



### Comic Dictionary

**PENNSILISM**  
The feeling that life is one disappointment after another, and that nothing ever comes off except buttons.

### Here's a Chance To Win a Bet

Want to win a bet about our Detroit?  
Ask somebody to name the four statues that adorn Old City Hall.  
People have been passing these four statues, standing in their niches on the famous old building in the heart of Detroit, since 1871.

Well, we'd bet there isn't one Detroit in 10,000 who can tell you what favored citizens of our past have been honored on a building that many pass daily.

Cover this with your hand while you think about it—



and then go off to collect an office bet:

Well, we circled the building again the other day to make sure, and the four names we commemorated with statues on our Old City Hall are:

- Father Marquette
- Cadillac
- LaSalle
- Father Gabriel Richard

And if you want to sound really learned, when you collect your bets—the statues were made by Julius Melchers, father of one of Detroit's greatest artists, Gari Melchers.

### Sly Storekeeper 'Collected' Nickels

Every good merchant has his tricks. Somebody was telling us that even our big chain stores in Detroit make up for their advertised bargains—stuff sold at rock



bottom prices—by what you put up on the gimcrack shelves. They have to live, don't they?

Well, anyway, we were talking about the older merchandising tricks. How an old-time storekeeper put out a cigar box full of those old-fashioned wooden matches—but hammered nails up through the bottom to keep anybody from grabbing a handful.

Which led our friend Ted McCutcheon, who edits the Northern Michigan Skipper up at Waukon Lake, to tell us about the sly storekeeper at Belleaire some years ago.

"He cut a hole just the size of a nickel in the top of his meat counter," Ted said. "I will remember staring at it as a boy."

"The temptation to slide a nickel over it to see if it would really fit was irresistible—which fact the merchant capitalized on by keeping a small box on the shelf under the hole."

"Years later, he confided to me that customers would try their nickels on the hole. Opposite the hole, naturally, he too shamed-faced to ask them back. In fact, he said he laid their change right close to the hole to tempt them to try to see if a nickel would pass through. Which it did."

### What Gives You Fits?

Discovering That Those Big TV Programs Are Played Opposite Each Other—When They Were Timed Properly You Could Watch Both Of Them.

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### Today's Chuckle

Money talks all right. But in these days a dollar doesn't have enough cents to say anything worthwhile.

AID

## BUT GILLESPIES ARE WARY OF 'FALSE ALARMS'

# Arrest Brings Relief to JoAnn's Family

### IT'S PITIFUL, TOO

## In a Drab Room, A Scary Picture

BY CARTER VAN LOPIK  
Free Press Staff Writer

Philip Singer stepped with his conscience under a blue bedspread in a drab room a couple of hundred feet from the place where JoAnn Gillespie died in violence four years ago.

From the front of the house where he roomed at 2534 Fischer, he could see the front porch of the Gillespie home at 2931 Fischer. The houses are in the same block in spite of the difference in numbers.

FROM THE SAME PLACE, he could see the alley site where JoAnn was raped and beaten to death. The spot is directly opposite the house.

Singer's room contains the bed with the blue spread, a dresser and an old-fashioned student's desk with a chair.

The walls bear drab wallpaper. The floors are bare.

But possessions can give clues to the personality of their owner and Singer's possessions are a little frightening and at the same time, a little pitiful.

The quantity of pictures in the room hinted at an amateur photographer.

But some of those seized by police spoke of a man who, by lust, who lay in his dreary room and pored over obscene material and then translated violent day-dreams into reality.

SOME OF HIS books hinted at a thirst for knowledge. There were books on radio and on criminology. There were engineering and drafting instruments, complete to the certificate of completion of the eighth grade at Webster Elementary School.

Some of his possessions spoke of past glory. His closet bulged with clothing, including his old Marine Corps uniforms, complete to the camouflage fatigues which Marines wear as battle dress.

A person who didn't know Philip Singer except through his room and his possessions would consider him a hobbyist with a "queer streak."

HIS LANDLADY knew him as a "wonderful roomer." When told that Singer had confessed the killing, Miss Katherine Savu said she could not believe it.

She described him as a quiet man who came and went, "just minding his own business."

In visiting with Miss Savu and her parents, who live at the same address, he spoke of both his girlfriends and boy friends, considerably showing a sense of humor.

The morning after the slaying, he came in about 7:30 and asked what the commotion was.

ANN ARBOR—The University of Michigan will make 24 full tuition scholarships available for Hungarian refugees, President Harlan Hatcher announced Monday.

This figure is more than double the original number of U-M grants for this purpose.

Funds of \$7,500 have been authorized to pay academic fees for study in the English Language Institute, beginning in February.

After this time those students who have sufficient mastery of English will be allowed to enter regular courses at the U-M.

