

# Slayer's 2,000-Mile Dash For Liberty With Body of Victim Ends In Arrest

Nevada City, Calif., Feb. 7.—A 2,000-mile dash for liberty with the body of the man he admittedly slew because of jealousy ended today for Clarence Frechette, 35, Michigan's notorious "flying bandit."

In a stolen motor car containing three unsuspecting passengers and a trunk into which the body of the 180-pound victim, Robert Brown, 24, of Kalamazoo, had been stuffed, Frechette drove up to the California line at midnight and into the arms of waiting officers near Truckee.

As if they suspected nothing, the officers asked Frechette and the passengers to come into their checking station and warm themselves. Then one official pried open the trunk to peer directly into the lifeless eyes of the victim.

Pistols were shoved into the ribs of Frechette and his male passenger, John Malcolm Rivas, Salt Lake City miner. Frechette at first denied he was the man sought, and said he was Brown.

At the same time officers identified him as the man who assaulted Harry W. Anderson, flying instructor, during a flight at Kalamazoo several years ago.

After some sharp questioning, Captain Joseph Blake of the state highway patrol, announced Frechette had confessed the killing.

In the purported confession and in subsequent remarks to inter-

viewers, the dapper 130-pound ex-convict admitted:

1. That he calmly stuffed Brown's body in the trunk of the automobile and headed westward, intending to "ditch" the car and its gruesome burden in California and flee to the Orient.
2. That he held up two drug stores and a restaurant in Denver, obtaining \$41 to help finance his strange trip.
3. That he went to a dance in Salt Lake City, leaving the automobile and its ghastly cargo parked in the street.
4. Picked up the three passengers in Salt Lake City, agreeing to take them to the coast for \$6 each.
5. Sent a telegram from Elko, Nev., to Brown's father, Roy Brown, in Michigan, signed it "Robert" and asking that \$50 be telegraphed to him.

### KNIFE WOUND FATAL

Charlotte, Feb. 7.—Mildred Kee, 18, of Huntersville, died in a Mooresville hospital last night of a knife wound inflicted during a fight Tuesday with Louise Jackson, of Huntersville, and police here today lodged a murder charge against the Jackson girl.

Mrs. Pearl Jackson, mother of Louise, also was held on a charge of assault. Police said the two young women quarreled over a permanent wave.

### Florida's Orange Queen



WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Miss Betty Bunkle (above), of Winter Haven, was the choice of the judges over 24 beauties from orange-belt communities, to be Queen of the Florida Orange Festival this month.

### PCA CONSIDERED VERY SUCCESSFUL

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 6.—The operation of the newly organized production credit associations in the South Atlantic States last year was marked by a success unexcelled in any other section of the country, C. G. Garman, of the Farm Credit Administration, said in an address before the Agricultural Workers Conference here.

In Georgia, the Carolinas and Florida, comprising the third Farm Credit Administration district, Mr. Garman said the number of borrowers served was far larger than any other district in the country and that so far not a single southern association had suffered an impairment of capital or loss to borrowers because of unsound loans. Over 97 per cent of the matured installments on 1934 production loans in the Columbia district have been paid, Mr. Garman said.

"In the South Atlantic States and in the South generally a larger percentage of small farmers are being served by the production credit associations than in any other section of the country, as indicated by the size of loans and by the number made," the Farm Credit Administration official declared.

Mr. Garman said that about 30,000 loans have been made in the four states, the average size of which is about \$300. The total amount loaned by the associations during the past year was more than \$9,000,000, a larger amount, according to Mr. Garman, than in any other section of the country except the Pacific States, where a large amount of range livestock financing is necessary.

"In contrast," said Mr. Garman "to other attempted short-term loan systems for farmers, the local nature of the production credit associations provides direct loan service, creates a co-operative local responsibility and a sounder credit basis."

### SURRY'S OFFICIALS ARE SUMMONED TO COURT

Elkin, Feb. 8.—County officials of Surry have been summoned to appear before Judge J. W. Pless in superior court, over which he is presiding at Dobson, to explain why the courthouse remains in the same unsatisfactory condition as was described in the report of the grand jury serving at the last court term.

# 'Resurrected' Man States Everybody Is Supremely Happy In Spirit World

Arley, Eng., Feb. 8.—England tonight had the word of John Puckering, who liked being dead so well he's sorry they brought him back to life, that everybody is "supremely happy" in the world to come.

Juckering's picture of the hereafter, as he saw it during four and one-half minutes his heart was stopped while he lay on an operating table, was painted in these words:

"During those five minutes or so, I was worried and disturbed. Suddenly everything cleared and I was filled with great content."

"I knew I was dead because I saw many villagers of Arley (where the 'resurrected' gardener lives) I knew before they died. They were all happy, and I was happy, too."

"There were hundreds of smiling faces in a bank of hazy, shimmering clouds," Puckering asserted. Dr. G. Perceval Mills, whose

message of Puckering's heart gave the gardener his unusual opportunity to bear witness to the after death, insisted there was nothing out of the ordinary about the matter.

