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Altoona Barber Convicted Of Wife's Murder, With Recommendation For Death

Condemned Man Convicted in Hour and 40 Minutes; Shows No Emotion as Death Record is Read in Court

A Blair county jury at Hollidaysburg last Wednesday convicted Michael Musto, 45-year-old Altoona barber, of the murder of his wife and recommended he die in the electric chair.

The jury retired at 3:40 p. m. and returned to the court room at 5:20, after deliberating an hour and 40 minutes, one of the shortest deliberations in which a death verdict was returned on record in Blair county.

Ammunition For Hunting Season

Needs Will Be Met But Gasoline Shortage May Cut Down Number

There will be ammunition for the hunters who can show a need for it this year, government officials said this week, but the gasoline shortage may yet save many a bounding buck.

Officials who said plans were under way to provide ammunition for civilian sportsmen, and to see that it goes to those who need it, declined to say how distribution would be controlled. It was indicated, however, that each hunter's present supplies would be considered in fixing his allotment.

Total stocks in the hands of the sportsmen are believed to be fairly large, but distributed so unevenly that some are stocked for the season while others haven't a thing.

With most dealers' shelves already bare, the War Production Board stepped in nearly two months ago to protect the remaining supplies on the market with an order sharply limiting sales and requiring authorizations to make purchases.

Undertaker Stunned By Lightning Bolt

Two persons were injured as a result of a bolt of lightning which struck near them while they were attending a funeral Sunday at Mt. Olivet cemetery, New Cumberland.

M. A. Hoff, New Cumberland funeral director, was stunned, and Mrs. Frank Fencil of Maryland, was stunned and suffered lacerations of the lip and head when a bolt of lightning struck a tree across the road from where they were standing.

The accident occurred following the service, Mr. Hoff, who had directed the funeral, was standing along side an automobile with his hand on the car, waiting for someone to enter the machine, when the lightning hit the tree across the road. Mrs. Fencil was standing near by. Both were thrown to the ground.

Boy and Matches Cause Loss

Heavy loss was suffered last Wednesday evening by James Eyerly, Sr., of Morrisdale, when a garage and large chicken coop burned to the ground. Besides a large number of chickens burned, Mr. Eyerly lost \$100 worth of feed, a plow and other farm implements. The fire, which occurred about 7 o'clock, is reported to have been caused by a boy playing with matches. The Hope and Reliance fire companies of Philadelphia arrived in the scene in time to save a number of other buildings.

Clearfield Man Dies in Crash Injuries suffered when the truck he was driving plunged from the highway and through the side of a house proved fatal Monday for Theodore Kittleberger, 27, of Clearfield. Russell Parks, another occupant of the truck, was slightly injured.

'QUEER TIRE' 'There's a tire in the yard and it's making.' So exclaimed Roy, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Danner of Prospect Park, near Emporium, to his mother. She went out to investigate and was horrified to see a three-foot rattlesnake curled up. The 'snake' came out of its nine rattlers. The snake was killed by Claude Seeley, neighbor, who was working in his victory garden.

FARM PROBLEM A want ad in Monday's Kansas City Star: 'Farmhand: No work to do; must be able to sit in rocking chair on cool, south porch and come to meals unassisted. Apply in person after 3 p. m. at 1617 Professional Building.' The job: Watching a gate to see that it's kept closed.

Attack Causes Death Otto Jaegers, former employe of the Converting Works at Sunbury, died in the Veterans Hospital, New York City, of a condition aggravated by experiences when the ship on which he and Mrs. Jaegers were passengers was torpedoed by a U-boat, and they drifted for 16 hours in an open life boat before being picked up by a Norwegian vessel.

Direct Relief Payments State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner reported that direct relief payments made to needy residents of Centre county during the week ended Friday totalled \$565.40. Last week payments totalled \$563.40.

Skunks Impede Air Raid Tests Air raid officials at Kane during raid tests have been prevented from perfect results by the activities of skunks. In the main business section, during the last test, a large and very active skunk was busy, delaying the



Couples Observe Marriage Dates Brakeman Meets Instant Death

Three Centre County Families Celebrate Wedding Anniversaries

Three Centre county couples celebrated their wedding anniversaries last week.

They are: Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Way, Milesburg; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mulberger, Pleasant Gap, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baney, Bellefonte.

