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## Alvin Karpis' Wife Declares She Is Thru With Outlaw

Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 12.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Dorothy Slayman Karpis, wife of Alvin Karpis, America's No. 1 ranking public enemy, wants to be a stenographer and plain Dorothy Slayman again.

Mrs. Karpis is studying stenography at a Tulsa business college. She also is suing for divorce from Karpis.

The 22-year-old titian-haired commercial school coed says she has not seen her blond Lithuanian husband since the winter of 1931.

She and Karpis were married in September of that year at Sapulpa, Okla. Karpis disappeared soon after that.

Desertion and nonsupport are her pleas for divorce and restoration of her maiden name.

Yet she comes to Karpis' defense.

### SAYS KARPIS WAS KIND TO HER.

"He was always kind to me while we were together," she declared. "I don't believe he's guilty of half the things they accuse him of."

Mrs. Karpis' romance and married life with the outlaw were brief. She met him in Tulsa in the spring of 1931. Karpis was just out of the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing. He assured Miss Dorothy Slayman that he had reformed.

There was a minor delay in the reformation that summer when Karpis was arrested in Tulsa on a charge of jewelry theft.

"I thought he was a jewelry salesman," Mrs. Karpis said here. "He at least had lots of jewelry. He gave me some diamonds once. But he took them back."

Karpis got a bench parole from the jewelry theft case and announced another set of plans for an honest life.

They were married in the fall of 1931 and moved to Chicago.

Later, that autumn, Sheriff Roy Kelly was killed at West Plains, Mo. Fred Barker and Karpis were mentioned in connection with the slaying. Mrs. Karpis has not seen her husband since.

### FEARED PUBLICITY IN GETTING DIVORCE.

Mrs. Karpis came back to Tulsa a year ago to get a divorce. She operated a cafe for several months. The thought of publicity in connection with divorce proceedings kept her from filing her case at once.

Last May, she enrolled in business college. Her teachers say she is an apt pupil. She will finish her training in a few months. Then she wants a job as stenographer or secretary.

She doesn't know where Karpis is, but she doesn't believe he is in the United States.

"I'm thru with Alvin Karpis," she declared. "I wouldn't do anything to help him. But I liked him when we were first married. I wouldn't do anything to hurt him."

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R. L. Shivers, agent in charge of the Little Rock office of the bureau of investigation, refused to comment on the raid.

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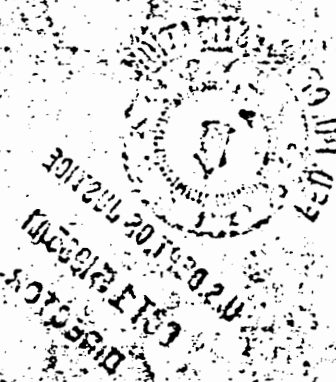
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MIAMI, OKLA.--A STRONG POLICE GUARD WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE HOME OF HENRY MOSSMAN, WEALTHY MIAMAN TODAY, AFTER A SUSPECTED KIDNAP PLOT AIME AT HIS SEVEN-YEAR-OLD SON, HENRY EDWARD MOSSMAN, HAD BEEN THWARTED. THE REPORT SPREAD RAPIDLY THAT ONE OF THE SUSPECTED MEN IN THE ATTEMPTED KIDNAPING WAS ALVIN KARPIS, WHO ONCE HAD A HIDEOUT IN THIS SECTION.

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One of the two would-be kidnapers resembled Karpis closely. Further, Karpis and Campbell were reported to be in the Oark region last week.

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### Kidnapers Foiled

MIAMI, Okla. — A strong police guard was established at the home of wealthy Henry Hossman yesterday, after a kidnap plot aimed at his 7-year-old son had been thwarted. Reports spread rapidly that one of the suspected men in the attempted kidnaping was Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, who once had a hide-out in this section.

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**2 KIDNAPERS FOILED**  
**Karpis and Campbell Suspected**

MIAMI, Okla., Oct. 14.—Two men—believed to have been Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, public enemies one and two—were thwarted today in two attempts to kidnap the seven-year-old son of Henry Hoffman, wealthy mine owner.

Suspicious of Miss Dor Valley, school principal where the Hoff-

man boy attended, blocked the abduction plan. The leader of the kidnaping attempt closely resembled Karpis.

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## Karpis Hunted On New Charge

Attempted Kidnaping Is  
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Karpis and Campbell were reported to be in the Ozark region last week. Karpis has plentiful hideouts in the area where his criminal career originated a decade ago.

The man resembling Karpis appeared at the school Monday and asked Miss Valley to release young Hoffman. He said he represented the boy's father. Miss Valley refused to let the boy go without a written order from the parents.

The man left and returned a short time later bearing a note purported to come from the father. Miss Valley telephoned to the elder Hoffman for verification, and the man fled with his companion in a waiting automobile.

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## McDonald To Face Charge Here In Bremer Kidnaping

Cassius McDonald, Detroit politician and alleged "cooler" of \$72,000 of the Bremer kidnaping ransom money, will waive extradition to Minnesota, when arraigned in Detroit, Mich., today.

The wealthy Michigan man is alleged to have exchanged \$72,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid to kidnapers for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. The money was "cooled" in Cuba.

McDonald, also indicted in Florida on charges of having harbored Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, fugitive-suspect kidnapers, is now at liberty under \$10,000 bond on that charge.

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## KARPIS SOUGHT IN SOUTHWEST

Hunt Renewed After Teacher  
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The principal, Miss Doris Valley, said the strangers fled before authorities arrived.

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Edward is one of a family of five children. His mother is the widow of John Quaspaw, Indian chief who held valuable zinc and lead mining properties in the Tri-State fields of Northeastern Oklahoma.

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# KARPIS HUNTED IN OKLAHOMA

## Thwarted Attempt at Kidnaping Is Laid to Outlaw.

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Sheriff Eli Dry said a heavily bearded man who appeared at a grammar school twice and asked for the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman, wealthy Miamians, closely fits the description of the fugitive outlaw.

Another man waited for him in a motor car.

### WE HAVE INFORMATION.

"We have some pretty good information," was all Sheriff Dry would add.

He was working with Oklahoma and Kansas state officers.

Three officers guarded the home of the Hoffmans.

The two suspected men first appeared at the school during recess seeking the boy, Henry Hoffman Jr.

"Apparently they were trying to get him then, but didn't get a chance," said Dry. "Later they came back and the man with the beard came into the school house. He had a note, which he said was signed by Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman telling the teacher to let him have their boy."

### TEACHER CALLS OFFICERS.

The principal, Miss Doris Valley, became suspicious and called the county attorney's office, but the men were gone before officers arrived.

Hoffman is the owner of a music store. Mrs. Hoffman was the widow of the late John Quapaw, a Quapaw Indian chief, who owned valuable zinc and lead land in the tri-state area. They have five children.

Karpis has frequented this section at times. When the Barkers were living he often came into Oklahoma with them.

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## KIDNAP HUNT LINKS KARPIS

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#### 40 YEARS IN KIDNAPING

##### Clarence Clay Sentenced as Hamilton Aide.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Oct. 15.—(UP)—Clarence Clay, 24 years old, alleged associate of the late Raymond Hamilton, Tuesday was sentenced to forty years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth on a charge of kidnaping.

Clay talked for five minutes before sentence was passed, telling Judge Albert A. Reeves that he committed only one crime in Oklahoma before meeting Hamilton. Judge Reeves lectured an hour in passing sentence.

It was charged that Clay and Hamilton kidnaped William Lane, postal carrier, and commandeered his automobile in escaping after a clash with Missouri officers near Halfway, Mo., October 24, 1934. Lane was released at Haskell, Ok., the next day.

Clay also was indicted in Oklahoma City on a charge that he and Hamilton had parts in the robbery of the First National bank at Okeene, Ok., last November 8.

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## Two Public Enemies Fail In Effort to Kidnap Boy, 7

By United Press

**EXCLUSIVE: Read It First in The News**  
MIAMI, Okla.—Two men—probably Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, public enemies one and two—were thwarted Monday in two attempts to kidnap the seven-year-old son of Henry Hoffman, wealthy mine owner.

The suspicions of Miss Doris Valley, principal of the elementary school which the Hoffman boy attended, blocked the abduction plan and started a wide hunt for the pair.

The leader of the kidnaping attempt closely resembled Karpis. He wore a beard, however, possibly to mask a scar which the notorious gangster is known to bear.

Karpis and Campbell were reported in the Arkansas Ozarks region last week, and Karpis knows many hiding places in this region, where he started his crime career a decade ago.

### Won't Release Boy

The bearded man asked Miss Valley to release the Hoffman boy from classes and asserted he represented the boy's father. Miss Valley said she could not permit the child to leave school without a written order from the parents.

The man returned later, with his companion, and presented a note, purportedly from the father. Miss Valley left to verify the note by telephone, and the pair fled in a high-powered automobile.

Her conversation with Hoffman revealed the kidnap attempt. The child was taken home immediately, and a guard was posted at the Hoffman home.

Warnings were broadcast to

peace officers thruout the state. Dwight Branley, head of the division of investigation office in Oklahoma City, sent an agent to Miami.

### Federal Agents Doubtful

State crime bureau operatives found that Miss Valley's description of the bearded man tallied exactly with Bertillon records for "Old Creepy" Karpis.

Karpis is wanted for the kidnapings of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul business men. He at one time joined forces with the John Dillinger gang of Midwestern desperadoes, and shared leadership of a Southwestern gang with the notorious Barker brothers and their mother.

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# **GUARD RICH BOY, 7, FROM KIDNAPERS**

Miami, Okla., Oct. 15 (AP).—The home of Henry Hoffman, wealthy music store owner, was guarded by three officers today after an apparent attempt to kidnap his 7-year-old son, Edward. Two men, one whose description was said by Sheriff Eli Dry to tally closely with that of Alvin Karpis, ranking public enemy, sought to remove Edward from his classroom in a grammar school yesterday.

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He was arrested in Calumet City, Ill., on April 14, 1933, on charges

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of carrying concealed weapons, and dismissed the same day.

He was arrested again five months later at Hammond, Ind., on charge of assault and battery. This time he was released to the Indiana bureau of identification at Crown Point, Ind.

He was arrested on the same charge again in Crown Point, Ind. two days later, and released on \$5,000 bond. The charges were dismissed on September 25, 1934.

### HARRISON TERMED CLOSE FRIEND OF KARPIS.

William J. Harrison, whose body was found in a burned car at Ontarioville, Ill., last January, was named as one of the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in the indictment charging him and 21 others with the crime.

Harrison, who served several prison terms in various states, was a former St. Louis golf professional and at one time operated a tavern near Hammond, Ind.

Harrison was a close associate of Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 public enemy who is still at large and the Barker brothers. Arthur (Doc) Barker is serving a life term following conviction in the \$200,000 Bremer abduction, and his brother, Fred, and mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, were slain by federal agents in Florida last January.

Another member of the Barker-Karpis mob charged by the government with engineering the Bremer kidnaping was "rubbed out" by the gang. He was Fred Goetz, the "brains" of the gang, who directed the writing of all the kidnap notes. Goetz, a former university student, was killed because he "talked too much" regarding activities of the mob, according to underworld sources.

Another member of the gang, who at various times was reported killed by members of the Barker-Karpis mob, is Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician. Dr. Moran has not been heard from and federal authorities have had no trace of him for nearly a year. At the Bremer kidnap trial he was named as one of the "money changers" of the ransom notes and as the physician who operated on many of the gangsters to obliterate their finger prints. He is named in the indictment as a conspirator.

The only members of the 22 persons indicted still uncaptured are Harry Campbell and Karpis.

Captured in recent months were William (Bill) Weaver and Myrtle Eaton who lived on a farm in Florida. They and Harry Sawyer, alleged "finger man" are in the Ramsey county jail awaiting trial at the November term of Federal court.

Indicted a few weeks ago as a "money peddler," was Cassius McDonald, consulting engineer of Detroit, Mich. He is at liberty on bond. McDonald is named in the indictment as having engineered the disposition of \$107,000 kidnap money in Havana, with the aid of Karpis.

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CASSIUS McDONALD, SUS-  
pect in the Bremer kidnaping  
case, Tuesday waived removal  
hearings in Detroit. His bond  
was reduced to \$25,000 and he  
was given two weeks to raise it.  
If unable to make his bond he  
will be brought to St. Paul im-  
mediately.

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## Burned Corpse Is Harrison's; Kidnap Suspect



WILLIAM J. HARRISON.

The body of a man found in a burned barn at Ontarioville, Ill., last January was identified today as that of William J. (Willie) Harrison, Bremer kidnap suspect.

The positive identification today by J. Edgar Hoover, head G-Man in Washington, reduces the number of fugitive suspects to three, of whom one is believed dead.

Federal agents in Chicago, under the direction of D. M. Ladd, formerly in charge of the St. Paul field office of the federal bureau of investigation, are seeking to determine if Harrison was slain before the barn was set on fire.

Harrison's death cuts the fugitive list to Alvin Karpis, alleged co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang, charged with the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker Jan. 17, 1934, Harry Campbell and Dr. Joseph P. Moran. The last named has been reported dead on numerous occasions but Washington has not confirmed the rumors.

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### DEAD MAN IDENTIFIED AS KARPIS GANGSTER

Burned to Death In Barn Fire Several Months Ago

By The United Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 — The body of a man found in a burned barn at Ontarioville, Ill., last January has been identified as that of William J. "Willie" Harrison, a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today.

Harrison participated in the Barker-Karpis gang kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, two years ago, Mr. Hoover said. Federal agents had been seeking him since Bremer was released.

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# U. S. FINDS KARPIS GANGSTER DEAD

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## IDENTIFIES DEAD MAN AS MEMBER OF KARPIS GANG

Hoover Says Body Found  
In Burned Barn Was  
That Of Hoodlum

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Harrison Latest Of Ring  
To Be Accounted For  
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[Editor's Note—Harrison was the twenty-third member of the Karpis-Barker gang to be accounted for by Federal agents in their eighteen-month search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.]

Kate Barker, known as the "brain" of the outfit, was killed with her son, Fred, after a five-hour battle with agents at Oklawaha, Fla.

Son Kills Self

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Once Linked With Capone

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# 'Willie' Harrison Slain— by Barker-Karpis Pals

BY FRANCIS J. CONNOR.  
Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Be-  
cause he knew too much and talked  
too much, William J. ("Willie")  
Harrison, one-time golf professional,  
popular at Illinois country clubs,  
a former member of the Al Capone  
beer syndicate and a federal fugi-  
tive, met the never-failing fate of a  
garrulous gangster—he was silenced  
for good by the Barker-Karpis band  
of outlaws.

Once well known in the Chicago  
underworld, Harrison was burned  
to death by members of the mob  
in a ramshackle old barn not far  
from that city, according to infor-  
mation supplied The Chicago Daily  
News by outside sources close to  
the operations of federal agents.  
The information was accorded  
guarded verification by justice de-  
partment officials.

Forsaking a small-time bootleg  
liquor business, Harrison joined  
forces with the bank-robbing and  
kidnaping Barker-Karpis outfit in  
1933 and participated actively in  
the ransom abduction of Edward G.  
Bremer, St. Paul banker, on Jan. 17,  
1934.

Almost a year to the day later his  
charred remains were found in the  
guttered ruins of a small barn some-  
where in the vicinity of Ontario-  
ville, Ill. The body was found and  
removed by local authorities. Some  
few months later, according to The  
Chicago Daily News informants, the  
federal bureau of investigation was  
reported to have established iden-  
tity through tracing to their proper  
sources personal effects extracted  
from the unrecognizable person of  
the burned golfer-gangster.

## Particulars Denied.

When confirmation was sought  
at the justice department today,  
officials, declining to disclose de-  
tailed particulars, nevertheless re-  
fused to deny the report and dis-  
missed it with the assertion that  
they were no longer looking for  
Harrison. The victim had been a  
fugitive from federal justice since  
Jan. 22, 1935, when he was one  
of twenty-two members of the  
Barker-Karpis mob indicted by a  
federal grand jury in St. Paul for  
conspiracy to put the "snatch" on  
Bremer. He had never been ap-  
prehended by federal authorities.

The brief comment elicited from  
justice department officials can be  
construed as outright confirmation  
of the story of Harrison's death, as  
they unwaveringly maintain an in-  
violable policy of offering no in-  
formation whatsoever on cases un-  
der active investigation.

An "outside contact man" for the  
kidnapers, HARRISON, immediately

after the \$200,000 abduction of  
Bremer, hurried to Chicago and  
completed arrangements for hide-  
outs for woman confederates of the  
mob. Likewise, he was known to  
have visited the farmhouse at Ben-  
senville, Ill., where Bremer was  
held hostage. According to The  
Chicago Daily News informants—  
who at one time were in close con-  
tact with the Bremer case—Harris-  
son was also the man who obtained  
cover for the gang in an apart-  
ment at 3920 Pine Grove avenue,  
Chicago, where Russell Gibson, an-  
other Karpis gangster, was slain in  
a pitched battle with federal men.

The informants said, too, that  
Harrison visited at length in Flor-  
ida and Cuba and personally ex-

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changed some of the  
som money there.

## "Dividend of Death"

As they related it,  
turned to Chicago  
around November 1934  
by a ruse that he was  
sent when gang mem-  
side on "cuts" of some  
Instead, the mob paid  
a dividend of death.

Harrison also had  
knowledge of the hit  
by "Ma" and Fred  
bear Oklawaha, Fla.  
he is said to have taken  
in a coastal city under  
Aside from his changing  
activities

was known to have been connected  
with the operation of beer taverns  
and interested himself extensively  
in the sport of dog racing there. The  
hideout on Lake Wier, a few miles  
from Oklawaha, in which the Bark-  
ers were killed during the course  
of a "G-man" raid, was the fash-  
ionable and richly furnished home  
of a president of a Miami kennel  
club.

Before casting his lot with the  
Karpis crowd Harrison was en-  
gaged in illicit liquor trade, operat-  
ing a string of small speakeasies  
in and around Calumet City, Ill.

Born in St. Louis, the only oc-  
cupation listed on wanted notices  
circulated by the justice depart-  
ment described the 35-year-old  
gangster as a "golf professional."

## Main Cog in Gang.

Although not a "big shot," gun-  
toting-gangster, Harrison, in a quiet  
way, was one of the main cogs in  
the mauling crime machine oper-  
ated by Karpis and the Barker  
family of once much-sought fed-  
eral fugitives. He was a crack golf-  
er, formerly well known at smaller  
country clubs in Illinois and sur-  
rounding midwestern states, where  
his services as a tutor were said  
to have been in great demand at  
one time. He also taught the fine  
points of the game to some of the  
deceased members of the Karpis  
mob.

Records reveal Harrison was ar-  
rested only twice and never con-  
victed. Once he was picked up in  
Calumet City in 1933 for carrying  
concealed weapons, a charge which  
was dropped the same day it went  
on the books. Again, seven months  
later, he was arrested in Hammond,  
Ind., and charged with assault and  
battery with intent to rape. Two  
days later he was free, released  
from the Indiana state bureau of  
identification at Crown Point on  
\$5,000 bond, and shortly thereafter  
the case was dismissed altogether.

