

Many Attacks Still Unsolved

Howard, last April 19. But all previous reports of that incident indicated that two men, one of them driving the car, were involved in that attack. Houck is said to insist that he was alone and that he had no accomplice.

Authoritative sources in Lock Haven last night indicated that the case seems "closed," at least until Houck is brought to trial on the Clinton county charges. The opinion existed in official circles that Houck has told all he knows about the attacks, but in Bellefonte and vicinity, State Police, some of them in charge of the Taylor murder investigation, have been unusually active.

District Attorney Myster W. Gettis of Bellefonte spent most of Tuesday afternoon and evening in Lock Haven conferring with police and officials in regard to the trial of Houck on the various charges. Gettis reported that no agreement has been reached as to whether he first will stand trial in Centre county, or whether he will go before the Clinton county courts first.

No Charges Lodged
Up to this time no formal charges have been lodged against the suspect in this county, and District Attorney Gettis said yesterday that Houck hasn't been brought to this county since his arrest, despite reports that he had been seen in Bellefonte, Tuesday.

Confesses 8 Attacks
Houck, at first reticent, became cooperative after verbal sparring with police and state, county and local police and by Friday night had admitted attacking two women in Clinton county, and six in Centre county. The admission of guilt in the six Centre county cases happened about midnight.

He confessed to having attacked: Mrs. W. E. Crossley, Bellefonte, on East Bishop street, December 7, 1940. Miss Grace Gray, State College, at State College, March 24. Miss Betty Schenck, Howard, near her home at Howard, April 19. Mrs. Ernest J. Teichert, State College, near her home in that community, June 10.

Miss Kathryn Breen, State College, July 15. In addition, he gave signed confessions regarding the attack upon Miss Andrews, and upon Miss Emily Williams, 28, Jersey Shore school teacher, who was beaten at Lock Haven on August 1.

Under Suspicion
Houck is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Houck, of Bellefonte, and up until recent weeks has had an excellent reputation in Bellefonte. Local police have been checking on him since some weeks ago when he was unable to give a satisfactory reason for his car being in an alley on East Curtin street shortly after residents reported a prowler in that section. Early last week, police actions on South Thomas street were reported by police to have increased their suspicions.

Houck, a graduate of the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1937, is well known throughout this area. For several years he has been director of Hoy Houck's Orchestra—a group which has appeared frequently at Hoch Park and at local class and club dances.

Until about a year ago he was employed in stores at State College and in Bellefonte, and for some months he has been conducting a mature repair business in a garage on Thomas street. He has been married for approximately one year. Houck's downfall came last Thursday night about 10 minutes after an attack on Miss Ruth Andrews, 19, of Lock Haven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Andrews, of Salona, R. D.

Miss Andrews was walking on West Water street, near the State Teachers' College, about 9:30 p. m. when she suddenly heard footsteps behind her. She turned just as the attacker struck her. The blow fell on the left front part of the top of her head and she escaped with bruises and shock.

Attacker Is Seen
Two Reno men in a passing car heard Miss Andrews scream and turned their headlights toward the sidewalk. They saw a man run over the Teachers' College campus near the home of Dr. John G. Flowers, and disappear in a southerly direction on North Fairview street.

Lock Haven City police did not receive any call but Officers William T. Devling and Paul A. Robb, cruising by a moment after the attack, saw a man walking at unusual speed over the campus, and suspected that all was not well. They drove to the point where Miss Andrews was standing. Hearing her brief account and recognizing from her description that the attacker was the man they saw on the campus, they took her in the car and started in pursuit.

About two minutes after the attack the cruiser overtook Houck, somewhat breathless, at Fourth street. When Officer Devling threw the spotlight on him, Miss Andrews promptly declared that he was the man who had hit her.

assault with intent to maim, five years.

Held Without Bail
As the Alderman read the charges against Houck's attorney, former Judge James C. Furst of Bellefonte, waived hearings and no testimony was taken.

Houck's attorney, former Judge James C. Furst, of Bellefonte, conferred with the young man at the Clinton county jail, Monday. Reports are that Houck visited Mr. Furst at his offices here last Thursday afternoon in regard to the family business which had been entrusted to the attorney.

Kiwanis Club Is Entertained

Emerick and George McClellan as a committee on elections, to conduct the primary and general elections of a club. From Dr. Richards H. Hoffman, who is a first lieutenant in the medical corps of the United States Army, was read to the club. Lt. Hoffman is attending the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas. His letter follows:

"Randolph Field, Texas, Sunday, August 31, 1941. "Mr. Sam Shallcross, Pres., Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, Bellefonte, Penna. "Dear Sam: "I have been intending to write to the Club through you, ever since leaving Bellefonte, but what with the activity of the Army plus the laziness that goes with the South in summer, this is the first time I have taken pen in hand for this purpose.

"The course here at the School of Aviation Medicine has been excellent beyond my fondest hopes. The organization of the school, the quality of the instruction, and the subject matter itself—all are tops. It is an excellent post-graduate course, not only for Flight Surgeon work, but for one's medical knowledge in general. The course in Ophthalmology (Eye) is especially good. There are eight courses in the Heart, Psychology, Psychiatry, Physiology, Army Administration and a number of lesser courses. We have been given considerable work in connection with the use of oxygen for high altitude flying, which, of course, is most important in the military aviation of the present day.

