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Boys May Await Sentence In Jail For As Long As Month And A Half

Set Blazes In Area To See Firemen Run

Bruce Carr Selingo, 19, and Ronald Seymour, 19, can spend anywhere from three weeks to a month and a half in Luzerne County Prison awaiting completion of "presentence investigation" by probation authorities, Assistant District Attorney Arthur L. Piccone said this week.

Meanwhile, others implicated in a string of burglaries and arson in the Back Mountain and Kingston saw their fates resolved also. The DA will let Ronald Cross, 20, serve out his term in Korea with the army; and Ronald Gardiner, 19, also subject of presentence investigation, was released in custody of his mother.

Gardiner and Carr were the only members of the group who ventured "not guilty" pleas at the marathon 7-hour trial before Judge Bernard Brominski on Thursday. Gardiner confessed things once during the trial by first pleading "not guilty" to a burglary charge, and reversing himself on the stand, according to the DA.

Carr, whose list of indictments dominated the proceedings at 22, including burglary, larceny, and arson, held back on two larceny charges and one arson.

Others implicated in some of the crimes were Stanley J. Theis, 19, Forty Fort, and Barry DeRoll, 18, 105 S. Pioneer Avenue.

Carr's residence is 241 Church Street, Gardiner's — Kunkle, and Seymour has been a roomer at 140 Franklin.

Interesting Points

Some interesting points which arose during course of trial and investigation were: After robbing Sears Store, April 10, Carr and Theis threw away all the booty along the highway above Scranton. It included, of all things, a dozen coveralls which didn't fit, some oil pressure gauges, and the rear oil speaker for a car.

At the Sears Store, the boys ran into the most trouble of their career until their eventual meeting with state trooper Eugene Brennan. Edwardsville patrolman Charles Nayliss surprised them, and they jumped into Theis's red Valiant and drove off, while Nayliss shot at them.

Another point, Mr. Piccone revealed upon question by the Dallas Post, no monetary or grudge motive was ever revealed for a string of arson dating back to 1962. The boys just watched the buildings burn down, as firemen from various Back Mountain companies labored to save them. As one fire chief put it: "Those were the days they kept us hopping."

A total of 32 charges were brought against the youths, whose apprehension began earlier this year with the arrest of Carr by Brennan, a first-class investigator from Wyoming Barracks, who was aided by police chiefs Russell Honeywell, Herbert Updyke, Frank Lange, Edward Kravitsky, and state officers Robert Strempek and Michael Ryan.

Carr was arrested following an attempted burglary of Caddie La-Bar's early March, in which three boys narrowly escaped being caught by garage-owner Harry Wesley and helper, following Wesley's continuous vigil for culprits who had been breaking into his near-by business. This broke the case.

Carr was interrogated at police

Dallas Fire Drill

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, Dallas, will hold a fire drill tonight, Thursday, at 6:30.

Search For Stevio Continued By Police

State police are resuming their search today for Louis Stevio in the Beth Run Mountain area of Lake Township, in what Lt. Edward McGroarty of Wyoming Barracks termed "one very thorough search."

Stevio, believed armed with a .30-40 Krag military rifle when he left his home on Route 29 nearly two weeks ago, has not been seen or heard from since. There is a warrant out for his arrest on charges of disorderly conduct, chiefly, police say, for his own protection.

Forest-fire fighters heard two shots in the vicinity of three fires which broke out in the Beth Run wilderness a week ago Tuesday, according to Lt. McGroarty, and a plane pilot saw a man running from the fires toward a cabin.

Also, the police think it more than coincidence that no fires have broken out since that time.

An ex-marine, Stevio, 57, was not considered in the best of physical health when he left home. Before going, he also barricaded himself in the house and threw potted plants through the front windows.

Police may enlist help from the marine reserves for the search, according to Lt. McGroarty.

Military Honors For Crash Victim

Frantz Fatally Hurt While Crossing Road

Richard Elwood Frantz, the 21 year old Kunkle man who was fatally injured while crossing highway 309 near the Lake Catalpa Road intersection at 3:10 a.m. on Memorial Day, was buried with military honors Wednesday afternoon.

An Honor Guard from the 195th Ordnance Company, Army Reserves, was present at the Disque Funeral Home and later at the burial plot in Marsh Cemetery. Rev. William Watson and Rev. Frederick M. Eister, pastors of Center Moreland and Kunkle Methodist Churches, officiated.

Pall bearers were close friends: Michael Soltshick, Ronald Hess, Gerald Rubia, Marvin Stuart, Peter Fritsky, Thomas Metz and Richard Braze.