Harrison at various times used  
the aliases of "Willie Harrison,"  
"W. J. Harrison," "I. B. Bolton"  
and "W. J. Ryan."

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# FIRE VICTIM IDENTIFIED AS KARPIS AID

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(By International News Service.)—Government detectives were a step nearer in their search for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, reputed kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, with positive identification today of the body of William J. Harrison, found burned to death in a destroyed barn at Ontarioville, Ill., in January.

Harrison was a member of the Karpis-Barker gang that kidnaped the St. Paul man.

The identification was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He refused to state why the identification had been withheld for nine months.

He also refused to discuss stories which declare that Harrison was a gang victim of the old Capone gang of Chicago.

## THREE STILL HUNTED.

Elimination of Harrison from the federal search for the Bremer kidnapers leaves three men still at large. They are Karpis, Campbell and "Doc" Moran.

In regard to the identification of Harrison, Hoover said:

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## THREE ARRESTED.

Harrison was 34 years old. His criminal record began at Calumet City, Ill., in 1933 when a charge of carrying concealed weapons was dismissed. On two subsequent occasions he was charged with intent to rape at Crown Point, Ind., and was released on both occasions.

Department of Justice officials said that Harrison gave as his profession "golf professional" and that his parents live in St. Louis.

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International News Service

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The fact that the walls of this room are only half lined does not reveal an oversight. There are empty cases in the basement. Officials expect the new State weapons to help fill up those walls.

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By the Associated Press.

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In 1931-1932 she spent 30 days in jail, over Christmas and New Year, because officers were looking for her husband for a West Plains, Mo., slaying.

"I don't know why people don't leave me alone now," she said. "It's just their morbid curiosity that makes them want to know more about me and point me out."

"I was doing fine, nobody knew who I was, until I filed suit for divorce. I almost wish I had not filed it. I waited four years, thinking maybe I would not have to get a divorce, but it looks like that is the only way I can get rid of him."

Karpis, hunted for the Edward Bremer kidnaping and a string of other crimes, hasn't done half the things attributed to him, his wife believes.

"There are stories, just like there were about 'Pretty Boy' Floyd," she said.

"I am through with Alvin. I wouldn't do anything to hurt him, but I don't want to have anything else to do with him."

She first met Karpis in Tulsa in the spring of 1931 and married him after a brief acquaintance.

"He was nice to me. I thought he was a jewelry salesman, he always had plenty of jewelry around," she explained.

Soon Karpis was arrested for a jewelry store robbery in Henryetta and, after he was paroled, they moved to Chicago, where he left in October, 1931. She hasn't seen him since, she said.

Her maiden name, which she asked restored in the divorce suit set for hearing November 15, was Dorothy Slayman.

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"The body was discovered the day after the fire last January," said Keeney. "But the slayers had gone to elaborate lengths to prevent identification. Only the torso was recovered. The head, arms, and legs were missing."

"Our only clew was a watch, on which a repairer's mark and date were noticeable. While we were still investigating that clew, the government men came in last month and gave them all our data. The next we heard was the announcement from Washington to-

Executed By Own Gang



Associated Press Photo.  
WILLIAM HARRISON.

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"We will make every effort to apprehend the slayers."

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#### Near Other Graves

Ontarioville, near where Harrison's body was found, is almost on a direct north and south line 30 miles in length between Oswego, where slain John Hamilton was buried by his pals, and Barrington, where George (Baby Face) Nelson, like Hamilton, a Dillinger gangster, was killed in a gunfight with Federal agents last fall.

With Harrison officially dead, five men are now sought for the Bremer kidnaping. In addition to Karpis, they are Harry Campbell, now his first lieutenant; Dr. Joseph Moran, former Chicago physician, and two others who apparently are not known by name to Federal agents.



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## Body in Barn Blaze Was Karpis Aide

### G-Men Investigating Possibility of Death 'Ride'

G-men yesterday identified a body found in a burned barn last January at Ontarioville, Ill., as William J. "Willie" Harrison, member of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, last year.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announcing the identification, said Federal agents in Chicago are investigating Harrison's death to see if he were taken for a "ride" before the barn burned.

Finding of Harrison's corpse narrows the few remaining members of the shattered gang still at liberty. Alvin Karpis, one of the leaders; Harry Campbell and "Doc" Moran are still sought.

"Doc" Barker and several others have been sentenced to prison.

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**Gibbons Didn't Want  
Lesson From Barker**

Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang, Bremer kidnapers, offered to teach Ramsey county sheriff's deputies how to use machine guns, Sheriff Thomas J. Gibbons told members of the Midway club Wednesday.

Gibbons said that Barker and his fellow mobsters became his "guests" shortly after he took office. Gibbons said his deputies were not familiar with the use of machine guns and Barker hearing of this offered to teach the boys. Gibbons said he did not accept.

The speaker told of his work in the office as sheriff and of the first aid work his deputies have performed in saving lives of automobile accident victims.

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## BREMER KIDNAPPER SLAIN AND CREMATED

**J. Edgar Hoover Says Body  
Found in Illinois in January  
Was That of W. J. Harrison.**

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He declined to elaborate immediately. Mr. Bremer was kidnapped at St. Paul on Jan. 17, 1934.

Alvin Karpis, unofficial "public enemy No. 1," is the only important member of the group still at large. Ringleaders of the gang, which held Mr. Bremer for \$200,000 ransom after his kidnapping, have been "taken care of" one by one.

The Karpis trail has been "hot" since the gangster last July mailed a death threat letter to Mr. Hoover from an Ohio town.

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the Indiana bureau of identification at Crown Point, Ind. He was arrested on the same charge again in Crown Point two days later and released on \$5,000 bond. The charges were dismissed on Sept. 25, 1934.

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# G-MEN REVEAL 'HUSH' SLAYING BY KARPIS MOB

'Willie' Harrison, Ex-Golf Pro,  
Killed for Talking About  
Bremer Case; Burned in Barn

Death, it was disclosed yesterday, was the penalty visited on talkative William J. ("Willie") Harrison, one-time golf pro turned gangster, by the Barker-Karpis mob, his associates in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward J. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Washington sources revealed that things were going wrong for the Bremer fugitives last Winter, so Harrison was summoned to Chicago for a "payoff" of ransom. It was a payoff, but not the kind Harrison expected. He knew too much and could not hold his tongue, so he was slain, according to investigators.

## BODY FOUND IN BARN.

That was in January. The body was found in the charred ruins of a barn at Ontarioville. Months later it was identified. Yesterday J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, announced the news at Washington.

The condition of the body, which hampered identification, also made it impossible for investigators to confirm their suspicion that Harrison had been shot to death before cremation.

## DISPOSED OF RANSOM.

In the Bremer kidnaping, Harrison, according to federal agents, visited the Bensenville house where the banker was held, arranged for the apartment at 3920 Pine Grove av. where "G-men" fought and killed Russell Gibson and disposed of ransom bills at Havana, Cuba.

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"Our only clue was a watch on which a repairer's mark and date were noticeable. While we were still investigating that clue, the Government men came in last month and we gave them all our data. The next we heard was the announcement from Washington today."

"We will make every effort to apprehend the slayers."

Suspicion immediately pointed to Alvin Karpis, unofficial "public enemy No. 1," and the only important member of the Barker-Karpis gang still sought. Karpis, officers said, undoubtedly had the strongest reason for wanting "Willie" out of the way.

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## Once with "Pro"

Harrison, 34, was known to Chicago police as a one time golf professional who became a Capone associate during prohibition and operated a string of Calumet City, Ill., speak-easies.

He was one of the 22 alleged conspirators indicted for the Bremer kidnaping and was reputed to have acted as "contact" man for the gang, arranging hideaways and tending to other details for their operations west of this city. It was in this territory that the kidnap victim was held for 21 days before his \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Ontarioville, near where Harrison's body was found, is almost on a direct north and south line 30 miles in length between Oswego, where slain John Hamilton was buried by his pals, and Barrington where George (Baby Face) Nelson, like Hamilton, a Dillinger gangster, was killed in a gun fight with Federal agents last Fall.

With Harrison officially dead, five men are now sought for the Bremer kidnaping. In addition to Karpis they are Harry Campbell, now his first lieutenant; Dr. Joseph Moran, ex-Chicago physician, and two others who apparently are not known by name to Federal agents.

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# G-MEN TO GET NEW AIDS

By EDWARD B. LOCKETT,  
International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—If Public Enemy Alvin Karpis and other gangsters care to know, federal G-men expect soon to acquire two new adjuncts in their war against him and his kind.

With these, they will renew and intensify their unrelenting drive to capture or exterminate the pals of John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, Baby Face Nelson and others—shooters who lived by the gun outside the law, and died to the flash of federal rifles.

## GRADUATES TO HELP.

1. A soon-to-graduate squad of 25 state and municipal police officials, trained here in the justice department's new school of crime elimination.

2. Expected nationwide state participation in interstate compacts for crime control.

A blanket law placing federal approval on such compacts was enacted by the last congress.

There is a room in the new justice department building where the walls are half lined with glass cases. In one of these there are half a dozen wicked looking machine guns, sawed-off shotguns and automatics once owned by John Dillinger.

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### Doc Barker Offered Course in 'Gunning' to St. Paul Deputies

St. Paul, Minn.—(U.P.)—Arthur (Doc) Barker, gangland's expert gunman and kidnaper, once offered to instruct St. Paul's greenhorn deputy sheriffs in the art of machine gunning, Sheriff Tom Gibbons revealed Thursday.

Gibbons took office shortly before Barker and other kidnapers of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, were ensconced in the Ramsey county jail.

It was a new administration, consequently including a new force of

deputies who did not know how to handle machine guns. Barker heard of this and offered to "teach the boys."

Gibbons said the offer was declined.

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## GANG THREATS REVEALED BY M'DONALD

Cassius McDonald, Grosse Pointe clubman is held here on a charge of complicity in the Bremer kidnaping, declaring the accusations against him are "all lies, lies," today revealed an attempt was made to murder him near Miami, Fla., and he was once kidnaped in Detroit.

McDonald has been held in the county jail for four weeks, in lieu of \$25,000 bond, for transfer to St. Paul to face charges he passed \$100,000 of the ransom paid by Edward G. Bremer, wealthy brewer.

"A couple of guys riddled my auto with machine gun bullets while I was driving near Miami," McDonald said. "I don't know who they are or why they tried to kill me."

### CLAIMS RANSOM PAID

"Then in 1928 three fellows grabbed me at my home. They wanted \$15,000 ransom, but I finally talked them down to \$8,000. I paid it to a man on Cass avenue near Charlotte street."

While there is no police record of a complaint in the case, records show a suspect of the same name as the man to whom McDonald said he paid the ransom was arrested in 1930 for a kidnaping on Mackinac Island.

Men with names similar to the other two in the gang have been connected with gambling here and in Minnesota and that one of them was imprisoned in Kentucky for bank robbery and was suspected here in several slayings.

### FOUND IN RIVER

There is a record of a man with the same name as one of the kidnapers being shot to death here five years ago, but McDonald said this was not the man. The kidnaper was found in the Detroit river, he said.

"I never attached much significance to my kidnaping," McDonald said. "I was a wealthy man then, that's all."

McDonald said present charges against him are due to "someone in Washington has taken one too many shots in the arm."

"Department of Justice agents came to my room in Miami and threatened to kill me unless I confessed to passing the ransom money and harboring Alvin Karpis (accused in the Bremer kidnaping)."

"I repeated their threat in a letter which I left with a Miami attorney, Walter Kahoe, Jr., so

## Fraud Suspect Offers To Go to California

Wanted in Los Angeles on a charge of using the mails to defraud, Karl Anderson gave himself up to federal officials here and today is awaiting transfer to California. Anderson said he surrendered because he is "broke." He is charged with defrauding investors while president of an investment company, by selling stock in five companies of an allegedly fraudulent nature. Anderson was indicted a year ago and fled while under \$4,000 bond.

## Cummings Attacks Bail Bond System

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—(INS)—Citing the abuse of the bail bond system as one of the greatest deterrents to crime prevention in this country, Homer S. Cummings, United States attorney general, arrived here today from Europe.

"Under our bail system, men can prolong their escape from justice indefinitely," he said.

Cummings has been in England, France and Belgium studying and comparing crime detection methods.

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that if my body should be found at any time, someone would know who was to blame."

### CHARGES INTRIGUE

He also charges that political intrigue in the racing concession at Havana, which he operated, led to present charges.

"Political cliques wanted to force me out, that's all," McDonald declared.

He laughed at stories that he has ridden around Grosse Pointe in a bullet proof automobile, has guarded his home at the foot of Trombley road with vicious dogs and otherwise protected himself against gang bullets.

"Lies, all lies," McDonald said of stories that he makes his wife ride in the back seat of his car to keep her out of the line of fire if an attempt is made on his life.

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# BARKER'S AIDE SENTENCED

Philadelphia Police Hear of Gang Plot to Rob Montreal Bank.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18.—Members of the "Barker mob," who obtained \$63,000 in a hold-up of the Delaware County Trust Company at Chester in July, were planning a bank robbery in Montreal at the time Guilford Barker, the gang's alleged leader, was killed in an automobile crash near Somers Point, N. J., in August, police said today.

They asserted that William Bakey, against whom they have filed no charges, told them that Barker, on the day he was killed, had received word from two "contact men" in New York that they had completed plans for a \$100,000 hold-up. The Montreal bank in question was described as a "swell layout."

Tommy McCartney, 26, a member of the "Barker mob," was sentenced today at Media to from seven to twenty years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

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# Neighbors' Business As It

## Hard Working Miner Willed \$16,000 by Kin

### Wife's Desertion to Join Outlaw Sons Was Severe Blow

JOPLIN, Mo., Oct. 19 (A.P.)—Honest, law-abiding George Barker, father of the infamous quartet of bandits and kidnapers, can look forward to a life of ease at 67. He has \$11,000 remaining from the estate left by Kate (Ma) Barker and his son, Fred.

Finis to criminal participation by the Barkers was written last January in Florida when a group of federal agents and county officers snuffed out the lives of Ma Barker and Fred. The bodies were brought back to Southern Missouri and then taken to Miami, Okla., for the burial.

The mother and son left an estate of \$16,000 which went to Barker. After paying the Florida undertaker and for services in Oklahoma, Barker had \$11,000 left which seems like a lot of money to him.

He accepted the estate money reluctantly and only after federal agents assured him that none of the currency was ransom bills.

The story of the Barker family, which perhaps gave more major desperadoes to crime than any other American family, began here several years ago when the four

sons took to the pathway of crime one by one.

Herman Barker, also buried in the Oklahoma cemetery with his mother and brother was the first to die. He was slain in Wichita, Kans., by police after a gun battle when they attempted to arrest him for a minor offense.

Lloyd Barker, another son, became embroiled with the government and is now serving a sentence in the federal prison at Leavenworth.

#### Barker Deserted by Wife

About this time, the latter part of the last decade, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Fred, two other brothers teamed up with various underworld gangs and finally their mother, Kate, deserted her husband to join her sons.

Several major crimes then occurred in the Middle West which were attributed to the Barker gang and which bore out the contention of federal agents that Ma Barker was the brains of the gang. Most of these crimes, however, were committed before the rise of J. Edgar Hoover's efficient and deadly "G" men.

In 1931 the gang had a hideout near Thayer, Mo., just a few miles from the Arkansas border. The hideout was situated on a high hill affording an excellent view of the surrounding country and reached only by rough, winding, country roads. A wire fence topped by several strands of barbed wire surrounded the house and the only entrance was through a gate operated by an electrical mechanism. Natives reported there were always several dust-covered automobiles in the driveway.

ers were in Kansas City of 1933 when the Union massacre of four officers convict occurred, but the definite evidence the Barker part in it. They were also as City the night Jo Kansas City political killed, but again it was to incriminate the Barker.

Then the Bremer kidnapping tounded the nation. Arthur Barker was captured last year and is now serving a life sentence for his part in the crime and federal agents are searching for Alvin Karpis, now America's Public Enemy No. 1, in connection with the kidnaping. The killing of Ma and Fred Barker, who died behind blazing machine guns in the richly appointed Florida hideout, climaxed the story of the Barker crime reign.

#### Bore Up Stoically

Throughout the crime careers of the five Barkers, Joplin citizens said the father accepted his fate stoically and continued his work in the mines. Later his health failed and he took work as caretaker in a Joplin tourist camp.

Barker never cared to discuss his family either before or after his wife left him to join her sons. Citizens of this mining and manufacturing town say that Barker suffered a severe blow when Ma Barker deserted him.

Throughout it all he remained honest and upright. That has been his only solace and joy and he has prided himself on the fact that at least one member of the family remained respectable. After the Barker boys began to get in "big time" crime they tried to lure the father away from Joplin. They told him he would not have to worry any more about money the rest of his life.

Barker, however, chose to remain in Joplin barely earning enough to live on. Now he will not have to worry. The \$11,000 will be sufficient for him to live on the remainder of his life.

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### 3 TO FACE COURT IN BREMER CASE OCT. 28

Sawyer, Weaver and Myrtle  
Eaton to Be Arraigned in  
\$200,000 Kidnaping.

Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, alleged participants in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, probably will be arraigned at a special term of federal court here October 28. Originally it had been planned to arraign them at the regular fall term, which will open November 5 and during which they are scheduled to be tried. Due to the heavy calendar for this term, however, these plans have been changed and the arraignment now is expected on the earlier date.

It also was learned today that the trial, which was expected to

start a few days after the beginning of the regular term, may not open until some time in December. This is because Cassius McDonald, another defendant arrested in Detroit, has been granted a stay until December 16, and it is believed the government is anxious to try all four defendants together.

Sawyer is accused of being the "finger man" who pointed out Bremer, St. Paul banker, to his abductors. Weaver is accused of being one of the actual kidnapers. Mrs. Eaton, in whose apartment the crime is alleged to have been planned, is charged with conspiracy in the case. McDonald is accused of passing some of the ransom money.

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## Bremer Alive And Happy, But Kidnap Mob Has Sad Fadeout

**Five Of Gang Dead; Ten In Prison; Four Wait Trial; Five Are Fugitives, Two Free.**

Edward G. Bremer, "victim" of a kidnaping 21 months ago is alive, well and happy today, but of the 27 men and women who allegedly "profited" by the crime:

Five are dead, seven are serving prison terms, one awaits sentence, four await trial, five are hunted, and of these one is believed dead; of five freed, three are serving prison terms on other charges.

Of the \$200,000 ransom paid to kidnapers for Mr. Bremer's release, \$2,785 has been recovered and will be returned to Mr. Bremer as soon as the case is completed. The remaining \$197,225 found 12 per cent being paid to "cool" off the ransom money and if the remainder was divided in 27 equal parts each person got \$6,428 of which had to come out the payoff for various hideouts, face and finger tip operations and general traveling expenses, ducking the "G-men."

### Two Acquitted.

Among the dead Kate (Ma) Barker, Fred Barker and Russell (Slim) Gibson were the victims of federal agents' bullets. Willie Harrison and Fred Goetz were "wiped" out because they talked too much.

