

Argos  
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Plymouth

# News Notes

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Work Brings People Together; News Brings Friends Together.

## NEWS NOTES FROM ARGOS

Your roving reporter has been on vacation for a couple of weeks, so NEWS is scarce this month. Everyone was happy for the Saturday, November 11th day off. Several went Christmas shopping.

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Our school soccer team came through with flying colors and achieved the title of STATE SOCCER CHAMPS for 1978. Their final game with Carmel was played on Saturday night at Indianapolis and was very exciting. They ended the game with a score of 5 to 2 to bring the title home. A large celebration was in store for the boys when they returned to Argos that evening. Our thoughts turn to basketball now and we hope we can come out with the same results for this.

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Pamela Shoemaker, daughter of Gerald and Doris Shoemaker became the bride of Dennis Ringle on Saturday, October 21st at the Christian Church in Argos. A reception was held later in the Friendship Room of The State Exchange Bank. After a brief honeymoon, the couple returned to their newly acquired home in Argos. Pamela is employed at the Holiday Inn at Plymouth and Dennis is employed at Hop-Cap in Bremen. Our congratulations and best wishes to this fine young couple.

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Jody Hagan, granddaughter of Frances & Earl Mattix, has applied and been accepted at St. Francis Art Institute College in Fort Wayne after her graduation in the Spring.

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Reporter: Frances Mattix

## Plymouth News

We welcome Penny Lukenbill to our loan department. We are happy to have you, Penny, and do hope that you are beginning to feel "at home" in your new surroundings.

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Dee Brown is happy to report that Christmas Club checks have been mailed out to 1,176 lucky people. Many 1979 Christmas Clubs have already been opened.

## Plymouth News Continued....

Mildred Young, Rose Voreis and Jean Kindred attended a Safe Deposit Conference on Wednesday, November 8 at the Sherton West Hotel in Indianapolis. The conference was very interesting and educational. They reported that the ride down and back was even enjoyable as they saw both the sunrise and the beautiful sunset on the trip.

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Are the faces familiar in the bank ads appearing in the Pilot-News? Kelso Holm and Murel Gates are the men enjoying checkers and popcorn. They provide the messenger service for our banks. ...Christopher Miller, son of Larry and Joan Miller, is the cute little guy with the bunny as his companion...and if you are wondering who is behind that Santa Claus beard in our Christmas Club ad, it is Larry Miller.

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Ethel Sanders enjoyed two weeks vacation touring the eastern states of Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, and Massachusetts at the peak of the color season.

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Janet and Verne Heims visited their daughter, Rosie, in Arlington Heights, IL on October 22. They also attended a Fall Musical Concert presented by Frank Eikenberry, a friend of Rosie's.

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Bob and Esther Milner are visiting their children and grandchildren, Phil, Marilyn and family in Nova Scotia. They will return on November 20th.

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Crayton, Virginia, and Diana Holderead went to Grand Rapids, MI on a visit to son Bruce's home and family. Christopher age 5, celebrated his birthday with 2 sets of grandparents and great-grandparents with him.

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Dee and Jim Brown are in Phoenix, AZ. Jim is on business trip and Dee is vacationing.

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One of the entries in the Plymouth Junior Miss Pageant this year is the exchange student, Iza Abreu, from Brazil, daughter of Carl and Mary Fox for the 78-79 school year. Her interests are sports, painting and photography. Iza's pageant presentation will be a dance. Although she can-

not compete to win, Iza explains that she will gain good experience by practicing and performing.

\*\*\*REPORTER: Jean Webster\*\*\*

#### FARMERS STATE BANK

Gloria Kowatch spent part of her vacation in Chicago while her son, Jeff, had ear surgery. Jeff reports his "bionic ear" is tuning him in on a lot he missed before. Gloria spent the rest of the vacation at home.

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Roy and Esther Reed toured on their vacation from Crossville, TN, to Gatlinburg, from North Carolina to Virginia, to Gettysburg, Pa and the war museum there. They enjoyed a few days visit with daughter, Gloria, and her family in Indianapolis too.

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Al and Marjorie Cummins recently returned from an enjoyable trip to Hawaii. Bus tours were taken on 3 of the 4 islands they visited seeing such points of interest as: active volcanoes, sugar cane fields, Pearl Harbor, and the Ala Moana Shopping Plaza. Al remarked they were privileged to see some good Hawaiian dancers. We expect to see Al and Marge in their Hawaiian garb some day.

