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SCHOONOVER DONATES PARK TO CITY G-MEN KILL AL BRADY AND SHAFFER

3 DESPERADOES MOWED DOWN IN STREET BATTLE

Dalhover Wounded At Bangor, Me., By Federal Agents And Police

ONE OFFICER INJURED

Reign Of Terror Terminated As Gang Tries To Obtain New Weapons

Other Brady gang stories on Pages 2, 6, 13 and 17.

BANGOR, Me., Oct. 12.—(INS)—The reign of Indiana's "Second Dillinger Gang" was brought to a grim and dramatic finale today when a contingent of G-men and local policemen shot and killed Al Brady, America's public enemy No. 1 and a lieutenant, Clarence Lee Shaffer, Jr., and wounded a third bandit, James Dalhover.

The three were mowed down in a sensational gun battle in the heart of the business district.

One of the G-men, Walter Walsh, was wounded as bullets splattered all over the scene of the battle. He was rushed to a hospital while the lone survivor of the bandit trio was taken to police headquarters.

WANTED FOR THREE MURDERS

Brady, who had been designated by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as the nation's chief public enemy, had been wanted for at least three murders and a score of bank robberies in the midwest.

The 26-year-old bandit leader and his confederates were trapped after they had made three visits to Bangor, presumably from Bridgeport, Conn. They had come here to buy special type guns.

The local authorities were tipped that the gangsters were making visits to Bangor. The police here forwarded this information to the Department of Justice at Washington. The result was that when the bandits arrived here this morning in an automobile, at least ten G-men and local police officers were lying in wait.

Shortly after 8:30 a. m. the bandit car came to a stop in front of Dakin's sporting goods store where the gangsters previously had been dickered for gun purchases.

G-MEN WAITING AS GANG ARRIVES

G-men were sitting in cars near by and also were stationed near the windows of an office building directly across the street from the store. Local police were scattered about in the vicinity and several officers were within the store.

Dalhover got out of the car and walked into the store. Behind the counter, acting as clerk, was G-man Walsh.

"Up with your hands!" snapped Walsh. Dalhover made a break for the rear of the store. Police officers intercepted him, as he was dashing for a door leading into an alley, and felled him with blows on the head and face and with the butt ends of their pistols.

Sensing something was wrong, Brady—the gang leader—emerged from the car. One startled glance thru the store window and he drew

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COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE OPENED MONDAY EVENING



Shown above at dinner meeting Monday night, opening the Community Chest drive are: (left to right) C. A. Reiter, National Firms' division chairman; Fred Becker, vice chairman of the campaign; Russel Leedy, secretary of the Community Chest; Dr. R. E. Bushong, superintendent of the Lima State Hospital for Criminal Insane and president of the Chest; Mrs. E. O. Steiner and Frank Baker, also committee members. The drive banquet was held Monday evening in the Barr hotel. (See story on page 2).

GUN DEALER'S TIP TRAPS BRADY GANG

G-Men Hide In Store Night And Day, Awaiting Return

(EDITOR'S NOTE: How Public Enemy No. 1 and No. 2 Al Brady and Clarence Lee Shaffer, were shot and killed in Bangor, Maine, was related in the Chicago Evening American by Bonanza Chief of Police Thomas Crowley over the long distance telephone. His story follows.)

By THOMAS CROWLEY BANGOR, ME., POLICE CHIEF CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 12.—(INS)—One week ago Clerk Everett Shepp Hurd of Dakin's Sporting Goods Co. called me and told me that he thought he recognized Al Brady.

Brady and two other men had walked into the store and inquired about some guns. They acted suspiciously and Hurd was sure that the men were the ones so badly wanted.

I talked to Hurd and he told me just what they had said and how they acted. I agreed with him. Because they didn't buy any shotguns at the time, I was sure that they would come back and stick up the store within a short period of time. So I tipped off the government men.

The G-men came to Bangor (Continued On Page Four)

MATTSON BOY'S ABDUCTOR NEW ENEMY NO. ONE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(INS)—The kidnaper-murderer of little Charley Mattson—never yet identified—headed the list of the government's most wanted criminals today after being "rubbed out" by federal operatives in Bangor, Me.

Next to him stand two Florida bank robbers, Hugh Gant and Alva Dewey Hunt, brothers-in-law, on whose respective heads the department of justice has posted rewards of \$1,000.

There is a standing reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest of the Mattson kidnaper.

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AMBITION TO OUT-DO DILLINGER THWARTED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 12.—(INS)—Death under the deadly fire of his hated enemies, the G-men, today thwarted the boasted ambition of Al Brady to "make John Dillinger look like a piker."

Brady, once a simple Indiana farm lad, had taken Dillinger, the arch-gangster, as his model and had trained the other members of his gang, Clarence Lee Shaffer, and James Dalhover, wounded by the federal men, in the tactics of Dillinger. Dillinger was also once a Hoosier farm boy.