He added, reluctantly: "Yes, it is unusual for a man's heart to stop and for the man to come back to life."

Assured by his physician that he is "doing well," Puckering was going about his market gardening just as he did before the three-quarter hour operation that resulted in his temporary death.

The thousands of happy people he saw, among whom were old acquaintances, all "seemed to be in a big hall with pillars of cloud and all mixed up in a sort of hazy light," he said.

"I was drifting toward them when suddenly everything went black. They had brought me back to life."

### Hauser Bill Regulating Justices Is Cast Aside

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Coming down the home stretch in its fifth week here, the General Assembly today balked and shied before taking some of its legislative barriers.

The House, in anything but a cherubic humor, knocked over two measures, refused another, and accepted a fourth only after debating coyly. This last was a local bill of Representative Bailey of Haywood to increase the pay of school bus drivers in his county, which passed 76 to 20, after considerable debate.

In the Senate, the state liquor control measure of Senator Hill of Durham was introduced but without the expected signatures of several other senators. Outside of receiving this bill, the upper House did little, carrying over all but one of the five measures on its public calendar.

First of the two House bills to suffer defeat was a measure of Representative Hauser of Forsyth providing for the election of three justices of the peace in each township, with one additional for each 10,000 population up to a maximum of five. The bill was shot to pieces with county-exempting amendments before it was finally tabled.

A bill by Representative Williams of Hyde imposing mandatory sentences of seven to 60 days and fines of \$1 to \$500 for drunken drivers met the same fate. Before it was tabled, Representative Vann of Hertford had offered an amendment limiting its application to drivers involved in accidents in "serious injury or damage to property."

### U. S. Cracks Down Upon 'Moonshine' Ring In Va.

Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 7.—A federal grand jury today indicted 34 persons, including nine present and former officials, as the government struck at what investigators termed the country's biggest moonshine whiskey ring.

Those accused of conspiracy to defraud the government of taxes included a federal agent, a prosecuting attorney, four deputies sheriff, a former sheriff, a former state prohibition officer and a former member of the legislature.

The jury also indicted one witness of charges of perjury and named 55 others as co-conspirators, although it did not indict them.

Most of the indicted persons are residents of mountainous Franklin county. From that area, investigators charged a highly organized syndicate, operating with official protection, has produced millions of gallons of illicit and untaxed liquor. The moonshine was marketed not only in nearby Virginia, but in North Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia.

### Doughton Offers Measure To Curb Liquor Smuggling

Washington, Feb. 7.—Representative Robert L. Doughton this afternoon introduced in the house an administration bill to curb smuggling of liquor into the United States.

The bill provides for: Establishment of customs enforcement areas adjacent to the territorial waters of the United States; for the search and, where justified, the seizure and forfeiture of smuggling vessels hovering off the coast; enforcement of the revenue laws against foreign vessels within the limits authorized by existing treaties with foreign governments.

A provision which would prohibit smuggling offenses against the revenue laws of foreign countries so as to lay the basis for reciprocal legislation, is also included in the bill.

### Accumulating Them

"Did your friend, who travels so much get the grip this winter?"

"Vrey much so; he got two of mine and one of my brother's."

### Roosevelt to Pick Men On Ability, Not Their Politics

Washington, Feb. 7.—President Roosevelt has informed congressional leaders that he intends to appoint the most capable men to government positions regardless of their political affiliations, it was disclosed tonight.

The revelation was made in a two-hour caucus of house Democrats who are rebelling against their lack of patronage and alleged discourteous treatment at the hands of department officials.

Representative Sabath, Democrat, Illinois, said that when he and his colleagues called at the White House recently to discuss patronage, they were informed by Mr. Roosevelt that he planned to continue appointing the best men to new deal jobs.

### PLEADS GUILTY

Lumberton, Feb. 7.—Lucy Amanda Dial, Indian woman of the Floral College section of Robeson county, submitted today in Robeson superior court to second degree murder. Because of the fact that she has a small child, sentence was stayed until the next term of court by Judge Henry A. Grady. She was charged with shooting Ella Bullard, Indian, to death October 7, following a quarrel over the defendant's husband.

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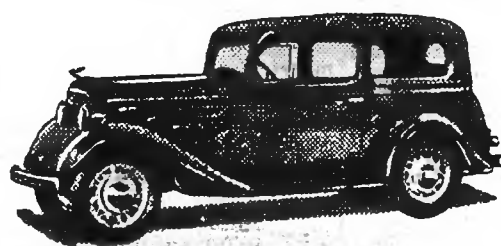
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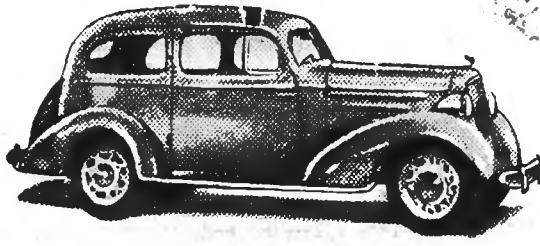
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