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## County Shocked By Slaying of Boy Scout

Jefferson County was stunned and horrified by the slaying of 14-year-old Ronnie Tritt in Audubon Park, last Friday.

Ronnie, the Boy Scout son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tritt of 1123 Teal Road, was last seen when he started from his home to do a good turn for a fellow scout who had left his rope hanging in a tree near the Tritt home.

His failure to return home alarmed his parents and police and Boy Scouts were called upon to conduct a search. Early Saturday morning his strangled, abused body was found in a vacant lot a block from his home.

Ronnie had been hung from a limb of a tree and his body later cut down with the rope knotted about his neck. An autopsy revealed that he had died from strangulation after assault by a sex maniac.

County police called on the Louisville Police Department for aid in locating the slayer and County Judge Horace M. Barker received assurances from the F.B.I. that their office would aid in tracking down the culprit.

Few clues were left at the scene of the crime, the rope with several strands of hair, the lad's clothes were all the police had to work on. Last Tuesday it was learned that Ronnie and another boy about the same age had visited a Preston Highway barber shop between the hours of 1 and 3:30 Friday afternoon. Ronnie waited while his friend had his hair cut and then went out with him. Efforts were made to learn the identity of Ronnie's companion.

Meanwhile, parents are keeping their children close to home and police are attempting to locate known sex offenders as possible perpetrators of the crime.

Funeral services were held at Ronnie's home at 8:30 Tuesday morning and at Our Mother of Sorrows Church at 9 o'clock. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Besides his parents, Ronnie is survived by a sister, Anne, 10 years old.

## Doris Straub Wins Popularity Crown

The Buechel Carnival held last Saturday under the auspices of the Buechel Civic Club was an outstanding success, according to reports of the committee in charge.

The attendance was one of the largest ever assembled at a similar affair and games, food and other features were patronized by an enthusiastic crowd.

The premium event was the crowning of Miss Doris Straub popularity queen and the award.



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## Clyde Carrithers In Serious Condition

Reported as still being in a serious condition, Clyde Carrithers, who was injured in an altercation with Otley Helm, of near Oak Grove, two weeks ago, was removed to his home in the edge of Bullitt County. The incident was reported last week by The Jeffersonian's Oak Grove correspondent. The report stated incidentally that "according to report," a gun figured in the affair. However, members of the Carrithers family have since stated positively that there was no gun involved. Clyde was struck in the head with a hammer.

The whole affair is a very unfortunate and regretful occurrence. It is hoped that the young man will recover fully.

## Miss White Still In Serious Condition

Miss "Trudy" White, daughter of County Commissioner E. P. White, Jr., and Mrs. White of Gilmore Lane who underwent an emergency appendectomy at Bloomington, Indiana where she was attending the University of Indiana, has been removed to the Baptist Hospital in Louisville where she is under the care of Drs. Charles Edelen and R. R. Slucher.

Miss White's condition is still considered serious although her friends are confident that her stamina and fighting spirit will bring her through.

Several transfusions have been necessary and the physicians are attempting to build her strength to the point where additional surgical measures can be taken.

Trudy has a host of friends and acquaintances in Jefferson County and Louisville who are hoping for her quick recovery.



Mary Lois Hornbeck, 11, of the \$100 wrist watch to the successful candidate, Miss Straub took an early lead in votes and

## Mavis Sandlin Throws Baseball For Record

The national spotlight this week is focused on the Presbyterian Home at Anchorage, which is under the supervision of Robert G. Hancy. Two attractive little girls went to Cleveland on the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board's Olympic trip and won national honors.

Mavis Sandlin, 13-year-old lassie, set a national record for the baseball throw with a toss of 156 feet 2 1/2 inches. This heave by Miss Sandlin brought the first national championship ever to be achieved by a County boy or girl to Jefferson County. As an award for winning the national championship, she received a gold medal, a laurel wreath and the olive tree. The olive tree is to be planted by the champion and as it grows to maturity it becomes a lasting reminder of the national feat accomplished.

Not only did Mavis Sandlin attract national recognition to the

## READY FOR THE VERDICT DEATH?

### NAZI CRIMINALS WAIT SENTENCE

At Nuernberg a company of men charged with loosening the scourge of war upon an unwilling world and performing atrocities unequalled in their magnitude in the history of civilization, wait stoically the sentence that is soon to be handed down from a tribunal composed of representatives from nations that halted the German reign of terror.

