

SHORT SENTENCE

A two-minute jail sentence, one of the shortest ever recorded in the State, was imposed last week at Chambersburg on a trucker who pleaded guilty to speeding through the nearby town of Fayetteville.

CANNED REQUEST

Seventeen years after the death of his mother Jess Tevebaugh of Glendale, Ore., receiver of a \$440 bequest, he found a tin can on the back porch cupboard of the farmhouse once occupied by his parents.

CHOSE WRONG COURT

A plea by an attorney that his client never had been in court before was of no avail to a defendant at Burlington, N. C., charged with possession of legal whiskey.

SNAKE BITE

Add Miss Mabel Hammarburg's automobile to the list of snake victims. Mabel resides at Lyons, Kans. Mechanics seeking to learn why a car wouldn't run found an 18-inch bullsnake wedged in the carburetor.

IT ALL DEPENDS

A Negro draft prospect at Easton, Ga., appeared puzzled by the "dependent," and a draft board assistant undertook to help him.

DIGS OWN GRAVE

Pasquale Cemelmele, 33, of New Columbus, wasn't forgetting himself while digging graves for himself and his fellow parishioners in Mt. Carmel Cemetery the past four years.

WEST DECATUR CHILD INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Gerald Woods, 5, of West Decatur, R. D., was seriously injured early Sunday afternoon seven miles from West Decatur on a country road when he was struck down by a car operated by Kirby Woods, 23, also of West Decatur, R. D.

Center County Assn. to Picnic

The Centre County Association of Philadelphia will hold their annual picnic at Belmont Mansion, Fairmont Park, Philadelphia, on Saturday, June 21st.

Trick Pony Follows Big Top in Death

"Pepo," the \$2,000 boxing pony who was the hit of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum-Bailey circus, followed the "big top" even in death.

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Popular Young Brakeman, Former Resident of County, Crushed to Death Under Car

Robert H. Barr, 24, Former Tyrone High School Football Captain, Is Victim of Distressing Accident at Altoona

Robert H. Barr, 24, of Tyrone and Gatesburg, Centre county, former captain of the Tyrone High School football team of 1935 and Mercersburg Academy graduate, was crushed to death under the wheels of a freight car Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock when he fell from a freight train in the classification yards of the Pennsylvania railroad at East Altoona.

Barr has been employed as a brakeman in the East Altoona classification yards only two months. His body was found by members of the crew at 10:30 o'clock lying between the rails and it is believed that at least two empty cars had passed over his body.

Two Port Matilda Residents Hurt

Mother and Son Injured in Three-Car Crash Saturday Evening

A three-car collision near the Idlewild Inn, Bellefonte, midway between Altoona and Bellefonte, Tuesday evening resulted in injuries to two Port Matilda residents and a Coalport woman.

The accident occurred when Ludwig Keinzinger, of Altoona, R. D., driving north on route 220, attempted to make a left turn through traffic to get to the inn.

The injured included Mrs. Bernadine Maguire, 24, Port Matilda, who was treated at the Altoona hospital dispensary for bruises of the right hand and arm, face and legs.

Minister's Car Damaged In Crash

Autos Driven by Loganton Man and Jersey Shore Woman Collide

Cars driven by Mrs. Agnes E. Bower, Jersey Shore, and the Rev. Thurman R. Husler, Loganton, figured in a collision Sunday afternoon at Bridge Street, Jersey Shore, when, as police reported, Mrs. Bower failed to negotiate the turn onto the bridge.

Damage Suit Lost By College Man

Jury, in U. S. Court Session, Returns Verdict Favoring Defendant

A sealed verdict in the civil case in which David G. Meek, of State College, plaintiff, brought suit to recover injuries sustained in a two-car crash, July 24, 1937, between State College and Boalsburg, was returned in United States Court at Williamsport, Saturday morning.

The accident which resulted in the damage suit occurred on the State College-Boalsburg highway, near Nittany village, about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, July 24, 1937. The crash occurred during a heavy rainstorm. Mr. Meek, driving alone, was traveling in the direction of State College, while the Ohio car was proceeding in the opposite direction.

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Tyrone, October 16, 1916, and was a son of Lloyd A. (Ray) Barr. He was united in marriage January 21, 1939, at Tyrone with Miss Marjorie Louise Eckert, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Edgar A. Henry.

