

Odd and Curious News

Everything Borrowed
Two Tipton youths, from the region near Tyrone, not only borrowed two chickens to cook but they also borrowed the home and stove to cook them in.

Gosh! Gee Whiskers!
An excuse for letting your whiskers grow was projected by Pittsburg barbers. The barbers announced they are sponsoring the local competition in the National Open Whisker Growing contest.

Generous Drunk
A prudent drunk in Atlanta, Ga., hailed Ira Smith on the street asking him to drive his car. Smith took the job. Soon the inebriate ordered a stop. He climbed out, waved his hand, said "you can have the automobile," and walked away.

Wrong Luncheon
Asked to speak at an American Legion luncheon, at Raleigh, N. C., Lt-Gov. W. P. Horton went to the hotel and went into lunch. It was almost dessert time, however, before he realized that he had crashed an automobile salesman's spread.

Short Term
Two days after taking the oath of office, as Sheriff of Allegheny county North Carolina, M. P. Robertson, and Policeman S. E. Baughn, of Burlington, were killed in a gun battle which followed an investigation of a robbery of a filling station. The robber, Roy Huffman, was also killed.

Try It On Cow
I your child balks at eating spinach Dr. Thurman B. Rice, of the Indiana University School of Medicine, advises that the spinach be fed to a cow and let the child drink the cow's milk. Not bad, eh, provided one has a cow.

Finds Lost Eye
While wading in a creek at Blue Rapids, Kansas, recently Louie Cherney's net brought up a glass eye. George Barker claimed it, saying that he had lost it eighteen years ago while hunting raccoons.

RELIEF CHISELING CASES FOUND IN CLINTON COUNTY
Alderman T. Mark Brungard last Thursday issued warrants at Lock Haven for the arrest of nine persons, one woman and eight men, charged by the Department of Public Assistance with relief "chiseling."

Thought to Be Human Bones
Charred bones, found in the ruins of the barn on the M. J. Ryan farm, near Troy, which was destroyed by fire last Tuesday night, were taken to the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre for examination, to determine if they are the remains of a human being. A skull, leg bones, and a hip joint were found by men who cleared away the debris. They were in another part of the barn from the spot where several cows were burned. It is thought that a transient might have lost his life in the blaze.

COST TO BOTH FAIRS COULD BE WORTH WITH GAS TAX
Every man, woman and child in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit, could get round-trip bus transportation to both the San Francisco and New York World's Fairs with the money paid out for gasoline taxes in one year by the nation's motorists, according to a report just made public by the American Petroleum Institute at Rockefeller Center.

Beek Creek Man Loses Toe
His left foot split when the axe with which he was cutting logs slipped, Carl H. Hevery underwent an operation at the Lock Haven Hospital for amputation of the second toe. The toe was nearly severed by the axe.

Girl Fatally Injured
A young Cresson girl, Stella Lattin, 20, died at the Altoona Mercy hospital without regaining consciousness. She was one of a group of four struck by a car while walking along a highway near her home.

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CCC VETERAN KNIFED BY COMRADE AFTER FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Member of Clinton County Camp In Serious Condition at Lock Haven Hospital As Result of Stabbing Affray

James J. Potter, 40, a member of the Farrandville CCC Camp in Clinton county, is in a critical condition in the Lock Haven Hospital, where he was admitted late Saturday night after having received six knife wounds in a brawl on a truck returning from a party.

Charged with the attack, John Miller, 56, a fellow enrollee, is being held in the Clinton county jail at Lock Haven. Potter refused to name his assailant.

Fifty-six stitches were required to close the wounds through which Potter had lost a large quantity of blood. All the wounds were said to be of a serious nature. There were several on the throat, one on the forehead, one near the jugular vein behind the ear and one on the arm.

Accounts of the incident, as given by other members of the party to officials, were that a man, allegedly Miller, had cried out from the un-

lighted back of the truck that one of the four other men had struck him; the aroused man then struck out with the small pocket knife with which Potter was injured.

Private Harry Rosenbloom of the State Motor Police, District Attorney Burrill L. Haag, Sheriff J. B. Bryerton and Deputy Sheriff LeRoy Bryerton, all of Lock Haven, investigated. Dr. Henry G. Haerger said at the hospital that there was evidence that the men had been drinking.

Both men involved are World War veterans. Potter is from Philadelphia and Miller from Jessup, near Scranton.

NABBED IN ATTEMPT TO SCALE JAIL WALLS
Bernard Klingbeil, 22, enacted a "human fly" role last Thursday and scrambled down the outside wall of the Lycoming county jail but was captured as he hit the ground.

The fugitive was nabbed while he stooped to pick up a bundle of clothing.

Sheriff Joseph Mertz said Klingbeil had been exercising with other prisoners previously. Mertz said he climbed over doors at the rear of the jail and expressed the opinion the escape was possible only for a "human fly."

Klingbeil was placed in solitary confinement. He had been held in the jail since last December. 21 pending deportation proceedings to Canada. He was wanted there on a larceny charge.

Proceeding up Fishing Creek to the vicinity of Cherry Run bridge, to a point where the dividing line separates Logan and Porter townships, the traveler will come upon the scene of one of the most dastardly and revolting crimes known in the history of Clinton county.

The location is still referred to as the scene of the Culvey murder, and although it was enacted more than a half century ago, its memory will never be entirely erased from the traditions of Sugar Valley.

