

Woods Confesses Firing Fatal Shot

Joseph Mansfield Killed Sunday Afternoon At Home Near Dysart

A general murder charge is being filed against a 61-year-old pipefitter at the Altoona railroad shops in connection with the death of Joseph A. Mansfield, 38, who was shot and killed at his cabin about a mile from Dysart in a wooded area of Dean Twp. on Sunday.

The charge is against Peter Woods of Altoona.

Woods confessed Tuesday that he fired the shot which struck the unemployed Dean Twp. coal miner. He admitted the shooting while being questioned by County Detectives Joseph Roberts and Patrick Calpin and M. J. O'Brien of the state police detail at Ebensburg.

The questioning officers said Woods admitted pulling a 32-caliber semi-automatic revolver from his pocket and firing at Mansfield, but said he was under the influence of liquor and did not remember all the details.

District Attorney Samuel R. DiFranco said the confession just about wraps up the investigation of the case, among those who were questioned were Mary Kennedy, 40, who occupied the isolated cabin with Mansfield, and Roy B. Clark, 36, Hollidaysburg salesman. Both were present at a cottage party of six persons held prior to the shooting.

Roberts quoted Woods as saying he left Altoona about 10 p. m. Sunday in company with Clark and two women. The defendant told police the woman tried to demand him from taking the fatal shot with him. The group went to the cabin occupied by Mansfield and proceeded to stage a

drinking party. The shooting occurred just as the party was getting ready to leave.

Woods said he remembers the gun being fired only once. The report of Joseph Govekar, county coroner, shows that Mansfield died of two bullet wounds of the chest. Police also found two empty shells at the scene.

Explaining that an argument preceded the shooting, Woods said he was unable to recall just what it was about or whether it was with Mansfield or Mary Kennedy. Others in the party included Ann Carson and Winifred Fencin, both of Altoona.

The Kennedy woman and the defendant, Woods, were bending over Mansfield's body trying to revive him when the district attorney and his assistant, Alton McDonald, reached the scene. They had been notified at the Altoona Hospital, where they were visiting a patient, and arrived unannounced about 11:30 p. m. Woods placed the time of the shooting at 12:15, but other witnesses fix it at nearer to 2 p. m. Joseph Mansfield was born in Ashville Mar. 12, 1912, a son of John and Jane (Grimes) Mansfield. He is survived by these brothers and sisters: William, Dysart; James, Barnesboro, Charles, Altoona; Mrs. Olive Diehl and Mrs. Frank Woods, both of Detroit, and Mrs. Annie LaForty, Altoona.

Services were held at Gibbons Funeral Home, Ashville, at 9 a. m. Wednesday, with Ashville View in charge of the military rites. Burial was in Union Cemetery at Ambsry.

Home, Church, School Hold Joint Responsibility for Child

Barnesboro Educator N. C. Kwanis Speaker

Prof. Wilbur M. Leonard, Ph. D., supervising principal of Barnesboro School, was speaker at the National Kidney Day program held in conjunction with the dining room of the Commercial Hotel, Patton, last Thursday. The program was in charge of George C. Appel Sr.

Dr. Leonard's topic was "The Responsibility of the Home, the Church, and the School."

Asking who is responsible for the children, he declared it is the home, the church and the school.

"The child is exclusively the responsibility of the home," said the educator. "Then he is like clay easily molded. The church has been criticized for not carrying a greater responsibility upon the life of the child, but it must be remembered that the church has little time with the child, besides one hour out of each week. In the school, also, they are problems. Suppose a teacher has 15 new children in the first grade. Here are 30 children with different temperaments and dispositions. Extreme patience and tact must be exercised by the teacher."

Dr. Leonard stated that as a result of many interviews with parents and girls, he came to the conclusion that the boys and girls of today are pretty much the same as those of 100 years ago. He said that when he was a boy, they went from life, with answers, to men and women. Health, happiness and success.

"Are there any secrets to the rearing of these things? Hard

and conscientious work is the answer."