In various prisons are Arthur (Doc) Barker, Volney Davis, Oliver Berg, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, John J. McLaughlin and Jimmy Wilson. All sentenced in connection with the kidnaping.

Edna Murray, Jess Doyle and Bruno Austin, freed of the kidnaping are in prisons for other crimes. William Vidler and Phil Delanty, two of the alleged money changers, acquitted by the jury here, are at liberty.

### Moran Believed Slain.

Haunted and hunted are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Dr. Joseph P. Moran and a "John Doe" and "Richard Roe." Moran is believed

to be dead, having been slain and dumped into Lake Erie, according to underworld rumors.

Sick and having dropped at least 25 pounds in weight is Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty and later turned state's evidence. He is at Ramsey county jail awaiting sentence.

And now the federal government is preparing to wind up the case against four more alleged conspirators—Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton and Cassius McDonald. They are to go on trial next month.

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CLEVELAND NEWS

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"There are stories, just like there were about 'Pretty Boy' Floyd," she said.

"I am through with Alvin. I wouldn't do anything to hurt him,



ALVIN KARPIS

but I don't want to have anything else to do with him."

She first met Karpis in Tulsa in the spring of 1931 and married him after a brief acquaintance.

"He was nice to me. I thought he was a jewelry salesman. He always had plenty of jewelry around," she explained.

Soon Karpis was arrested for a jewelry store robbery in Henryetta and after he was paroled they moved to Chicago, where he left her in October, 1931. She hasn't seen him since, she said.

Her maiden name, which she asked restored in the divorce suit set for hearing Nov. 15, was Dorothy Slayman.

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# MA BARKER DIES BATTLING G-MEN

## Riddled With Bullets as She Works Machine Gun---Favorite Son Dies With Her

Doris Lockerman, formerly confidential secretary in the Chicago bureau of the United States Department of Justice, that is to say, in the headquarters of the far-famed "G-men," was behind the scenes through the swift drama of Dillinger—machine guns, roaring autos, deaths, kidnappings, plot and counterplot. She played a role and she was the calm observer and reporter in this blazing episode of crime and punishment. This is her story.

BY DORIS LOCKERMAN

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Once more I saw a fighting clan gather in the G-men's headquarters. It was the evening of Jan. 8, in the present year. Months of tireless investigation had paved the way. Members of the Barker-Karpis gang, kidnappers of Edward G. Bremer, had been found hiding in Chicago. The G-men were ready to take them.

### NO CONFUSION

It was a scene similar to a dozen others I had witnessed, yet subtly different. Gone was the confusion, the nervous tension which had preceded earlier raids. These men had been proved under fire. Two years of battles with public enemies had taught them much. They formed a cohesive, efficient machine.

### Time Changes Lineups

Some familiar faces of other days were missing. Genial Carter Baum was gone, and the daring Sam Cowley. Most of all the men mourned Herman Hollis. Little Jap Newman had been promoted and sent to another office. Nor were these all. Some of the agents had been tried and found wanting. They were not the stuff of which G-men were made. There were new faces.

That night there was a new leader. J. Connelley had been called from Cincinnati, where he was agent in charge, and put in charge of the Barker-Karpis hunt throughout the nation. He was a man of about 40, a veteran of the service. In the battles with Ma Barker and her boys he was to demonstrate a calculated daring which was remarkable even among the G-men.

### Call Veteran to Chicago

There was another man who had been called to Chicago after the first forays against the Dillinger gang showed that Chicago was to be the center of the fight against the public enemies. He was Doc Barker.

Barker's trial in St. Paul he took the witness stand and gave a complete resume of the plot.

### How the Hideout Was Found

An immediate result of Bolton's confession was the arrest of Harold Alderton. He it was who rented his apartment to the gang as Bremer's prison. Two weeks later, Bremer came to Chicago. The G-men had located the hideout. It is doubtful whether their months of searching for the sounds which Bremer described had as much to do with the discovery as did Bolton's confession.

But the discovery gave testimony to Bremer's accurate memory. Alderton's apartment was in Bensenville, northwest of Chicago. The cars which Bremer had heard switched were in the nearby yards of the Milwaukee railroad. The "factory whistle" was four blocks away on the railroad roundhouse. The fire siren was a few blocks away in the business section. It was tested every noon.

Within a block was the school where he had heard children playing. There were two churches in the neighborhood, and at 1 the bell was rung daily. Behind the house, in a garage, was a grocery truck which Bremer had heard early every morning.

### Letter That Led to Death

Doc Barker wouldn't talk. He didn't have to. In his apartment the G-men found a letter which was to bring Ma Barker to her death. It was in her own handwriting. She spoke of a big white house near a lake. The envelope bore the postmark of Oklawaha, Fla.

Within an hour of this discovery, agents left Jacksonville for the little inland settlement of Oklawaha. Ma Barker and Fred, her favorite son, had been living there for two months. At intervals Harry Campbell and Bill Weaver and Karpis had visited them there, with their women. At the moment they had no visitors.

The agents did nothing to disturb them. Ma was already worried. She had read of the killing of Gibson in Chicago, the arrest of Bolton. And for 10 days she had had no word from her son, Doc. Invariably when the boys were out on a bank robbery, their first thought after distancing pursuit had been to call their mother. Ma Barker feared something had happened to her boy. She was right.

### Agents Fly Southward

Word was flashed back to Chicago from the investigators at Oklawaha. That night Connelley, White and others of the Chicago agents left by plane. With them went machine guns, tear gas guns and those powerful rifles which had made Russell Gibson's bullet proof vest a mockery.

At dawn the next day, the morning of Jan. 23, the uneasy Ma Barker

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score of gunfighters with and gangsters. Although he fired on the payroll as a mere agent, the other agents and his bosses looked on him as an unofficial lieutenant. A few days later his cool skill was to save the life of his leader, Connelley.

And among the missing was Melvin Purvis. The Dillinger hunt made him a hero with the public and strengthened his hold on his men. His reputation increased after he led the chase in which "Pretty Boy" Floyd was tracked down and killed. It apparently increased too much for the pleasure of his superiors in Washington.

#### Purvis' Superiors Act

They saw to it that he got no assignments which would put him in the public eye. He spent most of his last six months in the service interviewing applicants for jobs as agents. So he was absent that January night.

For a week, G-men had been watching an apartment at 3920 Pine Grove avenue, on the north side of Chicago. There two of the Barker-Karpis gangsters, Russell Gibson and Byron Bolton, were hiding with their women. This was the first objective of the raiders.

Bolton and the women had been living in the apartment for two months. A few days before Gibson had arrived, and on his arrival it was decided to spring the trap. Silently the G-men went to their posts. Not only were the front and rear entrances of the building covered, but gunners were posted where they could fire into the windows of the gang apartment. Connelley led the way to the apartment entrance. He rang the bell. Through the speaking tube he shouted:

"Come on down, one at a time. The place is surrounded."

#### Gibson Prepares Grimly

Mrs. Clara Gibson, wife of the outlaw, was on the stairs at the time. She saw the G-men. Screaming, she ran back to the apartment, locked the door. Gibson was a dope user. He must have had a last "shot" that evening. Swiftly he donned a bullet-proof vest. He seized a heavy automatic rifle. He did not intend to be taken alive, and he wasn't.

Stealthily he stole out the back door. He slipped down the stairs to the alley below. Doc White and other agents were waiting for him there. He fired one shot. Then the agents' rifles crashed. Their bullets ripped through his protective vest. He dropped in his tracks, dying.

Meanwhile, from nearby roofs, a volley of tear gas bombs made the apartment untenable. By mistake, the agents also fired into the apartment of an innocent neighbor of the gangsters. Bolton and the two women surrendered. They were whisked away for questioning.

#### Doc Barker Taken Quietly

Meanwhile a second group of agents had gone to an apartment in another section of the city. They got their man without gunfire, so quietly that the arrest did not become known for 10 days. He was Doc Barker, the eldest of Ma's brood of killers.

Velney Davis, one of the actual kidnapers of Bremer, had been captured the preceding year, had escaped, and was recaptured when the slight Purvis, misdarning weapons, had knocked him down on a West Side street. Lesser fry had been picked up from time to time, but the arrests of Byron Bolton and Doc Barker really spelled doom for the gang.

Bolton had been a minor figure in the case. All he had done was to take care of Fred Goetz's wife while Goetz was away on the kidnapping raid. But of all people Goetz talked to, he told Bolton the most. And Bolton quickly told all he knew to the G-men. At Doc

knocked. Ma Barker was behind her when she was shot.

"Well?" she started.

#### Ma Riddled by Bullets

"You're surrounded, Mrs. Barker," said Connelley. "If you come out quietly you won't be hurt."

"To hell with you," the old woman screamed.

She slammed the door. From the window above Fred Barker cut down on Connelley with a machine gun. Bullets tore the G-man's clothing. But for a miracle—and the cool head of Doc White—he would have died in his tracks.

White was posted at the edge of the lawn, near the trees. He raised his rifle. A bullet sang past Fred Barker's ear. In a split second another dashed splinters in his eyes. Barker had to seek shelter or be killed. Connelley dashed to safety among the trees. The battle was on.

It raged for four hours, from 7 to 11 o'clock. Window panes were shattered by machine gun bursts. Though the uproar came the duller thud of the tear gas guns and the pop of their shells within the house. High powered rifles added a sharper note to the din.

#### Karpis Hears of Battle

Within the house Ma and Fred Barker fought on. They knew they would die. Their only wish was to take some of the hated G-men with them. Eyes streaming with tears from the gas, they appeared momentarily at windows, loosed rapid bursts from their machine guns. Business stopped in the little town. The residents crowded close to the firing line, endangering their lives to watch the deadly conflict.

Ma was the first to go. She fired her deadly gun, then dropped for shelter below the window. A rifle bullet ripped through the sheathing of the house. She was hit. There came another, and another, and another. The agents concentrated a fury of fire on the spot. Ma Barker died.

Her son ran out of machine gun ammunition. He seized a superautomatic pistol nearly as deadly. He lingered a moment too long before a window. A burst of machine gun slugs laid him low. There were a few more bursts of fire. Then the agents moved into the house. Death had moved in ahead of them.

#### Karpis Hears of Battle

Karpis and Harry Campbell with their women were hiding in southern Florida when they learned from the newspapers the story of Ma Barker's end. They resumed their flight, turning northward. Their car broke down. They stole another one. Florida police telegraphed the license numbers of the stolen machine ahead of them.

In Atlantic City the local police spotted the car in a garage. Karpis and Campbell were traced from the garage to a hotel. With them were 21-year-old Dolores Delaney, who was to bear Karpis' child in a few days, and Campbell's radio singer girl friend, Winona Burdette.

The Atlantic City police were game, but they weren't equipped to fight the Barker-Karpis gang. They went to the hotel room and found Campbell.

#### Bullets Answer Challenge

"Stick 'em up, we're officers," yelled the police.

"Stick 'em up yourself, coppers," shouted Karpis. "We're coming."

And come they did, spraying lead before them from machine guns. They forced the police back, dashed down a stairway. They dashed for the garage. Campbell grotesque in his long underwear. Behind them the police popped away with their pistols.

Their own car gone, the gunmen piled



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## MYRTLE EATON MUST FACE FLORIDA TRIAL

**Suspect in Bremer Kidnaping  
Wanted on Charge of Har-  
boring Weaver.**

Myrtle Eaton, now in Ramsey county jail charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, is to be taken to Florida to go on trial there for harboring William Weaver, Barker-Karpis gangster.

She will not be tried here for the kidnap conspiracy, as originally planned, and probably will not even be arraigned on this charge.

This was learned today from authoritative sources, although federal officials declined to make any formal statement. It is not known, however, when the removal to Florida will take place.

According to government prosecutors, much of the Bremer kidnap plot was formulated in Mrs. Eaton's apartment at 565 Portland avenue and she was named as a conspirator in the first several indictments returned. She is not named, however, in the last indictment, returned by the latest federal grand jury here.

The harboring charge is based on the fact that she lived with Weaver, named as one of the actual kidnapers, on a chicken farm near Allendale, Fla., where the pair were arrested September 1.

Weaver now is in Ramsey county jail and is to be tried for the kidnaping during the fall term of federal court here. Harry Sawyer, alleged "finger man" of the abduction mob, and Cassius McDonald, alleged ransom money changer, also will go on trial at that time.

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## KANSAS CITY

FATHER OF GANG  
QUARTET RETIRES  
TO LIFE OF EASE**\$11,000 Estate Left by  
Wife and Sons Is Not  
Tainted.**

JOPLIN, MO., (UP)—Honest, law-abiding George Barker, father of the infamous quartet of bandits and kidnapers, can look forward to a life of ease at 67. He has \$11,000 remaining from the estate left by Kate (Ma) Barker and his son, Fred. Finis to criminal participation by the Barkers was written last January in Florida when a group of federal agents and county officers snuffed out the lives of Ma Barker and Fred. The bodies were brought back to southern Missouri and then taken to Miami, Ok., for burial.

The mother and son left an estate of \$16,000 which went to Barker. After paying the Florida undertaker and for services in Oklahoma, Barker had \$11,000 left which seems like a lot of money to him.

**Money Not Tainted.**

He accepted the estate money reluctantly and only after federal agents assured him that none of the currency was ransom bills.

The story of the Barker family, which perhaps gave more major desperadoes to crime than any other American family, began here several years ago when the four sons took to the pathway of crime one by one.

Herman Barker, also buried in the Oklahoma cemetery with his mother and brother, was the first to die. He was slain in Wichita, Kas., by police after a gun battle when they attempted to arrest him for a minor offense.

Lloyd Barker, another son, became embroiled with the government and is now serving a sentence in the federal prison at Leavenworth.

**Barker Deserted by Wife.**

About this time, the latter part of the last decade, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Fred two other brothers teamed up with various underworld gangs and finally their mother Kate deserted her husband to join her sons.

Several major crimes then occurred in the Middle West which were attributed to the Barker gang and which bore out the contention of federal agents that Ma Barker was the brains of the gang. Most of these crimes, however, were committed before the rise of J. Edgar Hoover's efficient and deadly "G" men.

In 1931 the gang had a hideout near Thayer, Mo., just a few miles from the Arkansas border. The hideout was situated on a high hill affording an excellent view of the surrounding country and reached only by rough, winding, country roads. A wire fence topped by several strands of barbed wire surrounded the house and the only entrance was through a gate operated by an electrical mechanism. Natives reported there were always several dust-covered, automobiles in the driveway.

Blamed in Sheriff Killing.  
They remained in this hideout

documents in the house linking them with several crimes.

Federal agents know the Barkers were in Kansas City in June of 1933 when the Union station massacre of four officers and one convict occurred but there was no definite evidence the Barkers took part in it. They were also in Kansas City the night John Lazia, Kansas City political leader, was killed but again it was impossible to incriminate the Barkers.

Then the Bremer kidnaping astounded the nation. Arthur (Doc) Barker was captured last year and is now serving a life sentence for his part in the crime and federal agents are searching for Alvin Karpis, now America's public enemy No. 1, in connection with the kidnaping. The killing of Ma and Fred Barker, who died behind blazing machine guns in the richly appointed Florida hideout, climaxed the story of the Barker crime reign.

**Bore Up Stoically.**

Throughout the crime careers of the five Barkers, Joplin citizens said the father accepted his fate stoically and continued his work in the mines. Later his health failed and he took work as caretaker in a Joplin tourist camp.

Barker never cared to discuss his family either before or after his wife left him to join her sons. Citizens of this mining and manufacturing town say that Barker suffered a severe blow when Ma Barker deserted him.

Throughout it all he remained honest and upright. That has been his only solace and joy and he has prided himself on the fact that at least one member of the family remained respectable. After the Barker boys began to get in "big time" crime they tried to lure the father, away from Joplin. They told him he would not have to worry any more about money the rest of his life.

Barker, however, chose to remain in Joplin barely earning enough to live on. Now he will not have to worry. The \$11,000 will be sufficient for him to live on the remainder of his life.

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## 'Doc' Moran's Body Thrown Into Lake Erie

Chicago, Ill.—Joseph P. (Doc) Moran, 38, gangster-physician member of the Karpis-Barker mob, long sought in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, is dead, according to the Chicago Daily News.

Two Members of the kidnaping mob lured Moran into a boat a year ago last May, beat him unconscious, shot him, and dumped his body, weighted with metal, into Lake Erie, the News declared Friday in a copyrighted story.

"Moran talked too much," an informer was quoted by the News.

### Prison Led to Gang

The gangster-doctor began his criminal career after being paroled from the Joliet (Ill.) state prison on Dec. 15, 1931, where he was serving term for an illegal operation. He previously had been paroled from the same prison on another charge.

When John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, a Chicago politician, was arrested as one of the men who disposed of the "hot" Bremer ransom cash, department of justice agents learned that Moran had arranged for the rooms where the transactions took place. He also was accused of complicity in the kidnaping by James Wilson, his nephew, at the trial in St. Paul, which resulted in life terms for Arthur (Doc) Barker and McLaughlin.

### Linked With Hamilton

Moran also was known to have performed fingerprint operations on Barker and two of his brothers and Alvin Karpis, arch public enemy still sought by "G" men.

Some have said he also "lifted" the face of John Hamilton, a gang lieutenant of John Dillinger, who since has been found slain.

Washington, D. C. — (P) — J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation, said Friday he had "heard" reports that Joseph P. (Doc) Moran had been drowned in Lake Erie, but he could neither confirm nor deny them.

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**KARPIS-BARKER GANG  
MEDIC BELIEVED SLAIN**

CHICAGO, Oct. 25. —(UP)—  
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Chicagoan Drowned to  
Hush Chattering on  
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### Body Never Recovered.

Seeking to purge its lawless ranks of too talkative members, two "executioners" of the Barker-Karpis band added variety to their gruesome routine of silencing garrulous gangsters by taking Moran for a ride—a boat ride, according to information given to The Daily News.

Once far off the Ohio shore, they bludgeoned him into insensibility, bound and weighted his body with scrap iron and consigned it to the dark depths of Lake Erie. Moran was done away with about a year ago last May. Thus far his body has been unbound, according to all information available.

Moran's murderers, some seven months later, likewise quieted another mouthy member of the mob, William J. ("Willie") Harrison, once a Capone gangster, by cremating him in an old barn near Ontarioville, Ill. Harrison's remains were found and identified.

### Federal Agents Noncommittal.

Partial details of Moran's death were related to The Daily News today by nonfederal sources "in the know" concerning the Bremer kidnaping case. They revealed that

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DROWN



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dr. Joseph P. ("Doc") Moran, Illinois gangster-physician aid of the Barker-Karpis crime machine, who was drowned in Lake Erie by members of the gang, it has been disclosed.

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They said suspicion was first thrown upon him by the government coincident with the arrest in April, 1934, of John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, one-time colorful Chicago politician, for "fencing" some of the Bremer ransom. Investiga-

tion at a Chicago hotel revealed that the room in which McLaughlin conducted money-changing negotiations with members of the kidnaping outfit was rented for the purpose by Moran.

