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Second Degree Verdict For Altoona Husband on Trial For Killing Wife

Daughter of Slain Woman Testifies of Frequent Family Quarrels; Was at Home When Crime Was Committed

"Guilty of murder in the second degree" was the announcement of the verdict by the foreman of the jury of nine men and three women that tried Ralph Macedonia, 50, of Altoona, for the murder of his wife, Macedonia, 20, told the jury of the events which led up to the shooting.

Macedonia, an Altoona barber, was tried in the court at Hollidaysburg for the murder of his wife, Frances, on the morning of July 10. He was charged with firing a shot which entered his wife's cheek, ran through the neck and shattered the spinal column, causing instant death. Macedonia then tried to commit suicide by firing a bullet into his own left ear.

Testifying for the prosecution in the trial of her father for the murder of her mother, Rose Marie Macedonia, 20, told the jury of the events which led up to the shooting. Rose Marie said she was at home the morning of July 10. The girl, however, testified she did not hear the shot fired. It was only a few days after July 4, she said, and the youngsters in the neighborhood were still firing cap pistols. She and a neighbor with whom she was talking did hear a report, but they attributed it to neighborhood noise-makers.

It was only when she found the maid had left a cake of ice on the kitchen floor and went to tell her mother about it that she found the bodies of her parents lying in a bedroom, both face downward, Macedonia stretched across his wife's knees.

Rose Marie testified, as did Macedonia's three sons, also called by the prosecution, that her father and mother had quarreled with each other for the last eight years. Joseph Macedonia, 23, of Altoona, said two weeks before July 10 his father assaulted his mother, declaring "He struck her in the face with the butt of a gun."

On a prior occasion, said the son, Macedonia struck his wife with a knife. He struck her in the face with the butt of a gun. On a prior occasion, said the son, Macedonia struck his wife with a knife. He struck her in the face with the butt of a gun.

"I came home because I was broke, tired and hungry," the officers quoted him as saying. Sgt. A. B. Verbecker said that Caster was arrested as a fugitive without formal charge, on notification by the Farview Hospital that he had escaped from that institution. He added that no hearing would be necessary.

Caster told the officers, they said, that he took Miss Clara May Murray of Honesdale, hospital technician, along with him when he escaped on Sept. 30 because she had an automobile at the institution. He released her unharmed 29 hours later at Camden, N. J.

"I planned to escape for ten days and make a run out of a cake of yellow scrubbing soap and dyed it with black shoe polish," the state policeman quoted him as saying. When the officers arrested him, Caster told them his feet were sore from hitch-hiking and walking to Harrisburg from Philadelphia after he released Miss Murray.

Caster originally was sentenced to the Pennsylvania Industrial School at Huntingdon on a charge of burglary and forgery and later was transferred to the Farview institution.

William Connors, Jr., of Duncansville, R. D., was admitted to Mercy Hospital, Altoona, Friday night suffering a fracture of the left hip, received in an accident at the Duncansville, Blair county, underpass when an auto collided with a team of mules, killing the animals instantly.

William Connors, Jr., was taken to the hospital dispensary in an unconscious condition, but later recovered and was discharged. It is said that the Connors were driving the mules home from being watered, when a car driven by Doyle Dick, Roaring Spring, R. D., struck the team.

Damage to the auto was estimated at \$150.

Nearing his 50th operational flight in the Mediterranean theater of war, Arthur R. Warnock, Jr., son of Dean and Mrs. A. R. Warnock of State College, is now making day and night bombing missions over enemy positions.

In a letter written September 15, the State College flier reported that he had received a promotion to the rank of captain. Although he is approaching the 50-mission mark, Capt. Warnock does not expect to be returned to this country for a rest period when this customary limit is reached. Instead, he may be sent to a rest area abroad and later return to combat.

"Our squadron has been doing some excellent work," continued Capt. Warnock's letter, "and the group is now definitely considered the top medium bomber unit in the Mediterranean area."

Elephant Pays Call. Eva, the trained elephant with the circus which showed at Canton last week, pulled up the stake to which she was tied and wandered through the east end of town in the early morning hours. At the William Bohlayer farm she pulled off a door of a shed, apparently in search of something to eat, and at the Joseph Leonard home she broke down the front steps when she paid the family a call. A keeper arrived and took her back to the circus.

Swartz Wounding Listed. Pvt. Glenn R. Swartz, son of Mrs. Mary V. Swartz of Salona, previously reported to have been wounded in North Africa or Sicily, is among the 39 Pennsylvanians and 593 soldiers in the nation listed by the War Department as wounded. The next of kin is ordinarily notified first, and these formal War Department lists are released when a number have been compiled.