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Other officers named are Faber Farabaugh, Carrolltown, overseer; Mrs. H. M. Mohler, Carrolltown, lecturer; John Robinson, Ebensburg, D. Stewart; John Strittmatter, Ebensburg R. D., assistant steward.

Mrs. W. A. Farabaugh, Carrolltown, chairman; Mr. Mohler, treasurer; Philip Strittmatter, Ebensburg, secretary; Robert S. St. Clair, Ebensburg, gatekeeper; Mrs. Philip Strittmatter, Ebensburg, cress; Mrs. Gilbert Farabaugh, Carrolltown, Pomona; Mrs. Raymond Wiener, Carrolltown, Fla.; and Bernadette Springer, Carrolltown, lady assistant steward.

Officers will be installed in November. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the grange hall.

Quarterback Club Seeking Means to Complete Stadium

Committee to Study Fund Raising Methods

Patton's stadium project got a boost in the form of a Thursday evening at one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the Patton Quarterback Club held since the group's formation. The dinner party was held at the Commercial Hotel.

As a result of the gathering, a policy group was formed to go after the money that is needed by members for fund raising. On the committee are Dr. Edward J. Hahnke, Bob Poythess, Leo J. Gibbons, Daniel J. Link and Louis

For several years considerable progress was shown in the local stadium project, when through the efforts of Bob Poythess and Frank Schwab considerable sums of money were raised to enable the installation of a system of drainage at the site, grading, leveling of grass and the installation of a section of fence and toilet booths.

Since last fall little has been done towards completion of the project, and it was the committee's feeling it was the thought of members of the Quarterback Club that they should go to the lead in raising money and cooperation from the other advancement of the stadium project at the Patton Athletic Field.

The discussion of fund raising

as the Patton Recreation Park, the Patton High School Band, the erection of the Patton Methodist Church after the disastrous fire, and other projects were brought to successful completion only by the wholehearted cooperation of the whole community and that it was almost impossible to expect that a community project such as the stadium should be carried through by a single organization, taxing body, or group of individuals.

Also pointed out was the fact that the stadium was not completed this football season was due to the inability of the Patton School District to purchase liability insurance on the stadium. This would be a permanent organization for the advancement of stadium improvements and operation.

Guests at the dinner were Paul Hahnke, head coach, and Assistant Coach Cecil Jackson and Steve Hahnke of the PHS squad. The next QB Club dinner-meeting will be held at 6:30 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 4.

Carrolltown May Undertake \$75,000 Waterworks Job

Go Ahead Signal Given At Special Meeting

A dependable, year-round supply of water probably will be forthcoming for residents of Carrolltown as a result of concrete initial steps taken by the town's council.

At a special meeting between the solons and representatives of the Carrolltown Volunteer Fire Co. Tuesday evening the "green signal" was given to a proposed \$75,000 water system improvement project to include wells, water lines and storage facilities.

Although the town has previously had a more dependable water system for many years, the project never has progressed beyond the planning stage. What could have been a very bad fire one month ago and another water shortage prolonged by this summer's dry spell brought the issue to the forefront.

First step to be taken before the job can actually get underway is the appointment by council of a five-man water authority. The authority would have the power to float a bond, under law, the borough itself, without such an authority, is restricted by total property assessments and its size in the amount of money it can borrow.

Final arrangements on the bond issue will be made following the appointment of the members of the authority. This probably will not be done until after the Oct. 1 meeting. Meanwhile several legal aspects are being ironed out.

It was explained by a council spokesman that the levying of a bond issue would not necessitate the raising of property taxes or water rates. The now heavy costs of maintenance would be lessened and this water revenue money used to pay off the bonds.

The project will be engineered by Knowles Engineering Co. of Pittsburgh. Arrangements have been drawn up with the "Pittsburgh concern by which a bonding company will purchase the bonds necessary to cover the project. They would be payable each year over a period of from 25 to 30 years.