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Ralph and Doris Lamborn recently vacationed in the eastern states covering 14 states and Canada. Ralph reports the fall foliage was beautiful.

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Auditors from McQueen and Thieling spent a few days with us this past month. The first day we felt we were being invaded as 10 auditors descended upon us.

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Shirley and Ivan Magnuson recently picked up their son, Terry, at Indianapolis and drove on to Terre Haute to spend the day with son Steve at Indiana State University.

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Diana Larry, Jeff and Kirk Weiss spent the weekend at Turkey Run State Park. The rugged trails begin to tire those over 8 years old!

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JoAnn Powers was kept very busy preparing 497 Christmas Club checks totaling \$100,151.50 for mailing. We appreciate her effort and are now busily opening 1979 Christmas Clubs. Our customers are appreciative of the beautiful place-mats.

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Muriel and Everett Garrett's family is increasing fast. Daughter, Brenda, and Mark Hale are the proud parents of Erin Marie born Oct. 12. The Garrett's son, Dennis and wife Kathy welcomed Dennis Eugent II on Oct. 18. Congratulations to all!!! (another grandchild is due too)

Farmers State Bank News Conti.....

Paula and Junior Davenport spent a few days in Southern Indiana. Paula had a shopping spree in New Albany.

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We are happy to welcome Carol Jones back to bookkeeping. She has a new diamond from Mike Bradley of LaPaz. The couple plan to be married in May. Congratulations you two!

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We've had to shift for ourselves at lunch for several days since the cook, Marilyn Downs, has been gone due to the illness of her father. We wish Mr. Sellers a speedy recovery.

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Betty Shepherd, accompanied by daughter Andrea, Andrea's 3 daughters, and son, Don's daughter, Carrie, recently traveled to Salyersville, KY for a visit.

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Reporter: Diana Weiss

#### CULVER NEWS

Teller Tidbits...

Welcome back from vacation to Marianne Ransdell. She spent a lovely and relaxing two weeks among the tall pines and the shimmering sands-----better make that "tall PANES and shimmering SUDS!" She enjoyed it so much, she'll probably do windows for all who ask for help!

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Denise Berkheiser, formerly in Bookkeeping is now in the teller line. Glad to have you, Denise. Jean Kindred has moved from the teller line to the vault-reception area. Jean will also be handling the Deluxe Check orders.

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C.J. Adams and wife Virginia are enjoying the sunny skies of Florida...They will come back with good tans!!

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Customers and employees alike really laughed at our two clowns on Halloween. The makeup and the costumes were something to behold! We're sure that Barb Hittle and Joyce Babcock could have won a prize in any contest they might have entered that day. Maybe next year we should all try it!

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Debbie and Mike Overmyer entertained her parents from Mt. Sterling, IL over the Veterans weekend.

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Lynne and Denny Geiger have a new baby boy, Richard Allan Geiger, born Oct 16. How happy we are for you all!

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Thanksgiving has not yet arrived, but



Christmas party plans are under way. The Annual Tellers Christmas Party will be held at the Kay and Larry Davis home on Dec. 12. If this warm weather lasts, they all have to go swimming!

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Reporter: Jean Kindred

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### Legal News....

Charlotte Jung will be making her annual "Pheasant- Shopping" trip to Iowa over the Veterans Day week-end. Her aunt and uncle from Minnesota will accompany her to visit her brother, Keith and family in Des Moines. The men will go Pheasant Hunting and the ladies will be Christmas shopping. Charlotte expects to bring home pheasants to supplement the turkey when she entertains about 45 members for Thanksgiving on Sunday, Nov. 26!

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The new windows installed all over the bank are very attractive and I'm sure will prove to be much help for warmth this winter. They were initiated at Halloween Time with shaving creme and eggs, but J.C. and Vern cleaned them up quickly.

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Reporter: Esther Reed

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### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 9, 1978-Saturday  
6:30 P.M. Holiday Inn, Plymouth.

PUNCH BOWL-6:30P.M.  
Dinner -7:00P.M.

All employees please advice your supervisors if you and spouse will attend. Charlotte Jung must have all reservations no later that December 4.

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Remember: Christmas Shopping Day must be taken between November 1 and January 31 at the convenience of you and of your supervisor.

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### Auditing Department....