Elwood Way, Union township, and the former Hannah Holt, Unionville, were married at the bride's home with the late Rev. M. C. Piper, Milesburg, officiating. All their married life was spent at Unionville until a year ago when they moved to Milesburg.

Samuel Mulberger, Union township, and Anna Tate, Forge, were married at the Methodist church at the Forge, near Bellefonte, by the Rev. J. K. Meunaw, Mr. Mulberger was employed by the American Lime and Stone Company until about 10 years ago when he engaged in farming. They now occupy a farm at Pleasant Gap.

Joseph Baney and Marie McMullen were married in the Bellefonte Methodist church by the late Rev. Ezra H. Yocum, Mr. Baney has been employed by the Titan Metal Company for the past eight years and prior to that time he was employed by the P. R. R. Company.

Millheim Lions Club Buys Sand for 'Beach'

The Millheim Lions Club purchased sand for a "beach" at the spot along Elk Creek that has provided swimming facilities for the youth of that community for many generations past. Last week, Drew Kolb and Paul Thompson, with the assistance of a group of boys, hauled sand to the west bank of the stream, covering the bank at the edge of the deepest part of the creek bed, at the point directly below where the McMullen mill dam formerly stood.

Members of the First Presbyterian Sunday school of Berwick may feel happy over the timing of an accident there. Some time between the close of the session and Monday night, a large area of plastering with its metal lath fell as a block from the ceiling, crashing down upon a group of chairs and demolishing 50 of them. Earlier, Sunday, the chairs were occupied by members of the school.

Deer Destroy Gardens Deer are destroying gardens in some sections of Lycoming county to an alarming extent, approaching to within a very few feet of the homes. They seem to have a liking for beets and peas, and in many gardens at Ralston have completely ruined the garden crops. Rabbits are also proving to be great pests, trimming all young plants level with the ground. As many as half a dozen deer have been observed in the gardens at night and early morning, and when chased they scamper to the woods and mountains nearby.

Will Become Chaplain The Rev. Raymond D. Wood has announced his resignation as pastor of Zion Lutheran church, Sunbury, to enter service as a chaplain in the United States Naval Reserve, with the commission of a Lieutenant, junior grade. He reported for instruction June 29 to the Navy Training School for Chaplains at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., and after six weeks will be assigned to active duty.

Woman Champ Angler Mrs. Millard Kemper of Pleasant Stream, near Ralston, has proven herself the champion woman trout catcher of that area, having caught 100 fish this season, which is the limit allowed by the fish and game laws of the state. Mrs. Kemper usually gets the limit of fishes also each year.

Fractured Arm in Fall William Hutchinson, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Witt Hutchinson, of State College, suffered a fractured left arm last Wednesday afternoon when he fell from a tree. He underwent treatment at the dispensary of the Centre County Hospital and returned home the same day.

Fire Damages Hotel A serious fire at the Broadway Hotel, Jersey Shore, last Tuesday was averted by prompt action on the part of the fire department. A bundle of kindling wood was set ablaze by sparks from an old-fashioned water heating stove in the outside kitchen. Estimated damage is between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

'A' Gas Book Renewals 'A' gasoline ration books in the Central Pennsylvania area will not be renewed until the middle of October, according to the war price and rationing boards.

A singleton is a man, or woman, who serves the public without pay.

Piper Aircraft Employe, Up Alone, Dies In Crash Accident Near Salona

Victim Dies of Fractured Skull and Internal Injuries When Plane is Forced Down in Wheat Field on Reish Farm

The first fatal airplane accident in the history of the Piper Corporation of Lock Haven occurred last Thursday evening about 7:30 o'clock, when Michael Kanistras, 29, an employe, while flying alone was killed when his plane crashed on the farm occupied by William Reish, a short distance east of Salona.

The cause of the mishap was not immediately established and probably will not be known until an official investigation is completed.

The plane crashed on a knoll in the wheat field on the Reish farm which is owned by Samuel Brungard. No one is known to have seen the airplane strike the earth but several people had seen it flying low. The plane was badly damaged but did not burn.

Mrs. T. E. Kessinger, Salona R. D., said that she saw the plane in the air and that the motor was making odd noises as if the pilot were having trouble. Fred Detrick, Salona, an employe of the R. K. Griffin Company, was the first person to reach the scene of the accident, but was reluctant to talk about it.

Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, coroner, was called, and pronounced Kanistras dead due to a fractured skull, internal injuries, a broken right leg and a compound fracture of the left ankle.

