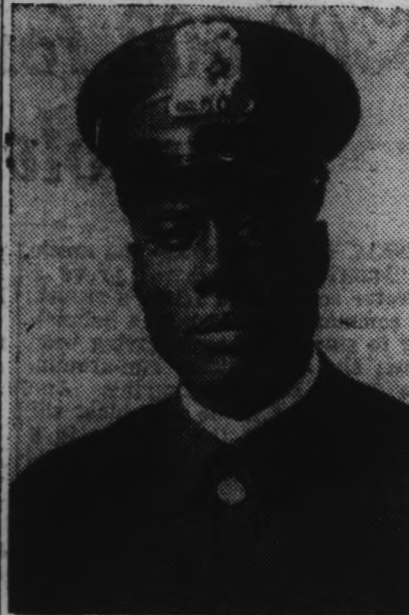


The Human Side of the Law

(By OPAL TANDY)

Police officers are just ordinary humans like everybody else; they have badges and pistols. If you shoot them they die. If you prick them they bleed and if you get the "drop" on them, well they fold up just like anybody else. Living examples of the authenticity of this belief is voiced by the Detective Sergeant Plez Jones who has been called upon to prove just how human he was more than one time. In the fall of 1933 officer Jones was walking in plain clothes near 17th and Arsenal Ave. when an elderly man ran up to him and shouted, "Are you a policeman?" Thinking that it was just an argument Jones said "No, why?" There ment Jones said "No, why?" There is a fight going on around the corner and somebody is going to get killed. That man has a shotgun trying to shoot another man. "Where?" Jones shouted and instinctively his service revolver came out, "Right in there," the man pointed to an open door and jumped back. Jones rushed in with his gun in his hand and aimed to charge through the room but looked up in the muzzle of a twelve gauge shotgun that had a bead right on his head. "I couldn't bring my gun to a position to shoot," Jones said. "I was too close and the man with the gun kept saying, 'I'll blow your head off if you take another step. I didn't take another step but stood there trying to convince the man that I was a policeman.' 'Well you see I was scared and we just had to talk things over. He had already killed a man and there was not any use of him killing me, too, so I stood where I was. The gun in my hand didn't mean a thing.' When he finally believed that I was a cop he dropped the gun and walked over to me. That man had almost blown the top of his brother-in-law's head off and he stood there crying and told me all about it. I think Bigsby was freed on that murder charge.



PLEZ JONES

to a dilapidated house out on Brookville road. Rushing in they encountered an elderly man who said that Miller had been there but was gone.

One officer came in and said that the house had a basement. When the old man told me that I was standing on the trap-door to the basement you should have seen me move back. Jones said, "We had to hook up and extension and find our way down in the basement. I went first. I went slowly with my gun in hand and kept calling for Miller to come out but he didn't answer. Detective Giles was right behind me with his gun over my shoulder. Every time I took a step he took one right behind me. I finally said, 'If you don't come out I'll shoot.' It was dark and something stirred toward me. I straightened up; it was Miller covered with cobwebs and six feet tall weighing over 200 pounds. I started to shoot him anyway. He looked awfully dangerous. Miller got life in prison for his crime but he always denied having had anything to do with the murder.

In all of Jones' encounters he has never knowingly killed a man. But he has had a lot to do with guns. He hopped on the running board of a running car with his rain coat buttoned and a man beat his face until it was bloody. Jones couldn't get his gun from under his coat. When he fell, Jones fired four shots through the back of the fleeing car and barely missed killing the woman who was being taken away by her half-crazed husband. The man put her out of the car, shot at her five times and committed suicide in a judge's office the next morning.

In 1932 while riding in car 52 with officer Preston Heater, they got a call to 19th and Capitol on a stek-up; another scout car came in on the run. When they arrived Jones went in with a white officer and as he stepped in the door the white officer snatched him back as a volley of shot poured from the door of the wash room. The two policemen shot back at the door as bullets sprayed above their heads. They were cut off from their partners by the filling station door and had no other alternative but to shoot it out. The gun-fire went on for a short time and when the smoke cleared away one of the three bandits fell out the door seriously wounded and the other two had their hands up.