Richard was struck by a car driven by Hiram Traver, 22, of Noxen, when he stepped back into its path instead of continuing across the road. Investigation showed that Traver had swung widely to the right to avoid hitting the victim.

Frantz was passenger in a car driven by an East Dallas man, William Schmdle, 23. A tire went flat, and Schmdle pulled off the road. Schmdle and Frantz hailed a third man, Richard Cundiff, Dallas RD 1, who stopped to help.

When Schmdle and Frantz were half way across the highway, a car travelling north toward Beaumont started to skirt the scene of the stopped car, and struck Frantz. Schmdle made the crossing in safety.

Richard Frantz was rushed to Nesbitt Hospital in Dallas Community Ambulance. Examination showed a fractured skull, compound fractures of the left leg, simple fracture of the right leg, and internal injuries.

He died less than twenty-four hours later, without regaining consciousness.

Richard, a life-long resident of (Continued on Page 5 A)

Douse Brushfire

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, Dallas, extinguished a brushfire in the woods by Memorial Highway adjacent to the pipeline across from Elmcrest Tuesday afternoon.

A Case Of Divergent Viewpoints Amidst Beer And Rock And Roll

A long hard day of beer and rock 'n roll resolved into a tiff between a Pittston man and Lehman Township police, the end of which was not heard by the middle of this week.

Chief of police Joseph Ide and Fred Pisano, Jr., 20, 11 Wilson Street, Pittston, arranged a hearing for last night, to decide their differences.

Pisano was one of an enormous crowd which packed O'Connell's Twin Lakes dance floor over the Memorial Day weekend to hear the "Kasuals," a Valley group which attracts to 21-and-over stag rocking and rolling in all its most anarchic forms. The dance floor is covered with men in Bermuda shorts and sweat shirts, and girls accentuated in purple and burnt ochre creations.

Some of the crowd gathered around was menacing, according to the chief, who had Pisano taken to Nesbitt Hospital in Lehman ambulance. Ide said he thought Pisano was to be admitted after having five stitches in his head, so figuring the boy still under arrest for "disorderly conduct" and safely away in the hospital, he left. Pisano also left.

Pisano engaged an attorney, claiming police hit him on the head four or five times, cutting his head and knocking his teeth loose. Chief Ide told the Dallas Post that if there were four or five blows, there would be four or five cuts, and that the teeth, if in fact they were loosened, obviously became so during the boys' scuffle. He said the doctor at Nesbitt did not think the teeth were loose.

So, with a police warrant for Pisano's arrest, it remained for the matter to be resolved by Justice of the Peace, or perhaps in court. One point that may be brought up is that Pisano, being under 21, was not supposed to be in the dance hall.

No matter what the outcome, Ide said the dances will either carry a larger police guard henceforth, or none at all.

Kiwanis Club Counts Up Hennebaul Fund

Kiwanis members list final tabulations on the recently concluded fund drive for benefit of Fred Hennebaul. Receipts were still coming in, enough to practically insure a total of over \$1500 from Slave Labor Days and donations.

Shown here are: at the top, John Marsh, George McCutcheon, Paul Laux, and Bill Wright. Bottom row: Harry Lefko, Samuel Davenport, William Guyette, Alfred Ackerson, and Harry Peiffer.

Efforts of a united community resulted in raising of enough money to send Freddie Hennebaul, injured months ago in a wrestling accident at Lake-Lehman, back to Magee Hospital in Philadelphia, for instruction in the use of an artificial muscle.

George McCutcheon says: "Watching Key Club members, wrestlers, Lettermen, and other students, working in every way possible to earn money for Freddie's rehabilitation, has been definitely rewarding. The community can be proud to know that Youth still reacts as Youth always has, when an emergency unites them."

Many people have wondered why State agencies have not been utilized more fully in Freddie's case.

Bird Problem Could Be Just "For Birds"

Preferring to keep names out of it until he completes his investigation, Dallas Township Police Chief Pete Lange reports this bird story:

He received a call yesterday from a woman in East Dallas who is angry that her neighbor is feeding birds early in the morning. "Feed the birds in the winter when they're hungry," she told the bird-lover, complaining to Pete that the chirping wakes her up in the morning.

We forgot to ask the chief whether he intended to arrest the birds, but he didn't look as if it was first on his list that morning.

Lake-Lehman Graduation Tuesday, 8:15

Herbert Harrison To Give Address To Senior Class

Lake-Lehman High School commencement exercises will take place Tuesday at 8:15 in the high school gymnasium.

