

Houtzdale Man Is Declared Innocent

Former Major League Player Freed by Clearfield Jury in WPA Worker's Death

After a two-day sensational court trial at Clearfield last week, Bill Bishop, 39-year-old former major league base ball player, was freed of charges of voluntary manslaughter in the death of Wilson Sharpless his 61-year-old neighbor.

Previous to Bishop's appearance on the stand Miss Mary Fullington of Phillipsburg had testified she had seen Bishop strike a man.

When cross-examined by District Attorney Carl Belin Bishop made "no" answers to questions of whether he had been in arguments in the Vets' club on the night of the early day of the death.

When Bishop was asked if he had seen either of the Robertsons at the Vets' club he said he had not.

"I never said that," was Bishop's statement when asked if he had threatened John McQuillen with "You keep away or you'll get the same as he got."

BETTERS to the Editor

Editor of Centre Democrat: I noticed an editorial in your paper of Nov. 9, namely What Defences do We Need? and the last paragraph I quote.

"It does not behoove any nation to depend upon anything except its own strength for its own safety."

This to my mind is what all our world—the nations are forgetting God depending entirely on their own strength.

The Four Great Powers. They left God and his Power entirely out of the whole affair. And how long did their peace last?

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RECENT WEDDINGS

Baird—Summers

Joseph Edward Baird of Pleasant Gap and Rebekah Jane Summers, of Centre Hall, were united in marriage, Dec. 29, 1939, by the Rev. M. C. Piper at his residence in Milesburg, using the impressive ring service. They were unattended. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester M. Summers, of Wingate, and the groom is a son of Mrs. Katherine Baird of Pleasant Gap and is employed at the Whitlock Quarries.

Parker—Gilliland

Saturday evening, December 24, at 8 o'clock in the Milesburg Methodist church, William Joseph Parker, Jr., and Mrs. Eral Quick Gilliland were united in marriage by Rev. D. D. Kauffman. The ring ceremony was used. They were attended by George Wolfe, of State College, and Jane Gehret, of Bellefonte. Mrs. Parker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Quick, of Milesburg. Mr. Parker is employed in construction work at State College. After a short wedding trip they will reside at State College.

Warman—Rossman

Sarah Esther Rossman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rossman, of Half Moon Terrace, Bellefonte, and Blake Wesley Warman, son of Mrs. John Bechtol, of State College, were united in marriage at 8 o'clock last Thursday night at the home of Rev. Thurn J. Harkins, in State College. The only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. John Bechtol, mother and step-father of the groom. Mr. Warman is an employe at Whitlock Quarries, Pleasant Gap. The couple will make their home in Bellefonte.

Karlstrom—Richardson

At a wedding solemnized on Christmas Day, Mrs. Gertrude Richardson, of State College, formerly of Indiana, Pa., became the bride of A. E. Karlstrom, retired Tyrone business man, Rev. B. F. Rudisill, Lutheran church pastor, read the ring ceremony at the home of the bride's daughter, Mrs. Rodney Shock, of DuBois, in the presence of the immediate relatives. The bride owns and operates a diner on West College avenue, State College. The happy couple left immediately for Elmira, where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return they will reside in State College.

Kraybill—Underwood

At an impressive candlelight ceremony performed in the State College Friends Meeting House on Saturday evening, Miss Helen M. Underwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Underwood, of State College, became the bride of Edward Kraybill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kraybill, of Lancaster. Following the ceremony a dinner was served at the Autoport for the immediate family and the wedding party. The bride and groom left immediately for a short trip in the Pocono Mountains. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kraybill are graduates of the Pennsylvania State College in the class of 1939 and will make their home in Durham, N. C., where Mr. Kraybill is a member of Duke University faculty.

Keen—Kline

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Southard—Brugger

A very beautiful wedding was solemnized in the Methodist church at Unionville on Saturday afternoon, December 23, when Miss Martha Rose Brugger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Brugger, of Unionville, became the bride of Ward A. Southard, of Wilmington, Delaware. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the church, Rev. D. D. Kauffman, before the altar which was decorated with evergreens and candles. The bride wore a long semi-fitting dress of white and an elbow-length veil and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Lewis Watson, who wore a long dress of gold silk, and carried a bouquet of golden tulle. The best man was Joseph Brugger, a brother of the bride. Ushers were Lewis Watson and Pearce Rumberger. A cousin of the bride, Miss Betty Ann McElwain, played four selections on the piano prior to the Bridal March played by Miss Ruth Parsons as the wedding party entered the church. The bride and groom remained at the rear of the church and accepted congratulations as the guests departed. The young couple departed immediately for a short wedding trip, returning Sunday evening on Christmas Day they left.