The water authority would remain as a body until the bonds are retired, with some new members being added to the five-man authority board each year.

The job would call for the installation of an electric pump to replace the old steam pump at the water works and also the work there, drilling of a new well and installation of a big steel elevated storage tank on "reserve" hill, beside the present reservoir. The tank would be 67 feet high and 27 feet in circumference and would cost in itself about \$15,000. Also under the plan, an estimated 80 percent of the borough's water mains would be renewed or added to, and a number of dead ends connected.

Council members will attend the weekly sessions of the local school at Ebensburg each Wednesday, and the annual banquet of the county boroughs association next month in Scarp Level.

To Mark Golden Wedding This Sunday

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Daylight Saving Time To End Saturday Night

Turn your clock back—yes, back—one hour this coming Saturday night when you go to bed.

Daylight Saving Time will officially end at 2 a. m. Sunday morning, Sept. 30. Clocks were put ahead in April.

All church services as well as other activities Sunday will be held on Eastern Standard Time, and some of our million Americans and Canadians will be able to gain back that one hour of sleep lost last spring.

Nearly every town in the district observes Daylight Saving Time during the summer.

Evangelistic Series To Start Sunday

Rev. Lowell Martin To Talk Each Evening

An eight-day series of Evangelistic services will be held by Rev. Lowell Martin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, according to announcement by Rev. Ralph Whitmer, pastor.

The present-day topics will be used as subjects by Evangelist Rev. Lowell Martin. Services will be at 7:30 p. m. each evening through Sunday, Oct. 7. The public is invited to attend.

The daily schedule of topics follows:

Sunday, Sept. 30—"Judgment Must Be Now; Will Russia Rule the World?"; Monday—to be announced; Tuesday—"Will the Protestant Church Survive?"; Wednesday—"Will the Jews and Arabs Fight Again?"; Thursday—"Will Iranian Oil Turn Red?"; Friday—"Will the A or H Bomb Destroy the Earth?"; Saturday—"Will Eisenhower Save the USA?"; and Sunday, Oct. 7—"The Climax of the Ages; Will Patton Be Destroyed?"



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Tractors Claim Two Lives Within Few Hours Saturday

August Quevy, Robert Seymour Lose Lives While Harvesting Crops

Farm tractor accidents claimed the lives of two Patton area men with three hours last Saturday afternoon. The victims were August Quevy Sr., 45, of Patton, and Robert Seymour, 18, of Ashville R. D.

The coroner's office has listed both deaths as accidents and no inquests will be held.

Mr. Quevy was killed when a rear wheel of a tractor ran over his chest after he lost his balance and fell on the wheel of the moving wheel on the farm of his son-in-law, Irvin Hite of Carrolltown, who resides just below the monastery.

The Patton man and his son, Julian, had been riding around the driveway of the tractor. The drawbar is a metal plate to which farm machinery may be attached. The operator of the tractor was Mr. Hite, and the vehicle was moving up a road on the farm.

Hite brought the tractor to a stop as soon as he could and before a potato digger attached to it reached Mr. Quevy's body.

The accident occurred about 1:30 p. m. Mr. Quevy's death was listed as due to a crushed chest.

Deputy Coroner Richard P. Wilkinson of Sidman was joined in his investigation by Paul Baumh, Carrolltown police chief, and Corp. Frank Lense of the state police detail at Ebensburg.

Less than three hours later, at about 4:15 p. m., Robert Thomas Seymour, 18-year-old son of Edgar Seymour of Ashville R. D., lost his life in the second farm accident.

Robert was driving a tractor down a sloping field to pick up a load of corn. A short time before his father had gone to the house to prepare for supper.

Mr. Seymour said that when he went to cull his son to come for the meal, he glanced toward the field and saw the overturned tractor, wheels spinning in the air. The youth was found partly under the overturned machine.

Coroner Joseph Govekar, who investigated, said as the lad was driving down the grade suddenly turned throwing him from the seat. He was crushed beneath the overturned tractor.