They all got a sentence of 10-25. The color and drama that Jones has had is something that seldom comes during the life time of the average copper. He has been in tight places but always came out on top. One night he rode a man around for several hours who said that he knew where the murderer they were looking for was. After a long ride the man smiled and said, "I am the man you are looking for. I did the killing all by myself.

Sergeant Jones lives at 606 Ogden street, is married and has one son. His partner, Ferdinand Holt, says that Jones is the best man he ever worked with.

MRS. J. NORREL, OLD RESIDENT, DIES AT HOME

Last services for Mrs. Belle O. Norrel, 55, 3005 Ruckle street, were held Wednesday afternoon at the residence. Mrs. Norrel became ill more than a year ago and enjoyed rapid recovery until last week when she had a relapse. She died late Sunday night. She was the wife of Dr. James R. Norrel and a resident of this city since 1908. She was born in Eminence, Ky., but formerly resided in Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Norrel was a member of Second Baptist church, and was well known in religious and social activities. Her sunny disposition won for her a multitude of friends. She was married to Dr. Norrel more than thirty-six years ago.

Rev. J. H. Hall, assisted by Rev. R. D. Leonard, officiated.

Survivors are the widow, a sister, Mrs. Sadie Madison; two brothers, Samuel Bennett, Indianapolis, and Hollman Bennett, Chicago; one niece, Miss Dorothy Madison, New York City; a nephew, Puryear Bennett, Chicago.

Interment was held in Crown Hill cemetery with Herbert Willis in charge of funeral directions.

BRAZIL PASTOR TO BE INSTALLED



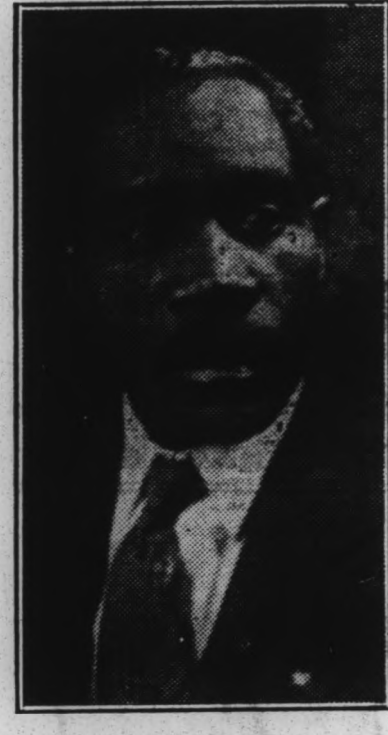
Installation services for Rev. William D. Edwards, pastor of Second Baptist church, Brazil, will be held the second Sunday in July at 3 p. m. Rev. F. F. Young, pastor of the First Baptist church North Indianapolis and his church and choir will have charge of the services.

ELKS RE-ELECT JOHN CAMPBELL

John H. Campbell of Indiana Lodge No. 104, for the third time was again elected, last Monday to lead the organization at a meeting of the local Elks at their home at 738 Indiana avenue. Mr. Campbell thanked the members for the confidence placed in him and promises that, with the cooperation of the body, he would lead them to greater prominence.

He predicted a future in Elksdom for young men that are now joining the lodge.

