

# JUVENILE LANSING MURDER STIRS LITTLE VILLAGE

## THE WEATHER

Main tonight, probably turning to snow Tuesday; colder; moderate to fresh winds, shifting to northwest Tuesday.

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HAMMOND, INDIANA

## HARBOR HUSBAND IDENTIFIES SWAMP VICTIM AS HIS WIFE

### "BIG BILL" SUBOTICH NOW HELD

Was Indiana Harbor Woman Murdered—Puzzles Police of Three Cities

"Big Bill" Subotich, former proprietor of the Harbor Bay Inn, at Indiana Harbor, identified the body of a woman found in a swamp at 120th street and Butler avenue last Saturday evening, as that of his wife Nina Subotich, 44 years old, who had mysteriously disappeared from her home at 3501 Deodar street, Indiana Harbor, on November 25th.

**SUBOTICH ORDERED HELD**  
Subotich has been ordered held by the Hammond police pending an investigation of his story and an analysis of the woman's vital organs by Coroner's Physician William D. McNally. An autopsy of the body performed yesterday by Coroner Hoffman has failed to reveal the cause of death. Not satisfied with his findings, Coroner Hoffman has ordered a chemical analysis of the contents of the stomach taken.

**STORIES CONFLICTING**  
Under fire of investigators, Subotich is said to be telling conflicting stories," said Detective Sergeant Edward J. Powers. He told the police that his wife left home to go to Hammond to do some shopping, making the trip by bus. After reaching there, she said, she told the chauffeur, Dave Krobuchar, who is also being held by the police, to call for her at Minna's Department store. Five hours elapsed and she did not appear. A searching party was organized and hunted for the woman for several days without results.

**HEART TROUBLE BELIEF**  
Indiana Harbor police believe that disenchanted with her home life, and brooding over her husband's financial difficulties, Mrs. Subotich visited one of the Line roadhouses. After becoming intoxicated, as they claim, she wandered from the place semi-conscious and into the Calumet swamp district around 120th street. There it is believed that she fell prostrated and died from heart trouble.

Belief that the woman was taken into the swamp after being slain is held by the Hammond police, but they point out that the glades in which the body was discovered is the last place in the world into which a woman would venture alone. According to Robert Nelson, the trapper who found the body, men have been known to sink to their deaths in the slough and it is probable, the police believe, that the slayers figured the body would sink in the bog, carrying all trace of the murder along with it. Automobile tracks are said to have been discovered this morning by an investigating party of police within a hundred yards of where the woman's body was found.

**DETECTIVE VISIT HOME**  
Yesterday Chicago detectives visited the home of Mr. Subotich at 3501 Deodar street, which is now occupied by the father and son, quizzing nearby neighbors and seeking information from the family and general environments of the Subotichs' home. They held suspicion that the husband was responsible for the death of his wife.

**HOME AT TIME**  
Subotich claims that he has not left the Harbor since the tragic death of his wife. On the day Mrs. Subotich asked him to take her to Hammond, her husband stated that he was sick and refused. Later Dave Krobuchar consented to take her.

Detective Sergeant Edward J. Powers said "this character is bad. He has been known for a long time as the operator of a place full of shady houses and gambling resorts in Indiana Harbor. A year ago he was sentenced as a bootlegger by Judge Anderson at Indianapolis."

This is believed to be the outstanding reasons why the police are holding Subotich.

**GARY SWITCHMAN IN BANKRUPTCY**  
George Bratton, Gary switchman, is taking advantage of the bankruptcy law to get his creditors off his back and give himself an opportunity to get a new start. He has had a lot of sickness in recent years. This has cut in on his employment and at the same time has added to his debts.

Today he filed his voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court at Hammond. He lists his debts at \$687.23. Most of them are doctor bills and accounts with clothing and grocery stores. His assets amount to only \$200 and he claims exemption for all of them. Bratton lives at 536 Connecticut st.

### MYSTERIES OF CLASSROOM REVEALED

Hammond Parents Will Go To School Tonight And See How It's Done.

