

Witch' Slayer's Story Is Upheld; Given Freedom

Governor Orders Release of Killer After Hearing 'Evil Eye' Story.

DENVER.—A tale about an "Indian witch" who terrorized the people of southwestern Colorado's high mesa country with his "evil eye" has won freedom from prison for 32-year-old Alfonso Tafuya.

Gov. Ralph L. Carr ordered Tafuya's immediate release from the state penitentiary when he received confirmation of the convict's story that he killed the "Evil Eye Man" in 1936 "because he used his powers to force my wife to make love to him."

"This man's story is as strange as any tale that was ever told of the evil eye, sorcery and witchcraft," the governor said as he commuted Tafuya's 18-to-25-year sentence for second-degree murder.

The governor said a reign of terror began in the mesa country shortly after a man named "Indian Mike" Navarro rode in on a burro back in 1929.

Navarro stopped at the Tafuya home and announced: "I'm Indian Mike. Indian Mike has great powers."

Mumbo-Jumbo Man. To prove it, Indian Mike mumbled a few words over Mrs. Tafuya, who had been ill.

"The Indians and Spanish-Americans of that isolated country swear the woman was made well immediately," the governor said. "After that Indian Mike was a big man in the mesa country."

Boasting loudly about his supernatural powers, Indian Mike lived off the fat of the land for several years. Then people began to doubt his prowess.

"So Indian Mike announced that he had put a hex on Tafuya's sister," the governor's story goes. "The girl died—and Indian Mike was feared again."

The governor said he had gathered evidence that the Indian used his reputation to force his attentions on women of the district.

"One night in 1936 Tafuya learned that his wife was one of Indian Mike's unwilling victims," the governor said. "He took his hunting rifle and put five bullets in the man."

Pleaded to Charge. Alfonso went into District court at Durango and pleaded guilty. The judge sentenced him to from 18 to 25 years in prison.

For four years Tafuya was a model convict. Then the governor, who had investigated his story for many months, decided the man was telling the truth.

"I freed him," he said, "because he shot to protect his home."

Tafuya has gone back to his wife and three children in the mesas near Bayfield. Now he is the big man in the mesa country, because he ended the reign of terror by killing Indian Mike.

The Indians and Spanish-Americans near Bayfield have served notice they want no more "Indian Mike" with "evil eyes" in their neighborhood.

Governor Carr said the citizens of the area hanged a man—half Indian and half Negro—who posed as a witch shortly after Indian Mike was killed.

Federal men cut him down before he died and the people of Bayfield are sure he's still running," the governor said.

Drouth? Colorado Farmer Gets Too Much Water!

GREELEY, COLO.—While most irrigation farmers are complaining of a shortage of water, Albert Hengelfe, Weld county farmer, is objecting to getting too much. Hengelfe has filed a \$3,620 damage suit against a neighbor, Fred Ehrman, charging that an excess flow of water from the Ehrman farm has inundated 35 acres of corn.

Douglas, Ariz., Boasts Unusual Church Square

DOUGLAS, ARIZ.—Douglas residents believe their city has the only "church square" in America. Four churches are situated on each corner of one block in the city. The block is enclosed by an iron fence.

Churches in the "square" include Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian.

Gunsmith's Wife Walks In On Holdup, Routs Bandits

STAFFORD, KAN.—Mrs. F. L. Heyens walked in on three men holding up her husband in his gun shop. Ignoring their shouted "Hands up!" she opened fire. One surrendered. The other two fled, but were captured after a 90-mile-an-hour chase by sheriff's officers.

There Is No Shortage Of Grandparents Here

TIPTON, IND.—Lynda Marie Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burton, who was born a few weeks ago, has an ample quota of grandparents. Living are a great-great-grandmother, four great-grandparents and three grand-

THE CITY COUNCIL

Official Proceedings

Wyandotte, Mich., April 1, 1941. Regular session of the Council of the City of Wyandotte, the Honorable Mayor Louis W. Behm presiding.

Roll Call. Present: Councilmen Behm, Brohl, Mason, Schultz, Wagar, Wagner. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Schultz, supported by Councilman Wagar, that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with and the same stand approved as recorded.