The very day McLaughlin was taken into custody Moran abandoned his room in the hotel and also his near-by office. Additional rooms in the same hostelry had been reserved by the doctor on four different days before McLaughlin was apprehended.

### Physician to Underworld.

Moran at one time had an extensive practice in medicine in Chicago, it was reported, most of his patients being members of the underworld. He himself had served a sentence at the state penitentiary in Joliet, Ill. He served about a third of a one-to-ten-year sentence for an illegal operation, after which he was paroled.

While an inmate in Joliet he was said to have operated on approximately 4,500 persons, including prisoners and officials. During his incarceration he was reported to have met various labor leaders who visited the penitentiary and through these contacts he became the phy-

sician for a well-known local union. As physician for the union he was said to have become very closely aligned with the Touhy mob and the Capone beer syndicate. Later, when the union was reorganized, Moran was dropped as its physician and thereupon associated himself with the Barker-Karpis crowd. He opened an office on Irving Park boulevard, where many of his friends from the underworld continued to call upon him.

### Indicted in Bremer Case.

Shortly after the Bremer ransom had been paid Moran performed operations upon the fingers of Barker and Karpis, it was related. Prior to that, however, the government had established the identity of the two gangsters as the actual abductors of Bremer by fingerprints they left on a gasoline can and night flares used to effect the ransom payment.

Moran was one of twenty-two persons indicted by the federal government for "snatching" Bremer. He was indicted by a federal grand jury in St. Paul on Jan. 22, 1935, eight months after his body had been deposited in the lake by the gang.

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tion at a Chicago hotel revealed that the room in which McLaughlin conducted money-changing negotiations with members of the kidnaping outfit was rented for the purpose by Moran.

The very day McLaughlin was taken into custody Moran abandoned his room in the hotel and also his near-by office. Additional rooms in the same hostelry had been reserved by the doctor on four different days before McLaughlin was apprehended.

#### Physician to Underworld.

Moran at one time had an extensive practice in medicine in Chicago, it was reported, most of his patients being members of the underworld. He himself had served a sentence at the state penitentiary in Joliet, Ill. He served about a third of a one-to-ten-year sentence for an illegal operation, after which he was paroled.

While an inmate in Joliet he was said to have operated on approximately 4,500 persons, including prisoners and officials. During his incarceration he was reported to have met various labor leaders who visited the penitentiary and through these contacts he became the phy-

sician for a well-known local union. As physician for the union he was said to have become very closely aligned with the Touhy mob and the Capone beer syndicate. Later, when the union was reorganized, Moran was dropped as its physician and thereupon associated himself with the Barker-Karpis crowd. He opened an office on Irving Park boulevard, where many of his friends from the underworld continued to call upon him.

#### Indicted in Bremer Case.

Shortly after the Bremer ransom had been paid Moran performed operations upon the fingers of Barker and Karpis, it was related. Prior to that, however, the government had established the identity of the two gangsters as the actual abductors of Bremer by fingerprints they left on a gasoline can and night flares used to effect the ransom payment.

Moran was one of twenty-two persons indicted by the federal government for "snatching" Bremer. He was indicted by a federal grand jury in St. Paul on Jan. 22, 1935, eight months after his body had been deposited in the lake by the gang.

# 'DOC' MORAN IS DEAD, REPORT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, said today he had "heard" reports that Joseph P. "Doc" Moran, wanted for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping, had been drowned in Lake Erie, but he could neither confirm nor deny them.

The reports were that Moran had been drowned eight months before he was indicted with members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang for activity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker.

Moran is credited with having mutilated the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis and three of the Barker brothers after they were indicted in the Bremer kidnaping.

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# **Fugitive Karpis Reported Hiding in Southwest Area**

By United Press  
MIAMI, Okla.—Reports persisted today that Alvin Karpis, fugitive from justice, was frequenting the tri-states area.

Authorities said a "reliable man" familiar with Karpis' appearance told them he saw the criminal in an automobile near Chelsea. Subsequently police were advised in an anonymous telephone call that Karpis had been seen at a filling station here. The caller said the suspect telephoned to a doctor, said he had been shot, and wanted treatment for an injured shoulder.

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## GANG PHYSICIAN SLAIN BY PALS

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Karpis Doctor Drowned  
Near Toledo in 1934,  
Chicago Paper Says.

Dr. Joseph P. Moran, physician for the Barker-Karpis crime syndicate, who found a hideout in Toledo with other members of the gang following the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker, in St. Paul, Minn., was murdered by his own partners in crime, it was revealed Friday in a copyrighted story appearing in the Chicago Daily News.

According to information received by the News, Moran was drowned in Lake Erie about a year ago last May because other members of the gang feared that he would lead to their capture because of his garrulous talk while drunk. Once a physician with a wide practice in Chicago, Moran served a term in the Joliet penitentiary for performing an illegal operation. He then became physician for Chicago's underworld.

Moran fled from Chicago with Karpis and other members of the gang to Toledo when federal operatives were on the trail of the kidnapers. The outlaws lived in Point Place and also in a cottage near Sandusky. While in Ohio, according to the News, Moran was taken on a boat trip, knocked unconscious, weighted with scrap iron and thrown into the lake. His body was not recovered.

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## Report Karpis In Oklahoma; Seeks Wound Treatment

MIAMI, Okla., Oct. 26.—(UP)—Reports persisted today that Alvin Karpis, fugitive from justice, was frequenting the tri-states area.

He was said to have sought treatment for a shoulder wound. Authorities met with no disclosed success in intensive efforts to run down the reports.

This rugged area adjoining the Ozarks often was the sanctuary of Karpis and his former associates, Fred and Arthur (Doc) Barker before they went to St. Paul and figured in kidnappings there.

Authorities said a "reliable man" familiar with Karpis' appearance told them he saw the criminal in an automobile near Chelsea. Subsequently police were advised in an anonymous telephone call that Karpis had been seen at a filling station here. The caller said the suspect telephoned to a doctor, said he had been shot, and wanted treatment for an injured shoulder.

A few days ago two men tried to kidnap Henry Edward Hoffman, 7, son of a wealthy mine owner. The schoolmistress who frustrated the attempt by checking with the child's parents tentatively identified from photographs one of the men as Karpis.

She said he had a short beard, possibly to shield a scar Karpis has. The current reports also indicated that the suspect wore a beard.

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## GANG SILENCES TALKATIVE M.D.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—His body in the bottom of Lake Erie, Dr. Joseph Moran, Chicago physician for gangsters, was slain by the Karpis-Barker mob because he talked too much in habitual drunkenness, according to reports reaching Chicago police.

The fugitive doctor, hunted by G-men, had something to talk about; the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, other secrets of Alvin Karpis' mob and the whereabouts of Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Nearly two years ago Dr. Moran vanished from his office here. A year and a half ago, according to the report, he was taken in a boat from an Ohio town, beaten into unconsciousness, weighted with iron and dropped into the silence of the lake.

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# POSSES CIRCLE ALVIN KARPIS

MIAMI, Okla. (UP). — Officers of three States last night converged on Miami in search of Alvin Karpis, "No. 1 Public Enemy." Authorities received an anonymous report that the desperado was here seeking treatment for a wounded shoulder.

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# **'Doc' Moran Reported Drowned by His Gang**

## **Federal Agents Admit Hearing Rumors Bremer Suspect Was Slain.**

Chicago, Oct. 25.—(P)—Federal authorities remained non-committal Friday night on reports that Joseph P. "Doc" Moran, physician member of the Bremer kidnap gang, had been drowned to remove fears of his pals that he would disclose their hideouts to authorities.

At Washington, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the federal bureau of investigation, said he had "heard" reports that Karpis-Barker gangsters had disposed of Moran in Lake Erie. He added he could neither confirm nor deny them.

### **Ladd Refuses Comment.**

D. M. Ladd, agent in charge of the Chicago office of the "G-men," refused any comment on the reports.

Moran was one of four men still sought for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul early in 1934. Recently Washington authorities disclosed that another of the Bremer suspects who had never been caught, William J. Harrison, had been murdered by fellow gangsters and his body cremated in an old barn near Ontarioville.

Suspensions of local authorities turned to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, two of the ringleaders of the kidnap crew, as possible members of the boating party that reportedly ended in Moran's death.

### **Beaten and Drowned.**

According to rumors, the Illinois physician who mutilated the finger prints for the gangsters in an effort to enable them to avoid capture, was beaten to insensibility, his body weighted, and hurled into the waters of Lake Erie about May, 1934.

Moran was 36 years old at the time of his alleged death. He is one of the few Karpis-Barker gangsters of whom no report has been received since shortly after the kidnaping.

Besides Karpis and his pal, Harry Campbell, two men identified only as "Richard Roe" and "John Doe" are still sought for the abduction of the St. Paul banker.

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## Report Karpis Gangsters Drowned Their Physician

CHICAGO, Oct. 25—(AP)—Federal authorities remained noncommittal tonight on reports Joseph P. (Doc) Moran, physician member of the Bremer kidnap gang, had been drowned to remove fears of his pals he would disclose their hideouts. At Washington, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the federal bureau of investigation, said he had "heard" reports that Karpis-Barker gangsters had disposed of Moran in Lake Erie. He added he could neither confirm nor deny them. F. M. Ladd, in charge of the Chicago office, refused comment. Moran was one of four men still sought for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul in 1934. Recently Washington authorities disclosed another of the Bremer suspects who had never

been caught, William J. (Willie) Harrison, had been murdered by fellow gangsters. Suspicions of local authorities turned to Karpis and Harry Campbell, ring leaders of the kidnap crew, as possible members of the boating party that reportedly ended in Moran's death. According to rumors, the Illinois physician who mutilated the finger prints for the gangsters in an effort to enable them to avoid capture, was beaten to insensibility, his body weighted, and hurled into the waters of Lake Erie about May, 1934. Moran, 36, is one of the few Karpis-Barker gangs of whom no reports has been received since shortly after the kidnaping.

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**Moran Reported Slain  
Year Ago, Body in Lake**

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The Chicago Daily News said today in a copyrighted dispatch from Washington that Joseph P. (Doc) Moran, gangster physician to the Barker-Karpis kidnap mob, was slain a year ago last May to prevent him from talking and his weighted body dumped in Lake Erie.

Justice Department officials here refused comment but J. Edgar Hoover, head of the division of investigation at Washington, said he had heard "rumors" to that effect.

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# DOCTOR MORAN REPORTED SLAIN BY KARPIS MOB

Physician 'Talked Too Much'  
While Tipsy; Body Found  
in Lake Erie; Long Missing

His body on the bottom of Lake Erie, Dr. Joseph Moran, Chicago physician for gangsters, was slain by the Karpis-Barker mob because he talked too much in habitual drunkenness, according to reports reaching Chicago police yesterday.

The fugitive doctor, hunted by G-men, had something to talk about—the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, other secrets of Alvin Karpis' mob, whereabouts of the last two of the gang, Karpis and Harry Campbell.

## WANTED FOR KIDNAPING.

He was wanted for questioning on the actual kidnaping and was accused of operating on the mobmen to change their faces and fingerprints.

Now he is as silent as, too late, is the talkative Willie Harrison, one-time golf professional and Capone gangster, who knew too much about Karpis. Harrison was murdered by Karpis' mob and cremated in a barn near Ontarioville, Ill.

Nearly two years ago Dr. Moran vanished from his office at 4861 Irving Park blvd. A year and a half ago, according to the report, he was taken "for a boat ride" from an Ohio town, beaten into unconsciousness and weighted with iron and dropped into the silence of the lake.

## G-MEN SILENT.

At Washington yesterday J. Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice chief, said he had received the report and had been investigating it.

Daniel J. Ladd, Chicago chief of G-men, said "No comment," but added that nation-wide distribution of "Wanted" circulars for Dr. Moran had failed to reveal him living.

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## Joseph (Doc) Moran, Karpis Aid, Reported Slain by Gang

(Picture on back page.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—[Special.]—Reports that Joseph P. [Doc] Moran, Barker-Karpis gangster, had been drowned in Lake Erie today reached J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation. He took cognizance of the rumors only by admitting he had heard them, but asserted he could neither deny nor confirm them.

Dr. Moran, an Illinois gangster-physician, was said to have been drowned several months before he was indicted with members of the notorious gang with which he associated for alleged participation in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

### Believed Slain by Two.

According to the reports, Moran was executed by two members of the Barker-Karpis gang, who sought to purge the mob's lawless ranks of too talkative members. Drowned with him, it was said, were the gang's fears that the constant drunken chattering of the fugitive physician would land them in the toils of the federal authorities.

If "Doc" Moran really is dead he took with him to the bottom of Lake Erie some of the secrets of the innermost workings of the notorious kidnaping band. He is credited with having mutilated the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis and three of the Barker brothers after they were indicted in the Bremer abduction.

Moran formerly practiced in La

Salle and Bureau counties in Illinois. He was sentenced to the Illinois penitentiary from La Salle county in November, 1928, for abortion. On April 7, 1930, he was paroled, but was returned to the Joliet prison later as a parole violator. He was finally freed on Dec. 15, 1931.

He was regarded as an efficient physician. While an inmate at Joliet he was said to have performed hundreds of operations, his patients being both prisoners and prison officials.

His wife divorced him when he was convicted of the abortion charge. At the time of his reported death the gangster was 38 years old. A man of medium build, he was distinguished by chestnut sandy hair and eyes described as a "yellowish, dark slate color."

### Karpis Still at Large.

His demise would reduce the membership of the notorious Karpis gang, once numbering more than twoscore, to only two desperadoes, who are now at large. They are Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and leader of the old mob, and his first lieutenant, Harry Campbell.

The other members have been taken into custody or killed by federal agents, except for a few who have mysteriously dropped from sight only to be later discovered dead, apparently executed by the gang. Moran was said to have been done away with about a year ago last May. His body never was found, so far as officials known.



**DEAD?—Joseph (Doc) Moran, physician for gangsters, reported to have been drowned by former pals.**

(Story on page 6.)

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## Burton's Legislative Record

**B**ACK in 1929, Harold H. Burton entered the Ohio legislature, elected by the largest vote ever given a candidate up to that time.

His record in the assembly justified that vote.

His record is worth citing here today.

*Impressive Record*  
As chairman of the research committee of the regional government committee, Mr. Burton sponsored the county home rule amendment in the legislature. This fight was waged vigorously throughout the session against the attacks of downstate politicians, and many friends were won for this major governmental reform. Victory finally came at the polls in 1933.

Mr. Burton supported the following major measures:

The new election code, with permanent registration.

Creation of a new division of conservation.

Establishment of a state bureau of aeronautics.

Optional pension systems for school custodians.

Police and fire pensions.

Allowances for children of prisoners in the workhouse.

Protection of the poor from salary-buyers and loan sharks who demanded wage assignments.

Protection of investors from fraudulent securities.

Establishment of a juvenile court.

Stiff punishment for habitual criminals.

Segregation of minor women offenders from hardened criminals.

The new criminal code.

Establishment of a jury commission and psychiatric clinics in large counties.

Protection of veterans from imposition by guardians.

Removal of mandatory assessments against abutting property owners on certain state highways.

Use of the photostat in the recorder's office.

In his campaign speeches, and in unsigned literature circulated by some of his supporters, Ray T. Miller has attempted to attack the Burton legislative record.

Most vicious is the whispering campaign that Mr. Burton supported the Klan-endorsed Bible bill. This is untrue.

Along with the great majority of the assembly, Mr. Burton voted to send the bill to the committee, where it was buried. That was good sense.

Mr. Miller has charged that Mr. Burton was opposed to the labor-indorsed anti-"Yellow Dog" bill. This is untrue.

As secretary of the judiciary committee, which was considering the bill, Mr. Burton voted to report the bill out to the floor for a vote. That was what labor asked.

Mr. Miller has charged that Mr. Burton refused to vote for a bill helping labor by including new occupational diseases in the workmen's compensation act. This is untrue. The House Journal of April 16 shows that Mr. Burton asked to be recorded in favor of this measure.

Mr. Miller has charged that Mr. Burton voted to cut the period of grace allowed for tax delinquents from four years to two years.

That is true. But that was in 1929, before the crash; and in that year many taxpayers were taking advantage of the old law to postpone their tax payments and to use the money for speculation. The bill in question was designed to repeal the old law, which is responsible for much of the tax delinquency in this county today.

Mr. Miller has charged that Mr. Burton sponsored a bill to put a 10 per cent penalty on personal property tax delinquents.

This is a strange distortion. The fact is that—up to that time—the corporations and owners of stocks and bonds were not penalized in the same way as were real estate taxpayers. Mr. Burton proposed to have all taxpayers treated alike, big and little. This was a bill many corporations did not want.

Mr. Miller has charged that Mr. Burton opposed the old age pension bill. This is untrue.

The bill did not come to a vote. Mr. Burton did not support a motion to relieve the committee of the bill before the committee had given final consideration to the measure.

All these statements are made with the obvious hope of creating prejudice against Mr. Burton. Mr. Miller overlooks such bills as the Burton bill to create co-operative credit unions. This bill, Mr. Miller will be interested to learn, was supported by labor and killed by lobbyists for the bankers.

When the session ended, the Cleveland Bar association wanted a complete report on the assembly's doings. The association called on Mr. Burton, the man most qualified to do so, and "The Journal" published an exhaustive

Minneapolis Journal  
October 27, 1935

## Hideout of Barker-Karpis Gang Known to U. S. Agents

G Men Believe "Doc" Moran May Have Been  
Taken for Ride on Lake Erie

Chicago Tribune Dispatch

Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 26.—Federal authorities know the location of two hideouts of the Barker-Karpis gang in the vicinity of Toledo and Sandusky, Ohio, from one of which Joseph P. (Doc) Moran, Barker-Karpis gangster physician, may have been taken for a one way boatride into Lake Erie to prevent his blabbing gang secrets, it was learned today.

One of the hideouts was a cottage at Point Place, a resort of Toledo on Maumee bay. The other was a cottage near Sandusky. Both were used by the Barker-Karpis gang,

shortly after the Bremer kidnaping. When G men finally learned their location and visited them, the gang had left.

Federal authorities here do not know just how Dr. Moran, credited with having mutilated the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis and three of the Barker brothers met death. One theory is that he was taken for a rowboat trip into Lake Erie, murdered and his body, weighted with stones, tossed into the lake. Resorts along the lake north of Toledo have been used repeatedly by gangsters from Detroit and Toledo for hideouts.

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ST. PAUL DISPATCH Oct 24, 1935

## NOT GUILTY PLEAS FILED IN U. S. COURT HERE

Hearing Set for 10 A. M. Wednesday on Move to Quash Indictments.

PAIR RETURNED TO JAIL

Conspiracy and Actual Participation in Crime Alleged in Charges.

Harry Sawyer and William Weaver pleaded not guilty today when they were arraigned before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Each defendant was arraigned on two indictments, one charging conspiracy and the other actual participation in the kidnaping.

Sawyer is accused of being the "finger man" who pointed out Bremer to his abductors. Weaver has been named by the government as one of the six Barker-Karpis gangsters who waylaid and kidnaped the banker January 17, 1934, at Goodrich and Lexington avenues.