Like examining some strange phenomenon or intricate and costly piece of machinery viewed under a protecting cover of glass, Hammond parents tonight will be introduced to the mysteries of the class room when open house will be held at the high school with every class in session and every student and teacher at work.

Evening school will be held in the elementary grades throughout the city during the week so that parents may visit the classes and witness the work-day world of the pupil.

This in conjunction with the Hammond school board's program for observance of National Education Week.

At the high school this evening the visiting parents can start in by having dinner from 6 p. m. in the cafeteria. The students' lunch room is in charge of Miss Dahl, a competent dietitian and domestic science engineer. Hammond high is proud of its splendid cafeteria and it's the hope of the faculty that every parent visit it.

Class room recitations will begin at the high school at 8:00 p. m., with two half-hour periods of regular school work in all departments. Pupils will act as ushers, escorting visitors from one room to another.

At 9:00 p. m., "auditorium period" will be held. A program comprising music by the school orchestra, songs by the glee club, and a play-let by the dramatic club. There will be other features and talks by the school members and Superintendent L. L. Caldwell.

**59-YEAR-OLD "SHEIK" WINS HIS FREEDOM**

**Puts Up Perfect Alibi To Refute Tale of Rustic Wooing.**

**CROWN POINT, IND., Dec. 5.**—Attorney Theodore T. Brown, of Crown Point, Ind., today heard the evidence of his main witness, Mrs. Amelia Smolen, of Black Oak, Ind., aged 58, wealthy Chicago drycleaner, who moved that the case be dismissed.

Acting on the motion, Judge Martin Smith threw out of court the litigation that threatened the fortune, freedom and marital bliss of the wealthy undertaker.

It was a story of the Judge and Maud Miller brought down to date, jizzed up a bit and flavored with hard cider.

Max Drygalaki rode in a Cadillac instead of atop a horse, as did the judge, and Mrs. Smolen was the farmer's wife and not his daughter.

When the case came to trial this week the barbershops, pool rooms and the town hotel lobby were emptied of their loafers. They crowded into the court room.

"He was a Sheik," said Mrs. Smolen, aged 58 and buxom.

The jury leaned forward. Then followed the tale of an amorous courtship. Max worked fast, according to his accuser.

### Did You Hear That?

CHIEF of Police Bunde is rabbit hunting today.

JEWELRY stores will be open evenings until Christmas.

THE Elks are putting on another dance for themselves and friends at the club rooms Friday evening.

WHAT is said to be the smallest perfect wrist watch in the world is on exhibit at Cousins Jewelry store.

THE Hammond Boy Scout Council will have its annual meeting and banquet at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th.

FREED of petty larceny charge, George McBee and Kenneth Kouts are fined in criminal court for trespass. The larceny charge was withdrawn.

VERNE SUMMERS, specialist in getting novel advertising for his pharmacy, has a barometer that is daddy of them all and a beautiful instrument.

THE Parthenon has the best bill this week it has had this year. "Manslaughter" is a masterpiece and two of the funniest comedies you ever saw.

SEVERAL members of the West Hammond Gun Club returned Monday evening from a hunt with 133 rabbits which they distributed among the poor.

THIS evening the Chamber of Commerce directors will have dinner and listen to a speech by the secretary of the South Bend Chamber of Commerce.

THE famous John Barrymore and the "world's greatest" cast will flicker before the public for four days commencing tonight in "Sherlock Holmes" at the Orpheum.

JACK CROAK'S new hunting lodge on the Kankakee river is complete and the owner is host to his friends on week-end hunting trips. It is the finest lodge on the river.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Please bring the hotel guest occupying the adjoining room a muffled tin cracker for Christmas. Kindly take away the devil he's using now. Disgraced.

HOW times do change. Just ten years ago The Times had an editorial crapping about the poor cab service in town. 'Twas alleged the cabs smelled horsey and the drivers were very indifferent.

"JUST look at the other side of it," said an indignant citizen driver. "I know big cars in this town that run 50 and 60 miles an hour on Holman street. Nothing is said to them. But a jitney run 25 miles and hear the howl."