Kanistras lived at 12 East Church street with his wife and his two-year-old son, George. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kanistras, reside at Roxbury, Mass., where the accident victim lived until he came to Lock Haven last August 26 to obtain employment in the Piper plant where he was an inspector. He is credited with 85 to 90 hours flying experience.

Deer Makes Visit To Tyrone Home

Barges Through Front Window and Cuts Capers Before Leaving

Last Thursday a deer wandered into the east section of Tyrone and became frightened. It jumped the rail on the front porch at the home of David Borman on Columbia avenue, barged through a window, kicked over a radio, tried a rug-cutting stunt in making a quick left turn and then out through a side window.

Betty, the daughter, was sitting at the window when the deer came through and it jumped right over her. Mrs. Borman, who was at the rear of the house, thought someone had tossed a stone through a window and went to the front of the house when the deer went by her. Mrs. Borman is reported to have fainted, and had to have the services of a physician.

The deer, of good size, went through the glass measuring 12 by 26 inches without disturbing the frames.

Retired Merchant, Beech Creek, Dies

John W. Waite Had Conducted Store For Fifty Years

John Wesley Waite, retired merchant, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 23, at his home in Beech Creek. He had conducted a general and confectionery store at Beech Creek for about 50 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Fannie Lyons, five sons and two daughters: Forrest, of Warren; Harvey, of Blanchard; Raymond, of Orvis; Edward, of Baltimore, and Lee, of Beech Creek; Mrs. Marie Scarr, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Mildred, at home. Also 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by four sisters: Mrs. Mahalia Ritter, of Jersey Shore; Mrs. Minnie Scarem and Mrs. Alice Prythia, Williamsport, and Mrs. Bertha DeLong, of Ridgway.

Mr. Waite was born in Beech Creek township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Waite, and lived in the community all of his life.

Funeral services were held Friday at 6 p. m. at the Bechtel funeral home, with the Rev. Roy A. Goss, Methodist pastor, officiating. Interment was made in Clark cemetery.

Driver Fatally Injured

With the side of his skull crushed, the body of Joseph John Sabo, 28, Catawissa, R. D., was found in the front seat of his battered car on the Catawissa-Numidia highway by a passing motorist. It is believed he was dead before found but he was rushed to Bloomsburg Hospital. "Excessive speed" was believed by State Motor Police to have caused the tragedy which claimed the life of the father of two children.

Firemen Called to Parsonage

Phillipsburg firemen were called to the Free Methodist parsonage at Geartownville late Friday night when the pastor, Rev. J. T. McNaughton, and his wife, entered the home and found it full of smoke. Cause of the smoke still remains a mystery as no fire was discovered. Fire company officials believe the slight smoke was carried by the wind from a nearby bonfire.

Bible School

The Milesburg Vacation Bible School Committee urges parents of all children residing outside Milesburg borough to have children registered in the several churches at 9 a. m. July 6th. This will assist administrators of the school. Following are the places where the various ages should apply: Age 6 to 9 years, Baptist church; 9 to 11 years, Methodist church; 12 to 14 years, Presbyterian church.

Woman Couple Awarded \$500

President Roosevelt has signed a bill (HR 1784) to pay Dr. and Mrs. Richard Steyer, Tyrone, Pa., \$500 for personal injuries and property damage sustained when their automobile was struck by a civilian Conservation corps truck in Altoona, on November 24, 1940.

40 Years in Postal Service

Forty years ago today, July 1st, John Brachbill, former Bellefonte resident, started his postal career at Williamsport and has served continuously as mail carrier in that city. Mr. Brachbill is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brachbill.

FATHER-SON:

John Smith, of North Allegheny street, attended commencement exercises at the BHS last week and accepted a diploma on behalf of his son, Swengel, who is in training with the Navy at Roanoke, Va. Just 29 years ago John Smith's father, J. Franklin Smith, of West High street, attended commencement exercises at the BHS and accepted a diploma on behalf of his son, John, who was in training with the Navy at Roanoke, Va.

MARVEL:

One of the most important scientific discoveries of the decade, in this corner's opinion, is the discovery of the fact that the common housefly, in taking wing from any surface, flies backward a short distance. This amazing discovery reveals why in past years you have missed so many flies with the fly swatter, and points the way to higher batting averages during the coming summer.