The defendants were taken into court a few minutes after 10 A. M. Sawyer was represented by L. L. Drill, and R. V. Rensch. Weaver had no attorney when he was arraigned, but later Judge Joyce appointed A. J. Hoffman, to represent him.

Dressed in dark blue suits, the two men stood together before the bench. Sawyer was the first to be arraigned and his plea of not guilty was entered by Mr. Drill. A hearing then was set for 10 A. M. Wednesday at which counsel for both Sawyer and Weaver will move that the indictments be quashed. If that is denied they will ask for bills of particulars.

At today's arraignment Drill was given permission to interview his client in the county jail, where Sawyer is being held in solitary confinement. The same arrangement was made later by Hoffman with regard to Weaver.

After Sawyer's case had been disposed of he sat in a chair at the side of the courtroom and conversed with his wife Gladys. Weaver remained before the bench alone.

In reply to a question by Judge Joyce, Weaver said he had no at-

torney and would like to have one, but had no funds to employ counsel.

Asked whether he were prepared to enter a plea, he said: "Well, I guess I will plead not guilty." He then was asked whether he would like to have the indictment read. He said: "Yes, I would."

As William Eckley, deputy clerk of court, started to read the indictment, Weaver appeared calm and self-contained. As the reading continued, however, the gangster became nervous and constantly wiped his hands with a handkerchief. Before the reading was completed, he interrupted, saying: "This is longer than I thought it was, I guess it doesn't have to be finished."

His plea of not guilty then was entered and Mr. Hoffman was appointed as his counsel.

No guards were in evidence in the court as the two men were brought into the court room and neither was handcuffed. However, they were handcuffed en route to court. Sawyer, a heavy man, appeared perfectly at ease as he stood before the bench and as he conversed later with his wife. Weaver, a medium-sized, bespectacled man, looking more like a clerk than a gangster, spoke quietly in a low tone and appeared self-possessed at all times except during the reading of the indictment.

Following the arraignment both defendants were returned to jail.

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# Two Deny Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, Oct. 28—(A. P.)—William Weaver and Harry Sawyer, defendants in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, pleaded innocent to kidnaping and conspiracy charges in Federal Court today.

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The Detroit Free Press,  
 Detroit, Michigan.  
 October 29, 1935.

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October 29, 1935

## Open Door Is Promised By Burton

BY JACK KENNON

Cleveland was promised today by Harold H. Burton that his election as mayor next Tuesday will bring to city hall an open and unhampered administration pledged to serve solely for the benefit of the entire public.

"Your choice in this election lies between a return to my opponent's obviously political administration and a system of open, direct responsibility," he declared last night in a series of meetings in the tenth and twentieth wards.

The independent Republican mayoralty nominee struck savagely at the "mudslinging" campaign of his opponent, Ray T. Miller, when he said "this election must put an end, both to the control of the special interests of politics over our city hall and to mudslinging campaigns and personalities in the election of our chief executive."

### "Change for Better"

"The choice lies between a return to the politically-dominated policies of the city government that was put in office four years ago and put out of office by the people at the end of two years," he added. "I submit there is no reason to return to those conditions—there is every reason for a change for the better."

Mr. Burton promised there will be no politics in the police department when he is Cleveland's chief executive.

"Your choice is between the renewal of an administration which came into office on the promise of law enforcement and under which a grand jury found that law enforcement was interfered with by politics," he declared.

"It is absolutely necessary that there be no politics, political pressure or political groups having control over any individual in the police department. Every man in the police department will know before election that so far as I am concerned, politics has no place in the police department."

### Cites Punishment

"Each member will be expected to do his duty and not yield to any political influence. If any member of the police department is not faithful and either seeks political preferment or indulges in politics he

campaign in regard to the police department and was greeted with sustained applause at every meeting before which the candidate spoke.

Mr. Burton dwelt at great length at each meeting on his pledge that the policy of his administration will be that all of its dealings at city hall will be open.

"Let the public business be open," he said. "My policy is to open all the doors of city hall and keep them open. I believe that the best protection for the public is complete publicity of public business. This can never be accomplished by a mayor dominated by or responsible to the inevitable secrecy of political control.

#### Gives Contract Policy

"Honesty needs no mystery. Now about city contracts. In the language of the city charter, the lowest responsible bidder will receive each public contract. He will not have to hire any lawyer, politician or other representative as an agent to get a contract. We will save for the public the expense which otherwise would be added to the contract prices to pay for special unnecessary services.

"Contractors will be free to buy their surety bonds from such responsible surety companies as they may please. A political organization on the right track is working for a better city and the city is not there to be used by the political party. Special interest is where a political or other group put themselves above the city.

"It's clear to me the mayor must be responsible. The interest of the city comes first. There's trouble enough in being mayor without being mayor for someone on the outside. I want it known in advance that there will be no preference to anyone who thinks he must employ a representative. I don't want a return to politically-dictated government.

#### "Welcome No Dominance"

"Any authorized representative of labor or of employers having business with the city will be welcome to deal directly with city hall. Neither organized labor or anyone else will be required to employ a go-between. I will not countenance business by political introduction.

"I welcome support in this campaign but not dominance," he went on. "I'm running in protest against the kind of government we've had in the past four years. A striking example of the kind of government that shouldn't be forgotten is the case of Fire Warden Patrick J. Barrett. When the Mid-West Hat Co. fire was investigated by the arson squad an attempt was made by the city administration of two years ago to fire Barrett who had uncovered some important information but refused to divulge certain confidential information he had obtained."

#### Plan Relief Program



St. Paul Daily News  
October 30, 1935

## Court Denies Sawyer Pleas

### Move To Quash Kidnap ing Indictments Fails.

Pleas by Harry Sawyer, alleged kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer, for quashing of two indictments against him, and for a bill of particulars on the charges against him, were denied today by Judge M. M. Joyce in federal district court.

The government won on rulings on four pleas for Sawyer, which were made by L. L. Drill, former United States district attorney, who argued the case in behalf of Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha, chief Sawyer defense counsel.

On another, a plea that the defense be given a list of the prosecution's witnesses, no decision was made today, Judge Joyce taking that matter under advisement.

Mr. Drill asked quashing of the two indictments against Sawyer, one charging the actual kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, and the other conspiracy to kidnap the banker.

He read off 46 points which gave

## Denies Plea To Quash Sawyer Indictments

arguments why a bill of particulars should be provided the defendant. Among his claims were that the indictments do not advise of any specific act, do not tell the exact time of the alleged conspiracy, do not tell when the conspiracy terminated, and do not tell when the alleged conspirators met in St. Paul to further their plan.

Mr. Drill charged that the indictments were faulty in referring throughout to Mr. Bremer as "the victim" while he should have been referred to by name. He also asked that the defense be given a copy of a statement the government obtained from Sawyer's wife.

### Heisey Makes Reply.

George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, in answering Mr. Drill pointed out that before the trial of the other alleged Bremer kidnaping conspirators, bills of particulars were refused by the court, and that despite lack of a bill of particulars, the defendants at no time appeared surprised at the evidence produced by the government. He added that the government could not give the exact place the conspiracy was hatched, inasmuch as many meetings of the group plotting the kidnaping were held.

Date of the trial was not set, the matter being put over until the opening of the federal court term Nov. 5. It was expected by attaches, however, that the trial would not get under way until late December, because Cassius McDonald of Detroit, alleged to have exchanged \$72,000 of the kidnaping ransom bills, is not due in St. Paul until Dec. 16.

### Defendant Cheerful

At the end of the argument over the Sawyer case, A. J. Hoffmann, representing William Weaver, also charged with the same offenses as Sawyer, had entered in the record a notation that his client had not asked for a bill of particulars or in any other way sought to delay the case.

Sawyer and Mrs. Sawyer both were in the courtroom, and appeared in the best of spirits. Mrs. Sawyer frequently smiled at her husband, and Sawyer himself was in a talkative mood, conversing with newspapermen and others attending the hearing.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, Et Al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING Etc.

San Francisco Call Bulletin  
San Francisco, California  
October 31, 1935.



Though freed in St. Paul  
of charge of conspiracy to  
kidnap Edward G. Bremer  
for \$200,000 ransom, Myr-  
tle Eaton (above) will  
face trial in Florida on  
charge she harbored Wil-  
liam Weaver, wanted in  
Bremer case, found hiding  
on her farm.

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# NEW TRIAL



MYRTLE EATON,  
freed in the Bremer  
kidnaping, must go to  
Florida to face charges  
of harboring one of the  
kidnapers on her farm.

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NEWARK STAR-EAGLE  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY  
October 31, 1935

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## DENY FREEDOM TO M'DONALD

Efforts of Cassius M. McDonald, Grosse Pointe clubman, to gain freedom pending trial on a conspiracy charge in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, failed today.

John Barc, United States marshal, announced McDonald has been unable to procure \$50,000 bond and will be returned to the Milan Federal Prison for transfer to St. Paul, the scene of the kidnaping, for trial. McDonald is accused of handling \$73,000 of the ransom money paid by the St. Paul banker.

Bail was set at \$100,000 when McDonald was arraigned before J. Stanley Hurd, United States commissioner. On representation of Edward N. Barnard this was reduced to \$50,000. At the same time the commissioner agreed to McDonald's plea he be permitted to remain in the Wayne County Jail to facilitate raising the bond. He was ~~allowed two weeks for this~~. The two weeks were up yesterday.

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The Detroit Times,  
Detroit, Michigan  
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# QUIZZED



MYRTLE EATON

FREED on charges of conspiring to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, this woman will be returned to Florida to face charges of harboring William Weaver, who was wanted in connection with the kidnaping and was found on her Florida chicken farm. International News Photo.

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# WOMAN KIDNAP SUSPECT FOUND SHOT TO DEATH

Had Been Associate  
of Karpis and  
Barkers.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 3.—(P)—The bullet pierced body of a red haired woman identified as Vivian Chase, 34, suspect in the kidnaping of August Luer, Alton, Ill., banker, was found here today crammed in a stolen car at the rear of a hospital. Police said she apparently had been killed by a companion in a quarrel. A bullet ranged downward through her body from the back of her neck, emerging from her chest. Her own gun lay beneath her, unfired.

Mrs. Chase was said to have associated with Alvin Karpis, now public enemy No. 1, and the notorious Barker brothers.

## LINKED TO HUNTED MEN.

Police said she recently had associated with Johnny Langan, bank robbery suspect sought for the wounding of Ellsworth Edwards, Kansas City, Kas., deputy sheriff.

Edwards killed Langan's wife, Margaret, in an exchange of gunfire after he had attempted to question the couple.

Mrs. Chase had been arrested many times for investigation. She sawed her way out of the Liberty, Mo., county jail, where she was held for robbery of the National Bank and Trust company, in October, 1932.

## 6 JAILED FOR KIDNAPING.

Luer was kidnaped a short time later and held for six days in a cave beneath a farmhouse. He was released after promising to pay \$16,000 ransom.

The woman's slaying accounted for all but one of the eight persons sought by federal investigators. Five men and a woman are serving prison terms ranging from five years to life. Lloyd (Blacky) Doyle is the only suspect at large.

Police said the numbers of stolen license plates on the car had been reported recently by several victims of highway robberies.

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## Crime Laws Under Attack

### Gangsters Caught by 'G' Men Try to Hide Behind Constitution

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—The justice department disclosed Saturday that gangsters now are trying to hide behind the Constitution for protection from the new crime laws.

The kidnaping and stolen property laws rest upon the power of the government to regulate interstate commerce. It is like NRA in that respect. The firearms registration law, like AAA, is based upon the federal taxing power. Laws against killing federal agents and escaping from federal custody rely upon the general powers of the government.

Every court that has ruled on the new crime laws has upheld their legality. None of them have yet reached the supreme court.

#### Bailey, Gouch, Adams

The attacks on the kidnaping law were brought by persons convicted in the Urschel case or other western kidnapings. The seven are Clifford Skelly, Edward Berman, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shannon, Maynard D. Eaker, Marrie Glen Cochran and Harvey Bailey.

Arthur Gouch, facing death in Oklahoma for assaulting kidnaped officers, appealed against the law under which he was convicted.

Joe Adams and others in Florida, charged with harboring members of the Karpis-Barker gang, challenged the firearms law.

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Regardless of the outcome of the appeals, however, the laws have already been used to wipe out the notorious Dillinger mob, the Karpis-Barker gang and many smaller crime syndicates.

Every one of the 55 kidnapings since the "Lindbergh law" has been set down on justice department records as solved. A total of 122 persons have been convicted, 25 are now awaiting trial, two were lynched, three committed suicide, three were murdered and four were killed by officers.

#### Not Many Left

Four kidnaping "public enemies" are still at large—Alvin Karpis and his pal, Harry Campbell of the gang which seized Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker; Thomas H. Robinson, wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Barry Stoll in Louisville, and William Mahan, wanted in Tacoma's George Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

In a year and a half of guarding national banks, the "G" men have killed seven bank robbers, convicted 74 and prosecuted 24 bandits in state courts.

Apace with the widening legal scope the number of federal agents has increased. In the last year the army swelled from 489 to 624 and still the bureau of investigation had more cases than it could handle.

Numerous small bank robberies were not investigated by the bureau for lack of men and money. To broaden the bank work, Atty. Gen. Cummings plans to ask for \$250,000 more at the new session of congress.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL  
NOVEMBER 3, 1935

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# KARPIS GANG GIRL SLAIN

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 4 (I.N.S.). Vivian Chase, the nation's No. 1 "gang moll," was taken for a ride because "she knew too much," authorities declared here today.

The body of the 34-year-old redhead, a suspect in the kidnaping of August Luer, Alton (Ill.) banker, was found in an automobile parked at the rear of St. Luke's Hospital here yesterday. A bullet had coursed downward through her body from the back of her neck.

In addition to being wanted in connection with the Luer kidnaping, the woman was sought in connection with the robbery of numerous banks. In October, 1932, she sawed her way out of the Liberty (Mo.) jail, where she was being held as an accomplice in the looting of the National Bank & Trust Company of North Kansas City.

She is believed to have been associated with Alvin Karpis at one time during her long criminal career. Her slaying gives her the dubious distinction of being the second woman to be "taken for a ride" because she "knew too much." Her predecessor was Vivian Gordon, night club butterfly, found tortured and strangled in New York in 1931.

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# Vivian Chase, Public Enemy, Is Found Slain

Woman Linked to Kidnap-  
ing of Luer Murdered  
at Kansas City.

By the Associated Press.

Kansas City, Nov. 3.—The bullet-pierced body of a red-haired woman identified by police as Vivian Chase, 34, suspect in the kidnaping of August Luer, Alton, Ill., banker was found here today crammed in a motor car at the rear of St. Luke's Hospital.

Thomas J. Higgins, chief of police, said the attractive young woman apparently was killed by a companion in a quarrel.

A bullet ranged downward through her body from the back of her neck, emerging from her chest. Her own gun, a Spanish type revolver, lay beneath her, unfired.

"She was ranked pretty 'high' among women public enemies of the Nation," said W. A. Smith, head of the Kansas City Bureau of Investigation for the Department of Justice.

## Linked to Killers

Police Lieutenant Phil Hoyt said the woman recently had associated with Johnny Langan, bank robbery suspect sought for the wounding of Ellsworth Edwards, Kansas City, Kans., deputy sheriff.

Edwards killed Langan's wife, Margaret, in an exchange of gunfire after he had attempted to question the couple.

Mrs. Chase's body, jammed in the rear of a stolen auto, was discovered by Mrs. Roy Shackelford, who went to the hospital to visit a friend.

Physicians said she had been dead about two hours. Chief Higgins said fresh weeds entangled in the front of the car indicated the shooting occurred in the country.

## Escaped Jail

E. H. Best, hospital cashier, said the car was not there when he arrived this morning and that no one at the institution heard a shot.

Mrs. Chase had been arrested numerous times for investigation. She sawed her way out of the Liberty, Mo., county jail, where she was held for robbery of the National Bank & Trust Co., in October, 1932.

Luer was kidnaped a short time later and held for six days in a cave beneath a farmhouse. He was released after promising to pay \$16,000 ransom.

The woman's slaying accounted for all but one of the eight persons sought by Federal investigators. Five men and a woman are serving prison terms ranging from five years to life. Lloyd "Blacky" Doyle is the only suspect at large.

The car in which the body was found was stolen last September 25 from Lamont, Iowa. Police said the numbers on stolen Missouri license plates on the car had been reported recently by several victims of highway robberies.

Mrs. Chase, former resident of an East St. Louis rooming house, was said by officers to have associated with Alvin Karpis, now listed by the Department of Justice as No. 1 public enemy, and the notorious Barker brothers.

## Murdered in



Associated Press WIREPHOTO.

## MRS. VIVIAN CHASE,

described as one of America's principal public enemies, and a suspect in the Luer kidnap case, who was found shot to death in the tonneau of a motor car in Kansas City yesterday.

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# Karpis Gang Moll Shot Dead, Found In Abandoned Auto

*Believed Slain in Row  
Over Loot Cached  
in Stolen Car*

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 3 (U.P.)—Vivian Chase, 34, red-haired gang "moll" who associated with several of the Midwest's most hunted gunmen, was found dead of a gunshot wound today.

Once a companion of the high-living desperadoes led by Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, she lately was with Johnnie Langdon, dangerous criminal.

She had been shot through the throat, apparently by someone sitting down next to her in



VIVIAN CHASE

the automobile in which the body was found. Police believed that she had been killed during a quarrel over loot.

The body was found when passersby noticed blood on the running board of the abandoned automobile. On the floor of the back seat was a stack of currency.

The automobile had been stolen.

The woman was sought last year in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul. Her companion, Jess Doyle, was convicted in the abduction. Doyle was a member of the Karpis-Barker gang and later led a gang of his own.

Langdon is wanted by State and Federal agents for larceny, bank robbery and murder.

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# Police Trace Clues in Death of Nation's No. 1 Lady Criminal

Vivian Chase's Body Is Found  
in Abandoned Stolen Car;  
Had Colorful Career

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Authorities today closed their files on the 12 years of Vivian Chase's criminal activity and turned to the task of running down the slim leads in her typical underworld rub-out.

The job was done so efficiently they had few promising lines of investigation. The red-haired gunwoman's body was found in an automobile abandoned on a hospital parking lot.

She had been dead two to three hours. Her loaded revolver was beneath her. Under her shoulder was a \$5 bill. The automatic pistol slug that killed her had dropped beside the body.

Blood trickling from the car at

tracted a passerby, who looked inside and saw the body on the floor. The machine was stolen Sept. 25 at Lamon, Ia.

Police interpreted the evidence as indicating the woman and a companion had argued over the loot of a bandit foray. The woman snatched her gun from her purse, but the companion was quicker and sent a bullet thru her body. The killer left the body on the floor, drove to the parking lot and abandoned the car.

T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives, said the victim was the ranking woman criminal in the United States. Her police record began in 1923.

She was a member of the O'Malley gang that kidnaped August Luer in Alton, Ill.; also of the mob that raided a north Kansas City bank in 1932. Police records indicated she was connected with the John Lanagan and "Bad Eye" Arbogast gang of bank robbers, and an associate of Lloyd (Blackie) Doyle.