### 8 Lost in Storm

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay—Eight of the 10 crewmen of the Argentine tug *Esmeralda* Maria Monday were believed lost in a heavy storm in the Rio de la Plata estuary.

### Deadline for Winning \$200

Bonanza Bills says, "Come on, folks! Get your puzzle entries to me on time. Have your cards postmarked before Tuesday midnight; Bonanza Bill, P. O. Box 828, Detroit 31."

was all about. He told Miss Savu he had been out on a date. She said he wore a clean white shirt and showed no signs that he had been in a struggle. She could remember nothing unusual about his actions then or later. When at home, he spent his time studying detective work



PHILIP SINGER slept in this drab room, a couple of hundred feet from where JoAnn Gillespie was killed. Mrs. Mary Savu, 64, his landlady, knew little of him. "He is a quiet man. Sometimes he's here; sometimes he's not."

### CHECK FOR FINGERPRINTS

## Clue Hunt Pushed In Barron Killing

PORT HURON—Hopes for physical evidence that would substantiate the reported confession of Roger L. Fetting in the slaying of a hillbilly balladier lay with State Police crime technicians Monday.

While police and Prosecutor Wilbur V. Hamm waited reports from the State Police laboratory in East Lansing, Fetting was arraigned on a murder charge.

The burly 36-year-old carpenter made no plea before Justice of the Peace Harry Nelson.

NEILON REMANDED Fetting to the St. Clair County jail here pending examination on Jan. 31.

The warrant was obtained on basis of a confession Fetting made to the St. Clair County jail here on Monday. Port Huron radio newsmen, two days after Lonnie Barron was found shot to death.

An ex-convict who earlier told police of being alone in Barron's home at 2 a.m. Dec. 20 when a "tall, mustached caller" knocked on the door, was being questioned again Monday by State Police.

Tony Spezia, the former convict, said it was dark that night, and that he wasn't sure he could identify the caller. Fetting is tall and wears a mustache.

Barron's body was found in his cottage in the rear of a dance hall he operated at Muttonville Wednesday morning.

"Saunders said Fetting told him he broke a window in the cottage with a flashlight to get in," Hamm reported. "We found two flashlights there and sent for fingerprint analysis."

"We also took parafin tests of his hands for gunpowder and those tests are being studied, also."

Fetting later repudiated his alleged confession.

"I NEVER knew Lonnie Barron as a woman-chaser and I was his friend for eight years," Leslie York, of 1906 Parkview, said Monday night. He is a hillbilly singer now appearing at Helen's Bar, Ashland and Mack.

"When he was discharged from the Air Corps at Selfridge Field, I recall, Lonnie sent me 400-768."

### Sister, 18, Can Shed Her Fears

Mother and Brother Suffer Nervousness

BY CARTER VAN LOPIK AND JAMES W. SULLIVAN  
Free Press Staff Writers

A tentative sign of relief came from members of JoAnn Gillespie's family Monday night.

The cloud that has darkened their lives since Jan. 2, 1953, apparently was lifted. But it has been apparently lifted many times before.

The news of Philip Singer's confession was brought to them by reporters. They believed the reporters, but they waited for final word from the Police Homicide Bureau, whose members they have come to know so well.

"I wish I could tell you how many nights I've stayed awake since that happened," said Mrs. John Gillespie. "This will be a relief for Jeannise."

Jeannise, 18, JoAnn's sister, is at Cass Technical High School junior who must walk the same streets from which her sister was dragged and beaten to death.

"I knew the guy was on this street. How else could he have gotten away so fast? I always had a hunch."

A TINTED, 8x10 inch picture of JoAnn in cap and gown still sits on a small table in the Gillespies' living room at 2931 Fischer. The picture really isn't necessary to keep her memory alive in the family.

They have never been able to forget her or her murder and the memory has tolled on all of them.

Mrs. Gillespie, 48, was treated for stomach trouble and a nervous disorder at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., in August, 1955.

Her son, Jack, 20, is no longer able to work because of nervousness. His nerves were helped by the news Monday.

He listened gravely, grabbed his jacket and raced from the house. He came back later, a little more settled down.

JoAnn's father was interested and relieved, but said he wouldn't comment until later. He is the man who killed his daughter.

"We've had so many false alarms," he said.

MRS. GILLESPIE talked for the family, words rushing from her lips almost in exultation as she prepared coffee for everyone in the house.

"I hope they've got the right man at last. I'm shaking like a leaf," she said.

"I can't understand how he could live that long with himself. I couldn't."

"Maybe he didn't have a sister or a mother or anybody. We'll find out."

None of the Gillespies knew Singer, though his room was no more than 200 feet from their children's home.

Fischer is a street of large, two-story homes built around the turn of the century and many families take in roomers after their children leave.