Girls in auditing still have not forgiven Margaret Swanson for winning the baseball pool three days in a row! Margaret and sister, Astrid Voreis of South Bend, toured southern Indiana, including Clifty Falls State Park, French Lick, Spring Mill and visited relatives at Lake Edgewood near

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### Auditing conti.....

Martinsville---boy! ..that baseball pool took you far, Marg!

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### Data Processing.....

Our congratulations to Andy Castleman, son of Rex and Betty, for playing a great game and helping Argos to win the title of State Soccer Champs.

Fern Little took a week of her vacation relaxing and taking side trips to Cedar Lake and the shopping mall.

Joyce Wilson's family of pigs keeps growing--We want to know what she is going to do with all of her little ones?

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Reporter: Patti Jo Strang

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At a luncheon meeting held at the Holiday Inn on Nov. 9, it was announced to community educators that the Directors of The State Exchange Bank, have authorized an increase in the annual Bank Scholarship Grant from \$375.00 to \$500.00 per year for a total of \$2,000.00 for 4 consecutive years at a state university by the selected graduating senior at Argos, Bremen, Culver, LaVille, and Plymouth High Schools.

The bank scholarship was established in 1959 as an encouragement to high school graduates to continue their education, and also, to provide funds to assist some deserving students who otherwise might be unable to finance their education. The bank scholarship grant is directed by Deane Walker.

Article by: J. Webster

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### BREMEN NEWS

Sally Clark's daughter, Cindy, made the pom pcm group at Manchester College.

Mary A. Horst's mother, Mary Fogarty, came to live with her this past month.

Reporter: Kris Cannon

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The only thing so simple that a child can operate is a grandparent.

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Contrary to popular opinion, the Women's Lib movement did not begin when women got tired of dancing backwards.

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## THE CULVER CITIZEN.

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CULVER, INDIANA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1921.

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MONEY AND LAWYERS  
BACKING HOLDUP GANGWill Fight Their Case in Court—Other Developments and Incidents in Bank Raid—  
No Change in Saine's Condition.

The outstanding incidents of the past week are the return of Mr. Zechiel and Mr. Saine to their homes, the application of the prisoners for bail and the attempt of the prisoners' attorneys and physicians to examine Mr. Saine. Judge Carr is taking no chances of a perversion of justice in so far as he is sustained by the law. He will hold the prisoners without bail as long as he can legally do so. Mr. Saine's condition is critical. Should his death occur within a year all of the prisoners, according to the Indiana law as understood by Attorney Logan, can be held for murder. Should Mr. Saine live more than a year a murder charge cannot lie even against the man who shot him. The maximum penalty for robbery is 30 years. It is apparently impossible for the prisoners to escape conviction on this charge.

## Developments of the Week.

Mr. Zechiel left the hospital a week ago yesterday and is now able to walk down town. Mr. Saine was brought to the home of his father on Thursday. Greater quiet can be assured there than at the academy hospital since the opening of school. His tenure of life is uncertain. Eleven doctors have examined him and all agree as to the inevitability of his death—but whether this is a matter of days, weeks or months cannot be told. The nature of his injury will naturally cause pneumonia which will hasten the end.

A telegram from the sheriff at Clinton, Iowa, stating that he was holding a man answering the description of Wilt sent Marshal Murphy there Monday night. Murphy was accompanied by Woodson Nelson, one of the men driven into the ice box by Wilt. The man was not Wilt.

Attorneys Herrman of Chicago and Reed of Knox, accompanied by Drs. Moses and Schroeder of Chicago, were here yesterday to see Saine. They called on Dr. Mackey who informed them that the Saine family would not admit them. They then asked for a conference with President Shilling and Cashier Osborn of the bank who, with Mayor Ferrier, Dr. Mackey and others met them at the hotel. Here they were given to understand that their presence in Culver was unnecessary and unwelcome. They acquiesced without opposition

and soon after left town for Knox. They previously applied to Judge Carr for an order to see Saine, but were informed that as he had already acceded to a similar request of theirs by sending Dr. Knott of Plymouth here on Sunday he had gone in that direction as far as he thought advisable and any further examinations would be at the option of the Saine family. Dr. Knott was not the choice of the prisoners' attorneys who wanted a certain doctor from Notre Dame, but the judge informed them that he would appoint whom he chose.