DEPUTY U. S. Marshal Cross has had a hectic fortnight serving federal grand jury subpoenas in Gary. He dug some of the parties from beneath mattresses, in attics and from under sidewalks. Everybody took to cover.

AMONG recent enlistments through the Hammond recruiting station are John A. Rogers, of Crown Point, in the coast artillery at Honolulu, and Cecil L. Cole, of East Chicago, for the quartermaster corps at San Antonio, Texas.

STREET cars in head-on collision. Two cars maneuvering out of the barns at Gostlin and Hohman streets crash head-on yesterday. The front vestibule of one was demolished. Arnold and Lohse were one crew. No one hurt.

JOHN GORMAN, of Hammond, has enlisted for three years in the coast artillery. He selected Hawaii as the best location. Sergeants R. A. Kelly and M. E. Coomer, in charge of the Hammond recruiting station, are expecting a rush since winter has come.

T. W. KLEIN wishes to thank the person who upset his bicycle in front of the Pappas Jewelry store and caused it to be smashed. He says it was old and he wanted an excuse for buying a new one any way. Otherwise it would have been a dirty trick.

SMART aleck gets slapped. When Charles Peterson, Gary, student at Hammond high, got too tough in the candy store of Arthur Rothman, 867 Calumet avenue, Rothman ejected him. Rothman, arrested on a charge of assault and battery, was discharged in city court.

TWO boy bandit gangs nabbed. One of them, comprising four youngsters between 10 and 15 years of age, are caught trying to enter Singer Machine Co. offices in State street. One of the boys is a son of a West Hammond policeman. The other gang operating in Robertdale, living in Whitting, steal pop from American Bottling plant. Juvenile authorities take all eight lads under surveillance.

M. W. GRAVES, 327 Johnson st., works new "ton" game. David Friedman, auto accessory owner charges Graves, purporting to be employed by Keith Railways Equipment Co., orders auto accessories on credit. Gives name of company. Then has woman call garage. She says she represents company and that order should be filled. Investigation proves fraud. Graves is fined and given suspended jail sentence.

### MRS. CLARA PHILLIPS ESCAPES

Hammer Murderer Saws Way From Los Angeles Jail

BY WILLIAM G. CAYCE  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT, N. S. SERVICE)  
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 5.—Every possible avenue of escape was being watched this morning as all southern California joined in a gigantic "woman hunt" for Clara Phillips, convicted "Hammer murderer" of Alberta Meadows, who made one of the most sensational and daring escapes from jail on record, here early today.

Saving through the steel bars of the windows of the women's department of the county jail, the "lucky" woman is believed to have made her way across an adjoining building to a ladder, thence to the street and a waiting automobile.

**AID FROM OUTSIDE**  
Mrs. Phillips was aided by outside persons who propped a ladder against the walls of an adjoining building so she could descend to the street.

Deputy sheriffs were sent to take into custody Armour L. Phillips, Mrs. Phillips' husband and her two sisters, Etta May and Olga Weaver, and Victoria Cross, her chorus girl chum.

Sheriff Traeger ordered that Mrs. Madalynne Oberchain, who was released from the county jail yesterday, be located and questioned concerning her action since she left the jail.

**COMPLAINED OF ILLNESS**  
Mrs. Phillips is thought to have made her escape some time between 3 a. m. and 7 a. m. this morning. Last night, according to jail attaché, she complained of being ill and retired to her cell early, requesting that she be not disturbed. At 3 o'clock this morning Mrs. O. D. Fisher, matron on duty, stopped at the door of the cell occupied by Mrs. Phillips, but noticed nothing unusual. When she made a morning round of the cells at 7 o'clock to summon the prisoners to breakfast, Mrs. Fisher discovered Mrs. Phillips' cell empty.

Three steel bars, each an inch thick, had been sawed in two in the window of Mrs. Phillips' cell. The bars were pulled from their places leaving an opening of about two feet square, through which Mrs. Phillips had crawled.

**FEAT ALMOST MIRACLE**  
With extraordinary strength Mrs. Phillips apparently climbed up to the top of the jail building, four stories above the ground.

