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Nasty Feud in Centre County

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get loose around the countryside, a circumstance that certainly did not go to win friends and influence people.

With the MacKelveys it was another story. Old Cameron MacKelvey had a family of four husky boys, five growing girls and 80 acres of rocky farm and pasture from which to feed, clothe and house them. Old Cameron was not a cruel man, nor unjust. On the contrary, he was a devout churchman. But he was hard and he was short-tempered.

And one day, when he found Old Kittles's pigs in his truck patch, rooting and tearing up ten times as much as they were eating, he grabbed his rifle, coldly aimed it from a bedroom window, and every last one of them in their tracks. The boys put the carcasses on the wagon and delivered them at Old Kittles's door.

Named After Skunks
The old recluse never said a word. Without ado, he hung them up, butchered them and set the smokehouse to going, just as if it was a regular butchering.

The MacKelveys never heard one word of reproach from their neighbor, nor experienced one whit of retaliation. But presently, it came to their ears that Old Kittles was calling all his pet skunks after the various members of the MacKelvey family, including Mrs. MacKelvey. In fact, the thing soon became the laughing stock of the village. Now this may sound like a small and insignificant thing, but put yourself on a little farm way out in the country and imagine your next door neighbor going into the village with a skunk in his pocket. And imagine him taking it out in the general store before all the men and saying, "Hello Mrs. MacKelvey," and "get back to sleep, Mrs. MacKelvey." Well, that's what Old Kittles did, much to the delight of the hangers-on.

When he heard of the episode at the general store, Cameron MacKelvey was all for grabbing his rifle and rushing across the creek to do murder.

"I don't mind him nick-naming his skunks or anything else after myself or the boys," he stormed. "But when he puts the name of my wife and daughters to miserable vermin, he's got to answer to me."

The boys, too, were all for going along and making it a real family outing, but Mrs. MacKelvey stood before the door and refused to let them leave.

Mother Halts March
"You'd do nothing of the sort," she said, with unwonted vehemence. It was certainly not like meek little Mrs. MacKelvey to order her husband around like that. "You'd do nothing of the sort," she said. "The old man's a bit overwrought over his pigs maybe, and can't help what he's doing. But surely, it'll hurt none of us, whatever he calls his poor creatures."

Selah! Her word was law. Without a word the old man and the older boys put away their guns and

sat down to supper. There was an extra special reason why they obeyed her, of course. But you'll find out about that soon enough.

Though the joking about Kittles's skunks seemed to be endless, the MacKelveys took it silently. Things like that hang on a long time in the country where there's little else to talk about.

"I'm just waiting for one thing," growled Cameron MacKelvey to his older boys in the barnyard one evening. As soon as... well, as soon as everything is all right around the house again, I'm going over there and...

New MacKelvey Arrival
A few weeks later, there came a new arrival to the MacKelvey household, a squalling baby boy. There was great rejoicing, but the joy was dampened by a cold grimace around the father's mouth. And one night, shortly after she was able to get out of bed, Mrs. MacKelvey saw her husband cleaning and oiling his gun.

Now, she didn't like this skunk-naming business any more than Cameron MacKelvey did... but there's no use in seeing a perfectly good man electrocuted over a silly family feud.

So on the following morning when the menfolk had left the house, Mrs. MacKelvey bundled up the baby and herself and prepared to leave.

"Are you going out, mother?" asked her oldest daughter. "Do you think you are strong enough?"

"I am not going far," smiled Mrs. MacKelvey. "And I shall be right back."

Mrs. MacKelvey went out the front door so that her husband shouldn't see her. Out the gate, down the road and over the bridge to Old Kittles's place.

The old man was chopping wood. He dropped his axe and waited respectfully (and a bit curiously) as the mother approached. Mrs. MacKelvey walked up to him and showed him the baby.

This One is Timothy
"This one," she said, "is named Timothy. I thought you might want to know."

Old Kittles's mouth dropped open. His eyes popped as he looked first at the mother; then at the child. The old man took off his cap and there was a catch in his throat when he spoke.

"I am sorry, Mrs. MacKelvey," he said. "I am sorry..."

You see, that was Old Kittles's name—Timothy, a name he hadn't heard in 20 years.

Well, you can't go on feudin' after a thing like that—the MacKelveys and Old Kittles are getting along now nice as you please.

P. S.: Now that little Timothy is growing up, Old Kittles lets the boy do all the skunk-naming. And go you know that oprery kid calls his favorite skunk "Tiny Tim?"

