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Warm with thundershowers tonight; Friday thundershowers and cooler.

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### Attacker Drags 15-Year-Old Into Parking Lot

# CRIES SAVE GIRL FROM RAPE

## Pickets Plead Guilty To Disorderly Conduct

### POLICE NAB THREE MEN ON TERRITORIAL

John Boles, 24, Named Attacker By Young Victim

#### BULLETIN

John Boles, 24, blond Arkansas, identified as a would-be rapist by a 15-year-old girl who was dragged into a Territorial street parking lot and attacked last night, told Police Detective Joe Anderson this afternoon. "I got drunk and don't remember much about what happened until I was arrested."

He said in a signed statement that he "started making the rounds of the taverns on Territorial street. We were in Tripp's and the Shangri-La for sure."

He admitted under further questioning that he had been so drunk it would have been possible for him to have attacked the girl without his remembering it.

Three men, two of them married, and one unmarried, were in custody today after being seized by police in a parking lot on Territorial road between Fourth and Fifth streets shortly after midnight, where, according to a 15-year-old girl, one of the trio attempted to rape her and threatened to kill her.

The girl's screams attracted attention, and police were called. Officers, speeding to the scene, arrested the trio, who were identified on police records as John Boles, 24, Wisteria hotel, Colfax avenue; Roy Clemons, 28, 670 E. Main, and William E. Spore, 20, 213 Park St., Watervliet. Boles and Clemons, police said, are married.

Boles is being held in the city jail, while Clemons and Spore were placed in the county jail in St. Joseph early this morning.

The girl, who was questioned at length by Police Detective Joseph Anderson at headquarters this morning, signed a statement identifying Boles as the man she said threw her to the ground and attempted to rape her. The girl said she believed he was intoxicated.

The young girl said she was walking unescorted on Territorial road soon after midnight when, she told police, she was accosted. She said she was "looking for her boy friend."

LAST NIGHT'S incident was another in a series of sex and other crimes that have in recent weeks developed into a major crime wave in Benton Harbor and highlighted increasing lawlessness here.

Police said the girl's screams attracted the attention of four men who were sitting in front of the Dwan hotel and that one of the men called police. According to the men sitting in front of the hotel, about midnight they saw three men walk out of a tavern across the street from the hotel. A few minutes later, the men told police, they heard a woman scream and saw a man dragging a young woman across Territorial road in the

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### Dispossessed: A Dog's Life!



Mr. and Mrs. Clay Heady moved into their new home in St. Joseph, Mo., (Sept. 9) a child's play house, 6 1/2 by 8 1/2 feet. A friend, Henry Bruckspan, offered them the use of the small house belonging to his daughter, Stacia, when they were unable to obtain other quarters. Stacia's dog, Bingo, accustomed to sleeping in the house, refused to leave. Mrs. Heady stands near the doorway to their new home with Bingo. (AP Wirephoto).

## Leonard Defends Strike Policy Of State Police

### Rand Report Is Released By Governor

LANSING, Sept. 11—Donald S. Leonard, Michigan State Police commissioner, insisted that State Police followed the right procedure in ordering the Benton Harbor Remington-Rand plant closed last July after an outbreak of violence between striking EUW-CIO members and Benton Harbor police.

After the incident, in which fire hoses were used to quell a riot and Sheriff Erwin H. Kubath had reported to Gov. Sigler that "a state of insurrection and riot" existed in Benton Harbor, State Police called to the city were subjected to sharp criticism for their alleged failure to give non-strikers protection.

A FULL REPORT of the affair was demanded by Gov. Sigler, whose subsequent ultimatum calling for cessation of strike violence and warning that lawlessness would not be tolerated was instrumental in bringing labor peace not only in Benton Harbor, but elsewhere in Michigan.

Leonard's report to the governor, defending his policies, was submitted to the state's chief executive Aug. 20, but has just been made public. Leonard informed the governor that the State Police "followed good police practice" in urging avoidance of bloodshed at the Remington-Rand plant.

It acknowledged that the police had asked the strikeboard company to abandon its plans to resume production and the union not to engage in mass picketing.

A force of 85 state troopers was sent to Benton Harbor July 23 after Berrien County Sheriff Erwin H. Kubath had reported to the governor existence of "a

### THREE PAY \$50 FOR RUCKUS AT NEW PRODUCTS

#### Minor Let Off Without Fine By City Judge

Pleas of guilty to charges of disorderly conduct against four members of Local 931, UE-CIO, allegedly involved in the car-tipping incident resulting from labor trouble at the New Products plant on Willow drive on Aug. 8, were entered before Judge Webster Sterling in Municipal court this morning.

The four who pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct are: Harry Bultema, 58, 305 Park street; Frank Radler, 57, Route 1; Michael Pries, 23, 200 Colfax; and Paul Ziemer, 29, 1041 La-vette.

Fines of \$50 and costs of \$6.20 each were levied against Bultema, Radler and Pries.

The charge against Ziemer however, was dismissed upon recommendation of Berrien County Prosecuting attorney Joseph Killian after the plea of guilty had been entered.