Royce Hedden, Jeffersontown, G. L., served as guard at the sessions of the world court at Nuernberg and for months observed the conduct of the trials standing at the elbow of Herman Goering former right hand of Adolph Hitler and leading personality among the Nazi prisoners.

For several months, Hedden conducted Hans Frank former gauleiter of Poland from his cell to the court, returning him to confinement after the day's session. Frank, says Hedden, disposed to be a bit difficult at first finally settled into his daily routine and gave no trouble. In his cell he spent most of his time reading the Bible and laughing as he read.

In the pictures at the left Goering is seen listening to the remarks made by a fellow prisoner while Hedden watches unconcernedly. In the lower picture Goering is addressing the court as he did frequently. Hedden in the helmet marked "X" stands at his post.

During recesses in the court proceedings, the Nazi prisoners cheerfully wrote their autographs for Hedden as shown in the reproductions of the signatures.

Hedden believes there is little chance that the "supermen" will escape the death penalty. He is of the opinion that the culprit expect nothing less and are steeled against the day of their execution. Having watched and heard the mass of evidence that was piled up against the war criminals and the flimsy excuses presented by the defense which admitted the crimes but attempted to shift the blame, Hedden believes that any verdict except death would make the entire proceedings ridiculous.



## Boosters Donate Memorial Ground

Announcement was made this week of the gift of a plot of ground for use as a site for the projected Buechel War Memorial, by the Buechel Boosters Club.

The lot which is 60x200 feet fronts on Bradford Lane, a stone's throw from Bardonia Road and south of the Junior Order Hall, will be deeded to the War Memorial Committee for use so long as the memorial stands and is given care.

An adjacent plot, 75x75 feet, the property of the Gulf Refining Company, will be added to the memorial park through the courtesy of the oil company.

All organizations as well as individuals interested in the erection of the Buechel memorial will be asked to aid in raising funds to finance the project which will honor those Buechel servicemen who gave their lives in World War I and World War II in defense of their country.

The plans provide for the building of a stone fireplace with wings extending on either side against which stone benches will be set. A bronze plaque will be placed above the fireplace with the names of Buechel heroes inscribed.

The committee hopes to complete the memorial by Armistice Day and to hold a public dedication at that time.

The plot of ground will be landscaped and the site used for outdoor gatherings by the community.

## Buechel Firemen To Aid High View Dept.

The board of directors of the Buechel Volunteer Fire Department have announced that a fish supper will be held October 12,

## O'BANNON BOY ENTERS TRAINING

Frank Wiechel Drummond, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Drummond, O'Bannon, Ky., has reported for recruit training at the United States Training Center, Blainbridge, Md.

## Local Gambling Threatens to Undermine Confidence of People In Administration

### John Roederer's Swine First at State Fair

John Roederer, Jeffersontown, continued his habit of winning championships at this year's State Fair, making a clean sweep of the F.F.A. Poland China classes and staking first place in the open classes with his junior yearling boar, his aged sow and his senior sow pig.

Other county winners were Doris Lee Smith of Buechel with her Duroc-Jersey hog; Audrey Kendall, tallored costumes; Carolyn Bates, towel and holder; Luvinia Hughes, Alice Insko and Alma Smith, aprons and Barbara Smith, school costumes.

Emily Stutzenberger, Mary Ann Huftage and Frankie Smith were winners in the canning exhibit and Dixie Hendrickson, Margaret Cotton, Marjorie Stafford, Barbara Parrott and Patsy Magruder received blue ribbons in the food show.

The concessions were condemned on every hand for their more than usual element of "gyp" and the entire absence of benches or seats about the grounds came in for a share of "gripping."

The attendance which was disappointing for the opening days appeared to be increasing Wednesday and Thursday.

Visitors to the fair were almost unanimous in their praise of the livestock display and the poultry and produce exhibits. It was remarked that the cake and pastry exhibits were lacking while the displays of canning were apparently equal to those of previous years.

County 4-H club members won top honors in the 4-H exhibit in which 62 counties exhibited.