A cordon of police and deputy sheriffs was flung about the city with lookouts on every possible gateway out of the city. Mrs. Phillips is believed to have had at least an hour's start on her pursuers and several hours start on the general alarm.

Information that Mrs. Phillips had escaped was flashed to San Diego and federal authorities at the international border line at Tijuana were asked to keep a sharp lookout for her in event she tried to get across the line into Mexico. Also cities in California and California were notified of the fall break.

**CLOSE WATCH MADE**  
Railroad stations, steamship docks and stage offices were also being closely watched.

A flight plan was located in the women's quarters at the extreme east end of the top floor of the four story county jail building and overlooked a small court some sixty feet below and ten feet wide.

As the investigation of the escape was almost definitely decided by deputy sheriffs that Mrs. Phillips did not leave her cell by the door but escaped by sliding down a rope or drain pipe her cell window.

The theory was also advanced that after saving the bars of her cell window, she walked on a narrow plank, stretched from her cell window across the court to a nearby building.

**DROPS 20 FEET**  
Mrs. Phillips is then thought to have dropped from the roof of the jail to an adjoining building, a descent of 20 feet, by sliding down a "water drain pipe" from the roof of the building next to the jail, which is three stories from the ground, she is thought to have descended to an alleyway on ladders placed against the wall by the person or persons who assisted her in her dash for freedom.

Mrs. Phillips was barefooted when she escaped, as her toe prints were found in the dirt on the roof of the building.

In the adjoining cell to Mrs. Phillips was a negro named Alma Smith, who declared she did not hear Mrs. Phillips leave her cell. The cell on the other side of the one occupied by Mrs. Phillips was empty, having been deserted by Mrs. Madalynne Oberchain last yesterday afternoon.

**WAS SCANTILY ATTIRED**  
Mrs. Phillips was scantily attired in a dark suit when she left the jail leaving behind her now-famous Black suit and hat. She also left several other articles of clothing behind in her cell.

### BUNKING TRAMP STARTS FIRE

Seven Pennsylvania railroad stock cars were destroyed by fire on the lead near the Green Engineering Co. plant at East Chicago about 6 o'clock this morning. The loss is estimated at \$7,000.

With fifty other bad orders the seven flaming cars were separated and pulled to an adjacent siding by a B. & O. C. T. switch engine before further damage was done. The fire is believed to have been started by a tramp bunking in one of the cars.

Members from Numbers 2 and 3 fire engines unable to get sufficient water hose and used sand to extinguish the flames.

### ROTARY OBSERVES EDUCATION WEEK

Seated comfortably about the "growing board," his meal finished and his groaning stilled, Hammond Rotary this noon at its regular week ly luncheon at the Lyndora Hotel, visited the Hammond schools. Without leaving their seats some hundred of the city's leading business and professional men were mentally whisked through from athletic field to science "lab" and back through the class room and gymnasium.

It was Rotary's observance of National Education Week. Hammond's high school boys "sat in" as the guests of the Rotarians.

L. L. Caldwell, superintendent of schools, in a general survey of the teaching methods and class room work carried the illuminating torch far into the recesses of the minds of the captains of industry and merchant princes gathered about the table. He told them things about educational methods of today as compared with those the men knew as boys that made the little red school house of tradition look like a hovel alongside the plant and equipment of the modern school.

Miss Julia Walker and Master Joe Moran talked stoutly about the academic side of high school life. Each contracted the value to society of the educated youth with that of uneducated.

F. Irving Wilson, school coach told of the wonderful strides made in rehabilitating athletics in the schools. He recalled the record of the school boys' two defeats and two ties of the varsity football team the fall and "proclaimed a happy season of basketball."