Detectives said information indicated she had participated in several robberies in the Missouri Valley area recently. The license plates on the death car, stolen Aug. 20 in Oak Grove, Mo., were reported in a number of holdups.



Mrs. Vivian Chase, a suspect in the Luer kidnap case, who was found shot to death in an auto in Kansas City.



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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, Et Al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING Etc.

San Francisco Examiner  
San Francisco, Calif.  
November 4, 1935.

## Girl Gangster Shot Dead

*Body of Vivian  
Chase Found  
in Auto*

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 3.—(AP)

—The body of a young woman identified as Vivian Chase, associate of gangsters and kidnaping suspects, was found today in



VIVIAN CHASE  
*Crime Career Ended*

motor car at the rear of a hospital here. She had been shot to death.

Mrs. Chase, 34, was sought by the Department of Justice as a suspect in the kidnaping of August Luer, banker. Identification was made through fingerprints.

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**BREMER CASE SUSPECT'S  
REMOVAL HERE ORDERED**

As preparations were completed here for the trial of three men and one woman on charges of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnap of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, one of the men was ordered removed here from Detroit.

The case will be put on the calendar of Federal District court, which opens at 10 A. M. tomorrow. Cassius M. McDonald, said to have arranged for disposal of \$72,000 of the ransom money and held in Detroit, was ordered removed to St. Paul, according to the Associated Press.

Others to be tried are Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. Sawyer is said to have been the "finger man," Weaver a member of the Barker-Karpis gang and the Eaton woman proprietor of an apartment in which the plot was laid.

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12/11/35 Mr. Tamm

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## WOMAN IS SLAIN, FRIEND OF KARPIS

Wounded, Dies in Machine  
Outside Hospital.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 3. —  
(United Press.)—A woman's body  
found jammed into the back seat  
of an abandoned automobile at  
St. Luke's Hospital today was iden-  
tified by police as that of Vivian  
Chase, 34, member of the Alvin  
Karpis and Jess Doyle kidnaping  
gangs.

The automobile apparently had  
been driven to the hospital by the  
woman's gangster confederates last  
night. They left the car, apparent-  
ly believing someone would find  
the wounded woman and take her  
into the hospital.

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# WOMAN SUSPECTED IN ABDUCTION KILLED

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Rated as "Public  
Enemy" by U. S.*

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VIVIAN CHASE

E. H. Best, hospital cashier, said the car was not there when he arrived this morning and that no one at the institution heard a shot.

## Once Fled Jail

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Luer was kidnapped a short time later and held for six days in a cave beneath a farm house. He was released after promising to pay \$15,000 ransom.

The woman's slaying accounted for all but one of the eight persons sought by Federal investigators. Five men and a woman are serving prison terms ranging from five years to life. Lloyd (Blacky) Doyle is the only suspect at large.

## Car Stolen in September

The car in which the body was found was stolen September 25 from Lamoni, Ia. Police said the numbers on stolen Missouri license plates on the car had been reported recently by several victims of highway robberies.

Mrs. Chase, former resident of an East St. Louis rooming house, was said by officers to have associated with Alvin Karpis, now listed by the Department of Justice as No. one public enemy, and the notorious Barker brothers.

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THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN  
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November 4, 1935.

## WOMAN FOUND SHOT TO DEATH

Vivian Chase, Gangsters'  
Associate, Is Victim.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The body of a young woman identified as Vivian Chase, associate of gangsters and kidnaping suspect, was found Sunday in a motor car at the rear of a hospital (St. Luke's) here. She had been shot to death.

Mrs. Chase, 34 years old, was sought by the department of justice as a suspect in the kidnaping of August Luer, wealthy Alton, Ill., banker. Identification was made through fingerprints on file with police.

The body was found slumped in the bottom of the car. Physicians said she had been dead about two hours when found.

Police said the woman probably was the country's ranking woman criminal. Reputed to be a former associate of Alvin Karpis, present public enemy No. 1, and the notorious Barker brothers, Mrs. Chase had been a fugitive since October, 1933, when she sawed her way out of jail at Liberty, Mo., where she was held for robbery of the National Bank and Trust company of north Kansas City.

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# COPS SEEK SLAYER OF VIVIAN CHASE

Female Public Enemy No. 1  
Shot in Apparent Quarrel  
Over Loot

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 4 (AP).—Red-haired Vivian Chase, sharp-featured female public enemy No. 1, is dead—apparent victim of a gunman for whom she carried bullets in her purse.

Police renewed their search for John Langan, fugitive bank robber, after the body of the attractive thirty-four-year-old consort of gangsters was found crammed in a motor car near St. Luke's Hospital in a fashionable country club plaza district as church chimes tolled the Sabbath.

Investigators pointed to this chain of circumstances:

The bullet which ripped through the woman's chest downward from the back of the neck was .45 caliber—like twenty others in her hand bag—the same as that which Langan fired into a Kansas deputy September 12 in a gun fight in which Langan's wife was killed.

## A Machine Gunner

Three nights later, a gang led by a man tentatively identified by the victims as Langan, terrorized two Platte County farmers. A red-haired woman accompanied him and forced the farmers at machine gun point to obtain liquor for them.

Blood on the running board of the ride car, a stolen sedan, led a woman passerby to discover the body, jammed between the seats. Beneath her lay her .38 calibre pistol, a \$5 bill and a capacious handbag in which she carried her weapon, twenty-five bullets for it wrapped in a blue and white handkerchief, and twenty .45 calibre bullets.

Thirteen miles she had been driven from her home in the heart of the city to a country roadside to provide fuel and in a quarrel she was slain before she could reach her pistol from her purse.

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# GUNGIRL SLAIN IN DISPUTE OVER LOOT

(Special to The Evening Journal.)

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 3.—Once the sweetheart of Alvin Karpis—the current ranking outlaw—and herself a jail-breaking bank robber, the red-headed Vivian Chase was given a "big shot" gangster's eventual due, a one-way ride with bullets at the last terminus. Like the men she worked the guns with, she died shot in the back and they found her body crumpled in an abandoned car.

At 34, the woman who has been called "Female Public Enemy No. 1" by Western police, was slain in what appeared to be an argument over loot. And she who asked a man's level in crime did not ask respectful quarter or pity for her sex at the end. She died with her own gun drawn.

## ONCE 'GOOD GIRL'

There was a once-upon-a-time respectability in Vivian Chase's life. That was when she was a "Mrs." in a St. Louis rooming house. And along came Karpis.

Karpis, with his ideas of kidnaping rich people, of robbing banks and highway stickups, Karpis, with his ideas a woman is a good "front" for the bigger criminals. So Vivian Chase went in for the "front business" in Karpis' gang.

She hasn't seen him much lately because she and Karpis have been the most-sought fugitives for years. He went his way, she went her's. This was in October, 1932.

There had been a fruitful robbery of the National Bank and Trust Company of North Kansas City, Mo. It was, so said police, a Barker brothers job. She was smart enough, but a smarter policeman nabbed her in Liberty, Mo., and locked her up.

Vivian Chase, who had her connections, got a saw and sawed her way out of jail—just like all big shots do sometimes. Since then she has been in hiding. Possibly, police said, with Karpis—the Public Enemy who threatened the life of J. Edgar Hoover, top O-man in Washington.

## KIDNAP SUSPECT.

She was suspected of the kidnaping in 1932 of 11-year-old boy who later was shown to the big newspaper of St. Louis.

But Police Chief Thomas J. Egan thinks she's been living off the money lately. Her gun was a cheap make of Spanish manufacture. Her clothes didn't have that "exclusive" cut she used to insist on.

She was shot in the back of the neck before she could pull her own trigger. There were weeds on the car bumper, indicating the shooting was in the country. And then the car was driven to the rear of a hospital here and abandoned. Possibly the killer—a man, no doubt—had his regrets.

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## Gun Girl Found Slain In Auto



VIVIAN CHASE  
Body Left Near Hospital  
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then believed to have been driven here.

Police said the woman probably was the country's ranking woman criminal.

Reputed to be a former associate of Alvin Karpis, present public enemy No. 1, Mrs. Chase had been a fugitive since October, 1932, when she sawed her way out of jail at Liberty, Mo., where she was held for bank robbery.

(Photo on Page 3)

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## VIVIAN CHASE'S DEATH WINDS UP ROBBERY SERIES

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description always fitted her and it was not unlikely a holdup victim would think the bandit taller than facts warranted.

Mrs. Chase was known as one who would not hesitate to shoot. The police suspicion that she was killed by an accomplice was strengthened by the finding of a man's felt hat in the motor car near the hospital.

At the time of her death the woman was carrying a .38-caliber pistol in her handbag. But also in the handbag were a number of .45-caliber bullets, which police believe she was carrying for her companion's automatic pistol. She was killed with a .45-caliber bullet.

Her associates, police said, knew the woman as one who would shoot if she believed the occasion warranted. Reconstructing the killing, they believe Mrs. Chase and a man companion quarreled over the division of loot from a holdup and that the woman tried to get her pistol from her handbag. Knowing she would shoot, her companion took no chances, police believe, and fired at her with the .45-caliber pistol he carried.

### Alive When Left There?

Police also believe the woman was alive when her companion drove the car to the hospital. They believe he thought her presence in the car would be discovered shortly after he abandoned her, and that she would be given treatment.

Monday they planned to check up on out-of-town robberies. They do not believe the woman had been in Kansas City for about a month. The identity of the woman bandit virtually had been determined, they pointed out, at the time of Newman's arrest, and they believe Mrs. Chase fled the city until the "heat" became less intense. They believe she returned to Kansas City only recently.

The body was found about 11 o'clock Sunday morning when Mrs. Roy Shackelford, 2825 Askew avenue, saw blood on the running board of the woman's car. She walked over to it for a closer inspection and saw the body crumpled on the floor. The fatal bullet had ranged across the upper part of the back from the point of penetration, just below the right base of the neck.

### Dead Two or Three Hours.

Dr. Murray Ballenger, an interne, said the woman had been dead two or three hours. Her identity was established by fingerprints four hours after her body was found. The steel .45-caliber bullet that killed her emerged from her left side, hit a window of the car and dropped by her side. Her own .38-caliber pistol was loaded and lying beneath her, and her about her wrist was a \$5 bill.

Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives, said the dead woman was the ranking woman criminal in the United States. He said she was a member of the "Irish" O'Malley gang that abducted August Luer, Alton, Ill., banker, in July, 1933.

She was a member of the gang, he said, that robbed the National Bank and Trust company of North Kansas City June 7, 1932, and was the woman who later escaped from the jail at Liberty, Mo., by sawing away a bar to her cell and dropping to the ground.

Mrs. Chase consorted with various criminals. She was known as a woman of iron nerve who never "yelled copper." A number of her associates were victims of gangster rides. She first was arrested here in December, 1923, largely because her husband was a known criminal. She was held about ten days and released.

### Arrested in Wichita.

Next, she was arrested in Wichita in February, 1925. The police re-



Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives, is shown (above) inspecting the revolver found Sunday in the handbag belonging to Mrs. Vivian Chase, whose body was discovered in an abandoned motor car in the parking lot at the rear of St. Luke's hospital. The woman had been shot to death. Cartridges found in her handbag also are shown on Chief Higgins' desk, as is a man's hat, found in the death car. The woman's revolver was a .38-caliber Spanish-type weapon. She was shot with a .45-caliber automatic pistol. Mrs. Chase is shown below.

ords do not disclose the charge. She subsequently was released. She returned to East St. Louis, Ill., where she was friendly with the old Egan's Rats gang and the O'Malley mob.

Then six years passed before she again was arrested. Came the robbery June 7, 1932, of the National Bank & Trust company in North Kansas City by a man and woman. The next day she was arrested under the name of Alice White. Bank employees identified her and Luther Jordan as the two who held up the bank. She was placed in jail at Liberty and four months later effected her escape by sawing the bars on her cell window. She since had been a fugitive.

Jordan became jealous, it was said, of Earl McDowell, a former friend of the woman. McDowell was taken for a ride by gangsters June 8, 1933. He was wanted at that time for the murder of a woman in a Chicago club. He had become angered at a radio crooner and started shooting at the radio. One of his bullets killed a woman. Police said Mrs. Chase joined Luther Jordan shortly before McDowell was killed, but Jordan denied any part in the man's death.

## VIVIAN CHASE'S DEATH WINDS UP ROBBERY SERIES

Police Believe She Was the  
Red-Haired Bandit of  
Many Holdups.

Vivian Chase, found shot to death Sunday morning in an abandoned motor car in the motor park at St. Luke's hospital, was the woman bandit who operated extensively in Kansas City in August and September, police said Monday.

The woman, they said, apparently the victim of an associate in quarrel over loot taken in one of their robberies, was the companion of William Newman, recently arrested here.

Newman, however, when taken to view her body Sunday, said she was not his accomplice. He said the woman who assisted him in his robberies was known to him as Gladys Smith.

According to police, Mrs. Chase has been identified by a holdup victim in Kansas City.

Identification of the dead woman as Kansas City's red-haired bandit came from M. K. Arthur, a clerk in the Silverforb pharmacy, 2200 East Thirty-first street.

**Says She Acted as Clerk.**

Arthur told police she was the woman who entered the drug store early the morning of September 30 with a man. Both drew pistols and forced him to the rear of the store, where they made him open the safe, containing \$200.

While the robbery was in progress, several customers entered, and the woman bandit waited on them at the front of the store while her companion kept Arthur covered with a gun at the ear.

To give added weight to the police theory that Mrs. Chase was the woman always described as red-haired, 5 feet 6 inches tall and slender, is the fact that the license number of the car in which her body was found was the same as that given to police as the license

## Woman Gang Victim and Pistol She Carried



number of a car in which a man and woman bandit escaped in another holdup.

That was in the holdup August 27 of the Hyman Weneck grocery, 2801 Holmes street, when \$200 was obtained. Weneck obtained the license number as the man and woman fled and police since had been watching for it.

**Might Have Looked Taller.**

The woman bandit almost invariably was described as being taller than Mrs. Chase but, police pointed out, the remainder of the

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# **Order to Remove McDonald Signed**

An order for removal of Cassius McDonald, 500 Trombley road, Grosse Pointe Park, to St. Paul, to face a charge that he made arrangements for the exchange of \$72,000 of \$200,000 ransom paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was signed today by Judge Edward J. Moinet in Federal Court.

McDonald was arrested Sept. 27 by Federal agents. His bond originally was set at \$100,000, but was reduced to \$25,000 on authority of the United States attorney at St. Paul.

Judge Moinet gave McDonald until Saturday to raise the bond. Meanwhile he is held at the Federal Detention Home at Milan.

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### Car Was Stolen.

Mrs. Chase's body, jammed in the rear of a stolen Ford sedan, was discovered by Mrs. Roy Shackelford, who went to the hospital to visit a friend. The hospital is flanked by fashionable apartment houses of the Plaza County Club district. The victim had been dead about two hours.

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Walter "Irish" O'Malley, debonair gang leader, the last defendant to stand trial, denied that Mrs. Chase—also known as Gracie Chase, Alice White and Grace Hickey—had had any part in the kidnaping.

"They're all wrong on Grace Chase," he said. "She didn't have anything to do with the kidnaping. The woman that entered the Luer home was a friend of Randol Norvell. They have never got her to her."

Police Lieut. Phil Hoyt said the woman recently had associated with Johnny Langan, bank robbery suspect sought for the wounding of Ellsworth Edwards, Kansas City, Kas., deputy sheriff. She was also said to have associated with Alvin Karpis, current No. 1 public enemy.

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Suspect, Shot.

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SLAIN—Vivian Chase, associate of gangsters and kidnap suspect, shot to death in Kansas City.

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# VIVIAN CHASE, LUEK KIDNAPING FUGITIVE, SLAIN

Nation's No. 1 Woman Criminal Left at Hospital Door; Was Gungirl for Alvin Karpis

(Picture on Page 4.)

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 3.—Diminutive Vivian Chase, pal of the Alvin Karpis mob and termed the nation's No. 1 gungirl by the Department of Justice, met death in a one-way ride today.

Already an escaped fugitive in a bank robbery case and sought as a participant in the kidnaping of August Luer aged Alton, Ill., banker, the elusive woman of a dozen aliases was found slumped in the rear seat of an automobile, a bullet through the back.

The car had been driven to the rear of a hospital on Mill Creek parkway, at the edge of the fashionable Plaza apartment district, apparently by a companion who fled when he saw she was dead, or possibly by her executioners.

## DEAD TWO HOURS.

But she had been dead two hours when found, her crime career ended, police believed, by gangland assassins who meted out death because she "knew too much." The car in which she was found had been stolen a year ago in Lamont, Ia. It bore stolen Missouri license plates.

The slaying climaxed a career that carried her far from her small town Missouri home over a path strewn with robbery and kidnapings, part of the time in company, police believed, with Alvin Karpis, current public enemy No. 1, and others of his ilk.

## SECOND WOMAN VICTIM

Her reward was the dubious distinction of being the second woman in the nation to be taken for a gang ride because she knew too much. The other was the butterfly of New York night clubs, Vivian Gordon, who was found tortured and strangled in New York in 1931.

Mrs. Chase, 34, slender, fair and good looking with her chestnut hair and blue eyes, was first arrested in Kansas City at the age of 22. She appeared on police blotters with increasing frequency under many aliases in ensuing years.

Scorning law and fearless, police said, she accompanied hoodlums on their raids. In October, 1932, she sawed her way from a jail at near-by Liberty, Mo., where she was held in connection with a bank robbery.

Less than a year later she was identified by witnesses as involved in the Luer kidnaping on July 10, 1933. Two men and a woman overpowered the banker at his home and held him prisoner six days while they unsuccessfully sought \$100,000 ransom.

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# TAKES LAST RIDE Gang Girl Riddled in Auto



VIVIAN CHASE.  
Karpis gun girl shown in prison garb.  
(Story on Page 1.)

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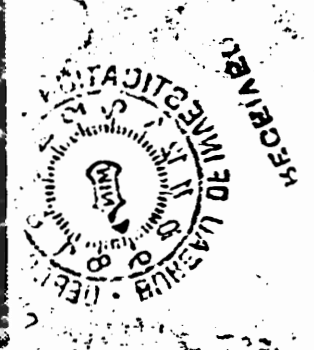


Associated Press WIREPHOTO.  
**GUNGIRL'S BODY FOUND NEAR HOSPITAL.**—The body of Vivian Chase, notorious gungirl, was found in a car parked in the rear of St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City. White arrow points to death car.

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W. D. [Signature]



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ST PAUL DISPATCH 11-5-1935

# TRIAL SET FOR THREE IN BREMER KIDNAPING

Sawyer, Weaver and McDonald Scheduled to Face U. S.  
Jury January 6.

Trial of three men alleged to have conspired to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was set today in Federal District court for January 6.

The three men indicted on a charge of conspiracy are Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald. The first two are in the Ramsey County jail and McDonald is being held in Detroit.

L. L. Drill, attorney for Sawyer, protested the long delay in the proceedings, saying "my client already has been in jail six months and it is unfair. If the trial is to be set for January 6, why not lower the bond from \$100,000 to \$25,000 to permit him to get out and spend the holidays with his family."

