

OHIO WOMAN COLLAPSES AS SHE IS LED TO DEATH CHAIR

In the midst of a prayer, Mrs. Anna Marie Hahn, 32, died Wednesday night in the electric chair at the State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, for one of the four murders of which she was accused.

Her attorneys lost a desperate "zero hour" federal court appeal and when her time came she slowly stood up and marched from her cell with one of her counsel and her three matrons.

As she moved through the death house corridor 13 convicted men waiting the same fate moved to the front of their cells and stood in silent attention.

"Goodbye all of you and God bless you," she called out. Clad in blue pajamas with brown top and her golden blonde hair disheveled, her five-foot form slumped as she came to the door of the execution chamber.

"DON'T DO THIS TO ME!" Moaning and pleading, she stumbled and collapsed. She was picked up bodily by two guards and two matrons and placed in the chair.

"Seated in the chair, the accused poison slayer of four men spread out her arms to the witnesses and mumbled, 'Isn't there any body who will help me? Is nobody going to help me?'"

"I'm sorry but we have to do it, Mrs. Hahn," Warden James C. Woodard replied. "Father, come close," to the chaplain, Father John Sullivan.

He intoned with her the Lord's Prayer. In the midst of the recital, the current was applied at 8:09 p. m. Her voice was stifled as the current arched the small disheveled body.

Dr. George W. Keil, prison physician, pronounced her dead at 8:13 1/2 p. m. Mrs. Hahn's last words of the prayer were: "...and deliver..."

She never finished the rest of the sentence: "...from evil." A heavy, metallic-looking smoke drifted across the small, white-lighted room. The current was turned off at 8:10 p. m. Dr. Keil applied a stethoscope. Doctor George Heer did likewise. Dr. George Woodard, prison psychiatrist, also checked. Dr. Keil, checked again, and finally pronounced her dead.

WARNS PRIEST Father Sullivan said that he was gripped by the fate of Mrs. Hahn while she sat in the chair the woman whispered to him: "Be careful, father! You'll be killed!"

Mrs. Hahn's 12-year-old son, Oscar, who is Philip Hahn's step-son, attempted to visit her at the last moment before she was taken to the execution room, but was refused. He had been with her most of the day.

He went to the prison chapel and remained there during the execution. Federal District Judge Mell G. Unruevich denied shortly before the execution her attorney's plea for a writ of habeas corpus.

After a conference with attorneys which lasted all afternoon and into the night, the court held there were not sufficient grounds for interference with her sentence.

After the court's decision, Hoodin, her attorney, said with a gesture of despair, "I thank the courts for its consideration."

Mrs. Hahn's attorneys then went to her cell for a last visit, accompanied by Warden James C. Woodard. With tears streaming from his eyes, Warden Woodard went to his office 20 minutes later.

A chaplain took her son, Oscar, to the prison chapel. The leg clamps of the electric chair were elevated to accommodate Mrs. Hahn's slight stature of five feet. Seats for 33 spectators were placed in the execution chamber, contrary to the usual custom. These additional chairs were placed inside the railing next to the electric chair for the officiating doctors.

JACKSONVILLE Farm And Home

Church services on Sunday Dec. 18, at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School 9:30 at which time election of officers for the following year will be elected. 6:45 Topic for discussion Christmas Chimes on Every Continent.

The Cheerful Helpers Class meeting scheduled for January has been changed for definite reasons and will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 23, at the home of Harry and Milford Beightler.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Clark and daughter Martha of Little Nittany attended church services here on Sunday morning and were Sunday dinner guests at the E. R. Bartley home.

Harry T. Beightler attended a meeting on Monday evening in Bellefonte held by the newly elected officers of the Centre County Christian Endeavor Union.

Saturday evening callers at the Summer Noll home were Mrs. Walter Dailey of Altoona and Mr. Edward Bartley of this place.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester Guiswite of Aaronsburg, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett last week.