Yeas: Councilmen Behm, Brohl, Mason, Schultz, Wagar, Wagner. Nays: None.

Miscellaneous Business. Application for license to conduct a Class "C" restaurant received from Anthony Pilakowski at 4272 Biddle Avenue. Duly approved by Commissioner of Health, Sanitary Inspector and Building Inspector.

Referred to Council. Application for license to conduct a Class "C" restaurant received from West Side Recreation, Michael Kurylo at 1142 Oak Street. Duly approved by Chief of Police, Commissioner of Health, Sanitary Inspector and Building Inspector.

Referred to Council. Application received for license to conduct a Class C restaurant received from Edward DeSana at 2924 Second Street. Duly approved by Chief of Police, Commissioner of Health, Sanitary Inspector and Building Inspector.

Referred to Council. Dear Council: I have a lot on Second Street between Felice and Baume. I would like to build a home there but it has no sewer. So please see if you can do something about it.

The description is Lot 9, plat subdivision of part of Lot 3 of Francis Moran, lying between the John B. Clark Subdivision and the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton R. R. from Section 20, now Lot 168, Wyandotte Plat 8.

Thanking you in advance. Yours truly, Owner Joseph Pallazola.

Referred to City Engineer. Honorable Mayor and Council, City of Wyandotte. Enclosed please find schedule showing the compilation of Class A, Class B and Class C Restaurant Licenses issued by the City of Wyandotte, showing the license number, name of licensee, address of licensee, date of application, date approved by the Council and date of issuance of license.

Trusting this is the information you desire, I remain, Very truly yours, Lawrence J. LaCourse, City Clerk.

Received and placed on file. Hon. Mayor and Council, City of Wyandotte. Dear Sirs: The petition for reinstatement of Thomas Howard Lorenz as a police officer of the City of Wyandotte was referred to me for investigation and recommendations.

I have checked into the circumstances and conditions surrounding this matter, and beg to report that the petitioner was given a hearing and was discharged by the Police and Fire Board on November 19, 1937, and I recommend that no further action be taken on this petition by your Honorable body.

Sincerely yours, Frederick J. Gartner, City Attorney.

Referred to Council. Honorable Mayor and Council, City of Wyandotte, Michigan. Gentlemen: We have been offered by the Braun, Bosworth and Company of Detroit, Michigan, \$1,000.00 City of Wyandotte, Michigan 5 per cent Water Bond, due December 1, 1948, at an approximate yield of 1.55 per cent or at a cost of \$1,253.10 plus accrued interest to date of delivery.

We hereby respectfully recommend that you authorize the purchase of said bond, same to be placed in the City of Wyandotte Sinking Fund Investment Account.

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John T. McWhirter, City Treasurer. Referred to Council. Hon. Mayor and Council, City of Wyandotte, Michigan. Gentlemen: Will you kindly authorize the City Clerk to advertise for 2 one-ton heavy duty pick-up trucks with express bodies.

One is for the Sewer Dept. and the other for the Parks Dept. Bids are to include trade-ins on one Dodge pick-up truck (No. 19) Sewer Dept and 1 Chevrolet pick-up truck (No. 28) W.P.A.

Bidders to submit complete specifications with bids. Respectfully submitted, P. W. Liddle, City Engineer.

Referred to Council. Honorable Mayor and Council, City of Wyandotte, Michigan. Gentlemen: Under Lot 75, Ford Manor Subdivision.

Under date of February 5th, 1941, the State Land Office Board decided to the School District of the City of Wyandotte the above described property. The deed was recorded by the Board of Education March 13th.

Will you kindly authorize the charge off of the following City taxes: City General City Tax Special Penalty Ass'n Weed Cutting

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Received and placed on file. Copy of the minutes of the Recreation Commission meeting of February 11.

Received and placed on file. Report from the Chief of Police listing the various classes of liquor dealers in the City.

Received and placed on file. Copy of the minutes of the Workmen's Compensation Board meeting, held March 28, 1941.

Received and placed on file. Copy of the minutes of the Police and Fire Commissioners' meeting, held on March 31, 1941.

The Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Wyandotte. Gentlemen: This is to inform you that after a thorough check of the five new Ford cars for the Police Department, purchased from the Superior Motor Sales, we have found them to be perfectly satisfactory, and recommend that your Honorable Body authorize the City Clerk to make the necessary arrangements to pay for them.

Yours very truly, Ralph F. Wahowiak, Secretary.

Referred to Council. The Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Wyandotte, Michigan. Gentlemen: Through an unintentional oversight, this letter has not been written before, but we agree with the old adage, "better late than never," and at this time wish to express our sincere thanks for the increase in salary you have recently given us.

It certainly is appreciated by each and every member of the Department. Yours very truly, Members of the Police Department, Alma B. Cooper, Sec'y.

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Bills and Accounts. Welfare Warrants in amount of \$404.73.

Referred to Council. Wyandotte, Mich., April 1, 1941. To the Honorable Mayor and Councilmen, Gentlemen: The following claims have been examined, audited and found to be correct:

I therefore recommend that they be approved and payment made. Respectfully submitted, Lawrence J. LaCourse, City Clerk.

Service Office Supply Co. 3.56
Eberts Brothers Co. 36.25
The G. A. Ingram Co. 7.50
Warren J. Higby 13.87
Louis Brohl and Sons 36.01
Railway Express Agency 89
D. Mellin Moran 131.85
J. D. Haven and Son 66.09
Navarre's Floor Covering 51.94
Wyandotte Typewriter Shop 16.08
Wyandotte Replacement Parts 36
Feldman Camera Exchange 15.08
Fred Howarth Lumber Co. 17.19
M. N. Duffy Co. 127.77
Perry Fishery 35.00
Precise Instrument Co. 20.00
Steve's Coal Co. 37.25
Fred Tacke 22.26
Schroeder's Cafe 18.42
Wyandotte Insurance Agency 13.00
The American City Magazine 12.00
The Mechanics Laundry Co. 8.80
Westinghouse Electric Supply Co. 7.61
Miracle Lubricating Co. 16.17
Michigan Spring and Bumper Service 3.82
Mack International Motor Truck Corp. 36.88
A. E. Kunder 1.00
Bartlett Manufacturing Co. 6.47
Wyandotte Carpet Cleaners 3.00
Floorpride, Inc. 36.75
Peak Electric Co. 3.40
Bank Ladders 14.30
Cadillac Overall Supply Co. 1.18
Wroblewski Coal and Coke 37.25
Mine Safety Appliance Co. 2.94
A. B. Milkins 5.40
Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. 141.00
American Loose Leaf Corp. 19.15
Superior Seal and Stamp Co. 3.00
Everett J. Payette 1.11
Lynch and Sullivan 2.00
Wyandotte Motor Sales 13.20
Peterkin Radio Laboratories 9.00
Bigler's Service 4.00
Robinson Welding 12.00
Burke's Service 19.42
Gregory, Mayer and Thom Co. 5.30
Standard Mailing Equipment Co. 7.08
J. T. Wing and Co. 10.90
Solvent Chemical Products 3.00
Wyandotte Paint Products Co. 3.47
Dearborn Leather Co. 10.85
Dept. of Municipal Service 21.76
Down River Press 132.00
Michigan Bell Telephone Co. 182.23
Wyandotte News Co. 100.26
Standard Oil Company 141.22

Payrolls \$1,698.67
Parks 424.00
Sewers 390.50
Public Buildings 218.00
W. P. A. 394.80
Street Maintenance 1,686.30
Total 3,113.40

Resolution by Councilman Ernest B. Schultz. Resolved: By the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant on the proper funds in payment of the list of approved accounts as submitted at this session.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilman Ernest B. Schultz. Supported by Councilman Wagar. Yeas: Councilmen Behm, Brohl, Mason, Schultz, Wagar, Wagner. Nays: None.

Recess. Roll Call. Present: Councilmen Behm, Brohl, Mason, Schultz, Wagar, Wagner. Absent: None.