He was graduated from Tyrone High school and later from the Mercersburg Academy and had attended the University of Southern California. He took an active part in high school athletics and served as captain of the football team in his senior year.

His father, Lloyd Barr, died last February.

Members of the family include his wife, mother, and these sisters and brothers: Mrs. Gerald S. Finner, Mrs. S. E. McKibbin, both of Cranford, New Jersey; William L. Barr and Richard Barr of State College, David Barr of Gatesburg.

Mr. Barr was a member of the First English Lutheran church of Tyrone.

To Build New Bridge

M. E. Witt & Son, Millersburg contractors who will construct the new road between Routes 64 and 220 near Mill Hall at their low bid of \$107,327, are placing their equipment in position preparatory to building the new bridge over Fishing Creek, at Mill Hall. The new highway will connect the Bald Eagle Creek bridge with the highway extending about a mile west of the Flemington bridge.

In his usual interesting style, Henry W. Shoemaker devoted Monday morning's "Comments" in the Altoona Tribune to the following story of a Clearfield county pioneer.

With so much space in the public prints these days devoted to the subject of "convos," "patrols," "armed aids," etc., one recalls the convoys of the second war with Great Britain which were harassed by American privateers, one of the most successful being good old Peper Abeldar Karthaus of Mosquito Creek, Clearfield county, not only a pioneer of rafting and coal shipping on the Susquehanna headwaters to sea board but operator of a fleet of swift privateers which made monkeys out of British convoys during the war of 1812 and enriched the coffers of this hard-headed Pennsylvania Dutch captain of industry.

Several years ago, when C. F. Hess, "Clearfield's First Citizen" was living, he had campaigned with Parson Brown to have the state historical commission place a marker on Karthaus' stack, the first fur-

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RECALLS KIDNAP ATTEMPT

The death last Wednesday of former Kaiser Wilhelm II recalled the feat of a band of American soldiers who plunged into neutral Holland in January, 1919, in an effort to kidnap the Kaiser for a war guilt trial.

The men who participated in the bold raid led by Colonel Luke Lea, former United States Senator from Tennessee, didn't talk much about it afterward. But it was known that Colonel Lea and eight or nine other Americans, among them Capt. Larry MacPhail, now president of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball club, got by the frontier guards and paid an informal visit to Amerongen castle, where the German emperor had retired to find seclusion.

The group crossed the Dutch border in automobiles from Luxembourg, evaded the sentries at the castle, and managed to enter an inner room. When a representative of Wilhelm asked their purpose, Lea was said to have replied that he came as "an American journalist."

The adventurers were reportedly so close to the royal exile that they could hear his voice. Wilhelm's spokesman asked for credentials. When these were not produced, there was much conferring among members of the Kaiser's retinue while the Americans waited. Then one of the "visitors" looked out a window, saw a strong force of Dutch guards approaching.

PIONEER FOUGHT CONVOYS

volting against their Spanish rulers. A number of Baltimore captains joined the revolution of the provinces of Rio de la Plata which was the Argentine. There is nothing to indicate that Almeda—who was known during that period as Don Jose Almeda—had lost any of the bravery or resourcefulness that he had shown when he was just plain Captain Joseph Almeda or Karthaus' schooner Caroline or Kemp.

He made two famous cruises on both of them. Almeda's first privateering command was the Caroline, and in her he took more than a score of prizes in the West Indies; but it was as master of the Kemp that he made what was probably the shortest successful cruise of the war.

"He sailed from Charleston, S. C., sighted an English fleet of seven merchantmen convoyed by a British frigate, decoyed the convoy, captured five of the traders worth \$500,000 and returned to port all within eight days. During the fight with the merchant craft, and convoy, he pitted six little cannons and

a hundred men against some 50 big guns and 150 men.

"With the exception of Captain Boyle's achievements and Captain Dooley's successful one gun attack on a disorganized convoy, this fight of Almeda's was probably the boldest privateering exploit against his country's enemy."

An old lady at the mouth of Mosshannon, Mrs. Miller, said that she understood from her parents that Almeda helped Karthaus organize and equip his fleet of coal barges and timber rafts from Mosquito Creek to Baltimore prior to the war and was back again afterwards before leaving for his South American exploits.