Mrs. Sue Cable of Millheim visited at the R. W. Bierly home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berkstresser of Millheim, Mr. and Mrs. William Rachau and son Larry of Millburg visited their mother, Mrs. Edith Gentel on Sunday.

Flowers for Christmas. Should be on your shopping list! Deliveries until noon Christmas Day. Table Centerpieces \$1.50 and \$2.00. Roses or Carnations to the Girlfriend. Potted Plants, Mixed Flowers or Roses to relatives, friends and the sick. Cemetery Wreaths, Mistletoe, Holly Wreaths, Loose Holly. VISIT OUR DISPLAY ROOM IN THE BUSH ARCADE BLDG. WOODRING'S Floral Gardens 127 E. Howard St. PHONE 64. BELLEFONTE, PA.

Probe Sale of Illegal Drinks

bing alcohol and canned heat to men who are known to use such preparations as beverages. He reported that he had visited the hands-out of users of such preparations, and that he collected a number of empty bottles and containers which are being held for evidence. Probably the best known loafing place for members of the "Rub Alcohol Squad," he said, is in the vicinity of the storage buildings on South Potter street. Other places frequented include Cherry Alley, and the old Hughes athletic field.

The Treasury Department representative calls the attention of Bellefonte merchants to a Federal law providing that "no person shall sell denatured alcohol, denatured rum, or any substance or preparation in which he might reasonably deduce that it is the intention of the purchaser to procure the same for use for beverage purposes."

The penalty for violation of the law is a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both, for the first offense. For the second offense the penalty is a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not less than 30 days nor more than one year.

It is quite common knowledge that a small group of men in Bellefonte prefer alcoholic preparations to beer, wines or liquors, probably because of the greater strength and lower cost of such preparations. By banning the sale of such items to men known to use them as beverages, the Treasury Department hopes to stop the practice.

Completes Forty Years of Service (Continued from page one) age limit, Mr. Bowes will be found actively engaged each day handling the throttle of the freight engine running between the Bellefonte yard and Whitecock Quarries plant at Pleasant Gap.

Mr. Bowes' first job with the railroad company was at Tyrone where he was put to work on the up-hill, October 14, 1898, he was promoted to fireman on the road, and assigned to the run on the old Erie Shoe Branch. This was shortly after the road was purchased by the Pennsylvania Railroad from the Bellefonte company.

Mr. Bowes relates that railroad engines at that time were comparatively small to the ponderous engines now being used. In the early days of railroading engines weighed about 30,000 pounds. Now, he states, engines weigh as much as 308,400 pounds. Cars, also, were smaller thirty-five years ago, their capacity being but 40,000 pounds.

The late S. S. Blair was superintendent of the Tyrone Division and Joseph Parks was road foreman of engines, at the time Mr. Bowes began his railroad career. Since then he has worked under a number of superintendents in the successive forty-years that have passed.

In February 1907 Mr. Bowes achieved his crowning ambition when he was promoted to engineer. During the approximate 32 years since that important event, and through all hours of day and night, Mr. Bowes has guided the Iron Horse over the respective Tyrone, Williamsport and Elmira Divisions, J. K. Johnston was superintendent and C. N. Watts was engine foreman at the time Mr. Bowes began his work as Knight of the throttle.

Mr. Bowes was born at Pine Glen, Centre county, a son of William T. and Sarah A. Bowes, both deceased. He has no brothers, his only sister, Rhoda E. is the wife of E. H. Daugherty, of Clearfield, an engineer on the New York Central.

Mr. Bowes is justified in feeling proud of the many years of service he has completed with what he terms "such a splendid company." He hopes to add many more years to his credit. He speaks in the highest terms of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company which he has seen grow from an infant industry to one of the most powerful and efficient railroads in the world. He has the highest regard for his present superintendent of the Division, Mr. Geigenhamer, and road foreman, M. L. Thompson. He declares that the

Thieves Steal Poisoned Honey

Police today feared that they of two cans of honey from a truck in Philadelphia may prove fatal to the thieves. It contains a deadly poison, R. L. Chamberland, insect exterminator, reported that the honey and two cans of poison used to kill insects were taken from his truck. Police broadcast to all districts a warning of the deadly nature of the lot.

