit Man Confesses—Detectives Say Deficit Will Approximate \$30,000.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—George W. Permitt, 22 years old, pleaded guilty before Judge Arthur E. Gordon to defrauding the Ford Motor company out of \$24,662.77. He was held for the next term of circuit court in \$5,000 bond with two sureties.

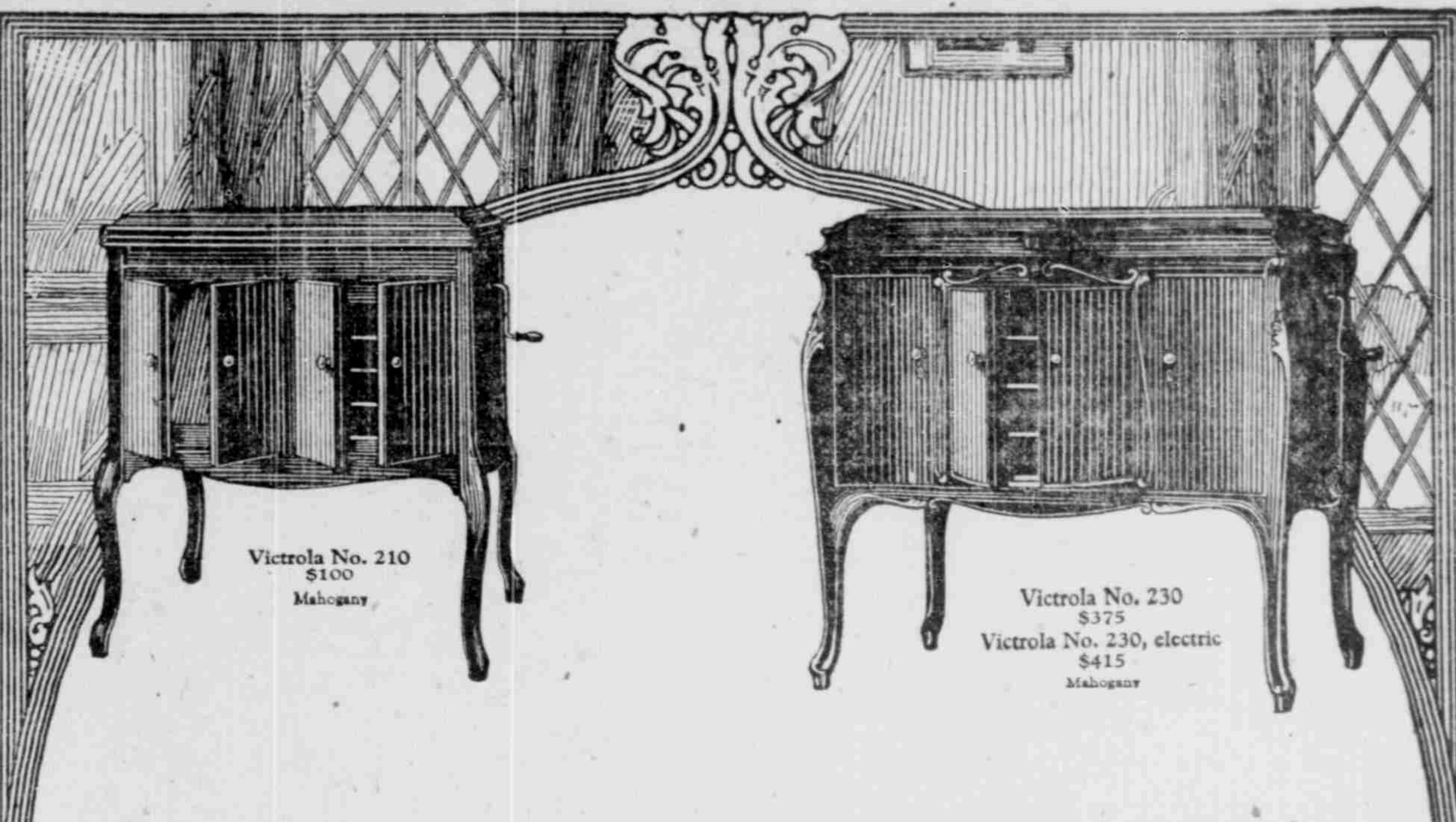
Permitt divided his loot with two assistants, he said, and spent much of his share on Mrs. Annabelle Trotter, Alexandria av., he claimed, who recently filed a divorce against her husband.

Thefts Amount to \$30,000
Frank A. Witmire, head of the detective bureau of the Ford Motor company, told the court that Permitt's embezzlements, dating from last April, will amount to \$30,000.

In a confession which Permitt made to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Robert M. Tom and Chief Deputy Sheriff Arthur H. Hitchins he admitted embezzling several thousands of dollars from the Ford plant at River Rouge by means of payroll padding, and he involved two students at Ann Arbor and the young woman for whom he admits having paid rent.

Permitt declared that he divided evenly with Volmer Dulkhin and Joseph Blaydon, students at the university, who were employed at the River Rouge plant during the summer.

Old Padding Scheme Used
Permitt's method was the usual payroll padding scheme, his alleged confession indicates. He used 11 different names on the clock cards by which employes' hours were counted, employing his position as assistant timekeeper to further his plans. Since he first attempted the trick, he told the officers his share in the spoils had been \$24,662.77. Dulkhin, he said, received \$1,100 and Blaydon, \$1,000.



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At police headquarters she declared that while on her way home last night she was forced to enter a touring car and that she could not recall anything further until she woke up on the river bank at 1:30 Monday morning.

She could give no description of the alleged assailants.

POETICIAN'S FATHER DIES.
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—James A. Owen, father of John Owen, prominent Indiana Republican and former campaign manager for Sen. James E. Watson, is dead here today. Mr. Owen was 85 years of age and he and his wife celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary two weeks ago.

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