

January 14, 1930

Kokomo Tribune

Sports

At Greencastle the first of the college town tourneys will be played, with Crawfordsville, Bloomington, Lafayette, and the host school competing. This is also known as the "Monon" tourney, since all four cities are located along the Monon railroad. Greencastle is given the edge both on the bases of season record and the fact the Tiger Cubs will have their own floor.

Greencastle made it ten victories in eleven starts by downing a county rival, Bainbridge, 33-16. Greencastle has a nice menu this week, going to Bedford Friday night and then entering the Monon Tourney the following day.

March 20, 1930

Logansport Press

No Sleep; Citizens Object To Braying

Hammond, Ind., March 19—Through their councilmen, wealthy residents of Hammond's deluxe sub-divisions which skirt the Monon railroad, demanded official action be taken against the railroad because of the sleepless nights they undergo because of the braying of jackasses, the mooing of cows, bleating of sheep and squealing of pigs. Almost every night, it was complained at last night's council meeting, carloads of live stock are switched by the Monon into the district and the clamor makes sleep impossible.

March 25, 1930

Kokomo Tribune

Killed At Crossing

Munster, Ind., March 25—Edwin Scharbach, 20, of Hobart, Ind., and an unidentified girl were instantly killed last night when their automobile crashed into the side of a Monon railroad engine at the Ridge road crossing. Scharbach's father is a wealthy lumber contractor.

March 27, 1930

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Oldest Monon Employee Dies Of Heart Attack

New Albany, Ind., Mar. 27—Michael C. Hackett, 74, the Monon railroad's oldest employee according to local reports, died at Louisville, Ky., after a ten hour illness following a heart attack.

Hackett had been a conductor for the Monon railroad for fifty-four years. He received two service medals. His run was between Louisville and Chicago.

March 28, 1930

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Lafayette Shopman Killed By Monon Train

Lafayette, Ind., March 28—John Leslie, 47, a Monon railroad shopman, met a horrible death here. He was hit by a cut of cars on the Wabash Railroad here and run over. Although badly mangled, he lived for twenty minutes after the accident.

May 12, 1930

Kokomo Tribune

Veteran Conductor Dies

Bloomington, Ind., May 12—Granville C. Hays, 68, of Louisville, veteran Monon railroad conductor, died yesterday at the Bloomington hospital following a stroke of paralysis, suffered as he was checking train No. 68 (or 69), preparatory to making his regular run between Bloomington and Louisville.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at Campbellsburg. The widow and two daughters survive.

May 20, 1930

Vidette Messenger

Indiana May Have Combined Travel Offer

Indianapolis, May 20—Indiana may soon have its own air-rail transportation, it was indicated with the incorporation of the Monon Transportation corporation at the office of the secretary of state here.

The company organized under auspices of the Monon railroad, which runs from Chicago to Louisville, has for its avowed purpose the creation of an air-rail system similar to those operated by the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads.

However, Harrison Carter, of Indianapolis, Monon attorney, said no definite plans have been made for institution of the airplane-train transportation. He said the company was organized so that the Monon railroad would be in a position to start such a service at a later date, if conditions warranted it.

The company was capitalized at fifty shares of stock, of a par value of \$10 a share.

June 6, 1930

Vidette Messenger

From the Do You Remember The Day? Section

Twenty Years Ago—June 6, 1910

William H. Caniff, of Cleveland, Ohio, president of the Nickel Plate railroad, got his start in the railroad business at Otis, LaPorte County (Where I grew up. KG), where he served as agent for the Monon railroad for a number of years.

June 14, 1930

Vidette Messenger

Business On The Mend In Many Cities (excerpt)

Revision of the Monon railroad company schedule at Lafayette, placing workers on a five and one-half day week instead of four days was announced.

July 10, 1930

Vidette Messenger

Dog Chases Speeder; Upsets It

Indianapolis, Ind., July 9—James Humphrey of Monon, a Monon railroad lineman, and a large police dog owned by A.D. Heath here were recovering today from injuries received when the dog chased Humphrey who was on a railroad speeder, and upset the machine. The dog had been in the habit of chasing trains and barking at them. When Humphrey came along on the speeder, the dog believed he finally had some prey of the right size and after a short chase, leaped at the speeder. He fell in front of it, was catapulted through the air. The speeder itself left the rails and landed in the ditch in the right of way.

July 31, 1930

Kokomo Tribune

Slain By Detective

Hammond, Ind., July 31—Marion Turner, 29, of Dayton, Ohio, was shot and killed in the Monon railroad yards here last night by E.A. Russell, railway detective. Wray Turner, 23, a brother, was shot and seriously wounded by the detective. Wray's home is at Rossville, Ind.

The detective said he found the Tarners in the railroad yards and sought to question them. Marion drew a revolver, the detective said, and began shooting. The officer said Marion Turner fired the shot that wounded his brother. Russell said he returned the fire and killed Marion.

July 31, 1930

Rushville Republican

Dies Of Injuries

Lafayette, Ind., July 30—Earl Downard, 43, of Monon died at a hospital here last night of injuries suffered Monday when he was struck by a Monon railroad switch engine.

August 28, 1930

Logansport Press

From the Monticello news section

Wednesday, September 3, will be White County day at the state fair. A special train will be run on the Monon that day and the round trip fare from Monticello to Indianapolis and return will be \$2.25, the train will leave at 7:18 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. The county agent will furnish White County ribbon badges for those going on Wednesday.

The mail service question is again before the Monticello public as the Monon railroad has decided to close their office from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. It is understood some plan will be made to deliver the mail from the early morning trains.

September 4, 1930

Logansport Press

No Title

Thirty-two Delphi persons took advantage of the special rates to the State Fair offered today by the Monon railroad. Last year, when special rates were offered 60 persons went by train to the fair. Today 68 persons went from Monticello as against 210 last year. There were 54 on the train from Monon, as against 110 last year.

September 6, 1930

Kokomo Tribune

To Move Railroad Yards

Hammond, Ind., Sept. 6—The yards of the Erie railroad were to be moved from the center of Hammond to Osborn, on the eastern city limits, and the yards of the Monon railroad from the south side residential district to Stony Island, Ill.

September 9, 1930

Logansport Press

Work Nears Completion

The new 66,000-volt substation being erected here (Monticello) by the Northern Indiana Public Service company is rapidly taking form and the work is being rushed all possible to complete as much of the station before cold weather as can conveniently be done. The Monon railroad has completed fourteen hundred feet of new siding into the plant for the prompt handling of equipment and supplies.

September 24, 1930

Kokomo Tribune

Monon Asks Bus Line

Indianapolis, Sept. 23—The Monon Transportation Corporation, subsidiary of the Monon railroad, today filed a petition with the public service commission asking for authority to operate busses between Lafayette and Monon instead of the four trains. Figures were included showing a deficit of \$9,342.88 in the last four months.

January 9, 1931

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Former Logansport Man Succumbs At Monon

Monon, Ind., Jan 9—Charlse. F. Hillhouse, 72 years old, formerly of Logansport, died at his home here after an illness of three days. The widow, a daughter, son, and three sisters survive. He was an ex-Monon railroad employee here.

Funeral services will be held at the residence at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon with the Rev. Charles N. McBrayer in charge. Burial will be made in the Monon cemetery.

January 30, 1931

Logansport Press

Robbed In Bloomington

Will Myers, of Yeoman, foreman of the Monon railroad, whose work takes him over the system, had the misfortune to be robbed of \$50 at Bloomington Saturday night. He states the bandits over looked \$3, which he carried in his vest pocket.

March 11, 1931

Logansport Press

Injured By Fall

Walter Utterback, who left Delphi recently for LaCrosse where he is employed with the Monon railroad, fell on the ice Monday and was injured. Mrs. Utterback received word that he would be unable to work for some time and left Tuesday for LaCrosse to accompany him home. Mr. Utterback was one of the Monon ticket agents in this city until a few months ago.

March 19, 1931

Rushville Republican

Monon Freight And Passenger In Wreck

Guernsey, Ind., March 19—George Marlowe, of Indianapolis, engineer on a southbound Monon railroad freight train, was found dead in the engine cab this morning following a headon collision with a north bound passenger train here.

Marlowe is believed to have been killed by the shock of the collision. John Miller, engineer of the passenger train, was seriously injured and was taken to St. Elizabeth's hospital at Lafayette. Arthur W. Robinson and T.M. Houston, the two firemen, were less seriously injured. All of the injured enginemen are from Indianapolis.

The passenger train was not moving at the time of the collision and was waiting on the freight train to go into a siding. Passengers were shaken up but no one was injured.

Officials of the railroad have begun an investigation. The wreck occurred shortly after 4 o'clock this morning. Traffic was restored on the line by 8 a.m.

The freight train had two engineers. Claude Smith was the engineer and Charles Huston was the fireman on the second locomotive. Both are from Lafayette. They suffered bruises.

March 25, 1931

Logansport Press

Railroad and U.S. Officials Seeking Reason For Crash

Lafayette, Ind., March 24—Officials of the Monon railroad met here today with representatives of the interstate commerce commission and the Indiana public service commission to conduct a joint inquiry into the collision at Guernsey last week in which two engineers were killed.

The wreck resulted when a double header freight train crashed into a passenger train.

April 9, 1931

Vidette Messenger

Monon Car Shop Employees Laid Off

Lafayette, Ind., April 9—Bulletins posted at the Monon railroad shops here give notice of the most drastic step yet taken by the railroad company in its policy of retrenchment due to the business depression. Employees of the car department of the shops will be laid off for an indefinite period, effective next Sunday. No hint was given as to when the workmen will be called back to work. Locomotive department employees also have been notified of the customary shutdown beginning Monday and continuing for a week.

May 19, 1931

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Reynolds Man Dies

Reynolds, Ind., May 19—Charles Eggert, 68 years old, died last Monday afternoon at the home of his brother, Fred, in Francesville. He was born in Germany and came to the United States in October 1878(?) and settled in White County where he spent the remainder of his life. He was employed on the Monon railroad for many years.

June 5, 1931

Rushville Republican

Struck By Train

Bloomington, Ind., June 4—The body of a man found crushed along the Monon railroad tracks five miles south of here yesterday has been identified as that of Ira Taylor, 54, laborer, of Bloomington. Coroner Ben Ross planned an inquest today.

June 26, 1931

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Monticello news section

A new trial was granted Mrs. E.M. Carson in her suit against the Monon railroad which has been pending for 12 years. Mrs. Carson asked \$25,000 for allegedly permanent injuries which she received when she slipped on alighting from a train at Brookston. A jury gave her a verdict of \$3,000. The new trial was set for Nov. 30 of this year.

July 16, 1931

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

White County Man Is Held In Jail

White County officials are holding Vaughn Mills, 36, in the Cass County jail on a charge of grand larceny preferred against him at Monticello more than a year ago by officials of the Monon railroad. He was brought here after having been taken into custody at Hartford City.

Mills is known here, having been engaged in repair work on the local court house a few years ago. He is a steeplejack.

July 25, 1931

Logansport Press

Discontinue Trains

By Authority of the Indiana Public Service Commission the Monon railroad, effective July 20th, discontinued four of its passenger trains operating between Lafayette and Medaryville, Francisville, Monon, Reynolds, Chalmers, Brookston and Battle Ground. Express and mail formerly carried by these trains will be serviced by truck. Two trips will be made daily, northbound in the morning and southbound in the evening. The St. Pierre Bus lines have operated passenger bus service along this route for several months and will continue.