J. E. R. State College, Pa.

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for their home in Wilmington, Del., where both the bride and groom are employed by the DuPont Company.

Mallory—Carr

Miss Marie Carr, librarian at the Bellefonte High school, and Frederick Mallory, of Bellefonte and Pittsburgh, were united in marriage at 11 o'clock Thursday night of last week in St. Paul's Methodist rectory, State College, by the Rev. Harry F. Babcock, pastor of the church. Miss Catherine Carr, of Brookville, sister of the bride, and James Carr, of Bellefonte, were the attendants. A wedding supper was served at the home of friends in State College immediately after the ceremony. Mrs. Mallory, whose home is in Brookville, has been employed in the local school system for the past two years. Mr. Mallory is assistant manager of the G. C. Murphy Co. store in Bellefonte. Mr. and Mrs. Mallory have gone to house-keeping in one of the White apartments, Bellefonte.

Confesses Setting Fire to Own Home

Arrested last Tuesday evening by State Fire Marshal E. F. Bouse, and E. C. Pick, of near Laurelton, is alleged to have confessed to setting fire to his own home, Nov. 5. He was committed to the Union County jail without bail for court, after a hearing before Justice of the Peace A. Paul Kline.

Efforts of Mr. Pick to collect insurance on the home are alleged to have led to his arrest, after an investigation was started by the company. At the time of the blaze, which occurred Sunday evening, Nov. 5, Pick and his family were said to be visiting with relatives in Centre County, and returned home Monday apparently much surprised by the disaster which completely destroyed the comparatively new dwelling, as well as furniture and clothing.

Police said Bouse has been working on the case for several weeks and Pick is said to have signed a written confession at his hearing.

Wallaceton Man Killed By Auto

While on his way to church to attend a special Christmas service, Samuel Orvis Dickson, 54, of Wallaceton, was struck down and killed by a hit-run driver on the Wallaceton-Morrisdale road at 7:45 Friday night.

His body was not discovered until 7:30 Saturday morning when it was spotted lying along the road by Garman Williams, of Wallaceton. Dickson was dead when found.

Dickson was last seen Friday night at 7:30 when he stopped at the home of Ray Williams before setting out for the church services. His battered body was found lying on the left hand side of the road. His neck and legs were both broken when he was struck and his skull was reported fractured.

Dickson, who was single, is said to have been receiving a partial blind pension because of impaired vision.

If the United States of Europe, now proposed, is a totalitarian union, the democracies of the world will have a dubious future.

SOJOURNING IN FLORIDA

The following letter received by a Centre county friend from Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Williams, of Lemont, Florida, was shown us last week with the privilege of publication if we consider it of sufficient interest. We readily accepted the favor and herewith set forth the interesting letter written by the Williams:

Sarasota, Florida, Dec. 23 '39. Dear Beth:

Here's the letter I promised you from the sunny south! The warmth and sunshine seem like a miracle after the weeks of cold, and cloudy skies of our Pennsylvania November. The first days travel took us through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Here one sees the imposing mansions of the former empire builders of the "Mother of Presidents" Virginia. Brick rising with strong white pillars from the ground floor to the third story, shaming white, wide cool green blinds, wide white doors, they lay safe and secure as years ago, surrounded by wide acres, vast estates of 5 to 800 acres, cleared by slave labor.

Our second days journey took us into North Carolina. By an unfortunate mistake the Dutrows and Frank and I got on separate routes here. This day we were in the tobacco country. Everywhere we met carts, wagons, cars with small trailers attached, hauling the cured tobacco to market. Golden brown layers of it worth its weight in gold almost.

Still lost from each other our third days travel took us into the "deep south." All along the way now we saw the colored folks cabins, set in the fields they cultivate. Poor shelters, most of them windowless with only shutters to cover the openings, with chimneys built at one end. We stopped and looked in one, using as a pretext that we were asking the way. They are poor indeed. Most of them cook in the primitive way over an open fire, they have a rickety table, a few chairs, a bed. No floor covering. But they are happy here in the warm south land. No need for anxiety, life is laidly paced. Always along the road we met them walking, walking until there is a worn path on either side of the road. Their cabins surround the "big house" the land owners great white house with green shutters and huge live oak shade. It is his responsibility that these his "sharecroppers" are contented. Hence the negroes life of carelessness and irresponsibility. Always in

front of each cabin played negro children, black kinky heads bare in the warm kindly sun.