The nerves of the people of Culver are somewhat raw and their temper is irritable. A holdup man caught here now would not fare as well as the bank gang did. The people were stunned rather than enraged by the overwhelming experiences of that Wednesday morning; now, after realizing the murderous intent of the

gang they have pretty definitely prepared and resolved upon their procedure in case of another holdup.

## Seek Release on Bail.

(From the Plymouth Republican.)

Judge Carr denied to admit the four Culver bank robbers to bail Saturday afternoon on motion of their attorneys for bail.

Mr. Read of Knox made the motion and read the constitution and law of Indiana which says that a judge shall admit to bail in all cases except murder and treason. He argued that the court had no discretion in the matter.

Prosecuting Attorney Brown answered for the state that the court had a discretion and that in this case the death of Mr. Saine was imminent and that if he died the charge against these men would become a charge of murder.

Harley A. Logan who is assisting the state in the case, also argued that the court should not in such a case admit the prisoners to bail, because if these men were wanted for the more serious charge they would then be where they could not be secured for trial.

Judge Carr called up before him Dr. Reed, Dr. Tallman and Dr. Mackey of Culver and asked them about the condition of Mr. Saine. The first two men said they had seen him about noon and that they believed he could not live more than 48 hours.

Dr. Mackey said that he believed Mr. Saine was already dying.

Judge Carr immediately said, "I will refuse at this time to admit these men to bail."

Attorneys for the robbers said that they would renew the motion for bail if Mr. Saine did not die within 48 hours according to the testimony.

On request from the attorneys for the Culver robbers, Judge Carr ordered that the men be brought back from Michigan City and be in court during the presentation of motions in the case. It being the rule that a person charged with a crime must be present whenever any action is taken in the case, it was necessary that these men be brought here.

Sheriff Franklin, accompanied by Noble Rorer and Ex-Sheriff Monroe Steiner went to Michigan City Friday night and on Saturday morning brought the four men to Plymouth. They made the trip via South Bend and over the Vandalia from there, because the Lake Erie has no trail from Michigan City.

Report that the robbers had been brought back to Plymouth spread rapidly and by 2 o'clock in the afternoon the court room was filled with spectators, among them being S. C. Shilling, president of the Culver Exchange bank, his wife and daughter, Mrs. Carl Adams; Dr. Reed of Culver Military academy, Dr. H. H. Tallman and Dr. C. S. Mackey, all of whom are caring for J. Russell Saine.



JEROME ZECHIEL.

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Appearing in court for the robbers were Attorney Wm. J. Reed of Knox; Maxwell R. Herman and James Fardy both attorneys of Chicago. Carl Silbert of Chicago, a brother of one of the robbers, and a man named Harris, also of Chicago, was here.

Drs. Reed and Tallman reported the condition of Mr. Saine as not much changed. He was taken from the academy hospital to his home on Thursday afternoon. On Friday afternoon Wm. Osborn was called to the Saine home and wrote Mr. Saine's will.

At 2:20 the four robbers were brought into court by Sheriff Franklin. They were handcuffed two together. The fellows seemed rather unconcerned, one of them even smiling frequently.

#### Claude May's Story.

On the order of the state's attorney the preliminary hearing of Ross Osborn, Earl Bonta and Guy Sellers of Knox, charged with complicity, set for Monday before Justice Voreis, was dismissed. The state did not care to reveal its line of evidence, and if the men are needed hereafter they can be re-arrested.

Claude May tells a very clear story of the raid as he viewed it. There was not a shot fired, he says, until after Byers got into the car. Saine ran out of the store with rifle in hand and halted opposite the bandit car, but not until Byers came out of the bank with a handkerchief over the lower part of his face and sprang into the rear seat of the car was Saine sure that the car belonged to the raiders. Then he raised his rifle and called upon them to stop as the car had begun to move slowly. Saine fired the first shot and then came shots in quick succession from the car. Saine fell and almost at the same time Zeziel dropped. By this

time the siren was sounding. May then ran back to the store, procured his revolver and emptied the chambers into the retreating car. The shots which came from the bank, he says, were fired by two of the three men inside—one shot coming through the south window evidently aimed at him and Pettis who were in the street firing, and another through the north window of the bank fired by a man who was standing either on a chair or a table.

Somebody trying to compliment Culver remarked that our bank hold-up was "real big town stuff." Please don't class us with the big towns. We catch our bank robbers in Culver.