Called to Niagara. The Rev. Blake B. Hammond, rector of the Trinity Episcopal church at Towson, Md., for nearly two years, has been called to the rectorship of St. Peter's Episcopal church at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and will take up his new work Nov. 11. Mr. Hammond left Lock Haven Dec. 1, 1941, after serving St. Paul's parish as rector for several years.

Service Plaques for Fire Wardens. Plaques denoting the number of years service, are being posted at the residence of each State Forest Fire Warden, according to an announcement by District Forester Chas. Hopland.

The plaques are twelve-inch metal signs bearing an enameled reproduction of the Fire Warden badge. Gold background designates one to five years' service; blue six to ten; red eleven to fifteen; green sixteen to twenty; and silver twenty and over. They will be exchanged at the proper time.

Names of local forest fire wardens in Centre county and adjoining territory, by townships, in the Sprout Forest District follow:

Curtin Township. 15 to 20 years service—Jos. Nyman. 5 to 10 years service—Clayton Emmerizer, Stewart Winslow. Up to 5 years service—H. E. Young.

Burnside Township. 15 to 20 years service—James A. Gaines, Blais Boyer. 10 to 15 years service—Edw. E. Hoover. 5 to 10 years service—Mrs. Plubell. Up to 5 years service—Martin Barnyak.

Beech Creek Township. 15 to 20 years service—J. W. Huff. Up to 5 years service—Edward W. Hills.

Boggs Township. 15 to 20 years service—Charles L. Miller. 10 to 15 years service—Theo. Shay, Paul L. Bennett. 5 to 10 years service—Arthur A. Bennett. Up to 5 years service—Elmer M. Pownell.

Snow Shoe Boro. 15 to 20 years service—Ira Hall, D. R. Thomas. 10 to 15 years service—Grafton Casher, Fred L. Hall. 5 to 10 years service—Harry W. Ebers, Marlin Watson, Merrill Harsh.

A Guilty Conscience



Youths Placed On Probation Many Would Hunt Antlerless Deer

Clinton County Trio Held For Stealing Gas Coupons in Lock Haven

Austin E. Schrack, 16, and Clair McClintic, 15, of Lock Haven, and LaRue C. Bressler, 16, of Greenburr, were each placed on probation for two years, provided they finish high school, when they appeared Saturday morning before Federal Judge Albert W. Johnson at Lewisburg at a private hearing.

The trio were caught in West Virginia August 28 with gasoline coupons worth 120,000 gallons in their possession. Their apprehension occurred after the automobile belonging to the Schrack boy figured in a one-car accident near New Cumberland, W. Va. Schrack confessed to authorities that he took the stamps from the cellar of the Lock Haven Trust Co., where his father is employed as janitor.

After being held in West Virginia for a time, they were returned to this area, and then released in the custody of their parents, pending their appearance in federal court.

In statements to authorities, the boys implicated twelve service stations in Lock Haven and vicinity. Operators of these stations will have suspension hearings in Williamsport this week.

Quotas for the other counties are 5,000 each in Cameron, Clinton and Tioga counties and 15,000 each in McKean and Potter counties.

Gordon said the commission is preparing permits almost as quickly as requests are received, but said permits "will be held here until any question of the invalidity is removed."

The action was taken, he added, because petitions opposing the season are being circulated by sportsmen, particularly in Clinton and Cameron counties. Game law provisions that seasons be canceled in any county where more than half that area's 1942 hunters protest.

Elected School Principal. Glenn B. Lytle, until recently of Akron, Ohio, son of D. R. Lytle, supervising principal of the Mill Hill schools, has been elected principal of the Beech Creek High School, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ray M. Zaner.

Mr. Lytle graduated with honors from the Mill Hill High School and the Lock Haven State Teachers College, and had been employed in a rubber factory at Akron until recently. He took over his new work this week at Beech Creek.

R. F. FIREMAN INJURED. David Staudenour, 40, of Roaring Spring, middle division fireman, was admitted to the Altoona hospital Sunday morning for a laceration of the left ear and brush burns on both sides of the face suffered when he leaned out of his engine cab and his head became caught between a cement pier and the engine while it was being backed.

Local Pastor Named Presbyterian Moderator. Rev. William C. Thompson, pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, was elected moderator of the Huntingdon Presbytery for the coming year at closing sessions of the fall meeting of Presbytery held in the Bellefonte church last week.

The new moderator, who succeeds Rev. Charles R. Howell of Academics, will take office at the next session of Presbytery in April, 1944. A graduate of the College of Wooster, O., of Princeton Seminary, Mr. Thompson filled pastorates in the Reedville, 1910-19, and the Grove Presbyterian church, Danville, 1919-24, before coming to Bellefonte.

HAS LEG FRACTURED. John Scott, of Morrisdale, is a patient at the Phillipsburg State Hospital where he is recovering from injury where he was struck by an automobile Sunday night, Oct. 3rd. His condition is listed as fair. Among his injuries, he suffered fractures of the left leg in two places.