Next day we journeyed through Georgia, through the forests, deep and vast of oak and ash and gum and ghostly cypresses draped with Spanish moss and tangled with a thousand vines and briars, walled and lace with rank undergrowth, these ancient forests that still stand mysterious and forbidding. Here and there a tall white stump fire-blackened at its foot stood even in fields long cultivated showing how laborious and slow had been the whitening away of the jungle which ever now continually encroaches claims its own. The rim of the woods marked white by deadened rims where the axes of the negroes are reclaiming other acres. On through Savannah, the romantic old city of many southern tales. Now it is really warm. Off come sweaters, coats, gloves are discarded and we are in "sleeve" with the balmy air floating away the cares of the journey. This is really the romantic Southland. At five o'clock this evening of the fourth day we pulled into the trailer village in Jacksonville, Fla. The sun was red in the West, the balmy air floats through trailer windows.

Next day we drove to Daytona Beach, 150 miles South of Jacksonville, Fla., on the Dixie Highway. We supposed the Dutrows would have preceded us and at our first stop (we had decided to ask at all the trailer camps) we saw them coming to meet us. So both trailers are parked "side by side" and we have been together since then. Lots of jolly good friends gathered together, and the town is gorgeously illuminated for Christmas. Down town music, soft and low proclaims it is Yuletide.

Write me soon and often and tell the rest to write. If you have been interested in this I may write you again. Sincerely, R. F. and MRS. F. F. WILLIAMS.

FALL FATAL TO Lock Haven Man

Ray V. Keller, 43, died in the Lock Haven Hospital Sunday morning as the result of injuries received in a fall from a house roof Tuesday of last week.



Keller, who for the past 20 years had worked as a tinner in Lock Haven, had climbed to the roof of the Carrie M. Bridgens home on West Church street to make some repairs. He was pulling a ladder up when he lost his balance and fell. He landed on the porch roof and had seemingly regained his balance when the ladder, also falling, struck him on the head, inflicting a deep laceration of the forehead and knocking him unconscious. He continued to fall rolling from the porch roof to the ground, and striking his head, from all appearances, on the flatstone walk.

The accident occurred just before the opening of school at the Lock Haven High school, and a large number of boys from school rushed across the street to the scene of the accident and assisted in getting the injured man in the tinner's truck and taking him to the hospital. Among them was Mr. Keller's son Richard who accompanied his father to the hospital.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Richard, Betty and Tommy, and a sister, Mrs. Gordon Wilson, Lock Haven, R. D.

FATALLY INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Eighteen-year-old Joseph Frankovich, of Morann, Clearfield county, became that section's second highway fatality when he died Sunday morning at the Phillipsburg State Hospital of a fractured skull received when the car he was riding in crashed into a tree on the road near Janesville, Saturday night at 10 o'clock.

Frankovich was taken to the Phillipsburg Hospital where he died six hours later of his injuries.

Also injured in the crash when the car left the road and smashed head-on into a tree, were Fern Grove, Morann, said by motor police to be the driver of the car, and Joseph Lutz, also of Morann. Both Grove and Lutz suffered head lacerations. Motor police said the car was demolished.

Clearfield county coroner, Dr. E. E. Erhard, of Curwensville, announced that an inquest into the death will be held January 5 at Morann.

Samuel Orvis Dickson, of Wallaceton, became the section's first weekend fatality on the highway Saturday when his body was found lying on the highway near there. He had been on his way to a special Christmas service at Wallaceton when he was struck down by a hit-run driver. He was dead when his body was found later by a Wallaceton resident.

Whitewashing

Be sure to clean well any surfaces that are to be whitewashed, and free them of any particles that might scale off. Scrub with a stiff brush or broom. It is also well to sponge off the area to be whitewashed with cold water, as whitewash adheres much better to moist surfaces than to dry ones.

MEN OVER FORTY GETTING JOBS

The "Forty Plus Club" of New York, an organization formed to help find jobs for its members who are forty years of age, and former \$4,000 a year executives, has just become a year old.

During the club's year of operation, more than 100 of its original 160 members have been placed in responsible positions with many of the club's leading corporations.

The club, with headquarters provided for by an anonymous donor, has no dues and costs no man over forty anything to join. Its membership includes men who are former corporation presidents, vice-presidents, treasurers, investment bankers, office managers, advertising managers and engineers.