This request was denied by Judge M. M. Joyce.

Myrtle Eaton, who also was indicted on conspiracy charges, was not included in the list of those to be tried here and it was generally believed she will be tried in Florida on charges of harboring Weaver while the latter was being sought on the kidnaping charge.

Sawyer is said to have been the "finger man," Weaver is said to have been one of those who actually kidnaped Mr. Bremer and McDonald is said to have changed the ransom money in his Florida resort.

Weaver and Sawyer also are indicted on charges of being the actual kidnapers, but these indictments were not mentioned in the setting of the trial today.

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Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓  
Mr. E. J. Tamm ✓

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**SHIFT IN RANSOM CASE**

DETROIT, Nov. 4 (AP).—Federal Judge Moinet signed an order today for the removal to St. Paul of Cassius M. McDonald, held since Sept. 27 on a charge of having arranged disposal of \$72,000 of the ransom paid the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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## SAYS SHE IS BANDIT'S KIN

STORY OF VIVIAN CHASE'S DEATH  
UPSETS A CAFE CUSTOMER.

Woman Becomes Hysterical, As-  
serting Picture of Murder Vic-  
tim Is That of Her Twin  
Sister.

The hysteria of a woman in a road-  
side cafe at Lincoln, Mo., 12 miles  
north of Warsaw, Mo., on U. S. high-  
way No. 65 Monday night indicated  
that Vivian Chase, gang woman  
found murdered in a motor car Sun-  
day near St. Luke's hospital, may  
have a twin sister also an associate  
of gangsters.

The woman became hysterical at  
seeing a newspaper picture and story  
of Vivian Chase at the Hare Cafe,  
where she and a man companion  
stopped shortly before midnight to  
eat.

The cafe attendant who showed The  
Star's story of the gang woman's  
death was William Swearngin, a  
deputy sheriff. Swearngin said the  
man and woman, both well dressed,  
arrived at the cafe in a cream colored  
Lafayette sedan bearing Indiana li-  
cense plate No. 521-969.

### A BROTHER OF MAIL ROBBERS.

The man introduced himself to  
Swearngin as Dick Shelton, saying he  
had been a member of the Shelton  
brothers gang of mail robbers several  
years ago.

(On February 6, 1927, Carl, Earl  
and Bernie Shelton began 25-year  
sentences at the federal penitentiary  
at Leavenworth for robbing the mails  
of \$15,000 at Collinsville, Ill., a year  
before.)

"Say, I was in death row myself,"  
the stranger said to Swearngin. "I've  
been shot at lots of times in the rum  
running game and in the narcotics  
racket. Look here at my right side  
if you don't believe it."

The man then showed Swearngin  
a scar on his side he said had been  
caused by a bullet wound.

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**NEVER A KILLER.**

"I should have got that guy, but I've never killed a guy yet, and probably never will," he said.

Swearngin then showed the newspaper to his customer. The woman looked at the picture of Vivian Chase and screamed. "My God, my God, it can't be true," she cried as she ran out of the cafe to the motor car.

Her companion then told Swearngin she was Viola Chase, 33-year-old twin sister of the murdered woman. The woman returned to look at the picture again.

"How could it have happened? I thought she was in Iowa," Swearngin quoted the woman as saying.

**BELIEVES SHE PREFERRED DEATH.**

The man said, "Now, dear, if Vivian were alive and had her choice, you know she would rather be dead than go back to that den."

The couple grew less talkative then, and prepared to leave. The woman was sobbing.

The man asked Swearngin to give him five gallons of gasoline, saying he would be back later to pay for it.

"I could get it the other way," he told Swearngin, "but I would rather be straight about it."

The deputy said he was afraid of being held up if he did not do as he was requested. He did not tell of his experience to any other officer, and said yesterday he would rather let the matter drop because he feared the return of "Shelton."

**NO POLICE RECORD HERE.**

Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives here, said last night the police department had no record of a Dick Shelton in the Shelton gang. The gang never came to Kansas City, keeping close to Southern Illinois, Higgins said.

The detective chief believed Vivian Chase had a sister, but did not know where she was or whether she was a twin.

Swearngin said the man appeared to be about 37 years old, weighed about 140 pounds, and had a birth mark under his right sideburn. He

had prominent, or "buck," teeth. The woman had dark hair and a deep voice, much like a man's voice. The couple reached the cafe driving from the south, and left headed north.

The Shelton gang and one headed by Charles Birger engaged in a feud in the latter part of 1926 and early 1927 for supremacy in the coal belt liquor traffic.

**BODY IS UNCLAIMED.**

The body of Vivian Chase remained unclaimed last night at the Bergman funeral home, 4306 Mill Creek parkway. No plans for burial had been made.

Two women in Kansas City reported to have been sisters of the slain woman were questioned by the police and denied relationship. Vivian Chase was found shot to death in a motor car behind St. Luke's hospital last Sunday morning.

Scores of persons have viewed the body, many of them sent to the funeral home by police in endeavoring to clear up recent Kansas City holdups. Others acknowledged acquaintanceship with the woman, but did not offer to meet the expense of a funeral.

One woman said at the funeral home the murdered woman's parents lived in Los Angeles. She asked they not be notified of their daughter's death.

# **GANG GIRL MAY LIE IN PAUPER'S GRAVE**

**Vivian Chase's Body Has No  
Claimant in Kansas City**

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 7 (AP).—A pauper's burial may be the ultimate fate of Vivian Chase, police said today, as the body of the slain gangland queen lay unclaimed in a Kansas City morgue.

The lavish funeral the big shots of crime once provided for their pals appeared only a myth as funeral home attendants said they had received no word from the family of the slain woman.

Authorities held the few belongings of the reputed No. 1 Female Public Enemy, whose body was found here Sunday morning jammed into a motor car. There was a \$5 bill beside her.

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# Pauper Grave Awaits Slain Gang Woman

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The lavish funerals the "big shots" of crime once provided pals appeared only a myth in her case.

Police believe the slain woman, who allegedly had associated with the Irish O'Malley and Alvin Karpis mobs, was "the woman in red" who aided in hold-ups here, but her ordinary clothing indicated she had little money. Her body was found in an automobile here Sunday.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL  
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THE DETROIT FREE PRESS  
November 7, 1935

### MacDonald Faces Charge in Boston

A charge involving a \$30,000 fraud in Boston cropped up Thursday against Cassius McDonald, strange combination of business man and gambler who has been in jail nearly six weeks since he was taken from his luxurious Grosse Pointe home by G-men.

A picture of McDonald, now held at the Federal Detention Farm at Milan, Mich., pending removal to St. Paul to face charges of having handled \$70,000 of the Edward G. Bremer ransom money, was identified Thursday in Boston by John Capobianco, a contractor, as that of one of two men who had obtained \$30,000 in a fake racing scheme.

Detroit police and Federal authorities here were notified of the identification. Boston officers said that they would wait until the ransom transaction charge is disposed of before taking action.

The contractor said that the man he believes is McDonald was known to him as John Patterson.

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*Handwritten signatures and initials are present over the routing slip, including a large signature that appears to be "Dutra".*

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Boston Transcript

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## Link Bremer Suspect with Boston Swindle

Police Think Cassius McDonald Helped Get \$30,000  
from Capobianco

Boston police said today that Cassius McDonald, held in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, is wanted here in connection with the larceny of \$30,000 from a local contractor. McDonald, now at a Federal detention farm at Milan, Mich., is said to have passed \$72,000 of the Bremer ransom money. He faces trial in St. Paul Jan. 6, 1936.

"John Patterson," one of three men who swindled John Capobianco, State street contractor, out of \$30,000 in Detroit more than a year ago, and McDonald, are believed by authorities here to be the same person.

A man representing himself as John Noble, who said he swung a \$275,000 contracting job his way, conferred with Capobianco in Boston. The victim was told it would be necessary to go to Detroit to close the deal.

In a hotel dining room there, Noble "found" a wallet, ostensibly the property of one John Patterson. The wallet, which contained \$200 and "valuable racing information," was returned to Patterson, who described himself as a racing commissioner.

The Boston contractor later was persuaded to advance \$30,000 to Noble to place on a "sure thing," given by Patterson as a reward. The "sure thing" failed to win.

Special Officer William Bonner today said the contractor identified a picture of McDonald as "Patterson."

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*Boston Globe*

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## GANG GIRL FACES PAUPER'S GRAVE

Body of Vivian Chase, Gun  
Victim, Unclaimed

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 7 (AP) — A pauper's burial may be the ultimate fate of Vivian Chase, the police said today, as the body of the slain gangland queen lay unclaimed in a Kansas City morgue.

The lavish funeral the "big shots" of crime once provided for their pals appeared only a myth as funeral home attendants said they had received no word from the family or friends of the slain woman.

Authorities held the few belongings of the reputed No. 1 female public enemy, whose body was found here Sunday morning jammed grotesquely in a motor car. There was a \$5 bill beside her.

Her cheap green dress was soaked with blood from a wound made by a .45-caliber bullet.

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*Mr. E. J. Tamm*

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1935.

**rites for Vivian Chase today**

Flowers Are Sent Anonymously to the Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Vivian Chase, found shot to death near St. Luke's hospital Sunday morning, will be held at 2 o'clock this Friday at the Bergman chapel. Burial will be in Greenlawn cemetery. Three large

bouquets were received at the funeral home yesterday. No message accompanied the flowers.

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## TRAIN BANDITS GRAB \$40,000 PAYROLL LOOT FROM U. S. MAIL

Machine Guns Threaten  
Crowd on Platform at  
Ohio Station

FOUR MOUNT ENGINE  
ARRIVING AT DEPOT

Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7.—Five bandits held up a mail train as it stood at the station here late today, cowed 60 frightened onlookers with machine guns and shotguns, and escaped with thousands of dollars.

The loot included \$39,500 in cash sent by the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank for a Republic Steel Corporation payroll in Warren. The amount of additional cash contained in other registered letters in the five stolen mail pouches was not determined immediately.

As the Erie train, en route to Pittsburgh from Cleveland, rolled into station, four bandits swung onto the locomotive. One of the men, wearing a false mustach jabbed a revolver against the ribs of the engineer Charles Shull and forced him to climb down from the cab. Another bandit covered the fireman.

Then three of the bandits scrambled through the tender into the baggage car while the others held the train crew and passengers at bay on the station platform. Machine guns rested in the crooks of their arms.

### Five-Gun Shot

Climbing into the baggage car, the robber fired a shot to frighten the mail clerks, then forced them to hand five bags of mail off the train. Two of the bags contained registered mail and one carried the Republican Steel payroll.

Authorities differed as to the amount. The Second National Bank of Warren said \$34,000 was assigned the steel plant. Republic officials said the payroll customarily amounted to \$75,000. Federal Reserve officials at Cleveland said \$39,500 was in the shipment.

Jumping out of the car, the bandits forced bystanders to load the bags into their automobile, carrying license plates assigned to a Cleveland man. A newsboy, Earl Davis, was slow in obeying the command and was threatened with death.

The bandits then compelled the crowd and train crew to face the wall of the depot while they leaped into their automobile and sped toward Cleveland.

### Second Payroll Holdup

It was the second time in less than a year that the Republic Steel Company had lost its payroll through a daring mail robbery.

Last April 11, three men held up a mail truck in Warren, and escaped with a \$72,000 Republic payroll. Months later, George Sargent and Tony Labrizetti, of Akron, were found guilty of the holdup and sentenced to 25 years in Federal Prison. Testimony of Burl Villers, driver of the truck, convicted the men.

When today's robbery was reported in Cleveland, two Department of Justice agents S. J. Hettrick and H. W. Tavenor—the same two who investigated the Warren robbery—were despatched to the scene.

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KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1935.

# NAB HOLDUP SUSPECTS

## Two Arrested in Ohio Mail Car Robbery.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 8.—(UP)—Two men, one of them a paroled convict, were arrested here Friday and held as suspects in the daring \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., Thursday. They were seized in an apartment.

Police said the former convict's signature on bertillon files compared favorably with that of a man who purchased the car believed to have been used in the Garrettsville robbery.

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**You Can Afford**

# MACHINE GUN ROBBERS RAID ERIE MAIL CAR

Stage Holdup At Garrettsville, O., On Cleveland-Pittsburgh Run

FIVE FIRE SHOTS  
AND YELL THREATS

Clerks, Trainmen, Spectators Held As Pouches Are Stolen

GARRETTSVILLE, O., Nov. 7. (AP)—A desperate gang of five machine gun robbers, firing shots and shouting threats, raided an Erie railroad passenger and mail train today, held at bay a dozen startled spectators, and escaped with mail pouches which officials said probably contained at least \$40,000.

The gang waited until the train, bound from Cleveland to Pittsburgh, ground to a regular stop at the Garrettsville station. Then one of them held up Earl Davis, a news dealer, who was waiting on the platform.

"At least four of them had machine guns," Davis said.

"One of them fired a shot into the mail car and ordered the three clerks to come outside."

"A couple of the other robbers at the same time were holding up everyone on the station platform, and made them stand in a line."

Clerk Wounded

"Another robber, with a hand, forced Engineer Charles Small and Fireman P. O. Leuschner out of the locomotive cab."

One of the robbers, entering the mail car, fired a shot that grazed the forehead of Orlin Workman, a clerk. It raised a bump but did not seriously hurt him.

"They started shooting but stopped when we came out," said P. E. Christy, another clerk in the car.

As quickly as Workman, Christy, and Steve Warren, a third clerk, left the car, the robber started throwing mail pouches out of the door, Davis said.

"Then they made me and Robert Brockett, a local mail carrier, carry seven pouches to their waiting automobile."

"In another minute the whole gang fled."

During the robbery, Mrs. W. L. Scott of Garrettsville, walked onto the station platform. She was unaware that the holdup was in progress. One of the robbers pushed a machine gun against her back.

Get Auto License

"Get back against the station wall or I'll drill you," he shouted.

The robbers kept the train under their control for nearly 10 minutes.

As the gang was fleeing, Christy got a glimpse of their auto license and reported the number to post-office inspectors who hurried to the scene from district headquarters in Cleveland, about 40 miles away.

State highway patrolmen, sheriff's deputies and police also joined in the chase.

The estimate of the amount of the loot came from officials of the Cleveland federal reserve bank. They said they believed the pouches contained a shipment of \$34,000 for the Second National Bank of Warren, O., \$500 for a bank in Canfield, O., and \$5,000 for a bank in Girard, O.

Steel Firm Loses

The money for the Warren bank was for use in meeting a payroll at the Republic Steel Corp., tomorrow.

Twice before in little more than a year there have been raids on the Republic payroll money. In October, 1934, a robbery gang held up

## MACHINE GUN ROBBERS RAID ERIE MAIL CAR

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to be the leader wore a mask, Christy said. The other wore a mask, Christy said. The auto license number given by Christy, police said, was issued to a man in Cleveland.

Various witnesses who got different views of the crime had slightly different stories of some of the details.

John F. Williams, assistant manager of the Warren, O., chamber of commerce, who was in one of the passenger cars, said a blast of machine gun fire was directed into the baggage car.

One of the robbers, he said, pointed a gun at a nearby control tower while the others stood close to the train.

State highway patrolmen said tonight at Warren two men questioned in connection with the \$25,000 holdup of a bank employe at Salem, Ohio, Monday convinced officials they knew nothing of the holdup.

The men were turned over to Cleveland police for questioning in connection with an auto theft there.

L. B. Vincent, an employe of the Farmers National bank at Salem, from whom robbers snatched money intended for payrolls, and William Hart, cashier of the bank, reported they could not identify the Warren suspects.

During their flight, the Salem robbers shot and seriously wounded Herman Stratton, 30, of Salem, an unarmed motorist who pursued them in the belief they were auto thieves.

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## SEARCH SPREADS FOR MAIL BANDITS

Officers Lay Net Through  
Northern Ohio for 6 Men  
After Daring Robbery

Garrettsville, O., Nov. 8. (AP)—A widespread search, one of the most extensive in recent northern Ohio history, was under way today after six mail car robbers seized \$34,000 in currency and \$12,450 in securities at the Erie railroad station here.

With every movement carefully planned, the gang held up more than a dozen persons, covering them with sub-machine guns and pistols soon after train No. 626 stopped yesterday afternoon.

The engineer, fireman and members of the mail car crew were ordered onto the station platform alongside men and women bystanders. Pouches containing the money were thrown out of the car, to be carried by two victims to the gang's automobile. One shot was fired, which grazed the forehead of Orlin Workman, a mail clerk.

In a small sedan, apparently purchased expressly for the robbery, the gang fled toward Ravenna. The search today, in which United States postal inspectors and police took the lead, was centered in the larger northern Ohio cities, Akron, Cleveland, Warren, Youngstown and Canton.

The currency was consigned to the Warren, O., Second National bank for use in meeting a payroll of the Republic Steel Corporation. The robbers knew exactly what they were after, for one of them shouted: "Where's that other bag that was put on in Cleveland—the one from the Federal Reserve bank?"

One pouch, containing \$5,000 was overlooked by the gang.

Cleveland police found the license of the robber's car was listed to a man who moved four months ago from the address given. An auto dealer said the gray Plymouth was sold Oct. 24 to a man who paid cash.

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Nov. 8, 1935

## "I Still Feel That Machine Gun on My Back," Says Victim

Earl N. Davis, news agent in Garrettsville, O., was an involuntary aid to the six robbers who held up the mail car of Erie Train No. 626 at Garrettsville at 2:15 yesterday and took \$34,000 in currency and \$12,450 in securities.

With machine guns, automatics and sawed-off shotguns menacing him, Davis was forced to carry four of the stolen mail bags from the station platform to the automobile in which the robbers fled with their loot.

"One time," he said, "I told some of my friends that I'd like to be in one of those robberies just to see how it felt. But, believe me, I've had enough. I can still feel that machine gun in my back, and I can see those others pointing at me. I want no more of that."

Then Davis told his story. Here it is:

"I went over to the station to get the Cleveland afternoon papers. They come in every day on that train. I didn't notice anything out of the ordinary as the train pulled in. I went up to the mail car and got my two bundles of papers and was standing there talking to some of the fellows and waiting for the train to pull out. A man came up in back of me

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and said something. I didn't pay any attention to him. I didn't even think he was talking to me. Then I felt something hard pushed against my back and somebody said, 'Stick 'em up!'

"I turned around and saw a fellow there, and at first glance I thought he was a fellow I knew, but he wasn't. And there he had a machine gun jammed right against me.

"He said, 'Stick 'em up!' Believe me, I did and in a hurry, too. I had those two bundles of papers under my arm, and I just let them drop. My hands shot right up, and I didn't think of those papers for a long time.

"The fellow with the machine gun was tall and wore a dark overcoat and hat. He was about six feet tall and weighed about 180 pounds. He told me to line up over in the parking lot, and I moved fast.

"Somebody fired a shot to scare everybody, and the two men climbed into the mail car and started to toss out the sacks.

"One of the robbers looked over toward the line. My arms had got tired holding them so high, and I let

them down after a while and had them folded in front of me.