APPOINTMENT MADE. R. N. Parker of Lewisburg, has been appointed Union county chairman for the National Committee for Economic Development, it has been announced by Ted Weld, district chairman of the committee in the fourth district, Pennsylvania. Mr. Parker is general manager of the Lewisburg Chair and Furniture Co.

TWO-HEADED SNAKE. When farmer Wesley Amos of near Pittsburgh, came upon an 11-inch snake which had two perfectly formed heads, he thought he was seeing double. It was real.

Disastrous Lock Haven Fire Destroys Clinton Wholesale Co. Plant

Firemen from Vicinity Help City Department To Fight Flames; Loss Tentatively Estimated at \$200,000

Fire last Wednesday at Lock Haven destroyed the Clinton Wholesale Company building, rear of Bellefonte avenue, together with the entire contents of grocery and paper supplies. Damage was tentatively estimated at \$200,000. It was one of the worst fires Lock Haven has experienced in many months.

Cause of the fire is not known, although firemen said the blaze seemed to start from an elevator shaft in the building. It is thought that the fire might have been started from a short circuit in an unused motor at the top of the shaft.

The blaze was discovered by Marlin Remick, son of W. S. Remick, vice president, treasurer and manager of the company. The warehouse employees, among them young Remick, were about to start filling orders for the Arrowhead stores in State College and that area which are supplied by the wholesale company, when Marlin noticed the blaze in the largest of the warehouses, which measures 500 by 60 feet. He gave the alarm and the fire companies were summoned, while a futile attempt at salvage was made.

The flames gained rapid headway and spread quickly throughout the structure. Three Lock Haven companies answered the call and later companies from Mill Hill and Flemington came to the assistance of the Lock Haven firemen. Twelve to fourteen streams of water were played on the fire and firemen kept constant vigil on the many adjacent buildings, including that of the Castetter Motor Company, Lock Haven.

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It was necessary to use extra long lengths of hose in order to acquire sufficient fighting force and shortage in the water supply in that area could have added much to the fire's destruction. Firemen, however, said they maintained a sixty pound pressure at all times.

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NICE WORK—IF YOU CAN GET IT

David M. Thompson, of our fair city, has written a long and interesting report about a new theory four Penn State professors have evolved to explain why pigeons fly home! The article, published last week, is quite technical and covers such items as the earth's magnetic field and centrifugal force. We read the review twice and were vastly intrigued by the possibilities it poses. But the great unanswered question in our mind which Dave fails to answer in his story is how do you go about getting a job where they pay you for trying to find out why pigeons fly home?

ANSWER: A local Army officer, recently married, was meeting some of his in-laws for the first time, and the conversation in time turned to politics. One of the in-laws, an elderly woman, berated President Roosevelt most volubly and when she ran out of names to call him she halted and asked: "What do you think of him?" Replied the officer: "I have nothing at all to say. He is my Commander-in-Chief!"

BUSINESS TIP: Some of you guys or gals who want to earn an honest penny quick—and maybe establish yourself a real paying business—can find an ideal opening at the Bellefonte airport. They'd be glad, out there, to have someone open a refreshment stand for the use of the trainees and instructors at the airport. They claim one person with a small stand could do a landoffice business in coffee, sandwiches, pie, ice cream and the like. At least, the right person would find a warm reception there. If you're interested see C. W. "Bucky" Taylor, manager at the airport.

SINGER: We managed to keep from swooning long enough Sunday night, while listening to Frank Sinatra over the radio, to discover that while Frank may have plenty of what it takes to send the womenfolk into hysterics, he also has orchestra support that's nothing to sneer at. In fact, with such accompaniment, even a miserable singer wouldn't sound half bad.

SUMMARY: Seems like, as time goes by, that radio comedy becomes worse and radio music becomes better. There never will be any shortage of corn in this fair land as long as some of the present-day radio comedians are allowed on the air.

FENNIES: These new pennies, which are being so widely mistaken for dimes, will work out their own solution. When they accumulate a little age they lose their silvery appearance and turn a grimy black.

AGAIN: Can't something be done about radio interference in Bellefonte? Do we have to go on forever snatching pieces of programs out of periods of roars, buzzing, scratching, grinding and sizzling—caused by electric oil burners (there are a few of them left), electric-powered household appliances and other devices, and defective wiring—all of which could be located and controlled if Council had the gumption to enforce its radio interference law. There is no reason under the sun why Bellefonte should be plagued with man-made interference which wouldn't be tolerated for five minutes in large cities—where noise control seemingly would be a thousand times more difficult. Council went so far, one time, as to buy a portable radio set with which to locate sources of interference. The set was used for a week or two in that work, but when noise was found to come from the properties of certain "untouchables" the radio noise program was dropped like a hot potato, and the portable radio sits on a table in the Council chamber—a monument to a law that Council is afraid to enforce.