August 3, 1931

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Monticello news section

Vaughn Mills, arrested at Hartford City on the charge of stealing articles at the Monon railroad in this county pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge McClurg and was sentenced to ninety days at the penal farm.

August 13, 1931

Logansport Press

Council Discusses Railroad Crossings

Delphi, Aug. 12—Four representatives of the Monon railroad and a representative of the Wabash railroad attended the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening and discussed with members of the council the subject of better railroad crossings for Delphi. The Wilson street crossing was the one for which the council felt there should be a watchman for a longer period than at present. The hours now are from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It was decided that hereafter the

watchman should be on duty from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and in the event the southbound Monon passenger train is late, the watchman is to remain on duty until it has passed.

September 23, 1931

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Arrest Man At Delphi For White Authorities

Delphi, Ind., Sept. 23—S.F. Sisinger, Monon railroad yardmaster, was arrested here Tuesday night and turned over to authorities at White County where slander charges have been filed against him in circuit court.

October 4, 1931

Logansport Press

Monon Man Dies

John Edgar Ferguson, 45, general yard master of the Monon railroad at Monon, passed away late Wednesday night of acute indigestion. He had been with the Monon railroad 27 years.

Surviving are the widow, two sons, Jack of Monon, Arthur of Memphis, Tenn., and a daughter, Marjorie of Monon.

Funeral services will be Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home in Monon and will be private. Burial will be in the Monon cemetery.

November 4, 1931

Logansport Pharos Tribune

Aged Contractor Expires At Delphi

Delphi, Ind., Nov. 4—J.C. O'Conner, 76, prominent local citizen, died at his home here Tuesday night at 10 o'clock. He was engaged in the contracting business as the senior member of the J.C. O'Conner Construction company, road builders. He helped build the Monon railroad between Delphi and Monon in 1879.

Surviving are the widow and three sons, John Jr., Robert and Maurice, all of Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was a member of the Delphi council, Knights of Columbus.

Funeral services will be held from St. Joseph's Church, with the Rev. Clifford Reed in charge. Burial will be made in St. Joseph's cemetery.

November 28, 1931

Logansport Press

Steeplejack Is Attacked

Vaughn Mills, steeplejack who made repairs to the Cass County courthouse two years ago, was seriously injured when attacked with a knife by one Henry Klingshire, who with Mills was held in Hartford City jail for stealing from freight cars.

Mills was accused by Klingshire of giving information about alleged robberies. Klingshire borrowed a knife from another prisoner and attacked Mills, cutting him on the left arm and back. Mills is under a one year sentence for his part in the robberies. Some weeks ago he was held in the Cass County jail for Monon railroad officials at Lafayette who wanted him for stealing from freight cars.

December 8, 1931

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

B & O Acquisition Of Monon Railway Opposed By State

Indianapolis, Dec. 8—Opposition to the purported plan of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to acquire the Monon railroad was suppressed by the public service commission in a resolution, prepared by John McCardle, chairman of the commission. He asked Ogden to file a petition with the interstate commerce commission opposing an attempted sale.

“Consolidation of carriers mean removal of shops from one location to another and extinction of terminal divisions,” the resolution read. “This involved reduction of forces. The employees of railroads constitute no inconsiderable part of our population, and their welfare must be taken into consideration when the public welfare is considered.”

December 31, 1931

Logansport Press

Overalls Are Given To Road

The overalls recovered by local authorities the first of the week near Lake Olcott yesterday were found to have been stolen from the Monon railroad at Delphi, Captain William Strahle, Pennsylvania railroad police captain, said.

They had been consigned to a chain store in Minnesota. Authorities believe the reason for disposing of the overalls rather than selling them was due to the special brand used only by the retail stores for which they are made and the fact that they are bulky and hard to handle.

An attempt is still being made to connect the theft with that of the dozen of cases of valuable blankets from the Pennsy near here last Sunday.

Monon officials came for the overalls yesterday morning.

February 1, 1932

Vidette Messenger

Chicago Autoist Crashes Into Side Of Freight Train Near Wanatah; Brought To Hospital

Failing to observe a freight train covering the Monon railroad crossing, on State Road 30, east of Wanatah, Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock, nearly cost the life of C.J. Hanoson.

Traveling at a speed of thirty-five miles an hour, Hanson's automobile crashed into the side of the freight train, wrecking his machine and hurling him against the side of his car.

Hanson's face and hands were cut and lacerated by broken glass and he lost a large amount of blood while being brought here to Christian Hospital by J.C. Watt of Cedar Lake, Ind., a passing motorist.

According to reports made to Valparaiso police, Hanson was driving from Kokomo, Ind., to Chicago, and did not see the train on the crossing because it carried no lights. The train was in charge of Conductor Hughes.

March 3, 1932

Logansport Press

Two Coaches Are Derailed

Indianapolis, March 2—Ten passengers and four trainmen were injured, none seriously, when two coaches of the Monon railroad train No. 30, "The Hoosier Flyer," left the rails and side-swiped a switch engine at the elevation at 11th street and Massachusetts avenue here early tonight.

The coaches, the last two on the train ran off onto the concrete abutment and came to a halt a few feet from the edge where there is a 20 foot drop to the street.

Railroad officials who checked the switch where the train left the track, said they found no defect and were at a loss to explain the accident.

The train proceeded to Chicago after a delay of 40 minutes.

May 26, 1932

Logansport Press

Monon Man Dies Suddenly

James P. Gwin, 70, station agent at Monon, for the Monon railroad, dropped dead in his office Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Gwin had been agent at Monon 32 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church and was a 32nd degree Mason.

His wife preceded him in death several years ago. Two daughters, Mrs. Carrie Reed of Gary and Mrs. Myrtle Wright at home and a son, Monroe Gwin at home, survive. Funeral services will be Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the home. Rev. McBrayer in charge. Burial in the Monon cemetery.

June 23, 1932

Vidette Messenger

Blast Wrecks Coal Mine Spur Track

Sullivan, Ind., June 23—Dynamite charges wrecked a sixty-foot bridge on the Monon railroad switch running to the Hoosier mine, two miles north of Dugger, investigation by Deputy Sheriff Harvey disclosed. Harvey said he found that one of the four charges planted, failed to fire. It was held as possible evidence.

September 27, 1932

Logansport Press

Believe Train Victim Lived In Logansport

Efforts were being made last night to trace the identity of a man whose body was found along the Monon railroad right-of-way near Rensselaer Saturday.

Police here received a letter to the effect that two youths had talked with the victim, who apparently had fallen from a train. The conversation was said to have taken place in Chicago and they said the man told them his home was in Logansport and that he intended to “hop a train” for this city.

The body was found along the side of the main track. Both arms, both legs and other bones were broken and a coroner’s investigation revealed that the man had suffered a fractured skull.

He was described in the letter received here as being about five feet six inches tall, having dark hair and blue eyes. The man apparently weighed about 150 pounds and there were numerous tattoo marks, including the initials “R.B.” and “F.W.” on his arms and chest. He was said to have been about 40 years of age.

Authorities at Rensselaer said last night they have no information which may lead to the man’s identity. Police said they had gained no headway. A picture of the victim was received the chief said.

February 15, 1933

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Monon Auditor Wins Promotion

Monon—Arthur Marshall, who has served as an auditor of the Monon railroad here for 14 years, has been named freight agent of the company at Lafayette effective March 1.

May 8, 1933

The Times

Aged Woman Is Killed By Monon Train

Lowell, Ind., May 8—Funeral services for Mrs. Walter Cleaver, 78, former Lowell resident who was instantly killed here late Saturday afternoon when struck by a Monon passenger train on the Main street crossing, will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Christian Church.

The aged woman's body was badly mangled when picked up along the right-of-way after the tragedy.

Relatives here said Mrs. Cleaver was deaf and apparently did not hear the north-bound locomotive as it thundered down the track at 3:15 o'clock.

Mrs. Cleaver, who has been living in Florida the past two years, was visiting with a sister, Mrs. Charles Cobb, here, and had just started out to make a social call on several life-long friends.

This town was shocked as news of the tragic death of Mrs. Cleaver, who was born and raised here, and had lived in this quiet community until two years ago.

Mrs. Cleaver was a widow, her husband having preceded her in death five years ago. They resided at Belshaw station for years, where Mr. Cleaver engaged in farming. Surviving here are four daughters, one son, five sisters and one brother.

May 24, 1933

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Alfred M. Hughes Expires At Monon

Monon, Ind., May 24—Alfred M. Hughes, 73, died yesterday afternoon a half hour after being stricken with a heart attack while working on the Monon Railroad here.

Funeral services will be held from the residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. C.N. McBrayer officiating and burial will be made in Bedford cemetery.

Surviving besides the widow are five sons, Jesse and Carl of Monon; Archie, of Dyer; Lewis, of Reynolds; and Arnold, of Monticello; two daughters; Mrs. Irene Vandervort, of Chalmers; and Mrs. Opal Qualkenbush of Monon; three brothers; Smith and George E. of Monon; and Delbert, of Wichita, Kan.; one sister, Mrs. George Criswell, of East Chicago, Ind.; two half-sisters; Mrs. Maude Connel and Mrs. Calvin Nichols, both of Monticello; thirteen grand-children and two great grand-children.

May 24, 1933

The Times

Gary Concern Gets Bridge Contract

Indianapolis, Ind., May 24—The Calumet Paving company, of Gary, was awarded the contract yesterday by the state highway commission for constructing a bridge over the Monon railroad near Carmel in Hamilton county at its low bid of \$20,046.39.

Contracts for 10 other bridges throughout the state also were left yesterday, according to James D. Adams, chairman of the commission.

July 18, 1933

Kokomo Tribune

Like Alger Story—Reads Life Of New Monon President—Started As Water Boy

Lafayette, Ind., July 18—Frank E. Lewis, Lafayette, who was appointed general manager of the Monon railroad yesterday, received his start in the railroad business as water boy for a construction gang of the New York Central Lines.

Lewis will be in charge of the ways and mechanical departments of the Monon in addition to his duties as general manager. He will maintain offices here and in Chicago.

From the job of waterboy, Lewis was appointed timekeeper, then steam shovel fireman and finally locomotive fireman. He was born on a farm in New York and graduated from Clarence, N.Y. high school. Later he attended business college.

During the depression 40 years ago, Lewis lost his job and came to Indiana. He took a job with Col. B.J. Gifford, Jasper and Lake county farmer. Soon he was given the position of assistant engineer on a railroad construction job which Gifford was building to open a ready market for crops he raised on his 30,000 acre estate. Lewis was promoted to chief engineer. When the railroad was completed, he was made general manager. He also took charge of Gifford's 50 farms.

The privately owned road was taken over by the Monon in 1914 and Lewis was brought here as trainmaster. In 1920 he was made general superintendent, a position which he held until his promotion yesterday.

July 20, 1933

Logansport Press

Monon Official Gets Promotion

Lafayette, July 19—Promotion of Jesse T. Struble, Bloomington, from southern division master mechanic to acting system master mechanic of the Monon railroad was announced today by Frank E. Lewis, newly-appointed general manager.

July 22, 1933

The Times

Killed In fall

Lafayette, Ind., July 22—John B. McDonald, 60, formerly a machinist helper at the Monon railroad shops here was killed in a fall of only 10 feet off a loading platform at the Winski storage plant.