"The guy that was looking over toward the line yelled, 'Hey, you with your arms folded, carry those bags over here!' And I stepped quick with those guns pointing at me. And you would have done the same thing if you had been where I was.

"I carried four of those mail sacks from the platform to the car. I piled the bags on the floor. One of them was darned heavy, too.

"And when I got to the car on the first trip I saw two more machine guns and two or three automatics lying on the floor, and I dumped the mail bag in and didn't say a word. And I didn't touch those guns, either.

"Somebody else helped to carry some of the bags, too. I don't know just how many there were. I carried four, and they say the other fellow carried a couple and one of the robbers carried one.

"One of the robbers walked up to one of the mail clerks, who was standing in the line-up and said, 'Where's that other bag that was put on in Cleveland—the one from the Federal Reserve Bank?'

Threatens Woman

"That clerk sure was scared and stammered all over the place trying to tell them there wasn't any more. And they cussed him out, but then one of the fellows with a gun yelled, 'All right! Let's go!' They all got into the car and drove away.

"And was I glad to see them go? I don't want to be in any more things like that. I know how it feels, and I've had plenty."

Mrs. W. L. Scott of Garrettsville went to the train to mail a letter to her husband, who is on a hunting trip.

"I handed the letter up to the clerk in the mail car," she said. "Then I heard somebody say something in back of me, and I didn't pay any attention. Then the man spoke again and I turned around and he jammed an automatic pistol right against my chest.

"He pressed it so hard that I'm beginning to feel it now. Maybe there's a mark there, but I haven't had time to look.

Careful With Bag.

"They made me get into line with the others, and I saw them make those men carry the mail bags over to the car. I saw one of the robbers pick up one of the mail bags. He used only his thumb and index finger and was mighty careful. It looked as if he was being very careful that he didn't get any fingerprints on to it.

"I couldn't be sure how many bags they took. At a time like that it is hard to remember details.

"But Robert Brockett saved my life. He's the mail man from Hiram. I was standing next to him in the line, and at first I didn't hold up my hands. I had my pocketbook under one arm and just stood there. But Mr. Brockett nudged me and told me to put up my hands and I did. I stood there until they drove away with the stolen bags."

Fred Ball, cashier in the station, said he saw one of the robbers standing on the station platform for some time before the train arrived.

"I didn't see anything unusual," he said, "until I was up on the truck, and then a fellow pointed his machine gun at me and told me to hold up my hands. Then I heard a shot fired in the mail car. It was only a shot to frighten the clerks and was not aimed at anyone so far as I could see.

"They made me get down off the truck and get in line with the rest."

Descriptions of the six robbers were given by witnesses as follows:

NO. 1—Short, heavy-set, about 45 and of light complexion; wore a brown overcoat and dark hat.

NO. 2—About 25; weight, 185 pounds; height, five feet five inches; suntan complexion; wore a reddish suit and overcoat.

NO. 3—About 50 to 55; 165 pounds; five feet five inches; gray hair; wore black silk handkerchief over upper part of face.

NO. 4—Tall and medium build; wore white handkerchief over lower part of face and dark glasses; wore a gray suit and topcoat and gray hat.

NO. 5—About 45; medium height; 160 pounds.

NO. 6—Tall; wore gray suit.

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## Scene and Figures in Mail-Train Robbery at Garrettsville



Mrs. W. L. Scott tells state trooper of holdup



Engineer Charles Shull explains to his wife



Garrettsville Station, scene of the robbery



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# Nab Mail Robbery Suspect

Cleveland detectives today were holding an ex-convict as a suspect in the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery late yesterday.

Although they claimed his handwriting resembled that on the bill of sale for the automobile purchased here Oct. 25 which was used in the getaway, three employees of the auto agency where it was purchased failed to identify the suspect.

He was being detained, however, to be viewed by several of the 12 witnesses to the daring holdup, who were brought to Cleveland by Sylvester J. Hettrick, postal inspector.

Meanwhile, search for the six bandits who engineered the mail robbery was being pressed by police, postal inspectors and federal agents.

The witnesses also were to view Bertillon pictures of a number of persons regarded by the authorities as possible participants in the robbery.

Agents of the Federal Reserve bank here began an intensive check of every person who was in any way connected with the shipment of the \$34,000 in currency and \$12,450 in securities which formed the loot.

Suspicion that a "leak" conveyed specific information as to the prospective loot carried by Erie railroad train No. 626 when it left Cleveland for Pittsburgh at 1:25 p. m. yesterday was based on these facts:

THAT the band of six mail robbers, armed with automatics, shotguns and machine guns, knew exactly what they were looking for and where to look for it, as they boarded the mail car at Garrettsville, O., at 2:15 p. m. yesterday.

THAT the robbery was the third successful holdup within 13 months of payroll money sent by the Federal Reserve bank to through Warren, O.

THAT the smoothness of the holdup was proof that the robbery was executed by experts who had planned well in every detail.

The previous robberies which, coupled with yesterday's, point to a leak, were the \$68,000 holdup in October, 1934, of two messengers taking the money from the train to the bank at Warren, and, last April 24, the \$125,000 robbery of a mail truck taking payroll money from the same train which was held up yesterday.

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# LINK CONVICT HERE IN TRAIN MAIL ROBBERY

Police Search Northern Ohio  
for Six Gunmen in  
\$46,000 Holdup

## AUTO SALE TRACED

Ten Victims to Be Shown Pic-  
tures of Cleveland Suspects  
in Train Looting

An ex-convict from Cleveland had tentatively been linked today with the \$46,000 mail train holdup at Garrettsville yesterday as police and postal authorities centered their search here for the six machine gun robbers.

Sentenced to Ohio Penitentiary for automobile theft, the suspect was brought into the investigation when his signature on a Bertillon file compared favorably with that of a man who purchased the automobile believed used in the daring holdup.

Ten victims of the holdup and other witnesses, including officials of the automobile agency where the car was bought, were to be shown the convict's picture this morning at Central Police Station.

Pictures of a dozen other Cleveland gunmen seen as possible suspects will also be viewed, according to Emmet J. Potts, acting detective inspector, who has assigned a dozen detectives to work with federal authorities.

### Sees Robber Gang

Sylvester J. Hettrick, postal inspector heading the Government investigation, said he is working on the theory that the robbers were members of a gang recruited by a man who eluded arrest after a \$100,000 mail truck holdup last April.

Discovery that the license number of the car was listed to a man who gave an E. 147th street address was the first clue uncovered that pointed to the ex-convict being sought.

Checking further, police and postal authorities learned the car—a small gray sedan—had been purchased Oct. 25 from Knowles-Brown Inc., Plymouth dealers at 1440 W. 25th street.

Delivery was made after the man paid cash for the machine, according to Russell Brown, official of the agency. At the address given on the license application, occupants said the applicant had moved four months ago.

### Tip Proves False

A tip that two men had been seen carrying two mail pouches into an E. 55th street apartment house last night sent 25 detectives to the building.

Wearing bullet proof vests and carrying machine guns the officers routed out occupants of 62 suites before concluding the tip, an anonymous telephone call, was false.

Both Inspector Potts and Mr. Hettrick said no chances would be overlooked and that pictures of Alvin Karpis, fugitive kidnaper and bank robber, and members of his gang would be shown to victims of yesterday's holdup.

Karpis, it was recalled, purchased a new automobile here two years ago when he barely eluded a police trap. The car was paid for in cash and was abandoned when Karpis was forced to take to sudden flight from a West Side apartment.

Of the loot taken yesterday \$34,000 was in cash and the balance in securities. The cash was to have been used as part of a payroll for a Warren steel plant.

The Erie train had barely drawn to a stop at the Garrettsville station when the robbers appeared with machine guns and revolvers. Working with precision the gang then staged the holdup.

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#### Robbers Described

Descriptions of four of the robbers as given to Cleveland police follow:

No. 1: Thirty-five to 40; 5 feet, 8 inches tall; weight about 130 pounds; wearing a reddish-colored suit and topcoat and a brown hat.

No. 2: Forty-five; 5 feet, 10 inches tall; heavy tan overcoat; red mustache and black hair.

No. 3: Thirty; 5 feet, 8 inches tall; weighing 155 pounds; gray topcoat; black spats. Wore glasses and had a handkerchief over lower part of face.

No. 4: Forty-five; 5 feet, 8 inches tall; weighing 155. Had long hair and wore a brown suit.

No descriptions were obtained of the other two men, one of whom stayed at the wheel of the automobile.

#### Train Is Late

The train, No. 626, was two minutes behind schedule when it pulled into Garrettsville at 2:13 p. m. As the mail clerks opened the door of the mail car the robbers drove up, parking their sedan about 50 feet away.

First to be confronted by machine guns were W. B. Moses, station agent, and Carl Clutter of Warren, a railroad telephone repair man, who was working on wires in the office.

Mr. Moses said he was looking out a window when he was suddenly faced with a machine gun. "Get outside quick or I'll shoot," came the gunman's curt command. Mr. Clutter obeyed, but the station agent slammed and locked the door and remained inside.

In the meantime, Fred R. Ball, station cashier, who was standing on a baggage truck receiving mail and packages from the car clerks, P. E. Christy, Orlin Workman and Stephen Warren, had been cowed by other members of the gang.

#### Clerks Ordered in Line

The clerks were then ordered into line with others who were at the station when the train pulled in after its 40-mile run from Cleveland. Two of the robbers climbed into the mail car, one firing a revolver shot to frighten the clerks.

The bullet whizzed close to Mr. Workman's head. While this was going on Earl N. Davis, a Garrettsville news agent, and Mrs. W. L. Scott of Garrettsville, who had gone to the train to mail a letter to her husband, were held up.

Another of the robbers was confronting Charles Shull, engineer, and P. O. Leuschner, fireman, in the cab of the engine. They were made to jump to the ground and stand with upraised hands.

After the mail clerks had been placed in the line of victims, the two robbers who entered the mail car started tossing pouches to the platform. Mr. Davis was ordered out of the line and at the muzzle of a machine gun made to carry the mail bags to the waiting car.

#### Sees Machine Guns

Mr. Davis said that on his first trip to the automobile he saw two machine guns and a couple of revolvers on the floor. He obeyed orders and transferred four pouches from the train to the automobile.

"Where's that other bag you took on at Cleveland from the Federal Reserve Bank?" one of the robbers then demanded of Mr. Warren. Terrified, the clerk stammered that all of the pouches had been taken.

Cursing, the man shouted to his companions and then ran to their car. When last seen by those at the station, the machine was headed west on a gravel road connecting with Route 88 three miles from Garrettsville.

C. P. Morrow, Garrettsville coal dealer, said he followed the robbers' car and saw it turn into Route 88 and head in the direction of Ravenna. It was while the car was speeding away that the license number was noted.

#### Money Sent to Bank

The \$34,000 was consigned to the Second National Bank at Warren and was part of a payroll for the Republic Steel Corp. plant there. C. W. Arnold, assistant deputy governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, said the gunmen missed \$5500 of the full shipment.

A shipment of \$72,000 in currency and \$33,000 in registered bonds taken by robbers from a mail truck April 24 at Warren was shipped on train No. 626. It was being hauled from the station to a bank when a holdup took place.

George Sargent and Anthony La-brizetti, both of Akron, were arrested for that holdup and were given 25-year terms upon their conviction in Federal Court here. The pouches containing the securities taken yesterday were consigned to a bank in Pittsburgh.

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# HUNT 6 TRAIN ROBBERERS ON OHIO ROADS

## POSTOFFICE INSPECTORS JOIN POLICE

With Machine Guns, Outlaws Line Up Crew and Residents at Garrettsville, Get \$46,000.

## PURCHASER OF CAR ON WEST SIDE IS SOUGHT

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Cleveland was being searched for clues of the gunmen when it was found that the automobile used in the robbery was listed to an East Side address. But police found the house at that address had not been occupied for four months.

There was evidence that a car of the description of the one used in the robbery had been bought in Cleveland Oct. 25, and police were searching for the purchaser of that car.

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## SCOUR OHIO ROADS FOR MAIL ROBBERS

Postal Agents Join Police After Train Is Robbed of \$46,000.

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the combination mail and baggage car.

Then the gunmen called two of the men from the line-up and made them involuntary mail pouch toters to carry the loot from the station platform to the brand new, gray Plymouth four-door sedan the robbers had parked 50 feet away.

One of the six robbers cursed at one of the mail clerks as he demanded the whereabouts of another mail pouch "from the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland" that evidently had been expected as part of the loot. Train No. 626 is the same one that carried \$72,000 in currency and \$32,000 in registered bonds to Warren last April 24. While the money and securities were being hauled from the Warren railroad station to the post office the mail truck was held up and the driver, Bert Villers, was forced to drive with two robbers to a deserted garage, where the loot was loaded into a car and hauled away.

### Two in Prison.

On Sept. 27 George Sargent and Anthony Labrizetti, Akron racketeers, were sentenced in Federal Court in Cleveland to serve 25 years in a federal prison for that robbery. Train No. 626 left Cleveland at 1:25 yesterday afternoon bound for Pittsburgh. It was due in Garrettsville at 2:15. The engine and its string of cars ground to a stop two minutes late.

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Police found a man of the same name as that which appeared on the license application had a police record. Efforts were being made to identify the automobile purchaser

through a Bertillon photograph. Cleveland police records disclosed no report that the gray sedan or the license plates had been stolen.

Descriptions of the six robbers and their automobile were broadcast throughout Ohio and neighboring states. Police in all sections were asked to be on the lookout for them.

## Other Robberies Recalled.

Police records showed that on the afternoon of Oct. 25—the same day on which the car was bought from Knowles-Brown, Inc.—three robbers, one of them with a machine gun, held up the Citizens Savings Bank at Madison, O., and escaped in a sedan. They got \$2,000. Monday five robbers held up a bank messenger in Salem, O., and escaped with \$25,000.

C. W. Arnold, assistant deputy governor of the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland, said last night that the bank shipped \$39,500 in currency and \$12,450 in securities on the robbed train. He said the robbers missed \$5,500 of the cash shipment. He said the cash was consigned to

a bank in Warren. Postmaster Michael F. O'Donnell said that it had not been determined whether six or seven mail pouches had been taken from the train and that the number would not be known definitely until a check had been made today.

O'Donnell said only three of the pouches contained registered mail. One of these was consigned to Warren and contained the \$34,000 in cash. The other two, consigned to Pittsburgh, contained the \$12,450 in securities.

## Pay Roll Money, Is Reported.

It was reported the money to Warren was for pay rolls of the Republic Steel Corp., officials said. Pay rolls of the company were made by check. However, the banks at Warren are called upon to cash the checks.

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In businesslike manner the robbers lined up all those in sight, including the engineer and fireman and three mail clerks from the train, the mail truckmen from Garrettsville and nearby Hiram, a woman who was mailing a letter to her husband, who is on a hunting trip, and men who were receiving packages from the baggage section of

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The work of lining up the others went on rapidly.

Two of the robbers were masked. One had a black silk handkerchief over the upper part of his face. Another had a white handkerchief over the lower part of his face, and another shaded his eyes.

Bill B. Mail, cashier at the station, was on a baggage truck, receiving mail and packages that were being packed out of the combination mail and express car. He was ordered down and into the line.

### Shut Gates Closed.

Two of the robbers climbed into the car. A pistol shot was fired to frighten the mail clerks. The shot caused the foreman of Ohio Workmen one of the clerks.

Warman, with F. E. Clarity and Stephen Warren, the other clerks, were turned at the point of sub-machine guns out of the car and into the line-up on the parking lot.

Harold Shaffer, Grayman who heads the mail from the station to the Garrettsville post office, and Robert Bruchett of Hiram, who heads the mail from Garrettsville to Hiram, were receiving the mail pouches intended for their towns. They soon took their places in the line-up.

Earl N. Davis, a news agent in Garrettsville, had just received two bundles of Cleveland afternoon papers from the mail car.

"Stick 'em up!" came the curt command over his shoulder.

Davis thought it was some joker. He turned to find a man six feet tall and weighing 180 pounds pressing a sub-machine gun against him. Davis' hands went up quickly, and he was soon in the line-up with the others.

Meantime another of the armed men had gone to the engine cab and had ordered Charles Shull, the engineer, and P. O. Leuschner, the fireman, to the ground. They were kept beside the engine with their hands uplifted.

As soon as the clerks had been ordered out of the mail section of the car two of the robbers began to toss mail pouches on to the station platform.

### Demand Bank Pouch.

Davis and another man, whose identity could not be learned, were ordered out of line and, at the point of the sub-machine guns, made to carry the bags from the platform to the automobile the robbers had waiting nearby.

One robber approached Warren. "Where's that other bag you took



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## They Faced Robbers' Machine Guns



EARL M. DAVIS



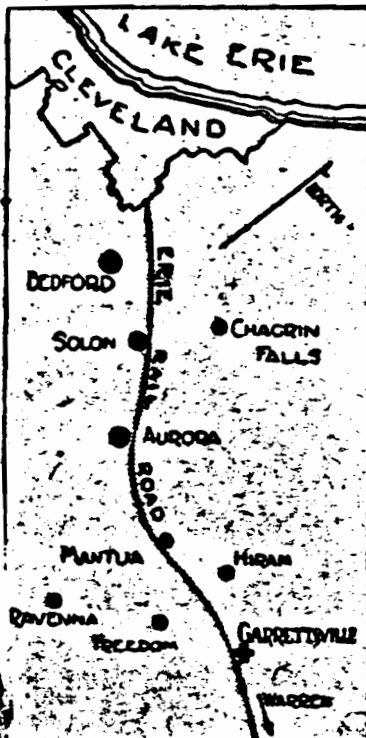
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CHARLES SHULL



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Associated Press Photos.  
These are some of those who faced robbers' guns when the mail car on an Erie Railroad train was held up yesterday in Garrettsville. Davis, a Garrettsville news agent, was forced to aid the gunmen in loading the stolen mail into an automobile. Mrs. Scott, who was mailing a letter, and Brockett, a mail truck driver, were forced into a line-up by the robbers. Shull, the engineer, and Leuschner, the fireman, were forced from the engine cab at the point of a machine gun. The map shows the location of the robbery. Garrettsville is 40 miles southeast of Cleveland.

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## BREMER KIDNAP BILLS PASSER WANTED HERE

Alleged to Be One of Pair  
in \$30,000 Larceny

Cassius McDonald, held in Detroit for the Federal authorities on a charge of passing \$72,000 of the ransom obtained by the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St Paul banker, is wanted in Boston on a larceny charge involving \$30,000.

He has been allegedly identified from a photograph as one of two men who swindled John Capobianco,



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Held in Detroit charged with passing  
\$72,000 Bremer ransom money

School-st contractor, of \$30,000. Capobianco picked out a picture of McDonald and told police that McDonald, known to him as John Patterson, participated in the swindle, tricking him about an alleged contract for improvement of an estate at Bar Harbor.

He loaned the money to the men, he said, as a matter of showing good faith in the contract, but the pair said they bet the money on a horse race and lost it. They assured Capobianco that he need not worry and told him to go to Pittsburg, see an attorney there, and he would get his money. He went to Pittsburg but could not locate the attorney. He returned to Boston and told his story to the police.

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