W. C. Beiman, former school superintendent, recited a history of education in the Hammond schools.

### MUSICIANS ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting and election of officers was held last evening by the Hammond Federation of Musicians, which consists of all organized musicians of Lake county. The following officers were elected for the year 1923:

President, B. G. Young; vice president, H. E. Baublen; secretary, Reinhardt Elster; treasurer, Ed. S. Bate; board of directors, B. G. Young, H. E. Baublen, Reinhardt Elster, S. H. Bolton, Wm. Gurbett, F. W. Littman, A. L. Meldahl, D. L. Bennett, Percy J. Glover; board of appeals, Clarence G. Phillips, A. L. Brookman, Fred V. Alexander; auditing board, F. H. Leverenz, Percy J. Glover, Andrew Liesenfelt; examination board, F. H. Leverenz, H. J. Geiger, Donald C. Sparling; delegates L. C. C. U. John F. Schwartz, D. C. Sparling, C. W. Turner; Sergeant at arms, H. J. Geiger; delegates to national convention at St. Louis, B. G. Young, Reinhardt Elster, Ed. S. Bate; alternates, Albert Gehring, F. W. Littman.

### DR. SALISBURY SERIOUSLY ILL

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 5.—The many friends of Dr. Allen Salisbury in this city will regret to learn that he is very sick with pleurisy at his home in East Street. His condition which has been very grave for several days is slightly improved today.

BUS service to Chicago will stop at midnight tonight if local bus men observe an injunction issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission. They plan to fight the move.

fallen four stories below to a concrete court and certain death.

The ladders which are thought to have been used in aiding Mrs. Phillips to escape were found in a nearby alley.

Fifty cent pieces and a picture of her husband were found on a small table in her cell.

### AUTO BOOSTERS CHOSE HOOD OF GARY, PRES.

Bad weather last evening failed to dampen the ardor of Lake county's boosters of the automobile game. Eighty of them turned out for the banquet which preceded the organization of the Lake County Automobile Association at the North Shore Inn, Cedar Lake.

The hard luck put in by J. G. Hoffman, Jerry O'Neil and Roy Beucius, the Hammond committee, showed in Hammond's representative of thirty, the largest delegation at the meeting.

A permanent organization was formed and the following officers were elected:

President, Paul Hood of Gary, First vice president, August Nuenfeld of Crown Point.

Second vice president, Jerry O'Neil of Hammond.

Third vice president, H. E. Lee of Gary.

Secretary, P. J. Bauwens of Hammond.

Treasurer, Rudolph Clausen of Crown Point.

Appointment of the various committees was placed in the hands of President Hood. Because of the importance of the selections, especially on the legislative committee, he decided to take some time for the work and make his announcement later.

A board of directors will be chosen later. Each community which has a place of business fall

### 105 INJURED IN WRECK ON WABASH

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 5.—One hundred and five passengers, many of whom are from Missouri, today are recovering from injuries sustained last night when Wabash train No. 14, enroute to St. Louis, was derailed six miles from here. Some are seriously injured.

A number are suffering from broken arms and legs. Others believed to have suffered internal injuries are under treatment in hospitals in Council Bluffs and Omaha.

### FLATEST BULLETINS!

(BULLETIN)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Twenty armed bandits attempted early today to loot the Standard Distillery at Baltimore but were routed by police, four being captured and the others following a blizzard and the first general below zero temperature of the season, which were reported from Montana, North and South Dakota and Northern Wisconsin.

(BULLETIN)  
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—The Minnesota today enjoys generally clear and cold weather following a blizzard and the first general below zero temperature of the season, which were reported from Montana, North and South Dakota and Northern Wisconsin.

(BULLETIN)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—Police today were searching for the drivers of two automobiles which last night struck and killed two Indianapolis women while they were waiting for a street car. The first machine knocked the two women to the pavement and the second, following closely, ran over them.

One woman, Miss Josephine Herman, 24, was killed instantly, and the other, Mrs. Dolly Mitchell, 23, died in hospital today. De Palma is serving a sentence for speeding 70 miles an hour.

(BULLETIN)  
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 5.—President A. R. Erskine of the Studebaker Corporation is in New York to attend a special meeting of the directors of the Studebaker Corporation. It is rumored here a \$20,000,000 million will be cut.

(BULLETIN)  
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Authorities today were investigating the mystery surrounding the death of Miss Bessie Born, graduate of the class of 1888 of Purdue University, whose body was found in a local hotel. The dead woman was a talented musician, having studied in Germany under Moszkoski.