July 27, 1933

The Times

From the Did You Hear That section

Don Beam, Hammond agent of the Monon railroad, is sending out interesting circulars on old Fort Quiatenon(sp) which has been rebuilt four miles south of Lafayette. It is reached by the Monon for a weekend trip.

September 5, 1933

The Times

From the Monticello news section

The annual figures received at the county auditor's office show lower assessments on corporations this year. The assessed valuation of the Monon railroad is \$1,668,640, as compared with \$1,908,240 for last year.

September 5, 1933

The Hammond Times

Watchman Was Killed While On Duty

A 63 year old railroad crossing watchman was killed while on duty and nine others were injured in automobile accidents in Hammond over the weekend.

Struck by a machine last night as he crossed the thoroughfare at the Conkey street grade crossing of the Monon railroad, Harry Kooken, Hammond, was killed almost instantly. Blood stains on the pavement indicated Kooken's body was dragged more than 100 feet.

Kooken had just descended from the tower at the crossing to place a lighted signal lamp on a lowered gate when he was struck by a machine driven by Arnold Mills, 22, Hammond, an electrician, who was driving west on Conkey street.

Mills removed the fatally injured man to St. Margaret's hospital, but it was to no avail. Police, who were called to the hospital to obtain a report of the accident, took the driver into custody. He was able to post \$5,000 bond, however, and was released pending the coroner's inquest September 12.

September 8, 1933

The Hammond Times

Railroad Settles For Delinquency

Crown Point, Ind., Sept. 8—Bettwer business for one railroad was indicated today when the Baltimore and Ohio went a check for \$13,698 to County Treasurer Herman L. Conter in payment of its delinquent spring tax installment.

With the check came a letter which called attention to the fact that the delinquent penalty of \$834 had not been included. It added that the corporation was not in position to pay the added fee at present, but would send it later unless the treasurer sees fit to waive the payment.

Mr. Conter has not indicated that he will allow the railroad to escape payment.

The Monon railroad is now delinquent of two installments of taxes and has given no hint that it will meet its November payment.

Sale of the property cannot be held until a year has elapsed, but Conter today remarked that he might have a good railroad to offer one of these days.

September 11, 1933

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Train Kills Yeoman Man

Delphi—When his auto stalled on the Monon railroad crossing at the north edge of Yeoman Saturday afternoon, Clarence Austin, 62, was killed instantly, a southbound passenger train demolishing the machine. His neck was broken and both legs fractured.

The body was placed on the train under direction of Manford Shields, conductor, and brought to the Grimm and Son funeral parlor.

Austin, resident of the Yeoman community, is survived by the widow, a son, Leonard and a daughter, Mrs. Harold Newman of Lafayette, a grandson, Donald Gillman, five step-children, two brothers, Lawson and Albert, and a sister Mrs. Anna Martin.

Funeral services will be held at the Yeoman M.E. Church at two o'clock this morning. Burial will be made in the Yeoman cemetery.

September 23, 1933

The Times

Additional Crossing Guards

Indianapolis, Sept. 23—Additional crossing guards for the Monon railroad tracks four miles southwest of Michigan City on road 212, were order late yesterday by the public service commission

September 28, 1933

The Hammond Times

Death Of Retired Engineer

George Schubert, a retired engineer of the Monon railroad, died early today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Buchanan. He had been in the service of the railroad for 48 years and came to Hammond 30 years ago. Death was due to a stroke which he suffered four weeks ago.

Mr. Schubert was born in Germany 71 years ago. He is survived by a son, Nicholas Schubert, of Chicago, two daughters, Mrs. Buchanan and Miss Mary Schubert, of Hammond, and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Thelan, of Chicago. His wife died two years ago. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning from the St. Joseph's Church. Rev. Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery, Chicago.

November 17, 1933

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Delphi news section

The Monon railroad failed to pay its \$18,000 taxes in Carroll County.

November 21, 1933

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Delphi news section

Antone Rumery, 55, Patton, was fined \$15 and costs and given a suspended sentence of 90 days at the penal farm, in Carroll circuit court Monday. He was charged with taking coal from the Monon railroad by John Mosier, Monon detective.

February 8, 1934

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Monticello news section

Payment by the Monon railroad of \$15,600 in back taxes here will make possible the payment of delinquent salaries of county officials this month.

March 21, 1934

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

John Rankin Dead

Monticello, Ind., March 21—Funeral services will be held from the Prevo and Son funeral parlors here tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for John Isaac Rankin, 53, Monon railroad

brakeman, who died at Lafayette. Burial will be made in the Riverview cemetery. James Rankin of Monticello and T.M. Rankin of Logansport are brothers of the deceased. Another brother and two sisters also survive.

April 12, 1934

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Emery Baughman, 70, Succumbs At Monon

Monon, Ind., April 12—Funeral services were held this afternoon from the residence here and from the Pleasant Ridge church, northeast of Francesville, for Emery Baughman, 70, Monon railroad section hand here for the last ten years.

Surviving are the widow; a son, John, of Michigan City; four daughters, Mrs. Winfred Pullins (or Pelkins), Rensselaer; Mrs. Carter Duvall, of near here, and Alta and Ara, at home; a sister, Mrs. Emma Rex, Francesville, and a brother, Andy Baughman, Hamlet.

May 31, 1934

Vidette Messenger

Youth, 19, Injured 'Bumming' Train

Hammond, Ind., May 31—Charles Linden, 19, was recovering from injuries here today that were received when he fell from a freight train while bumming a ride to the 500 mile automobile races in Indianapolis. Appearance of two railroad detectives frightened Linden and he fell from the Monon railroad train near the Little Calumet river.

June 9, 1934

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Veteran Dispatcher Dies

Lafayette, Ind., June 9—Howard E. Rigs, 69, chief dispatcher for the Monon railroad for 15 years died late yesterday from a heart attack. Funeral services will be conducted at Antioch, Ill.

July 7, 1934

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Monticello Agent Dies At His Home

Monticello, July 7—Roy B. Sherrick, 56, station agent for the Monon railroad here died at his home of heart disease early Saturday.

He had been employed by the Monon for thirty-five years, being in charge of the local station for the last twenty-five years.

Mr. Sherrick was a member of the Masonic Order.

Surviving are the father, C.D. Sherrick of Des Moines, Iowa, the widow, and three sisters.

July 20, 1934

Vidette Messenger

Retires After Half A Century

Joseph Price, of South Wanatah, after 50 years of service to the Monon railroad at South Wanatah, has retired from his position as section foreman. John Otis, of Haskell, has secured the position.

Mr. Price has taken the good and bad experiences of his work good naturedly as they came along during the years. He is now 79 years old and in fair health. He does all his own work on his 20 acre farm.

July 28, 1934

Logansport Press

Name Royster Station Agent

Monticello, July 27—R.S. Royster, of Sheridan, has been checked in as permanent agent at the local Monon Station. Bud Franks has been serving as agent since the death of the late Roy Sherrick. Mr. Royster has been with the Monon railroad for 26 years.

October 25, 1934

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Seven People Hurt In Crash At Monon

Monon, Ind., Oct. 25—Seven persons were hurt when an automobile in which they were riding crashed into a cut of cars on the Monon railroad crossing on state road 43 here yesterday. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peters and two small children, all of Gary. Mrs. Haskins was the most seriously hurt when she was thrown through the windshield and was taken to a Gary hospital.

November 24, 1934

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Monon Case Is Settled

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 24—Twenty-five counties will receive approximately \$266,000 in delinquent taxes owned by the Monon railroad under terms of an order issued today by the state tax board.

The order was a 40 percent reduction in the assessed valuation of all Monon properties in Indiana, and was made chiefly because the company had agreed to taxes owed since 1932.

Request for a 50 percent reduction had been asked by the Monon which is operating under the jurisdiction of the United States district court of Chicago under the federal bankruptcy law.

The company has agreed to pay 50 percent of their November 1933 taxes as based on valuation by Jan. 1, 1935, and the remainder by Feb. 1, Albert T. Walsman, tax board member who negotiated the transaction said.

The company also has agreed to pay all taxes due in 1934 and the May 1935 installment by Dec. 31, 1935

The state board asked that auditors in each of the counties in which the Monon has property, revise their assessment lists on the 40 percent reduction basis.

Under terms of the order, 1932 valuations were reduced from \$23,053,936 to \$13,828,759; 1933 valuations from \$19,351,780 to \$11,611,072 and 1934 valuations from \$18,143,898 to \$10,886,216.

On the basis of the order tax payments to the various counties on Jan. 1 would include the following;

Hamilton County, \$9,964.76; Lake County, \$21,590.32; LaPorte County, \$6,479.82; Monroe County, \$33,161.42; Putnam County, \$14,783.79; Green County, \$4,710.12; Clay County, \$2,858.74 and Sullivan County, \$1,524.66.

Other counties which will benefit by the payments are Boone, Carroll, Clark, Clinton, Floyd, Jasper, Marion, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Owen, Pulaski, Starke, Tippecanoe, Washington and White.

December 3, 1934

Vidette Messenger

Penal Farm Guard Escapes Death

Putnamville, Ind., Dec. 3—Three trains on the Monon railroad were delayed more than an hour here while volunteers extricated Walter Tincher from the wreckage of his automobile which plunged over a twenty-foot embankment onto the tracks. Tincher, a guard at the Indiana penal farm, was driving to Greencastle, when he was crowded from the roadway by a passing car. The auto, after a twenty-five foot drop, was damaged badly but Tincher will recover from cuts and bruises he received, it was stated today.

December 19, 1934

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Cut In Delinquent Tax stirs Protest

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19—Charging that the state tax board had exceeded its powers, Gavin L. Payne, Indianapolis business man, today protested to Gov. Paul V. McNutt a 40 percent cut in delinquent taxes of the Monon railroad.

The company owned approximately \$150,000 in delinquent taxes for 1932, 1933, and 1934.

December 24, 1934

Vidette Messenger

73 Year Old Man Ends His Life Publicly

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 24—All his life Jack Dennison had led a drab existence. Never had he been given the opportunity to be the center of attraction. Then the opportunity presented itself and Dennison, 73 years old and unemployed, made capital of it.

In full view of scores of Christmas shoppers, Dennison laid down in front of a Monon railroad locomotive on the Hohman Avenue Crossing.

It was a dramatic exit from this world. Shoppers, most of them women, rushed excitedly toward the scene of death. One or two of the women who were standing near the crossing, screamed as the aged derelict laid himself in the path of the steel monster.

January 12, 1935

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Traffic On Monon Delayed By Wreck

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 12—Traffic on the main line of the Monon railroad between Indianapolis and Chicago was delayed five hours today when four cars of a freight train were derailed here. None was injured.

A split switch caused the cars to pile into a coal yard, tearing up approximately 200 feet of track. The train was in charge of W.F. Taylor, Indianapolis, engineer; Willard Bruzie, Carmel, fireman; Harry E. Lister, Indianapolis, conductor.

February 6, 1935

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Monon Rail Worker Injured In Accident

Monon, Ind., Feb. 6—Harry Mason, 55, signal maintenance employee of the Monon railroad who was seriously hurt Monday afternoon when a gasoline speeder on which he was riding jumped the track near Reynolds is reported in good condition at St. Elizabeth's hospital at Lafayette. Mason suffered a broken shoulder, two cracked ribs and a possible pelvis fracture.

