

Cambria Co. Jail Break Is Foiled By An Alert Guard

2 Barnesboro Men Are Included in Plot

An alert guard was responsible for the foiling of a prison break at the Cambria Co. Jail in Ebensburg Thursday evening of last week in which two Barnesboro men, a Cessna resident, and a Minerville prisoner were to have participated.

The plot was disclosed Friday by Warden Edward W. Beattie after the prisoners had made statements of confession to the State Police. The four men had plotted to break out of the jail after disabling a guard. Two of them were found about 9:30 p. m. Thursday hiding on top of a cell block, at about the time all prisoners were to be locked in cells for the night.

To have made the escape were: James E. Sterling, 26, Cessna,

who had broken out of jail last year and was captured a few hours after his escape. He is being held for trial on charges of larceny and forcible entry and is also wanted in Pottsville and Baltimore.

William G. Keith, 24, Barnesboro, picked up in Cincinnati and returned here to await trial on charges of passing worthless checks.

Leo Arotin, 19, Barnesboro R. D., held on charges of forging and cashing worthless checks.

William Lonsinger, 18, Minersville, arrested Sept. 20 on a burglary charge.

The plot was found at 8:30 p. m. when all unsentenced prisoners are locked in their cells. In touring the cell block, Guard Michael Mycha discovered dummies in the Lonsinger and Arotin bunks in separate cells. These were made from bedclothing. Sterling had been given special permission to remain in the area with other prisoners until 9:30 p. m. Keith was locked in his cell.

Mycha notified Warden Beattie of his discovery and later rushed from a meeting he was attending in Johnstown after calling State Police. Beattie arrived at the jail at 9:15. Four State Police were stationed in the look-out room where they had a full view of the cell block.

A waiting game was played until 9:30, when all the sentenced prisoners were locked up. At that time Sterling did not go immediately to his cell, giving the guard an excuse for his delay. He nevertheless was herded into his cell. A search of the jail was begun by the warden and three guards, with State Police keeping lookout. Arotin and Lonsinger were found hiding between the roof of the jail and the top of the fourth tier of cells. Also found in their hiding place were two inch-and-a-half iron bars and a heavy-handled dust brush.

In their statements to police, the prisoners said their plan was to come out of hiding about five minutes after the lights were extinguished at 9:30. Sterling, who had expected to be out of his cell, was to meet them. They were to give him the brush, with which he planned to hit the guard over the head. Arotin was to take the guard's keys and let Keith out of his cell. They then were to make their way out of jail by way of the roof or a side door to the basement. Keith had told them he could get a car in Barnesboro, from where they would head for Baltimore and points south.

39 IN FIRST DRAFT CALL

Thirty-nine Cambria Co. young men will receive greetings this month in the first draft call. These men will be single non-veterans, with those in the 25-year bracket called first, and they will report for induction in November.

Not Beautiful, We Know—It's the Speed of It That Paid Off!



Twelve-year-old Louis Dietrick didn't dream up anything fancy for his entry in the "Soap Box Derby" for his crate paid off to the tune of \$15 in first prize money. (Photo by James)

H. M. Mohler Again Elected Master Of County Grange

Carrolltown Man First Became Member in '21

Re-election of H. M. Mohler, Carrolltown Implement and Feed Store Operator, as master highlighted the quarterly meeting of the Cambria Co. Pomona Grange, in Mt. Hermon Grange Hall, Ebensburg R. D., last Saturday.

Mr. Mohler, a member of the grange for 27 years, first was elected master in Oct., 1916. Other officers named for the current term include Ray Miller, Portage R. D., overseer; Mrs. Catherine Skelly, Wilmore, lecturer; Mrs. John Eckenrode, Carrolltown, steward; Stanton Evans, Ebensburg, assistant steward; Mrs. Edward Weise, Ashville, chaplain; Philip Strittmatter, Ebensburg, treasurer; Mrs. Geo. Leiden, St. Lawrence, secretary; W. A. Farabaugh, Carrolltown, gatekeeper; Mrs. Maude Thomas, Ebensburg, Ceres; Mrs. Harry Hazlett, Portage, Pomona; Mrs. Clyde Crawford, Ebensburg, Flora; and Mrs. Philip Strittmatter, Ebensburg, lady assistant steward.

Mr. Edward Weise, of Ashville, was named a member of the executive board and W. A. Farabaugh, Carrolltown, and Lyman Sherburn, Wilmore, were elected members of the finance committee.

Philip Strittmatter, county deputy, was in charge of installation ceremonies Saturday evening.

Grangers adopted a resolution asking the state to enact more rigid laws to force strip-mine operators to restore the land they damaged by the removal of coal. The farmers say the present laws are too lax and as a result most of the operators forfeit the required deposit because it is cheaper than refilling the deep trenches dug in the strip-mining operations.