If it was the same man, Almeda was born a "landsman" on the Spanish flats near the present city of Scranton took to rafting on the Lehigh and Delaware, and finally located in Baltimore where he fell in with Mr. Karthaus. Almeda was somewhat of a mystery man to the mountain people and the old lady's grandmother used to tell of a ring

Mrs. Harold Wertz, Wife of Proprietor Historic Indian Cave, Killed In Auto Crash

Daughter Seriously Injured as Fire Destroys Their Car While Enroute to Tyrone from Jacksonville, Florida

Mrs. Lenora Bateman Wertz, wife of Harold A. Wertz, proprietor of the Historic Indian Cave at Franklinville, was almost instantly killed and her daughter, Peggy Lenora Wertz, 20, is in a serious condition in a hospital in Jacksonville last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Wertz, her daughter, and son, Harold, Jr., aged 14, were enroute by automobile to join the husband and father at the cavern resort where the family resides during the summer and fall seasons. Mr. Wertz had been in Franklinville for several weeks.

From what could be learned of the accident it was indicated that Mrs. Wertz, her daughter and son, had left Hallandale early Thursday morning and in the evening near Jacksonville their automobile became involved in a crash, the car bursting into flames. Mrs. Wertz died almost instantly, her body being burned almost beyond recognition.

The daughter, Peggy Lenora, is said to have suffered third degree burns about the face and one side of her body and a severe laceration of the head, and is in a Jacksonville hospital. The son Harold, who was with them, is believed to have escaped serious injury as he, immediately following the accident, telephoned to his father at Franklinville, telling him of the unfortunate accident.

Mr. Wertz, following his notification of the accident, went to Tyrone

to notify other relatives there later motoring to Lewistown where he notified his wife's mother, Mrs. Martha E. Bateman. The two then motored to Washington, D. C., where they boarded an airliner for Jacksonville.

Mrs. Wertz was a daughter of George L. and Martha E. Bateman and was born in Tyrone about 38 years ago. The father died a number of years ago.

Mrs. Wertz was a graduate of Tyrone High School. She is survived by her mother, husband and two children, Peggy Lenora and Harold Jr.

Mr. Wertz and his family resided in Tyrone until about ten years ago when he acquired the property at Franklinville and opened up the famous cave which is known as Historic Indian Cave. The family resided in their cottage adjacent to the cave during the summer and fall months and during the winter lived in Florida, where Mr. Wertz was engaged in other activities.

Young Boy Killed By Backing Car

Wandered in Path of Auto Unknown to Grandfather at the Wheel

Two-year-old Ronald Potts, of Oak Grove, near Philipsburg, was fatally injured there Saturday morning when he was accidentally run over by the car his grandfather, William Potts, was backing from the garage.

The youngster, believed to have been killed instantly, died of a fractured skull. The tragedy happened at 7:30 Saturday morning in the Potts' driveway. Mr. Potts was preparing to take his family to Clearfield. He failed to notice Ronald who had come from his home next to his grandfather's house.

The young boy is a son of Burton and Janet Davis Potts. A brother, Freddie, is the only other child.

Doctor to Serve Term In Prison

Snyder County Physician Enters Plea of Guilty to Dispensing Narcotics

Dr. Joseph Potter, well known physician of Middleburg, Snyder county, appeared before Judge Albert L. Watson, in United States Court at Williamsport, Saturday morning, and entered a guilty plea to an indictment of nine counts, charging the illegal dispensing of narcotics by filling out prescriptions.

Dr. Potter was sentenced by Judge Watson to 3 years in a federal penitentiary.

Blind Man Killed

Henry McNeish, 65-year-old partially blind man who lived at the Williamsport Sightless Home, was struck and killed by a car while he was crossing at Fourth and Rose streets, Wednesday evening. The driver of the car, Edwin Lowrey, of Newberry, said he did not see McNeish because of the rain.

Dog Bites Master

While endeavoring to separate his dog and another with which it was fighting, J. C. Klingerberger, of Montoursville, was badly bitten on the leg in several places. Mr. Klingerberger, who was camping in his cabin on Gray's Run was brought to the physician's office at Ralston, where the wounds were cauterized and dressed.

Third Fracture of Leg

Paul Rittenhouse, of Berwick, suffered a fracture of the left leg for the third time in as many years when his car went out of control at Hick's Ferry, sideswiped another machine and then plunged over an embankment. Both previous fractures were due to automobile accidents. Police said the third crash was caused by excessive speed.

Going to church may hurt some people, but we are willing to bet it won't hurt you.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — No Help Needed!!!



By POP MOMAND