Other officers elected were: Lundy Dotson, esteemed leading



JOHN CAMPBELL

HARPOLE POST ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM GIVEN

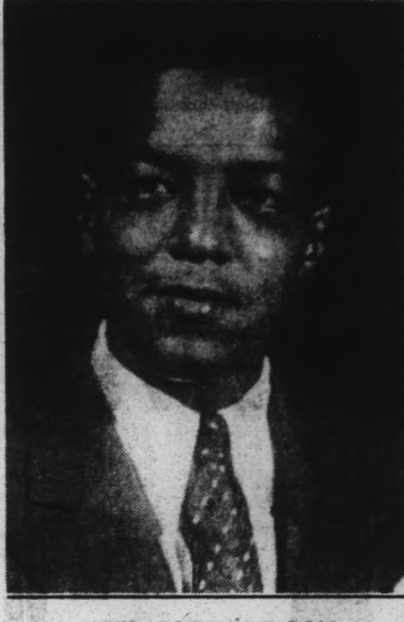
Tillman H. Harpole American Legion post will observe their first anniversary Sunday, July 4th, at Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. church. One of the most colorful parades ever held in this city is promised, in which United Spanish Veterans and their auxiliaries; the Charles M. Young post rifle team and auxiliaries with a few remaining men of sixty-five will take part.

Among distinguished guests and officers to be present are Mrs. Mary E. Harpole, widow of Lieut. Tillman H. Harpole, State Commander C. H. Maston, District Commander, Wilfred Bradshaw, State Adjutant William T. Sayer. State and auxiliary officers have been invited to take part in the program. Jerry Daniels will be in charge of Spanish veterans and Commander Andrew Harris in charge of Charles M. Young post, and Commander Robert Skelton in charge of Tillman H. Harpole post.

The following program will be observed: America by the congregation; invocation, Chaplain Geo. E. Berry; selection, choir, Barnes M. E. church; greetings, Dr. Moore, Jones Tabernacle; solo, Comrade Williams; greetings, United Spanish War Veterans, Commander J. McDaniels; selection, Barnes M. E. choir; introduction of post and auxiliary officers; solo, Roscoe Polin; introduction of speaker, Commander Robert Skelton; anniversary address, Chaplain R. N. Davis; offering; announcements; benediction.

The parade will form at North and West streets at 2:30 p. m., and will move south in Indiana avenue to Illinois and Market streets, east to the Circle; around the Circle to Meridian street, north in Meridian street to Ohio, and west in Ohio street to Indiana; north on Indiana to Michigan, west on Michigan to Blackford street, and to the church.

GRADUATED



Rev. Ford Gibson was among the graduates of Wilberforce to receive the Bachelor degree of Divinity from the Payne Theological seminary. Rev. Gibson was known as a Greek scholar and offer assisted in this study. His activities included serving as chairman of the Constitution Committee of the Young Republican club, president of the John G. Mitchell Literary society, and secretary of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. He presided at the last literary meeting and gave the response at the farewell banquet. He was president of the senior class at Payne and has been appointed by Bishop J. A. Gregg to Bethel A. M. E. church at Logansport, Ind., until conference. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Gibson in North Temple street.

NIESENBAUM OBSERVES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

July 1st marks the tenth anniversary of the Niesenbaum grocery and the end of ten years of service to the community as a business institution and friend. The store is well-known for its charitable cooperation throughout the neighborhood, and is located at 725 West Michigan street, carrying a full line of quality merchandise. It is managed and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Niesenbaum, who boast of their many friends in the community, many affiliated with Jones Tabernacle. Mr. Niesenbaum attributes the success of the store to fair dealing and meeting the public's wants.

Free delivery service is had by calling Rife 3798. Credit is extended to honest persons. Mr. and Mrs. Niesenbaum have five children who were reared in the neighborhood with colored children.

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CCC GRADUATES HEAR GARY HI PRINCIPAL

FT. HARRISON, Ind., July 2.— Three hundred and fifty-two visitors from Indianapolis witnessed the graduation exercises conducted on June 28, starting at 7 p. m. at CCC Company 3550, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

The principle address was delivered by Prof. H. Theodore Tatum, principal of Roosevelt high school, Gary, Ind. He used as his theme, "Education the Strength of Youth". District Officers of the Ft. Harrison District, CCC (State of Indiana) and the camp personnel expressed themselves as hearing the best address ever given at a graduation class.