The recording hand was presented to the county grange to be turned over to the state grange for public display. The recording hand is a book of the minutes of one meeting of each of the eight subordinate granges in the county.

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WE NEED MORE ROOM for our Taxidermy and Gun Work, so here are a few extra specials to be sold at once (open evenings until 9): Choice of boys' or girls' bicycle, \$22.50; Easy Sprindrier Washer, used but 3 months, \$85; 1/3 HP heavy duty Motor, \$29; Fair foglights, \$5.50; 1 1/2 HP Motor, \$5.50; 6 odd table lamps from \$1 to \$2; Overhead Garage Door hardware, \$12.75; 2 Automobile Heaters, \$7.50 each; Radiant Bottled Gas Heater, \$9.50; 4 underbed storage chests, "Stor-aids," \$2.25 each; 1 twin laundry tub outfit, \$4.75; Earl T. Volk, Taxidermy Shop, Barnesboro.

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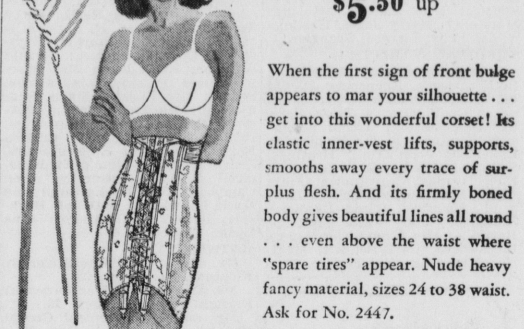
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Treasurer Ernest Apel. A literary program was presented by members of the host grange. Don't use a weak excuse because it's worn out before it's half told.

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Judge F. C. Bell, Clearfield, to Hear Co. Salary Dispute

Judge F. Cortez Bell of Clearfield Co. has agreed to hear the second suit in the salary dispute of Cambria Co. Court employees. The common pleas judge will rule on the question whether the county judges or the county salary board has power to fix salaries of court employees and to determine their number.

This question was discussed several weeks ago when Judge J. Colvin Wright of Bedford Co. heard a similar civil suit in Ebensburg. Judge Wright has not handed down his decision as yet.

In the second suit, three court stenographers challenge the constitutionality of the 1947 Act of Legislature involved. The act takes jurisdiction over court personnel away from the court and gives it to the salary board. The second complaint asserts the "inherent" powers of the court cannot be removed by legislation.

In the case heard before Judge Wright, the procedure was exactly opposite. At that time the county salary board brought action against the three stenographers who were granted pay increases by the court. The board claims the judges do not have authority to grant increases in wages because of the new Act of Assembly.

The stenographers have brought action against the county controller for not approving the increases ordered by the court. The commissioners and the controller represent four members of the five man salary board.

Meanwhile 28 employees of the courts are waiting for the results of the two cases. Neither judges nor the board will grant the court personnel wage increases at the present time. Nearly all other county employees received an average 10 percent wage increase in August.

LORETTA FARMER HURT
Olf V. Richard, 42, a Loretta farmer, suffered severe back injuries in a fall from an apple tree near his home last Thursday afternoon, and was admitted to the Mercy Hospital, Johnstown, at 4:20 p. m.

Jane Cowl On WJSW Episcopal Program This Friday Night

On next Friday evening at 8 p. m., Miss Jane Cowl, one of the great ladies of the American stage will be heard over station KQV, Pittsburgh, and WJSW, Altoona, as the star in Emily Williams famous Broadway hit, "The Corn Is Green." This is the second radio presentation of Great Scenes From Great Plays, sponsored by the Episcopal families of Patton.

Miss Cowl, an active member of the Episcopal Actors' Guild, will be introduced by another famous star, Walter Hampden, who acts as host on the Episcopal radio series heard every Friday night at the same hour.

Miss Cowl has retained the loyal affection of her great public through the years. "Lilac Time," which she wrote for herself as star, ran for two years on Broadway, and was followed by "Smiling Through" which had 1170 performances and was filmed four times in Hollywood. Miss Cowl is perfectly cast as the teacher in "The Corn Is Green."

The message of the play, as to teaching and teachers, is followed by the brief suggestion that people today are feeling the need for teaching and guidance in the problems of living, and especially in problems of the spirit, and that the Church's centuries-old proved ability to bring to men what they need is particularly applicable today.

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Hugh Semelsberger's Great Dane Awarded Top Show Prize



That's a lot of dog to feed, but the \$5 prize money won by Hugh Semelsberger for having the most outstanding pet in last Friday's American Legion sponsored Pet & Hobby Show will help in buying the grub. This was the second annual event of this kind put on by the local Legion Post. (James Photo)

As seen in GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

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