"In keeping with the policy of the county in not prosecuting minors involved in labor trouble," Killian said, "we move to dismiss the charge against Ziemer. Parental guidance and control would have more effect than a jail sentence or a fine on minors who have been 'duped' by labor leaders," he said.

The original charges against the four union men were interference with a worker in the peaceful pursuit of his avocation, a misdemeanor carrying a similar penalty to disorderly conduct. All four pleaded innocent when arraigned before Judge Sterling on Aug. 16 and the trial was set for today.

Before court opened this morning, the four, through their attorney, Robert Feldman, indicated that they would plead guilty to charges of disorderly conduct.

The four union men were arrested by city police, along with two others, Harold Anderson 31, ex-chairman of local 931, UE-CIO, New Products unit, and George Wilson, 44, an employee of Superior Steel, in connection with the tipping of a car, driven by Leonard Gruss, a non-striker.

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### Season's First Elbertas Will Be Shipped Today

The start of the Elberta peach season in southwestern Michigan was heralded today with an announcement by Nick Argondelis, manager of the Pearl Grange Fruit Exchange, that the exchange would ship out its first carload of Elbertas this afternoon. The car will be the first out of the fruit belt this year.

The Elberta peach is the major variety in this area, and is the best known of all varieties throughout the nation. The first few bushels of Elbertas to appear on the Benton Harbor fruit market were reported yesterday.

Argondelis said the first carload out would be made up entirely of U. S. No. 1 grade, two inches and up in size, packed under the exchange's "Top-All" brand label. The price received by the fruit exchange was \$3 per bushel f. o. b., Argondelis disclosed.

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If the 12 per cent increase had been in effect in the past 12 years, the loss ratio would have been 61 per cent, Forbes said.

### Inflation Marches On Fire Insurance Rates Increased 12.2 Per Cent

LANSING, Sept. 11—(AP)—Fire insurance rates were ordered increased an average of 12.2 per cent today by state Insurance Commissioner David A. Forbes.

The commission said the increase would cost policy holders after today \$3,326,272 on the basis of the 1946 premium volume of \$27,213,465.

Inflation and a substantial increase in fire losses in the past two to three years necessitated the rate raise, Forbes said.

In 1946, the actual fire insurance premiums written in Michigan totaled \$27,213,465 and losses paid were \$15,654,279, for a loss ratio of 57.5 per cent. In 1945, the loss ratio, Forbes said, was 61.3 per cent and in the past years 58.3 per cent.

### Bedridden Patients To Be Aided By Lions Club Gift To Library



At the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Benton Harbor Lions club at the Vincent hotel, Lions President Dr. W. H. Stocker is shown (extreme left) presenting to Arthur S. Knipschild, president of the Benton Harbor Public Library board, (third from left) two ceiling projectors. One of the projectors will be placed at Mercy hospital for use by bedridden patients, the other will be kept at the library to be loaned out to patients confined to bed at home.

Also at the presentation, left to right, were: Henry Hadley, second from left, James Ballard, Jr., Lions secretary, fourth from left, Mrs. Theodosia Arnold, head librarian and Mrs. Rose Burkert, Mercy hospital librarian.

Dedicated in memory of two deceased members of the Lions club, Sheldon Reed and Joseph Minor, two film ceiling projectors were presented to the Benton Harbor Public Library by the local Lions club at their regular Wednesday noon meeting at the Vincent hotel.

Making the presentation was Lions president Dr. W. H. Stocker, who presented the gift, in behalf of the club to Arthur S. Knipschild, president of the Benton Harbor Public Library board.

The ceiling film projectors, designed by the Argus Camera

Co. of Ann Arbor for use by bedridden patients in hospitals and homes, are the latest means of furnishing entertainment to patients too ill to hold a book to read. These complete books are reproduced on regular movie film rolls and projected on the ceiling above the patient's bed where he can "read the book" with a minimum of effort.

A small electrical device, containing three buttons which the patient may push to control the film, is attached to the projector. One button turns the machine on, a second button, when pres-

ed, starts the film through the projector, presenting page by page the book projected on the ceiling; a third button reverses the film. In the event the patient desires to "turn back a page" and reread it.

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### Third Service Station Robbed

#### Gunmen Get \$50 At New Buffalo

NEW BUFFALO, Sept. 11—In the third robbery of a service station in Berrien county within a week, three gunmen held up the attendant at the Robert Hyerdal service station at the US-12 intersection here early this morning and fled after taking \$50 from the cash register.

First in the series of holdups was at Niles last Friday night when a man and woman robbed Dean's filling station. Last Tuesday morning a lone gunman held up the Hyerdal service station in New Buffalo, taking \$100.43.

State Police investigating the crimes today indicated a possible connection between the three holdups. Prime link is the old "get-away" car similarly described by all three victims. The description of one of the gunmen has been the same in all three cases and the hour and manner in which the holdups have been committed have also been similar.