Spring Mills Merchant Injured Lester B. Condo, aged 43, merchant of Spring Mills, suffered a fractured ankle in a fall, Sunday. The fracture was discovered during an x-ray examination of his injuries at the Centre County Hospital, Monday. He was admitted to the institution late Sunday afternoon.

Malaria Deaths Reduced

Deaths from malaria fever in the United States have decreased 61 percent since 1900, according to U. S. Census Bureau reports.

SEE NIGHTHART'S WAGON CENTER Before Buying! (17 Different styles.) This wagon is 56 inches long, ball bearings, and balloon tires. NIGHTHART'S BICYCLE STORE 141 W. Fourth Street. Open Evenings. Lewisport, Pa.

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BLANCHARD The house that Miss Ethel Confer, is having the Tidlow Contractors build for her, on Susquehanna Ave., Lock Haven is nearing completion.

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Home-made Toys Help To Balance Budget

Home-made Christmas toys make a big hit with most children and reduce the strain on the family budget. The home workshop and scrap bag supply a wealth of material for toys and very little money is required. Miss Helen S. Butler, home economics extension representative of Centre county, reminds us: "Older children will get hours of enjoyment out of helping to make these toys."

Wooden blocks of various sizes, with edges smoothly sandedpaper and enameled in gay colors, will give children endless hours of entertainment and splendid exercise for developing muscles in shoulders, backs and legs.

Tower building is another fascinating business for children. The kitchen will give the materials necessary for this occupation. Discarded cans, from coffee cans down to spice cans may be arranged in a series of sizes, from large to small. Remove the entire lid with a beveled edge can-opener and take off all sharp edges. Wash the cans and remove all labels.

Enamel the cans in bright colors, such as scarlet, yellow, green, and blue. Pictures of animals may be pasted on the cans and covered with clear shells to preserve them. These cans will amuse young children for hours.

For the spool-peg board, use a board 8 by 12 inches. With a bit and brace, make nine holes in the surface of the board. Fit 7-inch pegs in these holes. Wooden butcher knives may be used for pegs. Enamel the board in bright colors. Empty spools, enameled in bright colors, are all that is needed to play the game. Children spend many quiet hours with this toy, and it is an excellent means to help develop mental faculties.

Every boy likes a drum. Try making one from a cracker can or can of a similar size. Remove the bottom with a beveled can-opener and paint the can a bright color. Cut drumheads from discarded inner tubes. Double punch these circles around the edge and lace back and forth with leather lacing, drawing the drumhead over both ends of the can.

Just as every boy likes his drum, so every little girl likes a doll cradle, says Miss Butler. Make a large grape basket into a doll cradle by screwing on rockers cut from a board. Bamboo splints or heavy cardboard may be used for a canopy. The basket may be fitted with a clasp cover of dotted Swiss or gingham scraps.

This same idea may be carried out for a doll cradle, mounting the basket on wooden axles to which wooden wheels have been screwed. Make handles from discarded yardsticks or sticks of a similar size. The basket may be painted and a pad made for the inside.

Trains of cars may be constructed from small wooden boxes in which cheese is packed. Have some of the cars without tops, others with tops, making an opening in the side of the latter. A can may be screwed to the back of each car, using a block of wood to represent the cab. Empty spools form smokestacks and headlights. The front of the foundation board may be shaped to represent the cowcatcher. Fasten cars and engines together with small hooks and screw eyes.

Miss Butler says that these are just a few of the many interesting toys which may be made at home with little outlay of money. From these suggestions, every family may work out individual ideas.

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