

District P. T. A. To Meet On 9th

The Western District of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will hold a legislative rally in the Buncombe county court house in Asheville on Saturday, January 9th, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., according to Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, western district president.

The purpose of the meeting is to create interest in and support of the three point legislative program of 1937. Mrs. W. B. Aycock, Jr., past president of the state organization and chairman of the state legislative committee will be present and speak. An invitation has also been extended to Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, to address the group.

Representatives from parent teacher associations, North Carolina Educational association, and various other groups interested in education and child welfare are expected to attend the rally.

TO POLL PEOPLE ON BELIEF

Expecting that growing disbelief in God will be revealed thereby Russia has ordered a census of religion among the people. In a national census in January each citizen over 16 will be asked whether he believes in God. That is to be one of the five questions asked. The others will ask name, age, occupation, and whether married.

COST OF THE DEPRESSION

The world depression from 1930 to 1934 cost \$149,000,000,000. It was estimated last week by Waidimir Woytinsky, of the International Labor office. This is said to equal the cost of the World War and to be seven times the amount of money in the United States.

RESIGNED

One of the New Deal's original "brain trusters," John Dickinson, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the anti-trust division, resigned last week, effective Jan. 20th. He will return to a private law practice and to the teaching profession.

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BULLETS OF JUSTICE

By REX COLLIER

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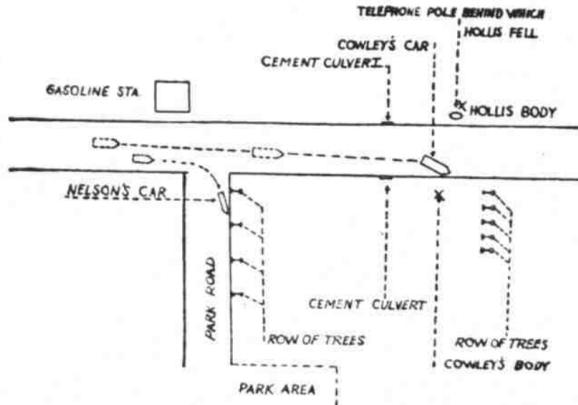


Diagram of Battleground Between G-Men, Nelson, His Wife and Chase. "BABY FACE" NELSON

THAT the gangster always has the advantage over the law enforcement officer in the matter of gun-play is illustrated perfectly by the case of George ("Baby Face") Nelson — christened Lester E. Gillis — who murdered three G-men before they ended his kill-crazy career at the "Battle of Barrington."

Some critics of J. Edgar Hoover's special agents have claimed the sharp-shooting F. B. I. men "executed" some members of the Dillinger gang without giving them "a chance."

If there can be any just criticism of the agents in the Nelson case, it is that they gave "Baby Face" too many chances.

This thrice-paroled gangster shot down special Agent W. Carter Baum near the Little Bohemia inn, Mercer, Wis., in the most cold-blooded fashion. Baum, the F. B. I. files show, did not have any opportunity to defend himself.

Nelson ordered John Paul Chase to open fire with an automatic rifle on two F. B. I. agents whose official status he only suspected. That was just before the fatal Barrington battle.

He turned a machine gun on Inspector Samuel P. Cowley and Special Agent H. E. Hollis as they were getting out of their car to demand his surrender, after having overtaken him near Barrington, Ill.

It was only after the deadly bullets from Nelson's and Chase's guns were pumping into his body that Cowley turned his own machine gun on them—fatally wounding Nelson.

During the 70-mile-an-hour chase which immediately preceded this battle, Inspector Cowley had ample opportunity to fire his machine gun at Nelson's car.

Cowley apparently thought of the possibility that the man and woman with Nelson were innocent citizens, kidnaped by Nelson in his flight.

The inside story of gunplay in the Nelson case goes back to the cold night of April 22, 1934, when Agent Baum, Agent J. C. Newman and Constable Carl Christensen left the raided Little Bohemia inn to investigate a "disturbance" reported from a nearby farm.

The officers drove to the farm and pulled alongside an automobile, parked without lights in the driveway. The constable had recognized the car as one belonging to a resident of the community.

As the agents' car stopped, a man, later identified as Nelson, jumped out of the parked automobile and ordered the officers out. Without waiting for them to comply, Nelson began firing at them point-blank with an automatic pistol.

Baum was killed instantly. Newman was knocked unconscious by a bullet that grazed his forehead. Christensen also was rendered unconscious by a serious bullet wound.

Newman recovered his senses in time to fire several futile shots at Nelson, who disappeared in the darkness.

Hoover assigned Inspector Cowley, one of his most trusted aides, to the job of hunting down Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson and other members of their gang.

In the course of this investigation, a hotel keeper at Lake Geneva, Wis., told F. B. I. agents he suspected that some previous guests at his hotel were members of the Dillinger gang.