The coroner listed his injuries as a possible fracture of the skull, internal injuries and a crushed chest.

August Quevy Sr. was born on Oct. 21, 1885, in France, a son of Julian and Mary (Wagner) Quevy and resided at 300 Brewer Ave., Patton. He is survived by his widow, the former Susan Fitzpatrick, and these children: August

Track Smoothing At Patton Station Involves 4 Groups

Bridge Floor, Sidewalks Also Must Be Raised

Correcting of the condition now existing at the grade crossing of Route 36 over the PRR tracks at the Depot on Magee Ave., Patton, was made by representatives of State Highway Dept., the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., Patton Borough Council, Cambria County Commissioners, Bell Telephone Co. and Pennsylvania Electric Co. in a consultation conference Wednesday morning of this week with A. H. Creveling of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

The present four tracks are at different levels and the crossing is to be corrected by elevating all tracks to uniformity.

An informal agreement was reached by the Borough and the Highway Dept. and Railroad Co. to remedy the situation, with the borough elevating sidewalks, the highway department, the railroad company all improvements on their right of way. This will result in an amicable adjustment of the situation.

Present at the meeting, besides Mr. Creveling, were Clair Gill, president, and Albert Hahnke, secretary of Patton Borough Council; H. E. Porter, Division Engineer, C. E. Anderson, legal adviser, J. J. McGarry and C. A. McCulley, of the PRR; E. C. Smith and Simon Snyder, assistant district engineers of the State Highway Dept.; Thomas A. Courtney, Cambria County Commissioner; H. A. Irvin, Bell Telephone Co., and Carl Hagberg, Pennsylvania Electric Co.

Carrolltown to Get Traffic Signal Light

Asks State to Change To Overhead Type

Carrolltown's main corner will have a traffic light—but just what kind it will be is yet to be determined.

Carrolltown Council has received an OK from the State Highway Dept. to install a set of 4 lights at the intersection—that is one on each corner to face traffic coming from each direction.

However, it is believed by most persons, including the solons, that one overhead light placed in the center of the intersection would be best for the site due to the grades on both sides and the fact that the light controlling traffic on Route 219 coming from Ebensburg would be about 15 feet from the corner in front of the American Legion Home and thus very difficult to see.

A petition is now in the hands to have the type of signal changed to the latter.

Borough officials have been requesting permission to install the traffic control device for about four years.

Patton Borough also has made application for installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Fifth and Magee Aves.

Duman Dam's Construction Gets Underway This Week

Pittsburgh Firm Has Contract for Work

Erection of tool sheds and an office building at the site of the Duman Dam has been completed in preparation for the start of construction of the North Cambria County project.

Workmen employed by Charles W. Tanner of Pittsburgh moved onto the site, located between Belleau and Nicktown, during the past week. Tanner's low bid of \$42,970 has been approved by the State Department of Property and Supplies.

The Duman Dam project, which calls for the rebuilding and the enlarging of the old present dam, is being sponsored by the Cambria County Federation of Sportsmen, Clubs and the Cambria County Parks and Recreation Board

Apple Queen to Be Good Dowdy Baker

Home economics students and members of Future Homemakers of America units in Cambria and Somerset Counties will be vying for the Pennsylvania Apple Queen crown when they parade their kitchen skills in area contests next month.

Local, county and regional apple pan dowdy baking contests will be held for county hopefuls with finalists to vie for the state crown Oct. 20 in DuBois. Girls from Patton, Barnesboro and Ferndale High Schools will bake in local contests next week with winners participating in a Cambria County contest Oct. 10 at the Ebensburg-Cambria High School,

55 Teams Entered In First-Aid Meet

National Champion To Be Named Oct. 3

Some 55 teams from nine states thus far have entered the National First-Aid and Mine Rescue Contest at Columbus, O. Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, October 2 and 3.

At least 44 teams will compete in first-aid events and 11 in the mine-rescue contests. Each first-aid team has six members and each mine rescue team, five.