March 27, 1935

Logansport Press

Well Driller Killed In Auto Collision

Lafayette, Ind., March 25—Charles M. Hudlow, Jr., 30, of Shadeland, was killed today when his automobile crashed into a tree at Elston, one mile south of this city. Hudlow was employed as a well driller. He formerly worked for the Monon railroad. Survivors include his parents of Parsons, Kans., and two sisters.

April 12, 1935

Kokomo Tribune

Would Abandon Line

Washington, April 12—The Monon railroad today applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to abandon two branch lines in Indiana totaling 70 miles. One between Avoca and Bloomfield, is 34 miles and the other between McCoysburg and Dinwiddle, is 36 miles. The road said neither line was profitable.

April 18, 1935

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Will Conduct Rites

The Rev. J.W. Miller, pastor of the Broadway U.B. Church of this city, will conduct the funeral services for Peter Victor Dumas, 66, veteran car builder at the Monon railroad shops, who died Wednesday at his home in West Lafayette.

May 23, 1935

Vidette Messenger

Probe Freight Theft Plot Of 10 Rail Police

Crown Point, Ind., May 23—Activities of ten railroad detectives as alleged members of a box car theft ring that framed innocent negroes in the Calumet area to hide crimes were being investigated further today.

Lake County Prosecutor Fred Egan said that the officers, employed by three railroads, had lured negroes and itinerants into the freight yards and then arrested them on bogus theft charges.

One negro, the prosecutor said, was wounded when he attempted to escape.

The ten railroad detectives under arrest were charged with assault and battery and subordination of perjury in affidavits prepared by Egan. At least one more arrest in the case was expected today.

The arrests were made following an investigation ordered by Judge William J. Murray, of Lake criminal court, following testimony offered by several negroes who had appeared in court.

The ten detectives released on bond following their arrest were; J.E. Young, R.P. Steen, J.C. Sheets, and F.A Harris, of Chicago, employees of the Erie railroad; J.E. Jones and Harry Bowden, of Hammond, employees of the Monon railroad; Frank Helin, and Ned Russell and James White, of East Chicago, employees of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railroad.

June 1, 1935

Logansport Press

Two Sentenced At Monticello Men In Jail Here

Claude Pratt, 31, who allegedly cut the air hose of a Monon railroad freight train in order to make it stop in the town of Monon late Thursday, was sentenced to fifteen days in jail when arraigned in court at Monticello yesterday. The man was brought to the local jail to lay out the term. Pratt was caught by detectives in his attempt to cut the hose. Lyle F. Louthain, 19, held as a train rider, also is confined to the local jail.

August 2, 1935

Logansport Press

Killed By Train

Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 1—Police who investigated the death of Jerry Ayres, 44, expressed the belief he was sleeping on the Monon railroad tracks when killed by a train.

August 8, 1935

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Fatally Stricken

Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 8—James Kregi, 45, Cleveland, O., World War veteran, died in the Monon railroad freight yard here today after suffering a heart attack.

September 13, 1935

Kokomo Tribune

Killed By Train

Bloomington, Ind., Sept. 13—A man identified through army discharge papers and a hunting license as Fred Beebe, 57, of Jasper county was found dead along the Monon railroad tracks in the Bloomington yards this morning. Coroner Ben Ross said the man apparently had been hit by a train.

October 19, 1935

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Train-Auto Crash Injuries Fatal To Monon Youth

Death ended the sufferings of a train-auto crash victim when Keith Kruger, 16, Monon high school junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kruger of that place, passed away at 10:50 o'clock Saturday morning at St. Joseph's hospital in this city from internal injuries sustained late Thursday.

The youth also suffered fractures of both legs above the knees and internal hurts as the result of a fast passenger train of the Monon railroad colliding with the speeding Kruger auto at a crossing two miles west of Monon. His condition was critical from the time of the accident.

Reports from St. Elizabeth hospital, Lafayette, are that Duvall McClure, 16 year old Monon high school basketball player, who was a companion of Young Kruger at the time of the accident, would possibly recover. His condition has improved to such an extent that it is no longer critical. He also suffered fractures and bad body injuries.

Witnesses say the boys were out for a ride, Kruger at the wheel when the accident happened. There is a clear view of the tracks for more than a mile at the scene of the tragedy, officers report.

As the train struck the car it dragged the vehicle for more than three hundred feet and the two youths were dragged from the twisted and battered machine after the train came to a stop.

Besides his parents young Kruger is survived by an eighteen year old brother, Robert, who resides at the home. The parents and brothers were at the bedside of the youth when he passed away. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kruger have spent practically all their time at the hospital since their son was rushed here.

The father is operator of a large creamery at Monon. He is well known to farmers in this section of Indiana, having had dealings with dairymen within a range of more than fifty miles of Monon.

The body was removed to Monon at noon Saturday to be prepared for burial.

November 26, 1935

Logansport Press

From the News Notes section

New Albany, Ind., Nov. 25—A freight conductor on the Monon railroad for 52 years, A.M. (Buck) Gardner, 74, was dead here today of heart disease. He was the railroad's oldest employee and a native of Bedford.

November 27, 1935

Logansport Press

Hold Rites For Clint C. Hines

The body of Clint C. Hines, 51, was brought to Monticello Tuesday afternoon from Chicago and burial made in Riverview cemetery.

Mr. Hines was born in Tippecanoe County when quite young. He received his degree from the Illinois College of law and has been with the legal department of the Monon railroad since 1912. Pneumonia followed a sinus operation, resulting in his death Saturday night at the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital.

Surviving are the widow; two children, Clark and Kathryn; and two brothers and a sister, Lew and Robert and Miss Mary Hines, all of Monticello.

November 30, 1935

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Railway Officials Accompany Remains

Monticello, Ind., Nov. 30—Railroad officials who accompanied the funeral party of Clint C. Hines from Chicago to Monticello included Harry Kurrie, president of the Monon railroad, E.P. Vernia, vice president and H.R. Mardorf, secretary-treasurer. The train which brought the body carried three extra coaches for the benefit of relatives and friends.

December 23, 1935

Kokomo Tribune

Tragedy Mars Holiday (excerpt)

Deaths of two persons at an Indianapolis grade crossing were blamed on a driving snowstorm Sunday night. Lowell Lincoln, 28, and an unidentified young woman companion were killed when a southbound passenger train from Chicago, running more than an hour late, demolished an automobile at the 46th street crossing of the Monon railroad.

Investigators said flasher signals were working, but the automobiles windshield was coated heavily with snow and ice. Both bodies were tossed clear; that of the woman being found against a wire fence behind a thick hedge half an hour later after a policeman noted her hat in the car.

Ira Wagaman, 46, of near Martinsville, was killed when a westbound Monon train struck an automobile at a crossing near Cloverdale. His brother, Walter, 56, was injured seriously.

January 4, 1936

Vidette Messenger

Judge Rules Gross Tax Is Valid

Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 4—Validity of the gross income tax was upheld by Circuit Judge Donald Rogers here. He gave a decision against the Indiana Creosoting company in a suit against the state department of treasury. The court held that the transactions of the plaintiff and the Monon railroad did not constitute interstate commerce and were taxable therefore under Indiana law.

February 4, 1936

Vidette Messenger

From the 'Round About section

Approximately 7,000 tons of ice making up 275 carloads, has been harvested and shipped from Cedar Lake by the Monon Railroad company. More than 100 men have been engaged on the project, cutting the ice which was fifteen to sixteen inches thick. It was reported work was handicapped by a lack of sufficient men.

February 21, 1936

Logansport Press

Train Kills Pulaski Farmer

William Koebcke, 45 year old Pulaski County farmer residing two miles south of Francesville on state road 43, was killed instantly when he drove his automobile into the path of a Monon passenger train at the first crossing south outside the corporate limits of Francesville at 2:45 p.m. Thursday. The fatality was the first of its kind for the year in The Press sector.

The impact carried Kobcke's car 100 feet before it was thrown off the right of way, tossing Koebcke an additional 20 feet.

The farmer was dead when members of the train crew reached his side. He had sustained a crushed chest, fractured shoulder, fractured upper and lower jaw and the entire left side of his skull was smashed. Koebcke's new car was demolished.

Witnesses state that the train had given the proper warning signals and had slowed down to a speed between 35 and 50 miles per hour while passing through the town. The general visibility was fair, but evidently Koebcke did not see or hear the train, as he continued to drive across the tracks.

Residents of the town explained the crash was probably due to the fact that the train was not scheduled, but was a special train, No. 421, occupied by CCC boys, and Koebcke, a lifelong resident of the community did not expect a train at that time. Moreover, the crossing used more of a siding, and had not been used much of late, it was pointed out.

Dr. C.E. Linton, Medaryville, Pulaski county coroner, was notified as was Sheriff Hilbert Wacknitz and the two started an immediate investigation. Dr. Linton held an inquest for

members of the train crew and eye witnesses and will continue the hearing Saturday at Francesville.

The train crew was comprised of Eli J. Shields, engineer; Arvel Eaton, fireman; Rhoda Shields, conductor; and William Tilton, passenger brakeman. All reside in Indianapolis.

Eye witnesses to the tragedy were Frank Haring, Ross Burket and W.S. Fisher, all of Francesville, and George Maddox, Winamac. All testified that Koebcke did not slacken his speed, but drove unaware of the approaching train.

Koebcke was born in Francesville in 1891 and had resided his entire life in the community. He was active in Pulaski Farm Bureau work and played a prominent part in county affairs.

Surviving are his widow and two children, Mary, 16, and John, 12, both at home; and three brothers, Herman and Joseph, of Francesville, and Fred, Orland, Ind.

The body was taken to the Burson and Son funeral home, Francesville, to be prepared for burial. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

February 22, 1936

Logansport Press

Rites Sunday For Train Crash Victim

Funeral services for William Koebcke, 45 year old Pulaski farmer who was killed instantly when his car was struck by a Monon Passenger train at Francesville, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Francesville M.E. Church with Rev. Watson officiating. Interment will be in Francesville cemetery.

Dr. C.E. Linton, Medaryville, Pulaski County Coroner, will conclude the inquest on the tragedy at Francesville today. Members of the train crew, eye witnesses, and relatives of Koebcke are expected to testify.

February 23, 1936

Logansport Press

Pulaski Coroner Clears Train Crew

Completing the investigation into the tragic train crash which cost the life of William Koebcke, 45 year old Pulaski farmer, at a crossing south of Francesville Thursday, Dr. C.E. Linton, Pulaski coroner, held Koebcke's own carelessness responsible for the crash.

Evidence from witnesses at the coroner's inquest showed that at the time of the crash Koebcke was driving with one hand and was diverting his attention to an orange which he was eating. Other witnesses said that the train crew had exercised the proper precaution in giving warning signals.

Dr. Linton's verdict, rendered after the examination, held the crash an unavoidable accident on the part of the Monon train crew and carelessness on the part of Koebcke.

February 25, 1936

Kokomo Tribune

Railroad Bridge Guarded

Delphi, Ind., Feb. 24—Four men guarded the Monon railroad bridge over the Wabash river at Pittsburgh, near here, tonight to prevent an ice gorge from forming around the structure. If ice begins to form, dynamite will be used to start it moving again.

Repairs were made to the bridge earlier in the winter but the work was halted when the extreme cold weather started.