"We have plenty to do, but still enough time to enjoy the sunshine and keep up your physical condition by swimming and similar pursuits. I have felt exceptionally well. I have had more exercise and daylight recreation than for a good many years. You might tell the members of the club that army life would make all of them feel 100% better—physically and mentally. I particularly note improvement in my temper. I haven't 'blown up' since I've been here in the Army. Guess I needed the change.

"There are ninety-five doctors in our class, and eventually we will all be Flight Surgeons. The course is completed and we graduate on September 22. The majority have asked for ten days' leave, and if there are any other orders to the contrary, I shall spend a week in Bellefonte that time. I have enjoyed Texas—the heat has not been oppressive except on rare occasions, even though the thermometer reaches 90-95° daily and on two occasions 108°. There is less humidity than at home and nearly always a breeze from the Gulf of Mexico, which lies about 100 miles south of us. The temperature drops to 75° at night.

"Yesterday I met a Major Richard Montgomery—an Air Corps Officer. It turned out that he is a native of Altoona and that he had many mutual acquaintances. He spent the afternoon at the home, and although we like Texas, before the twilight came I'm afraid we were waxing somewhat sentimental over Pennsylvania's mountains, and the indescribable beauty of our forests in fall. I'm sure this year I shall much more appreciate the crisp cool air of October and the autumn foliage than previously. I shall be most happy to see it all again.

"Please give my very kindest personal regards to each individual Kiwanian and tell them that I miss and continue to maintain the high standard of service and the other features so worthwhile. Frequent use of my gift from the Club continually reminds me of your good wishes for which I am grateful.

"It does not look as though those of us in the Army will very soon get back to civil life. However, I am here to lose consciousness and Houck, becoming frightened, dragged her from the car, and pulled her in the driveway.

Houck said he used his fists only in attacking some of the women. He told police that he used a hammer in attacking Mrs. Teichert and a club on Miss Williams. However, the comely Jersey State teacher had two wounds on both she and Houck said that she was struck only once. Miss Williams was not taken to Lock Haven to identify Houck because she claimed that she didn't get even a glimpse of her attacker.

Waives Hearings
Under the direction of Clinton County District Attorney Burrill L. Haag, Houck was arraigned before Alderman T. Mark Brungard Monday afternoon on four charges preferred by Lock Haven Chief of Police Milton J. Peters.

SIGHT-SAVING STUDY LIGHT



Not a Quiz Kid, perhaps—but that youngster of yours deserves a comfortable place to study, good lighting.

With more than one-fourth of our young people of school age suffering from defective vision, the importance of good lighting is increasingly recognized. Tests show that a fast reader is likely to remember much more than one who reads slowly. And eyesight specialists say that a student can read much more rapidly when the lighting is increased from a low amount to a higher one.

Lessons In English

Words Often Misspelled
Naval (pertaining to a navy); navel (a depression in the abdomen); slight (slender; slim); sleight (dexterity; skill); Palate (the roof of the mouth); palette (a painter's device); pallet (a small bed).

Words Often Mispronounced
Elite. Pronounce a-let, a as in at, unstressed, e as in me, accent last syllable. Bamboo. Accent last syllable, not the first. Delusive. Pronounce the e as in me, u as in cube, s as in so (not as z), accent second syllable. Dandelion. Pronounce dan-dell-in, four syllables, and not dandeline.

Cotton Thread Satisfactory
Regular cotton thread is a satisfactory material for the suturing or stitching of surgical wounds. William H. Meade, M. D., and Alton Ochsenr, M. D., New Orleans, report in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Critically Ill in Hospital
Milford Waite of Tyrone, is critically ill in the Tyrone Hospital following an operation performed Sunday for the removal of a diseased kidney and a stone in the other kidney. Mr. Waite, who is a U. S. mail clerk on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, a position he has held for several years, was taken ill the forepart of the week.

Harvey Appreciates Vote
Mrs. B. O. Harvey, Democratic candidate for Tax Collector of Bellefonte, wishes in this way to express her appreciation for the splendid support she received at the polls Tuesday.

Every individual will do well to engage in some worthwhile work, whether for money, for the good of the community or for their own good.

Most men can spare time for their recreation but what they can't lose is the rest of the time they need when they get back home.

There is no way to check upon an expert; he knows he is right.

Poets' Corner

Never worry, never fret, All your troubles just forget. Just relax and tell them to be on their way.

They will work out by and by, But he'll let you know, now mind. Let tomorrow wait and just be glad today.

So he'll answer you in kind, But he'll let you know, now mind. That little bill you owe must soon be paid.

Cheer up, grandpa, don't you cry! You'll wear diamonds by and by. Uncle Sam has money mills. Made to grind out brand new bills.

Life Begins at Sixty-Five
We have boasted of our courage in moments of ease. Our star-spangled banner we've flung on the breeze.

The Time for Deeds
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Consider Child's Hobby
When Choosing Curtains
Because the selection of curtains for a child's room should take into consideration the personality and hobbies of the youngster, most mothers find it more satisfactory to plan and make their own unusual window hangings.

Don't Quit
When things go wrong as they sometimes will, When the road you're treading seems all uphill.

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