Birthday Party
A birthday party was held Friday evening at the home of Clyde Struble, Bellefonte, R. D., in honor of their daughter Pauline's seventeenth birthday. Those present were: Ruth and Anna Saxton, Rosella and Nellie Stoner, Robert and George Horner, James Robert and Harold Struble, Harold and Howard Cori, Ruth and Ralph Struble, Mary and Blaine McKivison, Edna Lockhart, Leda Rinehart, June May, Betty Meek, Russell Smeltzer, Kenneth Buckenhorst, Ruth Cowdef, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Struble and son Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Struble and son Buddy, Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Struble, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Struble. Pauline received many lovely gifts. Refreshments were served and games played. Everybody enjoyed the evening.

Excited Hunter Fined
An over-zealous hunting party, spotting a couple of deer in the town of Ludlow, McKean County, blazed away with high-powered rifles on Main street—forgetting for the moment that townfolk might be endangered. An irate crowd milled around the hunters, but the timely arrival of two game wardens averted any trouble. One of the hunters was fined \$25 for shooting within a safety zone and among dwellings.

Auto Deaths Begin at 50
Life may begin at 40 for most people, but death begins at 50 from automobile accidents, according to an Automobile Association. A three-year nation-wide survey shows that the over-50 group furnishes the greatest number of auto accident victims, largely because of decreased eyesight, hearing and agility.

ORVISTON

There were 160 present at Sunday school on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Page, of West Decatur, and Mrs. Lester Wyland and family, of Howard, spent Sunday at the Sherman Conifer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heverly, of Lock Haven, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Bertha Condo.

Ed. Chaplain of the U. S. Army, stationed in Virginia, is spending a month's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yeager, of Pleasant Gap, and Mr. and Mrs. John Gray and two children, of Howard, spent the weekend at the G. H. Gillespie home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Poorman, of State College, visited on Wednesday with relatives here.

Sunday evening callers at the Paul Lomison home were Mr. Reese, June Stout and Miss Margaret Kyle, and Mrs. Paul Lomison, all of Lock Haven.

John Daley and Emaline Butler called on Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wenzel, of Miesburg, Saturday evening.

John Daley, who has been enjoying his vacation at Orviston, has returned to his home at Middle River, Md., Sunday evening.

Little Ann Lomison, who fell and broke her right arm between the elbow and shoulder, is getting along very nicely.

To Train 10,000 Men
Under authorization of the U. S. Office of Education, the extension services of the Pennsylvania State College, in cooperation with the college school's of engineering and mineral industries, rushed final plans to set up night classes in 41 towns and cities of the state for training between 8,000 and 10,000 men under the new federal engineering defense training program.

This number of men, set by defense industries in these localities as the number they need for specialized technical jobs, comprises more than one-half of the estimated total to be trained in Pennsylvania.

Arrested For Liquor Violations
While agent of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board were deer hunting in the Beech Creek section last week they arrested Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin of Martin's Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Myers of Beech Creek, R. D., for selling beer without a license. Taken before an alderman the two couples pleaded guilty and furnished \$500 bail each for their appearance at court.

OYSTERS REVENGE
While on a duck hunt, Harold W. Webb, of Berlin, Md., saw a wild duck dive into Johnson's Bay, seeking food. Its bill went smack into an open oyster and the shell clamped tight on the duck's bill. It held the duck under water until it drowned. Webb brought the duck with the oyster on its bill as evidence.

Beautiful Christmas Picture in Full Color
A timely, charming painting in the Holiday spirit, by Henry Clive, distinguished American artist, reproduced in full color. Don't miss this feature in the December 22 issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Soundby American.

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders From The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

Select Vegetables for Show—The premium list of the 1940 Pennsylvania Farm Show includes a new classification calling for a 12-quart market basket display of vegetables to supply the vegetable nutritional needs of a family of four persons one week. Vegetable specialists of the Pennsylvania State College suggest that you ask your county agricultural extension representative for detailed information on this exhibit.

Produce Baby Bees—Nineteen counties that have 4-H clubs growing beehives this year are just completing their round-ups. Livestock specialists of the Pennsylvania State College report that 100 animals placing highest in the round-ups will go to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, January 20 to 24.

Bone Meal Seldom Needed—Results of an experiment at the Pennsylvania State College indicate that bone meal did not give enough benefit to justify its use in the ration of dairy cows. The scientists feel that unless the dairyman has exceptionally high producers or poor roughage he does not have to add bone meal to the dairy ration.

Avoid Turkey Injuries—Live turkeys are easily injured and the injuries will show on the dressed carcasses. Poultry specialists of the Pennsylvania State College recommend the use of catching crates or small catching pens to avoid injuring the birds.

Horses Need Exercise—The horse is naturally an outdoor animal. His ill health begins with close quarters, poor feeding, and lack of exercise. Livestock specialists of the Pennsylvania State College say that the conditions must be made as natural as possible for successful management.

Short Courses to Start—The first of the two-week dairy manufacturing short courses at the Pennsylvania State College will start January 6. The last of the three courses will end February 15.

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