February 26, 1936

Kokomo Tribune

Huge Gorge Near Delphi

At Pittsburg, one mile west of Delphi, workmen dynamited for three hours before they were able to break an ice gorge in the Wabash river. The ice formed around the Monon railroad bridge there and when it finally started moving it carried away a part of the temporary supports erected while repair work was under way.

All trains were stopped at the bridge and then allowed to move slowly over the structure.

The ice gorge extended for more than three miles above the bridge and caused lowlands to be flooded.

The water inundated a highway at the Carrolton bridge, five miles north of Pittsburg and at Lockport, a few miles farther north, the river water came within a foot of reaching the floor of the bridge.

Small trees along the river bank were snapped off when the ice started moving.

March 6, 1936

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Unidentified Man Victim Of Murder

Bloomington, Ind., March 5—The body of an unidentified man, about 42, was found near the Illinois Central railroad tracks by two small boys. He had been shot through the right eye.

Detective Lawrence Thompson, of the Monon railroad, said he saw the man in Bedford about two weeks ago. The victim's right arm had been cut off and on his left arm was tattooed the initials "H.J."

The dead man was believed to be Henry Jackson of Madisonville, Ky. A gray overcoat button found near the body started a search for a transient seen in the company with Jackson last week.

March 16, 1936

Kokomo Tribune

Body of Unidentified Man Found On Railroad

Bloomington, Ind., March 15—The badly torn body of an unidentified man, about 30 years old, was found on the Monon railroad tracks near the city limits early today.

Coroner Ben Ross said the victim probably fell off a freight train. He described him as having brown hair, brown eyes, weighing about 160 pounds and being 5 feet 10 ½ inches in height.

Railroad crews searched for the body after finding bits of flesh under brake riggings of train No. 73 on its arrival here.

March 17, 1936

Vidette messenger

Body Placed On Tracks, Belief

Bloomington, Ind., Mar. 17—A theory that the body of Delmont Gilman, 20, was placed on the Monon railroad tracks northwest of the city, where it was found Sunday, was investigated by Ben Ross, Monroe County coroner.

Witnesses reported that Gilman had engaged in a fight with the proprietor of a beer tavern Saturday night and shortly afterwards disappeared.

Gilman was unable to walk steadily after the fight, testimony indicated, and Chief of Police Robert Eller said he doubted the youth had been able to go to the spot where the body was found.

March 19, 1936

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Coroner Rules Death Of Youth Was Accidental

Bloomington, Ind.—The death of Delmont Parks Gilman, 20, whose mangled body was found along the Monon railroad tracks west of here, was accidental, Dr. Ben Ross, Monroe county coroner held yesterday.

Dr. Ross said he would withhold his official verdict for several days pending completion of an investigation by police.

It was reported that Gilman engaged in a fight with a beer tavern proprietor and bartender shortly before he was believed killed by the train.

Several versions of the fight have been told by various witnesses, Dr. Ross said.

March 19, 1936

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Grand Jury Called To Investigate Death Of Youth

Bloomington, Ind., March 19—The Monroe county grand jury will open an investigation tomorrow into the death of Delmont Pars Gilman, 20, whose mangled body was found along the Monon railroad tracks here.

The investigation will be the second of its kind since the grand jury convened several days ago, Prosecutor Leroy Baker said.

The grand jury probed the death of Herman Johnson, ex-convict of Madisonville, Ky., who was found shot to death in West Bloomington March 5.

Authorities have been unable to trace Gilman's movements shortly after he engaged in a fight in a beer tavern here until his body was found.

May 4, 1936

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Delphi Man Loses Life At Crossing

Delphi, Ind.—Apparently failing to realize that a train was approaching although his view was unobstructed and he faced the speeding locomotive at an angle, Troy Quinn, 45, manager of the Loy Roofing company of Delphi, met instant death shortly after noon Sunday when a fast Chicago bound, demolished his small car at the Milroy crossing one mile southeast of here.

The lone occupant was dragged several feet. His body was badly mangled, portions of his head being crushed away and many bones of his body, including those of his legs and arms, were fractured.

Quinn was enroute to Camden, Indiana.

Members of the train crew reported that upon seeing the machine approaching the crossing that more than usual warning was given. Motorists near the scene verified the statement, investigators state, stating that they were attracted by the unusual long blasts of the locomotive warning whistle.

The train, No. 28, due in Delphi at 12:26 p.m., was in charge of Conductor John O'Mora of Indianapolis and Engineer S.E. Miller, also of Indianapolis.

When the train was brought to a stop after the crash it was found that two wheels of the engine had been derailed. It required more than an hour's work to replace the wheels and thus permit the train to proceed under its own power.

Dr. Huber Gros, Carroll county coroner, was summoned to the scene immediately after the crash and supervised the removal of the body.

Quinn is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Quinn, and formerly resided in the Sharon community in the eastern portion of Carroll county. At the death of his father-in-law, the late George Loy he became manager of the local roofing company.

Surviving besides the widow are three sons, Robert, Gerald, and Richard; a brother, Harry of Indianapolis and three sisters, Grace Quinn of Indianapolis, Mrs. Nina Riggs of Delphi and Mrs. Anna McCarthy of Kokomo.

Funeral services will be held at the Delphi Presbyterian church at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Harry Parker officiating. Burial will be made in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Quinn was active both in the Masonic lodge and Presbyterian church being an elder in the local church organization.

May 5, 1936

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Say Broken Brake May Have Caused Crossing Tragedy

Delphi, Ind., May 5—Inability to halt his car because of a broken brake pedal may have been the cause of Sunday's crash at the Monon railroad crossing east of here which cost the life of Troy Quinn. Theodore Humphrey found a pedal from Quinn's car on the Camden road and it is not improbable that the pedal snapped when he applied the brake vigorously while making a turn just before reaching the tracks. If this were true, then he was unable to stop and the car carried him on to his death on the tracks.

May 13, 1936

Lafayette Journal & Courier

From the Railroad News—Monon Notes section (Courtesy of Ken Weller)

A. McMurray, fireman on trains No. 71 and 74, was off duty.
F.J. Bryant, engineer on trains No. 3 and 4, has been granted a vacation.
George Cassman, machinist in the round house, was off duty.
Thomas Dierson, round house machinist, reported for duty.
W.K. Young, fireman, marked up for duty on pool freight service.
Conductor Charles H.W. King returned to work.
S.B. Pedley, night yardmaster, returned to work after a short layoff.

Monon Increases Forces At Shops (Courtesy of Ken Weller)

Anticipating a heavy movement of coke and increased stone business from Indiana's limestone district, the Monon railroad recalled ten more Carmen to work in the car shops Monday and Tuesday and increased the output of the department two cars daily. Perviously four cars was the daily average; now it is six. Four coaches are also in the process of being remodeled for air conditioning equipment. There are some 40 men now working in the car department, exclusive of the rip track and coach shop.

June 12, 1936

Logansport Pharos Tribune

From the Winamac news section

Judgment of \$1500 was awarded Mrs. Mary Koebecke of Francesville against the Monon railroad for the death of her husband, William Koebecke on February 20.

June 13, 1936

Logansport Press

Eight Injured In Train Derailment

Putnamville, Ind., June 12—Eight persons were injured here tonight when the locomotive and 19 cars of a northbound Monon railroad freight train were derailed and overturned.

The injured are;

Nathaniel s. Gorforth, of Lafayette, conductor, fractured skull

Charles Eker, of Lafayette, the engineer.

Lawernce a. Gray of Louisville, Ky., the fireman, scalded.

John C. Rector of Dupont, the head brakeman.

Clellan Ash, 16, of Greencastle.

William Ash, 19, brother of Clellan.

Eugene Thomas 15, of Greencastle.

Amos Skimmerhorn, 19, of Greencastle.

The Ash brothers, Thomas and Skimmerhorn were riding on the freight cars. All of the injured except Skimmerhorn were taken to a Greencastle hospital.

The wreck occurred at the switch at the state penal farm. Its cause was not determined immediately.

The locomotive plunged into a corn field at the side of the track before it overturned. All of the freight cars were demolished and coal, stone and lumber were piled along the right of way.

At the Greencastle hospital it was said amputation of one of Thomas' legs would be necessary. He was crushed beneath stone which was dumped from one of the cars.

It was believed the train may have run into an open switch or may have struck something on the track.

The derailment occurred only about 50 feet beyond the station at Putnamville.

June 13, 1936

Kokomo Tribune

Dies Of Scalds

Putnamville, Ind., June 13—Charles Eker of Lafayette, Ind., Monon railroad engineer, died today of scalds received when his locomotive overturned yesterday near here, causing the pileup of 19 fright cars.

Six other persons injured in the wreck are in a hospital here. Physicians expect their recovery.

Railroad officials attributed the wreck to derailment of the pony truck, the small wheels at the front of the locomotive.

June 13, 1936

Logansport Press

Widow Is Awarded Damages Of \$1,500

Winamac, Ind., June 12—Mrs. Mary Koebcke was awarded a judgment of \$1,500 by Pulaski Circuit court here today in her damage suit against the Monon railroad for the death of her husband, William F. Koebcke.

Koebcke, a farmer residing in Salem Township, Pulaski County, was killed instantly when the automobile which he was driving was struck by a Monon passenger train at a crossing in Francesville February 20.

June 15, 1936

Lafayette Journal & Courier

Second Victim Of Wreck Dies (Courtesy of Ken Weller)

John Bennett Rector, 68, of DuPont, formerly of Lafayette, head brakeman on the ill-fated northbound Monon freight train No. 56, which derailed its locomotive and 14 cars south of Greencastle late Friday evening, was the second victim to succumb to injuries at the Greencastle hospital, according to word received by officials at the Salem street offices here. Rector died Sunday and the body was taken to his home at DuPont.

Charles Eker, the engineer, died a few hours following the wreck, and Lawrence Gray, 37, of Louisville, Ky., the fireman, is not expected to recover. All three were scalded by live steam and water. Nathaniel S. Goforth, the conductor, who was also riding in the cab, will recover.

Rector, born April 22, 1868, worked on the Midland division of the Monon for several years and then transferred to the local terminal and resided on Meharry street until four years ago when he was furloughed. He moved with his family to DuPont. Last November he was called back into service. He had been rooming at the Monon YMCA. He is survived by the widow and a son.

Funeral services for Engineer Charles Eker were conducted from the family home, Monday afternoon.

June 27, 1936

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

World War Veteran Loses His Left Leg

Delphi, Ind., June 27—William D. Loy, 41 years old, Buck Creek, World War veteran, lost his left leg below the knee when he was run over by a cut of cars in the Monon railroad yards at Lafayette Friday afternoon.

Loy and his brother, Leroy, were walking through the yards and failed to see a switch crew at work. As the cars bore down on them Leroy leaped to safety, but William was caught. He was rushed to St. Elizabeth hospital. The leg was severed at the scene of the accident.

July 11, 1936

Kokomo Tribune

From the State Briefs section

Crawfordsville, Ind., July 11—A Monon railroad freight train struck Ed Coffey, 55, at Linden last night killing him instantly. Members of the train crew said Coffee was lying on the tracks.

July 19, 1936

Logansport Press

From C.C.C. Notes

Rufus Beezy came to town with a real cow story. Rufus lives along old 43 near Hoodoo crossing and takes his cattle across the Monon railway to pasture on the west side of the Monon railroad. This particular morning one of the cows stopped right on top of the railway crossing and refused to move when small sticks were thrown at her. It was discovered that the animal's foot had slipped into the space between the rail and the inside crossing plank, and was wedged so tightly she could not get the foot out. For almost an hour gathering passers tried to remove the foot and at last had to go to a neighboring farm home to get a crowbar to lift the plank and loosing it. Fortunately no trains came along during that time.