At this time L. A. Morris, Camp Educational Adviser, wishes to express his appreciation to the 17th Street Baptist church choir and the St. Paul Baptist choir for the musical renditions. He further desires to thank the mass of people from Indianapolis for attending. It has demonstrated their appreciation for what the government is doing for their group of boys.

MISS GEORGIA S. BOGGUS

Miss Georgia Smith Boggus, 21, 526 1/2 California St., died Tuesday. She was born in Central City, Ky., and was a member of Mt. Paran Baptist church. Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m., from the church. Burial was in Crown

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In spite of all the trouble, strife, and unrest that is here, this is a pretty nice old world we live in. At least it's the best I've seen. In this space I've fussed and fumed about some of the ways of folks that rather provoke me, but don't get the idea that I don't believe that there are loads of good folks.

The ironic fact is that the good folks keep the world going, while the "ungood" get the publicity. Yet the good are not overly-much perturbed by this, because in being good they have their reward and they do not ask for a lot of ballyhoo.

Now when I mention "good folks," I'm not referring to the "perfect people" because they are altogether too rare to mention. The fact is, that the majority of us fall into one of two classes in matters of behavior and the resultant reputation and the two classes are: the CAUGHT and the UNCAUGHT.

I happen to know of many persons in the second class who are much, ah very much worse than many in the first group, but what can you do about it? So when I refer to "GOOD FOLKS" I'm speaking of those who maintain a bathing average of .501 or more in their manner of dealing with life and their fellowmen.

Folks will be folks and one should not be too critical nor expect too much, because he himself might do worse in the other persons shoes. I knew a person once who thought that anyone who met with misfortune was being punished for sins. She preached it all her life—that is, until she suddenly became an invalid. Then she spent the remainder of her days shouting, "Taint' so."

Yep folks, a hot potato in your hand is a lot different from that same hot spud in my hand (and vice versa).

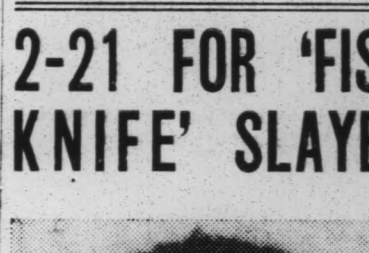
It's like my uncle's pet sow said to the cow one morning as they were arguing, "Listen here, bag-belly, just because I don't care to eat hay is no reason for you to step in my favorite slop; so, you manage your milk and I'll peddle this pork."

2-21 FOR 'FISH KNIFE' SLAYER KINGAN PICNIC DRAWS 1500

The fifth annual Kingan Colored Employees picnic, sponsored by the Old Timers and Social clubs, was held at Douglas Park last Saturday afternoon, June 26, with children's and adults' contests, refreshments and a baseball game as features of the outing. Zack Wilson was general chairman in charge of committees.

Those in charge of the various committees were: Livingston Prince, finance; Shirley Owens, entertainment; William Smith, reception.

A number of Kingan products was awarded as prizes to winners of the various competitive events listed on the program, which included foot races for the children and adults and a cracker eating contest. Whistles, balls and dolls also were given to the kiddies. An estimated crowd of 1500 persons was in attendance.



GEORGE WAYNE

Confessing the slaying of Will Williams last January, George Wayne, 29, was sentenced in criminal court Tuesday to serve from two to twenty-one years in the Indiana state prison.

The two men had argued at the home of John Smith, 725 Hadley street, and some one persuaded Williams to leave the house to prevent the trouble. Wayne, it is alleged, followed the man to the street and stabbed him in the neck with a fish knife. Both men were drinking, it is said.

Much comment has been made charging laxity of the courts in meeting such small sentences to murdered and those who commit felonies. Wayne marks the third race killer that has escaped with the lenient sentence of two to twenty-one years this year.