WAR CLOCKS:

If you want to see a piece of machinery of a type which would have put to shame even the Japanese in the balmy days when they flooded this nation with junky toys and mechanical gadgets, get druggist Ray White to show you some of the new wartime alarm clocks he recently received. The things are masterpieces of painted cardboard. Practically no metal is visible from the outside, but Ray contends the machinery is excellent. "But they can't be very heavy," he adds, handing you a clock to lift. They're real featherweights. While cheerfully guarantees each and every clock to operate for as long a time as it takes to carry it out of the store.

PAINT:

Hughie Turner wants us to mention he's had his wagon painted a bright red for the summer season, and that by this weekend his name will appear on the little wagon.

MISCELLANEOUS:

For legal fuddy-duddyism we nominate the criminal charge, "Attempt with Intent to Kill," as one of the most awkward and one of the least understandable of a long list of outrages committed by that profession against good old, every-day, common sense English. . . That's some OPA ruling, isn't it, which permits a candidate for public office to have all the gasoline he wants to drive about the country seeking votes?

FIRING:

This corner, which was in line for the 1942 International Newspaper Award for a masterful story on how to keep a bucket-a-day stove operating satisfactorily on hard coal, this spring turned its efforts to the much more difficult task of trying to make soft-coal burn successfully in the little water-heating stoves. We had just completed our experiments and were preparing to write a thesis in which we were to say definitely that it is possible to keep a bucket-a-day working for weeks on end with attention only four times every 24 hours—when the darned stove stopped out three times in a row. But we're not licked. Some mal-adjustment of the damper, some fault of the flue, or some foreign matter in the coal must be at fault. When we've solved that problem we expect to give you the benefit of our weighty

Meet at Camp Gruber

Cpl.-Tech. Ralph Hoover and Pfc. George Tibbens, who entered the Army together on May 16, 1942, and remained together until they were separated at Camp Shelby, Miss., are together again after going their separate ways for more than a year. The men recently met at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, where both had been transferred from other camps.

Prior to entering the Army Cpl. Hoover was part owner of the Pe-Ro Dairy store on West High street, Bellefonte, and Pvt. Tibbens was employed at the R. J. Spicher service station at the Wagner Mill, Bellefonte. Both men expect soon to be sent to California.

91 Enroll in Bible School

Surpassing all expectations, the enrollment in the Daily Vacation Bible School of Howard community, reached a total of ninety-one with the close of the first week of the school, which is being held in the Howard school building under the sponsorship of the several churches of Howard.

Assisting in the supervision of the school, in addition to the Rev. R. L. Frea, dean, and the Rev. Roy A. Goss, assistant dean, is the Rev. J. R. Gulich, pastor of the Reformed church, who is likewise assisting in the handicraft activities of the Junior boys. A large display of handicraft activities is being planned for the graduation exercises of the school, which will take place Thursday, July 2.

The kindergarten class, with Elaine Moore, Cecelia Lucas, Suzanne Hoffman and Vivian Gardner as instructors, is planning a display of art work, painting, and bead making.

The Junior group, under Mrs. Mae Wagner, Miss Dorothy Mapes, and Miss Lillian Day, with Rev. Gulich assisting, is planning a display of woodcarving, sewing, and model airplanes. The Primary group under Mrs. Willard Neff, Mrs. Audrey Long and Viola Heverly, is planning a display of cardboard and paper construction work, while the Intermediate group with Mrs. N. J. Weikert and Mrs. Mary Schenck, is displaying soap carving, map making and

airplane models. The entire school is likewise spending an hour each day in Bible study of a type to fit each of those enrolled to better understand the Bible, and enable them to live together in the spirit of the Christ. Teaching of how to pray, how to work together, how to play together, how to share with one another, how to be kind, and how to find God are some of the problems being discussed and taught by the capable staff of teachers. Likewise, geography of the Holy Lands, consideration of the Miracles of Jesus, hymn appreciation, and teaching of Bible verses is finding a place of large interest in the school.

Through the courtesy of the Howard Health Association, all of the children of kindergarten and primary age are receiving daily, without charge, chocolate milk and cookies. This is a new activity on the part of the Health Association, so far as the Vacation School is concerned, and is believed to be one of the first of its kind so far as such an organization sponsoring it is concerned, in this part of the state.

Closing Friday, July 2, the school has already proved itself to be a worthwhile venture in these arduous times. Interest has been high, and attendance good. While some doubt had existed as to the feasibility of such a school this year, the good that has been accomplished cannot be measured, and we look forward to another great school in the summer or spring of 1944.