July 20, 1936

Lafayette Journal & Courier

Tourney and Picnic By Monon Employees (Courtesy of Ken Weller)

The Monon Athletic association made up of employees of the Monon shops and offices in the city held a golf tournament and picnic Sunday at Attica. In the golf tourney, held at Harrison Hills Country club, honors went to: men—Mike Lewis, J.W. Agnes and Herman Kamp: ladies—Laura Steill, Ethel Christopher and Mrs. George Isaac. Luncheon was served at the country club and a picnic was held later at Ravine Park.

July 24, 1936

Lafayette Journal & Courier

Fire At Monon Imperils City (Courtesy of Ken Weller)

Monon, July 24—Fire swept through the Monon railroad freight yards here yesterday afternoon and last evening, causing property damage estimated by railroad officials at \$7,000, and for a time threatening to spread to other buildings and endanger the entire city. The fire started at 4:50 o'clock, evidently under a car loaded with grain doors and is believed to have had its inception in a spark that lodged in dry grass.

The flames spread rapidly, fanned by a strong gale, and two other cars loaded with grain doors were soon ablaze. From that point the fire spread to the freight platform 200 feet of which were destroyed. A fourth carload of grain doors was saved by unloading. Grain doors are owned by the railroad and are used inside box cars when grain shipments are made. Considerable track was warped and buckled by the heat. The total number of grain doors destroyed was 2,350, together with three box cars, three platform trucks and 200 ties. Eight cars were damaged.

Twenty firemen fought the flames and were aided by 50 volunteers and 100 CCC camp boys. They played an important part in checking the spread of the fire to adjoining property. Several small sheds in the vicinity of the yards were destroyed. Fire chief J.W. Winkley directed the work of fire-fighting.

The water works had just installed a new pump and its capacity was severely taxed at 75,000 gallons of water were thrown. Five men and a line of hose were left as a night guard. Four lines of hose were used when the blaze was at its height. A shift in the wind about 7:30 o'clock brought the greatest peril to the city.

August 12, 1936

Lafayette Journal & Courier

From the Railroad News—Monon Notes section (Courtesy of Ken Weller)

F.M. Newlin, fireman, was on the off duty list.

John March, engineer on the 7 a.m. yard engine has been granted a short layoff.

Engineer Noah Fisher and H.O. Marquis were off duty.

M.G. Barrett, switchman, marked up for duty following a brief vacation.

Fred Stanglemeir, conductor, Brakeman Jess Sackette and C.R. Yeiter were off duty.

William Mickler and B.H. Lucas, brakeman, returned to work.

August 13, 1936

Logansport Press

Fire Damages Woods

The woods on the Charles Dock farm, south of Delphi, were greatly damaged by fire Wednesday evening about 5 o'clock when it was set afire by an afternoon freight train on the Monon railroad.

August 19, 1936

Kokomo Tribune

From the State Briefs section

Cedar Lake, Ind., Aug. 19—J.A. Wyman of Monon brought his Monon railroad train to a stop here to fix a hot box. He dropped dead while doing the repair work.

R.J. Adams of Indianapolis, fireman on the train, took it on into Monon with the help of a Nickel Plate railroad fireman. Wyman's death was believed to have been due to a heart attack.

August 26, 1936

Lafayette Journal & Courier

Former Monon Official Dead (Courtesy of Ken Weller)

John Gill, 83, former superintendent of motive power of the Monon railroad, and for many years one of the best known rail officials in the middle west, died Tuesday at his home after a long illness, the news being received with sorrow by many friends in Lafayette where the family resided for a decade.

Mr. Gill, a native of St. Joe, Mo., received his railroad schooling on the Chicago and Rock Island line, serving first as locomotive fireman and engineer, the road foreman of engines and division master mechanic on that railroad. He came to the Monon from the Rock Island as superintendent of motive power in September 1901, and remained in that office until October 1911, when he went to the American Locomotive Company at the Brooks plant, Dunkirk, NY. He was with that company as an executive for several years, finally retiring on account of ill health.

The Gill family was prominent in this city during its residence here. They had been living in Chicago for many years. Mrs. Gill died several years ago and her body was brought here for burial in Spring Vale Cemetery. Surviving are two sons, Charles R. and John W. Gill and a daughter, Roseltha M. Gill, all of Chicago. The late John Gill was a member of St. Mary's Church of this city.

The funeral will be held Friday morning, the cortege leaving the home at 8:30 for St. Leo's Church, for the ceremony. The body will be brought to Lafayette for burial in Spring Vale.

September 2, 1936

Lafayette Journal & Courier

From the Railroad News—Monon Notes section (Courtesy of Ken Weller)

John McDonald, engineer on trains No. 5 and 6 was off duty.

Clarence Lamb, fireman, has been granted a short layoff.

Frank Killian, brakeman, was on the off duty list, along with Brakeman J.J. Robinson.

C.J. Barford, brakeman, was off duty because of the death of a relative.

C.W. Warren, brakeman, marked up for duty after a short layoff.
C.J. Pierce, conductor, has been granted a short layoff.

September 28, 1936

Vidette Messenger

From the 'Round About section

For the first time in many years, a boat load of freight was shipped out of the Michigan City harbor Saturday. The transport, a boat owned by John Road of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., left with a load of stone shipped from Bedford, Ind., over the Monon railroad. The destination of the load was not disclosed.

October 3, 1936

Logansport Press

3 U.S. Mail Sacks Stolen

Monticello, Ind., Oct. 2—Authorities tonight were searching for the thief who early this morning broke into the local Monon railroad freight office and escaped with three sacks of United States mail.

Lloyd Christy, Monon express agent, had met the 2:15 a.m. northbound train and had received the three mail sacks. He placed them in the freight house and padlocked the door. When he returned an hour later from his rounds, he discovered the lock had been broken and that the mail sacks were missing.

Christy summoned Sheriff William Hayes, who in turn notified postal officials. Special investigators from the United States postal department arrived here this afternoon to investigate the robbery.

The value of the merchandise and letters contained in the sack has not been determined by officials.

December 18, 1936

Logansport Press

From the Monticello news section

Announcement has been made that Sheriff and Mrs. William J. Hayes will move to Lafayette the first of the year for residence. Mr. Hayes is concluding two terms as sheriff and will now resume his work as locomotive fireman with the Monon railroad. He will run between Lafayette and Chicago and Michigan City.

January 22, 1937

Vidette Messenger

2 Trucks Hit Monon Train At Wanatah

Wanatah, Jan. 22—Two trucks were demolished and their drivers seriously injured in a freak double smash-up at the Monon railroad crossing over U.S. 30 on the north edge of Wanatah in the early hours of the morning.

The first crash occurred at 1 a.m. when an east-bound semi-trailer driven by Verner Apple, 27, Argos, Ind., employee of the Blunt and Ralston Truck Co., of Argos, hit broadside a southbound Monon freight train.

Although he knew the railroad track was somewhere in the vicinity and was expecting a train, Apple blinded by a heavy snowstorm, ploughed into the train derailing a freight car.

Taken immediately to the Holy Family hospital by H.A. Boehlke ambulance, Wanatah, Apple suffered four fractures of the pelvis bone, two on each side, a spine injury and a severe head cut. He is expected to live, barring complications.

One hour later a second semi-trailer, driven by John Buhr, 33, Chicago, an employee of the Koeshin Motor Express Co., hit the same train. Buhr, who was coming from the west, saw the derailed freight too late because of the storm, swerved in an attempt to avoid the crash, and was thrown from his cab. The truck, upon striking the freight car, burst into flames and was completely destroyed.

Spreading up when he saw flames in the sky, the Boehlke ambulance driver, returning from LaPorte, arrived at the scene just in time to return to the Holy Family Hospital with Buhr, who suffered two fractured ribs, injury to his lower back, knee and leg bruises.

Traffic at the Monon crossing in Wanatah was blocked until seven o'clock this morning. The train did not move until an hour later.

February 16, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Monticello news section

Former Sheriff and Mrs. Wm. J. Hayes, who moved to Lafayette the first of the year, are transferring to Indianapolis. Mr. Hayes is fireman for the Monon railroad and will work out of the Indianapolis division.

April 9, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Hit-Run Victim

Bloomington, Ind., April 9—A hit-and-run motorist, whose automobile critically injured Roy Cutsinger, 36, Monon railroad clerk, was sought by police today. The injured victim was found unconscious on a road near here by a passing motorist.

April 20, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Bids Opened On Miami And Cass Bridges (excerpt)

Owen County—Grade separation over the Monon railroad and Little Indian creek near Gosport, James A. Crosbie, Bluffton, \$45,767

May 10, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Community Activities section

Francesville—George Hughes, Veteran railroad section foreman here, has made application to retire on a pension. He has served more than forty-three years with the Monon railroad.

June 11, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

One Dead, 4 Injured At Crossing

Monon, Ind., June 11—Ernest Anliker, 74, of Francesville suffered a fatal skull fracture and four other persons are in St. Elizabeth hospital at Lafayette as the result of a railroad crossing crash here at 10:15 o'clock Thursday night.

Mr. Anliker died two hours after the crash in the Lafayette hospital. Others confined there with chest and head injuries are Herman Erb, driver of the auto, Mrs. Herman Erb, Mrs. Jacob Jetz and Mrs. Elgie Goberman, all of Francesville.

The Pulaski county people were enroute home from Remington when their auto ran into the side of a switch engine on the Monon railroad crossing here.

July 6, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Delphi news section

Charles Parks has been retired as foreman of section gang B-4 after forty years of service with the Monon railroad.

August 12, 1937

Kokomo Tribune

Child Killed By Locomotive

Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 12—A Monon railroad engine and cut of six cars ground 11 year-old Eugene Graves to death today. The boy, running home with a bucket of ice cream, caught his foot in a switch frog as he crossed the railroad tracks.

August 17, 1937

Vidette messenger

Loses Control As Auto Hits Two Vehicles

G.F. Bailey, age 45 years, of Wanatah, telegraph operator for the Monon railroad at Haskell station, east of Valparaiso, was instantly killed Monday night at 5 o'clock in an automobile accident on State Road 30, near the LaPorte-Porter county line.

According to eye-witnesses, Blakey was tearing down the highway at a terrific rate of speed when he sideswiped a truck on a curve, and then proceeded on with the car out of control. He next struck a car driven by Vernon Lain, of Valparaiso.

After hitting the Lain car, the Blakey car plunged from the highway, struck a 15 inch concrete post, snapping it off, and then continued onto the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, finally coming to a stop between the two tracks.

When persons reached the wrecked car, they found Blakey sitting upright in the seat. Because the car was midway between the two tracks, one of the fast trains on the Pennsylvania was flagged to permit section men to remove the wreckage.

Daniel Bernoski, of Michigan City, LaPorte county coroner, examined the body and said Blakey had suffered a broken neck. He ordered the body removed to the Boehlke funeral home in Wanatah.

Sheriff Freeman Lane and Deputy Sheriff Frank Johnson were summoned to the wreck scene, and later Dr. Carl M. Davis, Porter county coroner, was called.