A few minutes after 2 o'clock this morning, the trio drove up to the Hyerdal station and advanced into the station house. One of the men brandished a nickel-plated revolver and held attendant Arnold Heyn at gun-point while the other two

Booked for vagrancy at the city jail were:

Zeta L. Gaines, 47, 600 King street; Howard I. Miller, 20, St. James, Minn.; Thomas Henderson, 24, 4428 Olcott avenue, East Chicago, Ind.; Raymond C. Andrews, 19, Atoka, Tenn.; Charles E. Williamson, 24, 115 E. Seminary, Danville, Ill.; Frank Jewell, 60, 2941 Brooklyn, Detroit; Tommie Garrett, 18, floater;

Five persons booked for vagrancy were apprehended at the Benton Harbor fruit market, where police said they were sleeping in the market stalls. Two were apprehended at the Nowlen Lumber Co. yards and two in boxcars by the NYC trucks.

Jr. Farm Bureau Chicken Barbecue Fri., Sept. 12, 5 to 8 p. m. Berrien County Fair grounds, Berrien Springs.

Hybrid Sunshine sweet corn by doz. or bu. Lou Dunaetz, Eau Claire, 3404.

Glads, Fresh daily, 35c bunch at Schreibers, 189 Pipestone.

### And Still More City Police Arrest Ten Overnight

Benton Harbor police last night arrested an occupant of Benton Harbor's "Tent City" on a charge of felonious assault and nine other persons on charges of vagrancy.

James McGurdy, 67, "Tent City" was arrested by police last night at the city market for investigation involving a fight in which he was alleged to have beaten Bower Doughton, 42, also of Tent City with an axe handle. Doughton was admitted to Mercy hospital and treated for head wounds. McGurdy's arraignment is being postponed pending X-rays of Doughton to determine the extent of his injuries.

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Dr. Vermeulen, who was unable to swim, dove from the submerged cabin and clung to a buoyant seat cushion until boats from the shore nearby reached him. The damaged pontoon, floating some distance from the plane, was also recovered by the boatmen.

C O A S T G U A R D S M E N from Michigan City were called and they pulled the damaged plane to shore, experiencing considerable difficulty when the overturned plane became stuck on a sandbar.

Dr. Vermeulen flew across the lake yesterday afternoon to inspect property he intends to buy in this area. He had crossed the lake from Chicago in 45 minutes.

The plane, a Republican Seabee amphibian, is valued at \$7,000. Dr. Vermeulen returned to Chicago last evening to arrange salvage operations.

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### Pilot Escapes In Plane Crash

#### Craft Falls Into Lake Near Sawyer

SAWYER, Sept. 11—A four-place amphibian plane was badly damaged when it crashed landed in Lake Michigan off Sherwood Hills beach near here yesterday afternoon. The pilot and owner of the plane, Dr. T. H. Vermeulen, a Chicago dentist escaped injury.

The accident occurred when Dr. Vermeulen attempted to take off after breaking off a wingtip pontoon when he landed on the lake. The damaged wingtip dipped into the water while the plane was taxiing preparing to take off and the plane ground looped and turned over.

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### English Miners Vote To Return To Work

LONDON, Sept. 11—(AP)—Strikers in the Grimethorpe, England, coal mine voted unanimously today to return to work Monday, breaking the back of a five-week-old unauthorized coal strike that took 60,000 workers out of Yorkshire pits.

The strike developed after the national union of mine workers and the national coal board, which operates the nationalized mines, asked Grimethorpe workers to work a larger "stint," two feet more of coal face, to boost up production. The men said they were already producing to the limit of their capacity.

### Corn Failure Meat Will Be Scarce; See Record Price

BY MILT DEAN HILL  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11—The last hope that a revived corn crop might ease or remove the threat of less and costlier meat next year all but faded today.

With harvest time approaching, the government's latest forecast of the crop that will largely determine the size of the 1948 meat supply shaved more than 33,000,000 bushels off a yield already rated as the smallest since the disastrous 1935 drought.

The Agriculture department yesterday put the figure at 2,463,913,000 bushels as of Sept. 1, a 27 per cent drop from last year's record output and the second consecutive decline since July 15.

Officials estimated earlier in the season that a harvest of at least 2,850,000,000 bushels would be necessary to maintain meat production near the present high level.

But the rains that could have boosted the output did not come. THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT of the dropping yield and skyrocketing

### Contests And Entertainment Draw Big Crowd

BERRIEN SPRINGS, Sept. 11 The 1947 Berrien County Rural Youth Fair, expanded to more than twice the size of the first fair last year, opened here this morning with swarms of rural school children from throughout the county taking over the fair grounds and midway. Today is "School Day" at the fair and many of the county schools have closed so the pupils and teachers could attend the event.

The first major entertainment feature on the fair bill, a 10-act vaudeville by professional performers, was scheduled for 8:30 tonight. Headliners on tonight's stage show will be such entertainers as Joan Wildridge, who sings with the Indianapolis Symphony orchestra; Red Dickerson and his Washboard, The Lamplighters comedy band, and a variety of other acts. Jerry Furman, of St. Joseph, will be the magical master of ceremonies.

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