Give Miss Lillie Seese, operator in the Central office, the credit of sounding the siren for the bank hold-up. Miss Seese says: "I had received the first call sent in from Bixel's store by Charley McLane and had notified several business houses, when I heard Mr. Stabenow on the side walk call out 'Sound the fire alarm!' I then plugged in on the siren. The siren is operated by a motor which, of course, starts on slow speed and increases to full speed, and it stops with gradually diminishing speed. This is what gives the sound its rise and fall. A special alarm for a case of this kind might be given by starting and stopping the motor two or three times, and while it would not sound the siren so loudly it would be sufficient to arouse the business district at least."

Jack Burns was sociable and ready to talk. He said they expected to find Culver "easy," but "their foot slipped." He was spokesman for the rest. He said they had received good treatment while in jail and their food was better than they expected. They called Mrs. Franklin "mother" because she had been good to them.

Burns and Fox are said to be old-timers at the business. Burns has been all over the country. A. W. Levy, special agent for the Bankers' association, said, "Burns is a slick one, and I wouldn't trust him in that jail twenty-four hours," continuing, he said, "Shilber is a Jew bandit. He is from the north side, the Jew district in Chicago, a bad locality. The other men are from the worst part of Chicago—the north end of the stockyards, in the Brighton district. Burns, Peter, Fox and the man that got away are Brighton park products."—Plymouth Democrat.

Lawrence Houghton was one of the men who dragged Pete Fox out from the brush pile. His name was omitted in last week's report.

#### Newspaper Comment.

Let all do honor and give rewards to those fine spirits in Culver who sprang with their weapons after the criminals and made one of the most sensational captures of the time. They have put the Chicago police in "the shade" and brought distinction to Culver and Marshall county.—Plymouth Republican.

Word has been received by the officers of Plymouth that the photographs and finger prints of the Culver bank robbers are not on the detective records at Chicago or the government criminal records of the rogues' gallery at Leavenworth, Kans. Photos and finger prints of the quartet, Jack Burns, Pete Fox, Art Shilber, and Joe Byers were sent to the government and detective agencies in order to determine whether or not they have criminal records. These findings would lead to the conclusion that the men are either non-professionals or have not long been denizens of the criminal world.—Plymouth Republican.

If the gangsters driven out of Chicago by Mayor Thompson's reform wave expect to find "easy picking out in the high grass" the stern resistance of the citizens of Culver ought to convince them that they can't terrorize the country towns. There is nothing soft and flabby about the average "small town" either morally or physically and when you get him on the home grounds he plays the game to win. When visiting the city, the small town sojourner is at a disadvantage. He is bewildered by the tall buildings, the congested traffic and falls an easy victim for the pickpocket and confidence man, thereby convincing the city crook that it is an easy matter to separate him from his roll. But when the fight is carried out into the open, it is pretty hard to terrorize the countryman. Even German terrorism didn't halt the American army in France and the American army was made up mostly of country boys. The crime wave will continue a city institution.—Rochester Sun.

You know the small-town guy—the one who leans against the post which holds up the wooden awning in front of the postoffice, or plays checkers in the back of the store and reads the items in the weekly newspaper about Jake Richardson's new barn and Amy Jones visiting her aunt in Kokomo.

Five gentlemen trained in the more cultivated fashion of the great cities had heard of him also, and went down to Culver, Ind., the other day to rob his bank—just by way of holiday recreation. Culver is 13 miles from Plymouth, which is the county seat of Marshall county, Ind. Now you know.

The stage was all set for Old Home Week for the nitro-glycerin financiers. But the small-town folks forgot their lines. Maybe they did not know the play. The one who

happened to be passing ran through a fusilade to give the alarm, the two nearest snatched guns and attacked at once; in about three minutes the fire whistle, followed by notice by telephone, got some hundred small towners on the street. Four of the five robbers were captured, all the money was saved, and Culver went back to bed.

Can it be that our villages are not aware of the adoration in which they are held by the comic papers? Quick, daring, co-operative action was exhibited by the citizens of Culver. They met a crisis in a strictly modern fashion. They should be more cautious. If such procedures continue, not only will a dear and time-worn tradition be destroyed, but robbery, under arms, one of our best advertised metropolitan allurements, will become practically unknown in the rural districts.—Chicago Herald-Ex-

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May, 1921 edition of the paper will be in the December issue.