For a time it was believed a fight would ensue between LaPorte and Porter County officials over the possession of the body, it being contended by the Porter County officials that the man met death in Porter County. However, it was decided to allow the body to remain at Wanatah, and permit LaPorte County officials to make the investigation.

Coroner Bernoski after taking testimony of several witnesses held death was accidental.

Blakey's body was sent to Quincy, Ill., today at the request of relatives. He has a mother living near Quincy, and two brothers, one living in Minnesota and one in Kentucky. He was unmarried.

September 23, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Husband Of Former Delphi Lady Dies

Delphi, Ind., Sept. 23—John F. McCarthy, 72, a Monon railroad engineer for forty-four years, whose wife was the former Sarah Sales of Delphi, is dead at Indianapolis. Surviving are the widow and four daughters.

Funeral rites will be held at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning at the St. Joan of Arc church, Indianapolis, and burial will be made in St. Calvary cemetery, that city.

October 17, 1937

Logansport Press

From the Monticello news

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Vaughn are planning to move to Lafayette soon. Mr. Vaughn, who has been section foreman with the Monon railroad for 27 years, has been promoted to assistant roadmaster and will be located in Lafayette.

October 20, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

W. Utterback Passes Away

Delphi, Ind.—Walter M. Utterback, 70, well-known former telegraph operator, succumbed Tuesday afternoon at his home here. In failing health for about a year, Mr. Utterback's death was attributed to heart trouble.

For forty-five years the deceased served as telegraph operator for the Monon railroad at Lafayette, at Rensselaer, and at Delphi. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Victoria Craig Utterback, a son, Oaks, of Jefferson City, Mo., a sister, Mrs. Lena Aidridge, Of Olney, Ill., two brothers, R.M. Utterback, Danville, and T.W. Utterback, Tipton. One grandchild also survives.

Funeral rites will be conducted Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Blythe and son funeral home here. Dr. E.M. Martinson, Marion, and Rev. Howard Smith will officiate. Burial will be made at Tipton.

November 13, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Community Paragraphs section

Will Finnegan of Francesville, now on disability list of the Monon Railroad, after 30 years service, will soon be pensioned by that road.

November 16, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Question Seven Persons In Alleged Fraud

Chicago, Nov. 16—Seven persons, including a 9 year old Michigan City, Ind., girl and her Chicago attorney, were questioned today in an investigation by the state's attorney's office of an alleged \$50,000 judgment fraud against the Monon railroad.

The judgment, awarded Rosemary Kieffer for an injury which blinded her right eye, was set aside Oct. 7, after a key witness, Frieda Hanief, 34, Michigan City, confessed she had given perjury testimony. She was expected to be sentenced for contempt of court by Circuit Judge Paul McWilliams.

Harold Jackson, attorney who represented the girl, was arrested at his home late yesterday and charged with conspiracy. His bond was set at \$15,000.

Others questioned were: William Kieffer, the child's father; Margaret, 16, her sister; J.J. Stahl, investigator for Jackson; and Edward Szczpanek and Leonard Layman, both of Michigan City, who were witnesses in the case.

Three of the persons held reportedly were brought before a grand jury investigating the case.

The judgment was awarded the child after Miss Hanief had testified Rosemary was struck by a machine which had careened from a hole in defective planking of a crossing owned by the railroad.

Miss Hanief, who operates a filling station in Michigan City near the scene of the accident, said she was promised \$5,000 by Attorney Jackson for her testimony but had received only \$15.

Assistant State's Attorney James Brown said, those questioned were at Jackson's home yesterday when he was arrested.

The child was injured April 16, 1935.

November 16, 1937

Vidette Messenger

30 Days For Woman Held A Perjurer

Chicago, Nov. 16—Frieda Hanief, 34, Michigan City, Ind., was sentenced to 30 days in the Cook County jail today for contempt of court in connection with perjured testimony during a \$50,000 damage suit against the Monon railroad.

"Justice shall be meted out," said Judge Paul V. McWilliams in sentencing her. "The law is going to take its course and it happens you are the first one who is going to be met by the consequences of what was done in that trial."

A grand jury meanwhile, considered indicting Miss Hanief and six other persons including 9 year old Rosemary Kieffer, who won the judgment, for their part in the fraud, which was revealed after Miss Hanief changed her testimony.

Miss Hanief's attorney, Abe Marovitz, and Harold Smith, attorney for the railroad, asked leniency for her but Asst. State's Attorney James A. Brown urged the court to make an example of her so "the ease will act as a deterrent to others."

"We can indict this woman and we may yet," Brown told the court.

Miss Hanief was a key witness in Rosemary's suit against the railroad, in which she charged it with responsibility for an accident in which she lost her right eye.

"If it hadn't been for the voluntary information this woman gave the court, the fraud never would have been uncovered," Smith said. "She's entitled to some consideration for that. I think she has performed her duty. She risked punishment by coming over here from Indiana to tell about the case and I think she should be punished but leniency should be shown."

Judge McWilliams said the damage suit trial "was saturated by untruth," adding the only reason he had let the case go to the jury instead of directing a verdict was he felt it was the jury's duty to decide the case.

"The story presented by the plaintiff was so crude only the most gullible could believe it," the judge added.

Brown said Harold Jackson, Rosemary's attorney, was released on bond but four other persons were held in jail, Rosemary and her sister, Margaret were sent to the juvenile detention home. Those in jail were William Kieffer, the child's father; J.J. Stahl, Jackson's investigator Edward Szczpanek and Leonard Laymen, both of Michigan City, witnesses in the case.

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November 24, 1937

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Francesville news section

A train carrying Monon railroad officials enroute to Michigan City on an inspection tour, passed through here.

December 11, 1937

Logansport Pharos Tribune

Chesterton Resident Dies In Auto Crash

Rensselaer, Ind., Dec. 11—Mrs. Nellie Vizena of Chesterton, was killed and Walter Kerns, of Gary, her companion, was injured when their automobile struck a signal post at the McKinley avenue crossing of the Monon railroad here Friday night.

The couple had been in Rensselaer and were starting home when the accident occurred, Mrs. Vizona died of a skull fracture, and her body was removed to the Wright funeral home here. Kerns who was taken to the hospital, was not seriously injured.

December 29, 1937

Kokomo Tribune

Quiz Boys In Train Wreck

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 28—Three boys, all in their teens, were questioned today concerning the derailment of a Monon railroad freight train two miles south of Bedford. Trainmen told officers the locomotive was derailed by stones placed on the tracks and that the several lights were found broken.

December 30, 1937

Vidette Messenger

From Choice Bits Around State section

Bedford, Ind.—Alec Perry, age 18; Garland Friddy, age 19; and Floyd Hays, age 18; are in jail here for questioning in connection with an apparent attempt to wreck a Monon railroad train and the damaging of railroad property two and one-half miles south of here. The three are alleged to have plied broken stones on the rails, smashed lens of a number of signal lights and knocked down insulators. The crew of a freight train reported the pony trucks of the locomotive had been derailed and the train had gone one-fourth of a mile before it could be stopped.

January 10, 1938

Kokomo Tribune

Rites For Ross Hufford

Funeral services for Ross Hufford, 48, former local resident, were held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Sheridan, and services were conducted later in the afternoon at the graveside in the Rossville Cemetery.

Mr. Hufford succumbed unexpectedly to a heart attack Friday at his home in Sheridan while at the dinner table. Mr. Hufford was the ticket agent for the Monon railroad in Sheridan. A son of Jess and Susan Hufford, he was born in Rossville and attended Ross township schools. His first employment was at Clay City, and later he came to Frankfort as telegraph operator for the Monon. April 15, 1935, he was promoted to the Sheridan position.

Surviving are the widow; four children, Mrs. Bess Ford, Ross, John, and Barbara, all of Sheridan; two brothers, Benjamin, of Oklahoma and William, Rossville, with a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Shedran, also of Rossville.

January 10, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Railroad Officials Hold Illinois Youth

Monticello, Ind., Jan. 10—Robert Young, 19, of Jacksonville, Illinois, was being held here today by Monon Railroad officials for Springfield, Illinois police, who requested that local officers detain the youth until they could return him to Springfield.

The youth, who was picked up here Saturday night, is expected to be returned to Springfield sometime today as soon as the Illinois officers arrive here.

January 14, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Former Wife Views Body At Mortuary

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 14—The body of a man found dead Tuesday in an automobile at a tourist camp near New Castle, Ind., today had been identified as that of Francis L. Orrell, 53, a life-long resident of Indianapolis and a freight conductor on the Monon railroad since 1915.

Identification was made at New Castle by Mrs. Gertrude Smith, Orrell's former wife and a daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Pischner, both of Indianapolis.

James Butter and Edna Gadsberry, both of Indianapolis, who were questioned concerning the death but later released; told Henry County Coroner Elmer H. Bentley they picked Orrell up in Indianapolis tavern Monday night and drove to the tourist camp. They said they had all been drinking heavily and that Orrell apparently was too drunk to get out of the car so they left him there.

Coroner Bentley reported death was caused by bronchial pneumonia with chronic and acute alcoholism as a secondary cause.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow with burial at Amo.

Surviving, besides the daughter, are Orrell's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Orrell of Amo and a sister, Mrs. Glory Dyer of Illinois.

January 14, 1938

Logansport Press

Damage Suit Lawyer Arrested

Chicago, Jan. 13—Harold Jackson, an attorney, and his investigator, J.J. Stahl, were arraigned today in Felony court on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice, in a damage suit brought against the Monon railroad.

January 21, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Youths Are Released By Sheriff Schmidt

Edwin Fontaine, 20, Rensselaer, and Glen Morris, 19, Remington, who have been held in the Cass County Jail since January 8 on a train riding charge, were released Friday to their parents.

The youths were arrested at Monon, Ind., by officials of the Monon railroad, who brought them here to hold them in the Cass County Jail.

February 1, 1938

Logansport Press

2 Hit By Monon Freight

Greencastle, Ind., Jan. 31—A Monon railroad freight train struck a gasoline speeder, and an automobile in separate accidents near here today, causing serious injuries of two men.

February 4, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

New Monon Official

Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 4—Anton Anderson, Lafayette, has been appointed chief engineer of the Monon railroad to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of A.S. Kent of Chicago, it was learned today.

February 16, 1938

Kokomo Tribune

Monon Train Derailed

Cloverdale, Ind., Feb. 15—A Monon railroad freight locomotive and ten cars were derailed at a crossing here today, but no one was hurt. Railroad officials said a plank that apparently dropped from a lumber truck derailed the train. Traffic was resumed after several hours.

February 16, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Conspirators Face Terms

Chicago, Feb. 16—Harold Jackson, attorney, and his investigator, Jacob J. Stahl, convicted by a criminal court jury of conspiracy to defraud the Monon railroad in an accident case, today faced maximum sentences of a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

They were found guilty of a misdemeanor count of an incident charging that perjured testimony was presented in a suit against the railroad on behalf of Rosemary Kieffer, 9, Michigan City, Ind.,

Judge Robert Jerome Dunne said he would hear a motion for a new trial Feb. 24.

The Kieffer child suffered an eye injury when she was injured by a truck near a grade crossing on the railroad's right of way. Witnesses testified in a civil trial that the truck was thrown out of control by a defective plank at the crossing. She was awarded \$50,000 damages.

The award was set aside when five witnesses, including three women, admitted their testimony was perjured.

All of the five, William Kieffer, father of the injured girl, Margaret, her sister, and three others, testified against Jackson and Stahl.