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TWO LIMA JOBS OF BRADY GANG ARE RECALLED

Career Of Crime Ends Ignominously For Men Who Preyed On Store Here



ALFRED BRADY

SARBER MURDER DATE IS MARKED

Thugs Who Tried To Emulate Dillinger Meet Same Fate As "Old Creepy"

It was exactly four years ago Tuesday that five henchmen of the notorious John Dillinger murdered Sheriff Jess Sarber to liberate the Indiana hoodlum from the Allen-co jail.

And on the same date two of the gangsters who set out to emulate the infamous Dillinger, known to intimates as "Old Creepy," met the same fate that befell their idol.

Al Brady and Clarence Lee Shaffer fell in Bangor, Maine, riddled with G-men's bullets in almost an exact parallel of the slaying of Dillinger by federal agents as he left the Biograph theatre in Chicago.

The Sarber killing roused the populace of the nation as perhaps few crimes in recent years. It was cold-blooded murder.

The five Dillinger gangsters entered the sheriff's office, representing themselves as officials of the Michigan City, Ind., penitentiary and said they wished to interview Dillinger.

When the sheriff, stated at his desk, with Mrs. Sarber next to him, asked the strangers for credentials, one of five slipped out a pistol and said, "here is our credential," and fired two shots at Sarber when he moved to grab his revolver.

Deputy Wilbur Sharp, who was in the office at the time, was ordered to surrender the keys to the jail and after one of the men bent over the dying sheriff and starting striking him with a black jack, Sharp produced the keys and

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LIQUOR STORE SITE IN SOUTH LIMA SOUGHT

Sealed bids for the leasing of rental premises to the Ohio Department of Liquor Control for a unit of state liquor stores on S. Main-st in the six, seven, eight or nine hundred block, will be received in the office of the state liquor control, office in the Ohio Hartman-bldg., Columbus, up until noon Saturday, October 23, it was announced Tuesday by J. W. Miller, director of the liquor control board.

Forms for submission of proposals may be obtained by writing the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, 465 Hartman-bldg., Miller said.

It was learned Tuesday that members of the board will meet sometime next week at which time the chairman will be named.

Tolan has been active in Allen's Democratic politics for more than 40 years. He served as a member of the election board back in 1917 when registration was first established here. He served as secretary of the Allen Democratic organization from 1929 to 1934, and has served on the county central committee various times in the past 20 years. In 1921 and 1922 he was secretary of the Ohio Blind commission, and from 1925 to 1929 he was in the employ of The Lima News as court reporter.

Tolan is a member of the Allen-

Democratic executive committee. The executive committee presided over by Francis W. Durbin, chairman, adopted a resolution of condolence in the death of Madigan.

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ROME, Oct. 12.—(INS)—Action of Archbishop Edward A. Mooney of Detroit in silencing Fr. Charles E. Coughlin, the "radio priest" who has full support of the Vatican, it was stated semi-officially today.

The archbishop acted "autonomously" in suggesting revisions in the text of a radio speech prepared by Fr. Coughlin in which he again attacked President Roosevelt, but reported to the Vatican after Coughlin had "voluntarily" abandoned his radio talks.

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U. S. CONSUL TO SYRIA KILLED BY ASSASSIN'S GUN

James Theodore Marriner Slain; Chauffeur Seizes Man Whose Visa Was Refused By His Victim

(An eye-witness account of the assassination of J. Theodore Marriner is on Page 6 of this issue of The Lima News.)

BEIRUT, Syria, Oct. 12.—(AP)—James Theodore Marriner, one of the best known American foreign service officers, was shot and killed today by an Airmann to whom he had refused a visa to enter the United States.

The assassin's gun felled the tall, scholarly consul general as he stepped from his automobile before his office for the start of the day's official business.

Marriner's chauffeur captured the assassin.

Marriner had arrived at the consulate general from his mountain home in Broummana, outside Beirut, when he was attacked at 8:30 a. m.

Police, after a preliminary investigation, said the killer's name was Mezardeh Karayan.

They reported he pumped six bullets from a revolver into Marriner at close range. The consul general was struck in the head, abdomen and thigh. He died instantly.

An investigating magistrate examined Karayan. The prisoner, police announced, admitted that Marriner's refusal to issue a visa for the United States was the motive for the attack.

The authorities said the American official had blocked Karayan's entry on the grounds of insanity in the Armenian's family. Marriner was known thruout the diplomatic service in Europe

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VICTIM LINKED IN CONN DEATH

Either Brady Gang Or Bird Brothers Responsible, Says Col. Black

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 12.—(INS)—Jubilant over the unexpected dissolution of the Brady gang of G-men bullets in Bangor, Me., Col. Lynn Black, state highway patrol superintendent, declared today he was convinced that either the Bradys or the Birds gangsters who escaped from a Cleveland jail, murdered Highway Patrolman George A. Conn near Freepert, O., on Sept. 28.

Search for the Bird brothers, still at large after being reported as sighted in Cleveland yesterday, will continue relentlessly, Col. Black said, also there is a strong possibility Patrolman Conn's slayers were killed today in Bangor.