(BULLETIN)  
REDDING, Calif., Dec. 5.—E. Lyevelyn, a truck driver of Trinity Center, received by the same mail notice that he had inherited two large fortunes in England, one through the death of his mother and another by the legacy of an uncle dying two weeks later.

(BULLETIN)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Betrayed into the hands of the police by a woman, Morris Bogoslawski, 23, today made a complete confession, according to Chief of Detectives Michael Hughes, that he and three other men now

## REQUEST IS SET FOR SATURDAY

Father of Boy Slayer Goes to Work Without Seeing Him

Did Walter Schultz, aged 12, kill Herman Wolf, aged 12 of Lansing, in cold blood?

About the flower banked bier of Herman Wolf in the darkened parlor of his home in Lake street, Lansing, the sobbing of a bereaved family is punctuated with muttered maledictions directed at Walter Schultz, the slayer of young Wolf.

The restraint of the family is echoed in the streets of Lansing where a popular demand is heard for the prosecution of Schultz.

Wolf's body, ripped open when a shotgun shell fired by Schultz plowed through his stomach, was removed this morning from Emmerling's undertaking parlors, Hammond, following a postmortem examination by Deputy Coroner H. J. White.

The inquest to be held at Hammond Saturday will determine the fate of the youthful killer.

Schultz, in a cell in the Lansing police station, is bewildered, crushed, terror stricken.

His own father, Walter Schultz, has refused to stand by his son who he provided with the shotgun used by the boy in the shooting of Wolf the father both yesterday and today refused to visit his son at South Hammond where he is confined in the cinder pits of the Stinson yards.

He said he might make an effort to see the boy tonight. He didn't know for sure.

Young Schultz stoutly maintains that the whole thing was an accident. The shooting occurred Sunday afternoon when Schultz, coming home after a lone hunting trip, accosted four boys, one of whom was Herman Wolf. All the boys were neighbors.

Schultz leveled his gun at one after another of the group. Their cries of warning that the gun might be loaded were unavailing. Schultz continued his malicious tormenting, frightening the boys. Young Wolf is said to have dared Schultz to pull the trigger. The dare was accepted and Wolf dropped to the ground mortally wounded. Schultz fled and was captured at the home of his grandmother in Munster.

Schultz, a juvenile delinquent, inveterate school truant, and village "bad boy" will likely be immortalized by the late Lansing populace as the most vicious, youthful, insolent and wayward monster. He will become the favorite "bogymen" of fond mothers stern fathers.

But in his cell in the station he doesn't know that. He only knows he's done something dreadful, knows that he cannot look for aid from his dead mother knows he's abandoned by his father.

Young Wolf is sleeping in the flower perfumed parlor of his father's home; young Schultz is crowded in his cell. Both are dead to the world.

### LOWELL ENTERS 6 STEERS

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—C. T. Bailey & Sons of Lowell, Ind., have entered six Hereford steers in the International Live Stock Exposition which is being held here December 2nd to 8th. The Baileys have been exhibitors at the International for the last seven years. Their herd bull, "Ray Donald," has won many prize winners of the past. There are about 150 Herefords in the Bailey herd.

Eighty-six exhibitors from twenty-three states and Canada have entered 566 head of Herefords in the International. The Exposition will rival the American Royal at Kansas City, always a great Hereford show, in the number of Whitefaced to be shown. The Hereford breed leads in the number of beef cattle entries.

The International Sale of Registered Herefords is to be held Friday, December 8th, in the sale pavilion on the International show grounds. Ninety-one head from some of the leading American breeders will be offered by thirty-three consignors. Association officials recommend the purchase of the Herefords offered in this sale, as the quality is high and the range of prices will be such as to make every animal a paying investment.

### HAMMOND DELEGATION SHOWING UP WELL

Hammond had thirty high school boys at the Older Boys' Christmas Citizenship Conference which was held at Marion Friday evening and Saturday, aside from the delegations from nearby cities. Hammond had the largest turnout of the conference.

Marion showed the 566 visitors a great time. Some of the country's best known boy workers were on the program. The organization of Hi-Y clubs was discussed thoroughly and cores of these high school clubs will be formed this year in various cities.