Jackson made a tearful plea to the jury.

"Stahl and I followed a course we believed right," he said. "Anything we did was for a little girl whose face was smashed up."

February 25, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Investigate Man's Death

Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 25—Coroner Ben R. Ross today pressed an investigation into the strange death of ray Harshman, 49, of Stinesville, whose body was found in Jack's Defeat creek under a bridge near the Monon station at Stinesville.

Ross said he couldn't account for the presence of the body in the creek, which had only three feet of water in it. He said he was puzzled also by the finding of blood on the station platform, 200 yards north of the bridge.

Harshman was formerly employed by the Monon railroad at Stinesville.

Dr. Harry B. Thomas, who performed an autopsy on the body, said the victim had apparently been hit on the head with a blunt instrument. He also found water in the lungs, although he said he believed a skull fracture was sufficient to have caused death.

March 2, 1938

Logansport Press

Lawyers Jailed

Chicago, March 1—Attorney Harold Jackson and his investigator, Jacob J. Stahl, were sentenced to county jail terms today for conspiracy to defraud the Monon railroad through a \$50,000 false accident claim.

March 4, 1938

Kokomo Tribune

From the State Briefs section

New Albany, Ind., March 4—J. Robert Turner, 65, who, members of his family said, had been despondent because of illness, died yesterday of poison. He was a former Monon Railroad employee and a former New Albany fire department member.

March 5, 1938

Logansport Pharos-tribune

Truman Piner Rites Wednesday Afternoon

Monon, Ind., April 5—Funeral services at the residence Wednesday at 2 p.m. will be held for Truman Piner, 60, car repairman for the Monon railroad for 30 years, who died at his home Monday following a stroke of paralysis.

Rev. Merle Sparger will be in charge of the services, with burial taking place in the Monon cemetery.

Piner, who passed away on his sixtieth birthday, was a native of Michigantown. Surviving are the widow, and four children, George, of Crawfordsville; Ray and Thelma Piner, at home; and Mrs. Ray Ellis, of Francesville.

May 6, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Brookston Man Dies In Crash

Brookston, Ind., May 6—P.W. Nelson, 71, for 47 years local ticket agent for the Monon railroad prior to his retirement last July, was killed and three others critically injured as a result of an automobile collision at 6:45 p.m. Thursday night on state road 43, seven miles north of Lafayette, when Nelson's car crashed head-on with one driven by Earl Bryan, 38, of Lafayette, as Nelson attempted to make a left turn onto a side road, according to police.

Nelson was crushed behind the steering wheel of his sedan. His wife was hurled from the car and was rushed to the St. Elizabeth's hospital at Lafayette together with Bryan and Miss Lillian Workman, also of Lafayette, a passenger in Bryan's car.

Although the full extent of the injuries sustained by the three people could not be ascertained, hospital attaches reported that Miss Workman suffered a fractured skull while the other two were seriously hurt. Both Miss Workman and Bryan were thrown to the ground in the collision.

According to an eyewitness report to the police, Nelson was traveling south toward Lafayette and attempted to make a left turn onto a side road. Bryan's car, travelling north, crashed head-on into the Nelson machine.

Besides his injured wife, Nelson is survived by a son, John, 35, of Chicago; two daughters, Mrs. Laura Kellogg of Chicago and Mrs. Irene Robinson of Battle Ground and three brothers, Frank of Chalmers, Harvey of Shelby and Fred of Joliet, Ill.

The body was returned to Brookston where funeral rites will be held from the residence at 2 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be made in Resthaven Cemetery at Lafayette.

June 25, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Two Damage Suits Reported Settled

Winamac, Ind.,--Settlement of damage suits filed against the Monon railroad in behalf of Carol and Donald Erb, children of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Erb, has been effected in circuit court here through the payment of \$50 to Carol and \$200 to Donald.

The children were hurt in a fatal crossing crash June 10, 1937 in which Ernest Anliker, driver of the car in which they were riding was killed. The Anliker car was struck by a Monon switch engine.

July 13, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Francesville news section

Stanley Surber has accepted a position as telegraph operator with the Monon Railroad company. He was assigned to duty at Fair Oakes.

August 28, 1938

Logansport Press

Obit

Monticello—Word received here today of the death of U.G. Browneller, of Plymouth, who passed away Friday. Mr. Browneller for many years was local Monon railroad agent here. Burial will take place at Lafayette Monday afternoon.

September 8, 1938

Logansport Press

Rensselaer Baker Dies After Fall

Indianapolis, Sept. 7—Perry Frank Crowder, 56, was found dead in bed at his home today and Dr. Norman Booher, deputy coroner, attributed death to injuries received in a fall from a ladder a year ago.

Crowder suffered a broken hip in the fall that occurred at a bakery where he was employed. He was born in Rensselaer and was employed for many years by the Monon railroad.

October 22, 1938

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Bulletin

Despondent because he was unable to find employment, George R. Defenbaugh, 77, committed suicide today by walking in front of a Monon railroad yard engine in Lafayette's business section.

December 6, 1938

Logansport Press

Obit

Lafayette—Maurice G. Brown, 82, former Lafayette resident, died 7:15 a.m. Monday in Indianapolis. Mr. Brown was born in Brookston and while in Lafayette was employed by the Monon railroad. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the home in Indianapolis with burial in Crown Hill.

January 3, 1939

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Auto-Train Crash Fatal To Woman

Bedford, Ind., Jan. 3—Mrs. Mary Marquette, 69, Bedford widow, was killed instantly when a fast Monon railroad freight train struck the car in which she was riding at a grade crossing.

William McNeeley, 68, Bedford, driver of the car, suffered only minor injuries. He told officers that he did not see the red flasher signal at the crossing.

January 14, 1939

Kokomo Tribune

From the State Briefs section

Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 14—Poor health was believed by authorities today to have driven Fred M. Flater (sp), 53, Monon railroad detective, to shoot himself to death. The body of Flater, former city policeman, was found in an inspector's shanty at the Monon yards yesterday.

January 20, 1939

Logansport Press

Derails Monon

Bainbridge, Jan. 19—A Monon railroad passenger train collided with a truck-trailer here today and the locomotive and four cars were derailed. No one was injured. The trailer was torn loose from the truck, driven by Leo Brinwold of Vincennes.

January 26, 1939

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

From the Community Paragraphs section

Funeral rites were to be held at Monon for Otto "Bish" Shields, 67, former Monon railroad conductor, who died Monday in Indianapolis.

March 11, 1939

Logansport Pharos Tribune

Telegraph Operator Succumbs At Monon

Monon, Ind., March 11—Emmett B. Wren, 56, local Monon railroad telegraph operator, died here Friday. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and the Methodist Church.

Surviving are the widow, a son, James, and a niece, Cora Grace Monsell, who resides in the Wren home.

March 12, 1939

Logansport Press

One Killed In Bloomington's Spring Floods (excerpt)

Bloomington, March 11—The flood washed out 15 rails of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville (Monon) railroad between here and Ellettsville delaying a northbound passenger train three hours while a temporary track was laid.

April 10, 1939

Kokomo Tribune

Railroad Man Kills Self

Bloomington, Ind., April 9—Coroner Hugh Ramsey said today despondency over ill health caused Charles Babb, 56, veteran Monon railroad car department repairman, to kill himself by cutting his throat with a hunting knife at his Clear Creek farm near here.

April 20, 1939

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Monon Train Wrecked

Bedford, Ind., April 20—Monon railroad workers today cleared wreckage of eight freight cars from the right of way north of here. The cars left the rails late yesterday, apparently because of a broken wheel. Damage was estimated at \$2,000.

May 15, 1939

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Indiana Toll Is Thirteen Over Sunday (Excerpt)

Weekend traffic deaths in Indiana soared to 13 today, including four persons killed at Monon when their car ran into the pilot of a speeding Monon railroad locomotive.

Dead from the train-car crash were; Hubert Hendershot, 22, of Wolcott; Eugene Kirscher, 21, of Wolcot; Mrs. Sarah Hensler, 20, of Remmington; Mrs. William Blake, 22, of Remington.

June 13, 1939

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Five Killed In Accidents

New Albany, Ind., June 13—Two persons died late yesterday from injuries in Washington County. They were Bonnie Baker, 7 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cling Baker of near Salem, and Alvey Chastain, 62, of Campbellsburg. The girl was injured when she fell from a horse and Chastain suffered fatal injuries when his car was hit by a Monon railroad train near Campbellsburg.

August 8, 1939

Logansport Pharos Tribune

Arrest Two In Beating Of Watchman

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug 8—Police today held two Negroes for questioning in the kidnapping of Howard Sullivan, 20, from his post as a Monon railroad watchman on a heavily traveled Indianapolis street intersection with the railroad a few hours earlier.

While Sullivan was beaten and tied to a tree blocks away from his scene of duty, at least three trains passed over the unguarded crossing. Robbery was the motive for the abduction.

The two suspects were questioned when they were seized after another robbery attempt in which Sullivan's car, which they had stolen, was found abandoned.

The two Negroes pounced on Sullivan early today when he left the watchtower to get his lunch from his automobile parked nearby. After beating him into submission, they searched him, drove him away in his own machine, and tied him to a tree. He had no money. Sullivan soon released himself and notified authorities, who blockaded the surrounding area.

When Mr. and Mrs. Campbell reported someone was trying to break into their grocery store, police rushed there in the glare of their headlights saw three men fleeing. Sullivan's car was found in the rear of the store.

A police accident squad several hours later saw a colored man on the street who fitted the description of one of Sullivan's assailants. When they captured him, a revolver fell from under his hat. Later Sullivan identified him as one of the kidnappers. He gave his name as Robert Estes.

Suspect Suicide

Bedford, Ind., Aug. 8—Coroner R. E. Wynne indicated today that a verdict of suicide might be returned in the death of David W. Swartz, 50, whose body was found on the Monon railroad tracks at East Oolitic yesterday.

Wynne said it appeared that Swartz had lain down on the tracks.

August 9, 1939

Logansport Press

Crushed By Train

Bedford, Ind., Aug. 8—David W. Swartz, 50, a WPA worker, was found crushed to death today on the Monon railroad right-of-way north of here. His head and left hand had been crushed by a train, officers said.

September 13, 1939

Logansport Press

Killed On Bridge Job

Indianapolis, Sept. 12—James F. Lewis, 46, of Campbellsburg, was killed today while at work on a Monon railroad bridge project over White River in Broad Ripple. He was struck on the head by a 200 pound metal cup (or cap?) used on pilings.

October 27, 1939

Logansport Press

Latest

Bloomington, Ind.—A streamline-age caboose designed by a Monon railroad engineer here does away with the cupola from which the freight conductor watches the train ahead.

Instead the conductor sits in a plush chair beside a desk and looks up front through a bay window.

October 31, 1939

Logansport Pharos-Tribune

Couple Killed

Frankfort, Ind., Oct. 31—Elza Moore, 63, and his wife, 55, tenant farmers near Frankfort, were killed yesterday when a Monon railroad passenger train struck their car at a crossing near their home.

November 7, 1939

Logansport Press

Eight Monon Cars Run Off; Wrecked

Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 6—Eight Monon railroad freight cars, seven of them loaded with limestone blocks, broke loose from a siding at the Walter Brothers Stone mill today and piled up half a mile down the right of way. No one was injured.

The three front cars were derailed after shearing a utility pole off at the ground.

A southbound freight train was delayed by the accident.