Described as "the world series in safety," the national event is sponsored by coal operators, mining institutions, the U.M.W.A., state departments of mines, the National Coal Assn. and the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Entered in first-aid contests from Pennsylvania are five teams from Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., Pottsville; Pittsburgh Coal Co., Division of Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co., Library; Hudson Coal Co., Mayfield; Republic Steel Corp., Indiana, and U. S. Steel Co., Robens. The latter mine also has a team entered in the mine rescue contest.

3rd Degree Cootie Scratch

Adjutant Miles Shitka of Barnesboro Pup Tent 36, Military Order of Cooties reports that all arrangements have been completed for the Third Degree Cootie Scratch to be held at the McDonald Post, VFW, Spangler Sunday, Sept. 30.

Scratchings will start at 1:30 p. m. Local VFW members are urged to join.

Mrs. Matilda Diethrich Active At 83

North Cambria Personalities—No. 127

By CYRIL R. STEVENS

Mrs. Matilda Diethrich, widow of Frank Diethrich, still is active at the age of 83 years. Next December 16 she will be 84 years old.

The affable aged lady currently is living at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Diethrich of Patton R. D. Since the death of her husband on Nov. 7, 1925, she has been living with her children sometimes at Patton R. D., sometimes in St. Augustine, sometimes in Pittsburgh and sometimes in Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Diethrich is far from being retired. She helps with the housework wherever she is and likes to dig in the garden and to tend flowers. She also keeps her busy mending clothes and knitting gloves for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At the present time the aged lady has 113 living descendants. These include seven children living 42 grandsons and 64 great-grandchildren.

Hard work and lots of rest is Mrs. Diethrich's formula for a long and healthy life. The kindly face shows the lines of troubled times but her confidence in God pulled her through. She recalls that one time she and five of her children had diphtheria and that at another time she, her husband and a daughter were ill with pneumonia.

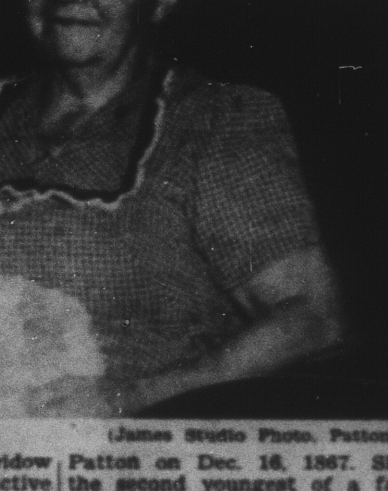
Mrs. Diethrich is the former Matilda Fox, daughter of the late Augustus and Catherine (Fox) Fox, who was born on the Fox Farm in East Carroll Township near Patton on Dec. 16, 1867. She is the second youngest of a family of 19 and is the last surviving member.

She and Frank Diethrich were married on June 30, 1885 in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown. Father Maximilian officiated at the ceremony. They lived at the Cross Roads where Mr. Diethrich operated a wagon shop. The octogenarian recalls happily the growth of Patton. At one time she and her husband operated the Sunset Dairy in Patton. They were also well known in the community where they sold butter and eggs.

The living children are Regina, wife of Ralph Nagie, St. Augustine; Callistus, Sharpburg; Elizabeth, wife of George Clark, Allison Park; Rose, White Plains, N. Y.; James, Patton R. D., and Gilbert and John, both of Akron, Ohio. Those dead are Henry, Edwin, Lucinda, Charlotte and Rebekah. Another child died in infancy.

Mrs. Diethrich likes to play cards and bingo and even dance the old fashioned jig. She hooks rugs and makes quilts also. She pieced and put together a quilt which the members of the St. Augustine Altar Society completed and changed into a beautiful church picnic. A total of \$100 was realized from the quilt.

Besides her membership in the St. Augustine Altar and Sunday School, she still retains membership in the Altar Society of St. Benedict's Church. She was a member for many years



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