Cowley, with the co-operation of the hotel man, assigned two agents to take a room in the hotel keeper's home and await the return of Nelson and Chase. He stationed other agents in and about the hotel, disguised as employees. The surveillance continued uneventfully for weeks.

Then, on the afternoon of November 27, 1934, in the absence of the hotel man, the agents at the house saw a V-8 sedan stop in front of the house. Two men and a woman were in it. The visitors, whose identities could not be determined by the agents, left quickly after getting no immediate response to their knock.

The agents telephoned the Chicago office of the F. B. I. about the mysterious visitors, giving the license number of their car — Ill. 639-578.

As the car containing this trio

passed through Lake Geneva a few moments later, an agent on assignment there recognized Nelson in the driver's seat and also noted the tag numbers. He, too, phoned to Chicago.

Immediately upon receipt of this second call, Cowley got in touch by telephone with two agents who were on a special assignment on the outskirts of Chicago, directing them to proceed once toward Lake Geneva over the Northwest highway and to keep close watch for a V-8 sedan containing two men and a woman and bearing Illinois tags, number 639-578. Cowley said he and Agent Hollis would follow at once, with machine gun and shotgun, and would endeavor to overtake them on the highway.

The first pair of agents were armed only with pistols. They were in a decrepit coupe they had been using in their under-cover assignment.

About five miles east of Barrington, Ill., these agents saw headed toward them a V-8 sedan containing two men and a woman and bearing Illinois tags, only the last three numbers of which they were able to "catch." The numbers were —578. They turned around in the road sharply in order to follow this car and identify the tags definitely.

As they wheeled, Nelson became suspicious that he was being followed and he, too, turned around in the highway, heading back toward Lake Geneva. Satisfied, apparently, that he was the object of curiosity by the men in the coupe, Nelson suddenly swerved completely around once more, sped up and sought to compel the coupe to pull up at the side of the road.

The agents found themselves looking down the muzzle of an automatic rifle, held by Chase, who was seated in the back of Nelson's car.

Instead of obeying Nelson's simultaneous demand that they halt, the agents sped up and swerved down the highway. As they started away, Chase began firing at them through the windshield of Nelson's car.

Shortly after this encounter Cowley and Hollis, proceeding from Chicago, met Nelson's car on the highway. They turned around and took up the pursuit.

Nelson immediately stepped on the gas and tried to outdistance Cowley's car, which was a high-powered sedan. After a short and furious chase, during which Nelson's car began to overheat badly from loss of water, Nelson jammed on the brakes and veered into a driveway of the North side park in Barrington.

Cowley's car skidded to a stop about 200 feet ahead. In the meantime, Nelson, Chase and Mrs. Nelson had jumped out of their car, the latter running and throwing herself into a ditch. Nelson and Chase got behind their car and leveled an automatic rifle and a machine gun over the hood.

As Cowley and Hollis emerged from their car — Cowley with a machine gun and Hollis with a shotgun — Nelson and Chase turned loose a deadly barrage of lead.

Hollis leaped behind a pole and returned the fire with his shotgun. He was killed instantly by a shot in the head as he aimed his shotgun.

Cowley, although hit several times by machine gun slugs, and while sinking to the ground from his wounds, managed to empty his machine gun at his assailants. Mortally wounded, he crumpled to the ground.

Nelson and Chase ran over to Cowley's car and started off in it.

Cowley identified himself to persons who soon rushed to the scene. Taken to a hospital, he asked that agents be rushed to him from the Chicago office. His chief concern was to confirm to his men before he died that it was "Baby Face" Nelson with whom he had battled. He died several hours after gasping his story to his grim-faced agents.

A telephone call to an undertaker, made by a mysterious woman, who hung up quickly, led Cowley's men to a ditch near a cemetery in Niles Center, near Chicago, where the remains of "Baby Face" Nelson were found—nude and torn by 17 bullets.

Another gangster had been crossed off the list — at the cost of the lives of three G-men.

WNU Service.

Former Haywood Man Mentioned For Governor Of N. J.

According to the political authorities in New Jersey, the victory of Senator William H. Smathers, over W. Warren Barbour, the Republican incumbent, to the United States Senate was not entirely a lucky break, that happened during the Presidential landslide. It is claimed that Smathers probably helped Roosevelt win in New Jersey, only in a lesser degree, than the President's popularity helped him.

"Bill," as he is known in Haywood county, has become a forceful speaker, and has gained a reputation in his adopted state as a man fearless, and always ready to fight for what he thinks is right. His vitality put new life in the recent campaign.

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Smathers is definitely in the spotlight in New Jersey. Three years from now the Democrats will need another candidate who can talk like a winner, kiss babies, and get the church vote. He may find himself in line for the governorship."

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