CRASH DAMAGES \$1,955. State Police have completed the estimate of damage to the six privately owned cars and the bus of the Susquehanna Transit Company involved in a collision early Sunday morning, Oct. 2, in Mill Hill. Damage to the bus is \$250; to the car of Armond Conner, Bellefonte, \$375; to the car of Calvin Dersham, Farnandsville, \$560; to the car of Frank Yon, Jr., of Altoona, \$520; to the car of Madeline Gussulinski, Orviston, \$100; to the car of Rose Rupert, Beech Creek, \$100; and to the car of Harris Bitner, Lock Haven, \$100, a total of \$1,955.

JUDGE FINDS CHESTNUTS. Judge Kresher and Robert VanSickle were woodcock hunting in the upper end of Columbia county last week and bagged a half dozen of the birds. But they were more proud of the chestnuts which they happened upon. The tree was about fifteen feet tall and filled with chestnuts of nice size. Chestnuts in Pennsylvania have been scarce for several years, trees having been killed by blight. Some sprouts from the blighted trees have proved blight free.

TO ABANDON LINE. The Pennsylvania Railroad is seeking permission from the Interstate Commerce Commission to abandon 5.4 miles of branch line tracks in Western Pennsylvania coal districts. Trackage listed includes 3.6 miles of the Coal Run branch in Clearfield county; a mile in Centre county and 1.4 miles at Blandburg ABD Binder in Cambria county.

COLLISION AT AVIS. A motorcycle operated by Charles M. Schultz, Williamsport, was demolished early Friday morning when it figured in a collision in Avis with a coupe driven by Ray Shoop of Avis. The coupe was damaged to the extent of \$125, the State Police report. The accident occurred as the motorcycle, traveling ahead, attempted to make a left turn just as the car was about to overtake and pass the lighter vehicle at the intersection of Central avenue and Washington street. Shoop received fractures of the ribs while Schultz suffered brush burns on the body. Both were treated at the Jersey Shore Community Hospital.

ENGINE SMASHES SEDAN. Three men escaped death or serious injury when they jumped from the car in which they were riding after it had stalled on the Pennsylvania Railroad crossing at Sunbury in the path of an oncoming freight train. The engine struck the car, carried it about 50 feet down the tracks, demolishing the car. The train was delayed 50 minutes while the interlocking signal was repaired at the crossing.

Two Stubborn Drivers. Called a lonely one-way country road in Idaho at 6 a. m., Sheriff's Deputy Cliff Johnson found two motorists sitting in their cars glaring angrily at each other. They had sat for twelve hours, each refusing to back up to a wide spot in the road to let the other pass.

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FARM QUESTION BOX

ED W. MITCHELL, Farm Advisor, General Electric Station WGT

Q.—What fertilizer do you recommend for autumn application? A.—Bone meal or lime is about all one should use in the fall.

Q.—Is buckwheat straw good for bedding cows? A.—Buckwheat straw is irritating to the skin of cattle and horses, and it should be mixed with other bedding or used intermittently with oat straw or shavings.

Q.—Please send information on cold storage of vegetables. A.—There is a wide difference between vegetable storage, cold storage, and quick-freeze and zero storage. For example, a squash keeps best in a dry, warm room at about 45 degrees; onions in a dry, cold room around 32 degrees; cucumbers, carrots and cabbage in a fairly moist room at around 40, and potatoes in a cold place at about 35 degrees. Cold storage is normally run at around 32 degrees with high humidity, and quick-freeze and zero storage at minus 15 to plus 5 degrees F. It is difficult to make any one storage fit all these requirements, and one should have four or five separate storages. However, an ordinary farm cellar gives fair results for most crops.

Q.—Please give me feeding pointers and general care in raising a colt. A.—Let mare and colt run on pasture so the colt will learn to eat. Offer choice hay and a little ground feed at six weeks, and gradually increase amount to what colt will clean up in a half hour. As soon as colt is eating well, take it away from the mare; and it has to accept the change.

Q.—What is the proper treatment for potatoes before planting? A.—The two most common treatments are an hour's dip in mercuric chloride, one to 1000 (four 5-grain tablets in one gallon for one bushel) or 40 per cent formaldehyde (a pint in one gallon of water for one bushel) and dipped for five minutes.

Q.—My beans have rust. Can I use them for seed next year? A.—Better not use them. This anthracnose may live over in both seed and soil, so try to rotate to new soil if you can. Get seed grown in the arid northwest where these diseases do not thrive.

Q.—When should I plant potatoes? A.—The two most common treatments are an hour's dip in mercuric chloride, one to 1000 (four 5-grain tablets in one gallon for one bushel) or 40 per cent formaldehyde (a pint in one gallon of water for one bushel) and dipped for five minutes.

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