In this lonely section, apart from other habitations, Isiah Culvey and his young wife began housekeeping some fifty years ago. Their home was a humble one, but it was a happy one to the young couple. Isiah cultivated a little farm out of which it was as much as he could do to make a living; but the young pair were happy in the peaceful serenity that surrounded their home.

In the course of time a little daughter came to add to their happiness. The child was a little more than a year old at the time this story begins in 1887.

Grandmother Discovers Bodies
Early on Monday morning of August 8th of that year, Mrs. John Culvey, the mother of Isiah, by previous arrangement came to the home of the young people to help her son harvest his oats. Entering the house Mrs. Culvey found no one there but the baby, which had the appearance of having exhausted li-

self from crying. Sensing that the child had been neglected longer than it should have been, she went in search of the mother.

The elder woman thought it strange that neither of the parents could be seen at the premises, and decided that they must have gone across the creek for some reason. She walked to the end of the field, past which Cherry run flowed, crossed the bridge which spanned the stream, and had about given up hope of locating them there, when she made a horrible discovery.

Both Had Been Shot to Death
Lying on the ground, but a few feet apart, were the dead bodies of her son and his wife. Isiah was lying on his side, with a bullet hole under his left eye. By his side stood a basket of grass.

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BABY DIES IN HOSPITAL AFTER BEING WHIPPED BY MOTHER'S SUITOR

Junata County Youth Held After He Confesses Thashing Two-Year-Old Girl "at Least Fifty Times" Through Jealousy

A case of extreme cruelty came from Mifflin county where Paul W. Barrick, 22, is being held in the Mifflin county jail for fatally beating a two-year-old baby girl.

The child, born out of wedlock to Helen Wolf, a domestic in a rural Junata county home, died in the Sunbury Hospital Friday, of injuries inflicted by Barrick. Young Barrick, a former brick-yard employe, is quoted as saying that he beat the under-sized tot "at least fifty times" and branded her with a hot stove lid lifter "because I was jealous of her father."

The mother is being held for criminal negligence in not reporting the bruise marks. The charge it is said was placed to insure her detention. "Baby Miriam, with a brain injury and half of her bruised body paralyzed, died at Sunbury Hospital, where she had lain unconscious five days.

Prematurely born, the child weighed one pound, nine ounces at birth, and physicians struggled for months to save her life two years ago. Nurses at Harrisburg Hospital, who at that time helped coax along the spark of life in her diminutive body, were saddened at news of her death.

They recalled that the infant was kept in an incubator for weeks and fed through a tube—she was so tiny she couldn't take nourishment in the ordinary way, they said. They had fondly called her "Rosebud," saying she "looked just like a little baby."

Miriam's mother, held at Mifflin County Jail, Lewistown, wept at word of her death and begged authorities to "let me out so I can see my baby." They said she would be released to attend the funeral.

Gray said that Barrick held at Junata County Jail, Mifflintown, had "spent all day praying on his knees that the child would live."

Three physicians performed an autopsy and found death due to "an injury of the brain, kidneys and intestines." A coroner's jury found that the baby "must have been subjected to considerable mistreatment" before its removal to a hospital. At the same time, the jurors concluded that the injuries "must have been inflicted by blows or blows from persons unknown to us."

Sheriff Carl Hawar of Junata County said authorities did not bring Barrick to the inquest because the "feeling there (at Mifflintown) was quite tense."

Barrick and her mother brought Miriam to Sunbury Hospital from (Continued on page four)

'Hexed' Child To Get New Home

Mountour County Juvenile Court to Take Charge of 'Bewitched' Girl

A 12-year-old Mountour county girl whose mother and grandmother charged she was "hexed," was ordered placed in a foster home in the custody of Miss Elizabeth B. Vantine, probation officer, following a hearing at juvenile court at Danville, Saturday morning.

Mrs. Paul Hartley, 39, told the court her only child, Savina, 12, had "a spell cast over her" which was responsible for her poor health and the reason she has attended school but 220 days during the 580 school days of the past four terms.

The girl's father, 48, a native of Switzerland, told the court he did not believe in witchcraft and denied his daughter was in poor health, declaring it was but a belief of his wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. Caroline Keefe, who lives with the Hartley family in a one-story four-room frame home which the husband, a WPA worker, erected during his spare hours.

He said he had received anonymous letters, stating his daughter was "hexed" and that his mother-in-law had spread salt on the door step of his home to keep out the "witchcraft."

Convict's Freedom Is Short Lived

Rockview Fugitive Granted Liberty, But Virginia Officers Take Him in Custody

Freedom was short-lived for William Wright, who has spent the last 17 of his 70 years behind prison bars.

Wright escaped from Rockview penitentiary at Bellefonte in 1926, fled to Washington, Pa., where he had been sentenced four years before, and robbed the home of Mrs. Caroline C. Parkinson, who lay dead at the time. Captured, he was given an additional 5 1/2 to 11 years imprisonment.

SEES SERIOUS STUDENTS AS FUTURE 'BIG SHOTS'

The campus "smoothie" may attract the co-eds, a State College professor declares, but he'll be working for the academic "grind" in the "next decade or so."

Dr. Robert G. Berner, associate professor of education and psychology of Pennsylvania State College, said that while "grinds" will be future "big shots" they "often go through an entire semester without talking to a girl socially." They miss the chance to acquire "social ease" and a knowledge of the types of women to be concluded.

Severed Ear Seen On

Gilbert R. Van Billard, of Bethlehem, lost his left ear in an automobile accident Sunday. Ten hours later the ear was found and taken to a hospital where it was seen on a flap of flesh from the back of Van Billard's neck being used.

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