"VOLITIZED" OILS ARE LUBRICATING PLANES

"Volitized" oils, processed from mineral, vegetable and animal oils and electrically charged to increase their viscosity, are lubricating German planes. These lubricants, according to the Highlights of Industry Bulletin at Rockefeller Center, replace the castor oil products used in the World War. They resemble castor oils, but are without their stickiness, the report stated.

The process was discovered during the German occupation of Belgium during the World War.

National defence, it seems, will come higher than ever but preparedness in the present situation, is wise insurance.

Flags Train As Auto Stalls

Minister's Life Saved by Alertness of Railroad Operator

Alertness of a railroad operator named Myers walking along the P. R. R. tracks near Mill Hill, probably saved the life of Rev. Long, a Protestant minister.

At the second grade crossing west of the Clinton county town, Rev. Long missed the highway and stopped in the path of train No. 501, westbound from Lock Haven to Altoona.

Myers saw the car on the tracks and flagged the train. With the help of the crew, he pushed the car off to allow the train, in charge of Engineman J. L. Bowers and Conductor H. H. Hillbush, to pass.

The discovery was made at about 8:30 o'clock. No. 501 proceeded 12 minutes late to Altoona where it was due at 9:45.

Forester Files '39 Fire Report

A total of 35 forest fires burning over an area of 494 acres occurred during the fall of 1939 in the Sprout District Forest, including western Clinton and northern Centre counties, it was reported yesterday by Charles Hogeland, district forester.

The average extent of each fire was 14 acres. The average area burned per fire during the previous ten fall fire seasons was 20 acres.

During the entire year 107 fires burned over 2,210 acres in the Sprout Forest District. The average area per fire for the year was 20 1/2 acres.

The causes of these fires, as reported by the wardens, were: railroads, 30; transients, 40; brush burning, 4; incendiary, 22; and miscellaneous, 11.

There were no fires reported as having resulted from lumbering, lightning, nor were any reported as placed in one of the eight classifications mentioned. Miscellaneous fires include those caused by "children playing with matches," house burning, and sparks from incinerators.

Incendiary fires continued to increase during the spring and early summer. Apparently employment had picked up sufficiently in the fall to practically eliminate fires from this source. At any rate, there is a need for every forest warden to do some educational work along fire prevention lines to reduce the number of transient fires, and some detective work to help catch the incendiaries.

CCC crews assisted in controlling 36 fires during the year, and local fees total \$102.

The district roster now carries 68 wardens and lists 1,860 members of organized crews.

Each pastor will arrange for the program in his own church, and the choir will provide the music. The general theme for the week is "The Lordship of Christ." The following is the schedule of specific topics, speakers, and the Churches in which the services will be held:

Monday, Jan. 1—"The Lordship of Christ Over the Individual," Lutheran Church, Rev. H. Willis Hartsock.

Tuesday, Jan. 2—"The Lordship of Christ Over the Home," Methodist church, Rev. G. E. Householder.

Wednesday, Jan. 3—"The Lordship of Christ Over the Church," Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. Nevins Stamm.

Thursday, Jan. 4—"The Lordship of Christ Over Community and Secular Life," Reformed Church, Rev. Clarence E. Arnold.

Friday, Jan. 5—"The Lordship of Christ Over the Nations," United Brethren Church, Rev. W. C. Thompson.

Peru Man Is Fatally Hurt

(Continued from page one)

The deceased was a son of Jacob and Hetta English Fultz, and was born in Haines township, this county, on August 14, 1871, making his age at time of death 68 years, 4 months and 10 days. His wife, the former Bella Musser, died at her home in Peru on December 13 of this year.

Surviving are two brothers: James and Edward Fultz, and a sister, Mrs. Ida Kessinger, all of Woodward. There are no surviving children.

Short funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock this Thursday morning from the home of the sister, Mrs. Kessinger, at Woodward, followed by services in the Woodward Evangelical church, with the Rev. H. A. Houseal, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Kreskie, of Lock Haven, in charge. Interment will be made in the Woodward cemetery.

To Break Bottle Neck

When it is desired to make an even break in a glass bottle just below the neck, wrap a piece of twine that has been saturated with turpentine or kerosene around the bottle at the point where the break is desired. Ignite the twine and let it burn until consumed; then pour cold water on the bottle and it will break where the twine was tied.

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Cocomalt... 1/2-lb can 24c. lb can 43c.

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