### County Residents Call Policy Weak-Kneed That Allows Gaming Interests To Place Slot Machines In County Night Spots.

By A. G. Host

A partial survey of county opinion on the gambling situation under fire by Louisville dailies, indicates that county residents are lifting their eyebrows at the failure of county police to carry out promises made both before and after election to eradicate illegal gambling in the county.

Many county leaders take the stand that a weak-kneed policy which suffers the undisturbed placing of slot machines at various county spots, some of them extremely unsavory, discounts any improvement that might have been made in the county police system.

There is also in the county an attitude on the part of some that nothing better could be expected. That politics are politics and that established precedents in the conduct of the police will not be discarded.

Said a resident of Buechel: "There is something naive in the expectation that county departments will be run on strictly business bases by either of the two major parties. It is common knowledge that campaign funds are dependent upon the collections made from privileges farmed out to the underworld. The Republicans are doing what the Democrats did before them."

While the above was the more sophisticated expression it was not the most common. A number stated that the attitude of county police towards gaming was destroying their confidence in the present political regime.

"The promise made by the county administration that gambling would be wiped out," said another county resident, "should have been kept inviolate. They were among the most positive statements of County Judge Horace M. Barker and police chief, Tom Dover. The people of Jefferson County expect to see the criminal element that centers around county gambling spots find the county so unhealthy for them that they would crawl back into Louisville or elsewhere."

The general opinion in the county may be summed up in another statement made up by a resident who admitted that he had been on occasion a patron of some of the county hot spots.

"I may gamble some. I put a bet on a horse at intervals. I enjoy a sociable game of poker at my home with a few old cronies. But, I know that it is best for county welfare, for the development of our communities, (Continued on Page 3)

## County Boys and Girls Score at Cleveland

Teams came from all over the country to Cleveland to participate in the National Junior Olympics last Saturday. Boys and girls, representing the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board, amazed the crowd in the Cleveland Stadium by tying for fifth place with the team from Toronto, Canada.

Men and women from all over the United States marveled at these country kids who refused to be licked by the glamour surrounding such big cities as Cleveland, Cincinnati, Erie, Brooklyn and thirteen other large centers of population.

Arthel George, Valley; Mavis Sandlin, Anchorage, and Evelyn Kinkton, Anchorage, created a mild sensation by running and jumping on the cinder track in their bare feet. In fact the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board's entries were many times referred to as the "Shoelless Marvels."

The Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board team scored 40 points to tie for fifth place with Toronto, Cincinnati was second, Erie, third, and Lorraine, fourth. In all there were sixteen teams representing the best of the nation.

The following County boys and girls scored points for the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board in the National meet:

Mavis Sandlin, fourth in the 50-yard dash—time, 6.5; Ralph Huffsey, St. Matthews, fourth in the 60-yard dash for boys—time, 7 flat; Evelyn Kinkton, Lyndon, fifth in the 60-yard dash—time, 7.9. The 200-yard shuttle relay brought fourth place to Jefferson County through the efforts of Martha Schenck, Okolona; Patsy Sloan, Cane Run; Mavis Sandlin, Lyndon, and Anne Parks, Cane Run—time, 34.6.

In the 75-yard dash for senior girls, Doris Blankenbaker, of Jeffersontown ran fifth with a time of 9.7; the 800-yard relay

for senior boys brought another fifth place to the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board with Arthel George, Buddy Murphy, Tom Hudson and Norman Crutcher carrying the colors; fourth place in the 240-yard relay was captured by Bunky Stone, Cane Run; Jane Parks, Cane Run; Shirley George, Valley, and Cecelia Eberenz, Okolona.

Gloria Ising, Okolona, was fourth in the running broad jump; fifth place in the 300-yard shuttle relay was won by Mary LaMont, Betty Thompson, Gloria Ising and Mary Swenck, all of Okolona.

Evelyn Kinkton, Lyndon, won the bronze medal for gaining third place in the standing broad jump; Hilda Zehner received a silver medal for second place in the senior girls, baseball throw and Mavis Sandlin was awarded the gold medal for winning the national championship for Jefferson County in the junior girls baseball throw with a heave of 156 feet 2 1/2 inches.

Summarizing the achievements of the boys and girls representing the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board in the National Olympics we find that three medals were brought back to Jefferson County, 16 ribbons, the national championship and the respect of the entire nation. Jefferson County kids made a hit and scored a victory for County recreation.