Resolutions. Wyandotte, Mich., April 1, 1941. Resolution by Councilman Schultz. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wyandotte that the application for license to operate a Class C restaurant under the provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Wyandotte be and is hereby approved to Edward DeSana (Eddie's Place) 2924 Second St.

and the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue Class "C" Restaurant License to the above named person at the above address.

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Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wyandotte that the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to transfer \$800.00 from the Contingent Fund of the City, to the Park Department Budget, same to be used to beautify the Parks and Boulevards, as per plan submitted by the Park Supervisor, and approved by the Committee.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilman Ernest B. Schultz. Supported by Councilman Mason. Yeas: Councilmen Behm, Brohl, Mason, Schultz, Wagar, Wagner. Nays: None.

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same to be placed in the City of Wyandotte Sinking Fund Investment Account, as per the recommendation of the City Clerk and City Treasurer in their communication of even date.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilman Ernest B. Schultz. Supported by Councilman Behm. Yeas: Councilmen Behm, Brohl, Mason, Schultz, Wagar, Wagner. Nays: None.

Wyandotte, Mich., April 1, 1941. Resolution by Councilman Schultz. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wyandotte that the delinquent tax returns from the County Treasurer for the month of November, 1940, in amount of \$10,439.79, be and is hereby ordered to be placed in the following funds:

City of Wyandotte, Board of Education, Operating \$3,426.14
Board of Education, Debt 532.72
Board of Education, School Building 96.94
Special Assessment Fund 1,118.23
General Fund 5,265.06

and the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to draw warrant on the City Treasurer, from the Wyandotte Special Account to the Accounts above mentioned.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilman Ernest B. Schultz. Supported by Councilman Mason. Yeas: Councilmen Behm, Brohl, Mason, Schultz, Wagar, Wagner. Nays: None.

Wyandotte, Mich., April 1, 1941. Resolution by Councilman Ernest B. Schultz. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wyandotte that the list of streets submitted by the Engineer for Council approval as paving projects for this year be referred to the Special Assessment Committee for study of the ownership and condition of taxes on same and reported back to the Council with recommendations.

The City Engineer was so instructed by the Mayor. Councilman George Behm requested the renewal of the committee appointed for opening of street across the railroad tracks between Eureka and Pennsylvania, stating that a considerable study had been made on the Grove Street crossing and the same should be approved as a project, if possible, under W.P.A.

It was also requested that a committee be appointed to investigate the question of the ownership of the twenty foot strip of property near Fourteenth and Chestnut.

Councilman Wagner requested investigation of similar question on the ownership of the five foot strip on Twenty-third Street near Oak Street.

The Mayor then appointed Councilmen Behm, Wagner, City Engineer and City Attorney to investigate both.

Councilman Brohl reported that the Traffic Committee had met with the Police and Fire Commission relative to the request from the C. F. Smith street for limited parking, and that the Police and Fire Commission had agreed to furnish movable no-parking signs to be placed in front of the C. F. Smith Company property on Maple Street.

Councilman Wagner stated residents living around the new McKalee School had requested better lighting conditions. The same had been referred to the Municipal Service Commission. The Municipal Service Commission had reported back that the request should be forwarded to the Board of Education, which was done last year, and no action has been taken as yet. Councilman Wagner suggested that a committee be appointed to meet with the Committee of the Municipal Service Commission and the Committee of the Board of Education, to consider said request.

The Mayor advised that he would appoint a committee next week. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 o'clock P.M. by Councilman Schultz, supported by Councilman Wagar. Yeas: Councilmen Behm, Brohl, Mason, Schultz, Wagar, Wagner. Nays: None.

LAWRENCE J. LACOURSE, City Clerk.

Samuel S. Broughton 3017 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte, Mich. 287,861

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne—ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Wayne, held at the Probate Court room in the City of Detroit, on the thirteenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-one. Present Joseph A. Murphy, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of ANDREW HOLLISTER, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Augusta Hollister praying that administration of said estate be granted to Samuel S. Broughton or some other suitable person. It is ordered, that the ninth day of May, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon at said Court room be appointed for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in the Wyandotte Herald, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Wayne.

JOSEPH A. MURPHY, Judge of Probate.

(A true copy) CHARLES R. HARRIS, Deputy Probate Register. 13w3