G-men shot and killed the Brady gang leader, Al Brady, and a henchman, Clarence Lee Shaffer, (Continued On Page Six)

R. B. TOLAN NAMED TO ELECTION BOARD SEAT

Robert E. Tolan, county supervisor for the Division of Aid for the Aged, was named a member of the Allen-co board of elections to succeed the late Joseph M. Madigan, chairman, Monday night at a special meeting of the county Democratic executive committee.

The vote of the committee was unanimous.

The appointment was immediately forwarded to the secretary of state's office in Columbus. Tolan's appointment is expected to be made about Thursday.

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PARK DONOR



Thomas R. Schoonover, above, Monday night was disclosed as the philanthropist who has acquired McCullough park and turned it over to the city.

FIRESIDE CHAT TOPIC WITHHELD

Half Dozen Subjects To Be Dealt With; Farm Discussion Likely

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's "fireside chat" tonight probably will touch on a half dozen subjects, it was said at the White House today, but their nature was not disclosed.

Secretary Stephen T. Early said the precedent for the speech—presumably reviewing the President's western trip—was set by a talk after last year's drought inspection tour.

Guesses as to the principal topic ranged from foreign affairs to the federal budget, but most observers believed Mr. Roosevelt would emphasize the prospect of a huge crop surplus, and his belief in the need for legislation to control production.

Some predicted he would announce an extra session of congress for the middle of next month to deal with the problem.

The President's speech, to be broadcast nationally at 9:30 p. m. (EST), will be his tenth "fireside chat" since he entered the White House on March 4, 1933. It will be delivered from the executive mansion shortly before Mr. Roosevelt leaves for Hyde Park, N. Y., on an overnight train.

Belief that the President would discuss the crop situation and a

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Shots Fired In Case At Wapak

(Lima News Bureau) WAPAKONETA, Oct. 12.—Clarence MacDonald, 22, of 211 E. Benton-st. was being held in the Auguzin-co jail today following what Sheriff William Nutter described as a wild chase in which an automobile was wrecked and shots were fired by Deputy James Goetz.

Nutter said he was called to the MacDonald home where Clarence allegedly was fighting with his father, Clarence, in his automobile and wrecked by another party while the latter was pursuing him.

He took to the road and failed to halt after two and a half miles by the time he was overtaken and shot by the federal men. He was killed by a bullet which struck him in the chest while the rest of the gangsters fled.

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GIESEKING IS SORRY, BUT DID NOT LIKE BRADY

BLANESVILLE, Oct. 12.—(AP) James Giesecking, who was convicted of kidnapping with the Al Brady gang, today said he was sorry he had killed Brady, but that he did not like Brady.

HEAD OF CITY LOAN TO GIVE UPKEEP FUNDS

Generous Gift To City Will Approximate \$100,000 In 10 Years

PHILANTHROPIST LAUDED

Revelation Of Identity Ends Speculation; Few Formalities Remain

Announcement of the gift of McCullough's park to the city of Lima, which will approximate \$100,000, by Thomas R. Schoonover, Monday night at council meeting, ended the mystery which has cloaked the identity of the donor, topic of discussion since Councilman Harry Wright, Jr. made known the offer a week ago.

Schoonover is president of The City Loan and Savings Co.

Besides agreeing to pay the purchase price, reported in excess of \$20,000, Schoonover pledged an additional outright gift of \$25,000, payable on or before July 4, 1938, as a means of providing for the prompt adaptation of the park property for public usage and getting action started at once for its improvement, and \$5,000 a year for the next 10 years toward upkeep of the property.

The \$100,000 gift, Schoonover told city officials, is given "as an expression of my pride in our city and in acknowledgement of one of our greatest needs, with particular thought of our children today and the oncoming generations of tomorrow."

The philanthropist also announced that it is his purpose "to make this a living gift—to terminate immediately in event of my decease prior to the expiration of the 10-year period; and not to be an encumbrance on my estate nor a burden on my natural heirs."

PARK DEDICATED TO CITY'S USE

Stipulations of the gift also provide that the entire McCullough's park property be forever dedicated to the people of Lima for public park purposes, and that no part of it shall be disposed of or let out for any other purpose.

The deal, consummated between agents for Schoonover and Mrs. Josephine Kelly, owner of the property, was completed a few minutes before council opened Monday night's session.

In accepting the Schoonover gift, city officials announced that only a few formalities, such as checking the title of the property, and other details, remain before the deed is formally turned over to the city. The city will assume back taxes on the park property, it was agreed.

A movement immediately was started to change the name of McCullough's park to Schoonover park. The proposal suggested by Atty. Melvin C. Licht and Frank J. Callahan, second ward councilman, gained immediate support when the Emerson Boosters' club, of which James Christoff is president, adopted a resolution proposing the change in appreciation of Schoonover's generosity to the city of Lima.

Appreciation of Schoonover was expressed by city officials and interested individuals after announcement of the gift.

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ROBERT B. TOLAN