Louisville School of Law, the oldest law school West of the Allegheny Mountains in continuous operation, celebrated its 100th anniversary August 6th.

## Jefferson County Gets National Recognition

Again the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board's program has been recognized nationally. At the Cleveland Junior Olympics, held in the Municipal Stadium on beautiful Lake Erie, county recreation was proclaimed great by such notables as Brad Simpson of radio Station WJW of Cleveland, Father Flannigan of Boys' Town and "Red" Grange, the old "Galloping Ghost" of Illinois.

"Red" Grange remarked to Charlie Vettner, County recreation chief, that it was amazing how a group of County kids could run and jump with the best the nation could produce. When informed that track had never been emphasized in Jefferson County, the Redhead thought that the work the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board was doing to show its recreational value was remarkable.

Father Flannigan was all for the County recreation program and pointed out that he had never had a minute's trouble with any boy who engaged in seasonal sports. Father Flannigan said that next year he would bring a team to the Junior Olympics from his famous Boys' Town.

Vettner was then put on WJW's hook-up to tell how County recreation was functioning in Jefferson County and to explain how it might be set up in other counties.

The Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board was praised highly because it was progressive, never passing up an opportunity of placing its youngsters before the nation.

It was the opinion of many that the group from Jefferson County was the best-behaved and best-mannered group of kids present. This, in itself, was a tribute to the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board.

## Attention! County Residents!

(Statement From Your Good Government Committee)

THE GOOD GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY IS A NON-PARTISAN BODY COMPOSED OF COUNTY RESIDENTS, APPOINTED BY COUNTY JUDGE HORACE M. BARKER, BUT WHICH FUNCTIONS INDEPENDENTLY and only in the interest of the citizens of Jefferson County.

THE VIRILITY of the Jefferson County Good Government Committee depends upon the manner in which the citizens of the County implement the committee with suggestions, information and constructive criticism of the various County government departments.

The committee is NOT interested in personal or party differences, the promotion of any particular brand of politics, the choice of any individual for appointive office or the protection of any clique that attempts to use pressure in securing selfish benefits for any particular community.

The committee IS interested in the efficient operation of County departments, the diligent and capable performance of County employees, the suppression of crime of all kinds, the enforcement of laws and the improvement of public facilities.

The committee IS interested in the progress of the County along all lines and in the conduct of County departments to that end.

The committee WILL NOT be used as a cat's paw by any group or community to further any project that does not benefit the majority of the citizens of the County or that community which is solely concerned.

The Jefferson County Good Government Committee serves without remuneration, gives freely of its time and will continue its functions so long as it is given free rein and unlimited scope to advise, criticize and assist the local County government in bringing the best possible administration to the residents of the County.

The people of Jefferson County are invited to make the committee their agent in bringing the needs of the County to the attention of County officials.

The officials of Jefferson County are using the services of the committee in bringing governmental problems of the County to the people.

C. A. HUMMEL, Chairman,  
Jefferson County Good Government Committee.

(This space contributed to the Jefferson County Good Government Committee by The Jeffersonian.)

## Clark Atkins Appointed Anchorage School Head

It was announced this week by the Anchorage School Board that Clark Atkins, former Bloomington, Ind., high school principal, had been appointed superintendent of Anchorage Schools to succeed Richard VanHoose, who resigned to take charge of the Valley High School in the county school system.

The Atkins appointment came after the resignation of Richard VanHoose, who had been principal of the duPont Manual Training High School.

Atkins was principal of the Bloomington high school for twelve years prior to his enlistment in the Air Forces soon after Pearl Harbor. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant and served as instructor until January 1945. He was sent to Japan after that country surrendered and served as an education specialist in Tokio and other places until last April.

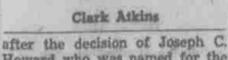
He is also a veteran of World War I, serving with an artillery division in France.

Atkins is a graduate of Indiana University where he received his bachelor and master of arts degrees.

He also studied at Butler and Columbia universities and has nearly completed his work for a doctor's degree.

The family of the new superintendent have taken residence in Anchorage. Their daughter, Miss Barbara Ann Atkins is a member of the junior class at the University of Indiana.

Miss Elizabeth Ewing will be administrative assistant to Atkins and Mrs. Vivian Griffin has been appointed principal of the elementary school.



Clark Atkins