BUS EXCURSION

The G. O. S. Singers directed by Mrs. Beatrice Brown will render service in Terre Haute, Ind., July 9th; Evansville, Ind., July 10th and 11th. Returning, leave Evansville, 11:30 p. m., July 11th; arrive in time for work. Bus leaves 17th and Martindale Ave., at 5:30 p. m., July 9th. Round Trip, \$3.50.

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CHARITY GROUP IN 34TH MEET

The grand body Sisters of Charity, meeting in their thirty-fourth session at the Mt. Paran Baptist church, were entertained by Charity No. 10, presided over by Mrs. David Miller. The sessions closed Thursday, June 17th.

The three-day session was marked with enthusiasm and showed favorable reports. Mrs. Parthena Crawford, grand body president, presided; Mrs. Ella Peters, first vice-president; Mrs. Amanda V. Hughes, second vice-president, assisting. Rev. Plummer D. Jacobs, superintendent; Mrs. Patria Taylor, financial secretary; Mrs. Minnie Hardister, recording secretary; Mrs. Ella Settles, burial board secretary; Mrs. Maria Barnett, chaplain; Mrs. Cella J. Maxey, mother matron, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bybee secretary-treasurer, trustees.

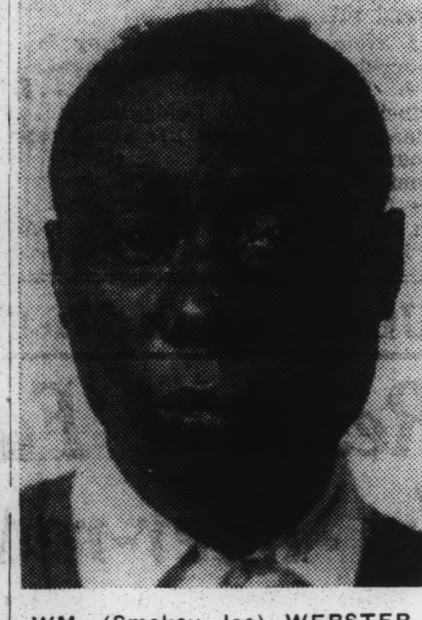
WOMAN SHOTS AT EX-FRIEND

Early one morning recently residents in the neighborhood of North street and Senate avenue were awakened from their peaceful slumber by shots fired at Walter Starks, 604 1/2 North Senate avenue. Starks was fired upon by an ex-girl friend, Miss Ethel Miller, 37, 548 North Senate avenue, apartment 6.

It is alleged that Starks had taken a purse containing five dollars and some change belonging to Miss Miller and ran down an alley. Miss Miller, in close pursuit fired a shot at the fleeing man, which was heard by Patrolmen Davenport and Jones, who arrested her charged vagrancy. Starks was not found.

"SMOKEY JOE" GIVEN 2-21 YRS.

Pleading guilty of the charge of manslaughter, William "Smokey Joe" Webster was sentenced from two to twenty-one years in the Indiana State prison last Thursday morning in criminal court.



WM. (Smokey Joe) WEBSTER

Williams was charged with the murder of his common-law wife, Patricia Motley, 27, 723 1/2 North West street, last February. The woman's body was found, pierced with five ice-pick wounds, by Eugene Alexander, 42, 1010 Fayette street.

Police say an argument started following a card game in which an unidentified man took part and he departed. In the fracas a "Smokey" coat was stripped from him and his arm was broken.

MRS. MATTIE BELL HAYDEN

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Bell Hayden, 62, 725 North West street, were held in Charlestown, Ind., her home, last Wednesday. She died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Branham, another living here three weeks.

Services were held in the A. M. E. church with Rev. A. E. Taylor, pastor, officiating. Survivors are the widow, one daughter, one son, a sister, and other relatives. Burial was held in Charlestown cemetery. Mrs. O. H. Morgan had charge of funeral directions.

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