It isn't a neighborhood in which everyone knows everyone else.

THE FAMILY had praise for police.

"They've always been very kind," Mrs. Gillespie said. "Sometimes I felt I was imposing when I called them, but Lt. Glenn Collier or Sgt. Angus McIntyre always made me feel a bit better."

"They were so sure they'd catch the man eventually."

"It's been awfully hard just to go around the corner and have to face the place where she died."

"Still, it's not easy to move. No matter where we went, we'd have to face it."

THE FAMILY is smaller since JoAnn's death. Her brother, Joseph, 23, married last July and now lives at 296 E. Grand Blvd.

Her sister, Rosetta, 25, lives with her husband, Sgt. Robert Light, at Columbus, Ga.

Hoyt Bollinger, 52, still resides in the house as he has for 19 years.

But there's another resident since JoAnn's death—a German Shepherd dog named Sarge. He's a defender.



The Coffee Pot Helped the Nerves of John and Alice Gillespie

### 4 in Race For State Air Chief

Board Schedules Feb. 4 Interviews

BY JEVAN PEARSON  
Free Press Aviation Writer

LANSING—Four applicants out of 60 will be considered by the Michigan Aeronautics Commission for the job of director of the Michigan Department of Aeronautics.

The \$12,000-a-year job has been vacant since July when Brig. Gen. Lester Maitland resigned to enter the military.

H. J. NORTON, of Escanaba, commission chairman, said that the four applicants will be called before the commission at the Capitol City Airport here for interviews Feb. 4.

The four are:

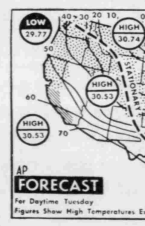
Frank S. Pettinger, Muskegon County Airport manager and executive secretary of the American Association of Airport Executives.

James D. Ramsey, regional administrator of the Federal Civil Defense Administration at Battle Creek and former director of aeronautics for Nebraska.

Walter G. Reich, of Kansas City, Mo., who is with the Civil Aeronautics Administration in an engineering capacity.

James V. Bernardo, of Roslyn Heights, Long Island, for eight years assistant Civil administrator at the New York International Airport.

### The Arctic Wave To Stay 5 Days



LOW FORECAST For Depressions Tuesday Figures Show High Temperatures Expected

### U.S. Temperatures

City	High	Low
Albany	11	-1
Albuquerque	10	-1
Albany	11	-1
Albuquerque	10	-1
Albany	11	-1
Albuquerque	10	-1

### WOULD ELIMINATE MAZE New Traffic System For Forest Proposed

BY COLLINS GEORGE

The Streets and Traffic Commission Monday suggested a new path out of the Forest. The Commission renewed its bitter opposition to the maze in Sherwood Forest.

It proposed a new barricade system that would block all streets from Sherwood Forest leading into Seven Mile, along with two new grade separations on Livernois.

Only exits would be to Livernois or Eight Mile. The grade separations would be at Seven Mile and at W. McNichols.

BARRICADES—set up to prevent through traffic from entering the exclusive residential district—have turned the area into what commissioners described as a maze.

Common Council tentatively approved the present system Thursday, and will vote formally on its continuance Tuesday.

The Commission also gave its approval to one system of traffic diverters and turned thumbs down on another.

COMMISSIONERS agreed that the traffic diverters and barricades in the Littlefield-Esper area had solved through traffic problems in the area. Continuance will be recommended to Council.

But the Commission opposed the proposed traffic diverter system in Indian Village.

Alger F. Malo, director, said he didn't consider traffic in the area of sufficient volume to warrant diverters.

THE COUNCIL outlined three basic questions that must be answered if the problem of school costs is to be solved on anything like a permanent basis.

The first question is what should school aid seek to accomplish and is it now accomplishing these ends in Michigan.

Second question is what level of State financing is necessary to gain these ends and what level can the State afford to provide.

Final question is how can this level best be provided and what constitutional or statutory tools are needed.

The council scoffs at the growing claim that the State has "a moral obligation" to make up from the general fund the deficit between sales tax returns and enough to give every pupil \$160 a year.

The council bulletin held that the legislators did not create any such moral obligation and only set the \$160 figure so that there would not be any money that was not used.

### Mark Beltaire Rests in Hospital

Mark Beltaire, familiar to thousands of Free Press readers as the writer of the "Town Crier" column, collapsed at his desk Monday afternoon and was taken to Receiving Hospital.

Beltaire's physicians said he was in no immediate danger and that he was resting comfortably. He is 42, and lives at 1228 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park.

### Nothing's Right

ASHLAND, Ky.—A thief made off with 54 sample shoes from the automobile of salesman Blair Kash. The shoes were all for the left foot.