Mr. Herbert Harrison will be the guest speaker, taking as his topic "Live All Your Life." Mr. Harrison, with an enviable reputation as an after-dinner speaker, has an unusual ability to combine the serious and the humorous. Born in Brooklyn, he attended the public schools of New York and Syracuse University. He has been President of the Rotary Club of Olean, N. Y., and was selected as Olean's "Man of the Year."

Lake-Lehman High School Band will play "The King and I," "Waltzing Winds," and "Offenbach" under direction of John Miliauskas, also the processional, "War March of the Priests."

Invocation will be given by Rev. Francis Barlik. Patricia Kanasky and Jay Ruckel will both give Honor Oration. Lester B. Squier, Supervising Principal, will introduce the guest speaker and present the graduating class.

Anthony Marchakitus, High School Principal, will present the awards. President of the Board of Education, Willard Sutton, will distribute diplomas. The benediction given by Rev. Winfield L. Kelley, will mark the close of the ceremony.

Members of the Senior Class will leave the gymnasium as the Recessional, "March Processionale," is played by the Lake-Lehman Band. Anyone wishing to congratulate the graduates may meet them in corridor "E."

These students served as senior class officers: Jack Sorber, President; Larry Lettice, Vice President; Bonny Gennetis, Secretary; Sharyn Montross, Treasurer; and Mary Pauletti, Historian.

Kenneth Ellsworth, Patricia Kanasky, Wanda Minor, and Richard Sarmonis were members of the Student Council.

Susan Lamoreaux, Linda Platt, Beverly Bonning, Beverly Swire, Marcia Quirk, Mary Marchakitus, Jackie Hoyt, and Theresa Stash, all members of the Junior Class, will act as usherettes. Sheldon Lord and Ronald Koslosky, also members of the Junior Class will act as ushers.

Class colors are Red and White. Motto — "Our goal of today is our success of tomorrow." Flower — Rose, and the song is to the tune of "Roses are Red".

He won ten National awards from Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge for outstanding addresses on Americanism.

Author of eight books, most of them book-of-the-month selections, he has also written many articles for magazines.

Under auspices of the State Department he has lectured in India to educational and civic groups.

He is a well-known speaker over radio and T.V.

Minister to leading churches in New York City, Utica and Bronxville, he was exchange preacher under Federal Council of Churches to England, Scotland, and France.

Back Mountain Little League To Open Season On Saturday

Back Mt. Baseball for Boys will open its season Saturday, June 6th at 2 p.m. at the Dallas Township Field. Back Mountain Baseball for Boys organization provides baseball for boys 8 through 15. This season, over three hundred and fifty boys will be in uniform.

In addition, about one hundred and twenty youngsters make up the farm teams. In all, the program covers over five hundred boys.

The program runs from Saturday, June 6th until August 15th. Major league games are played every night Monday thru Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. Minor league games are played every Saturday starting at 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Farm League plays every Wednesday, starting at 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. All games are played at the little league field in Dallas Township.

Jackson People Take Road To DA

Larksville Refuses Care Of Borderline

Jackson Township residents of Steele's Road, an impossible mile-long stretch of dirt and holes at top of Larksville Mountain, mean business, and are going to have constable Gensel "return" or condemn, the thing, and will put the matter of maintenance in the hands of the District Attorney for resolution.

Problem is now a year old, and involves refusal of Larksville Borough to maintain their half of the road, and further refusal to meet with Jackson Township to work out a solution.

At the supervisor's meeting Tuesday, a group of Steele's Road people were again present with complaints.

The road was supposed to have been jointly maintained by the two municipalities until last year, according to original agreement by Larksville and Jackson. When the agreement expired, Larksville, lots poorer than in 1939 when the deal was made, and lots more irresponsible as well, said Jackson Township, could have their half for the asking.

Larksville apparently did not get excited about the idea of handing over the state money, and refused to honor Jackson's invitation to talk about it, so, if Steele's Road people have their way, Larksville will hear from the DA.

Dallas Three-Car Crash

Three cars crashed on Memorial Highway at Dallas spotlight at 4:45 yesterday afternoon, when the front two allegedly stopped because traffic in front of them had slowed to a halt.

All were going north on a green light: Third car, driven by Mrs. Gloria Elston, Dallas RD 2, hit the second in line, driven by Mark Matthews, Oak Hill, which then hit the first, driven by Thomas Gryskiewicz, Hillside Avenue, Harveys Lake.

An unknown car was said to have caused the accident by stopping for a hitchhiker. The Matthews car was towed, and Honeywell and Foss, police, investigated.

will be Rev. Eidan of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Rev. Rafferty of Gate of Heaven Church. Flag raising ceremonies will be under the direction of Daddow Isaacs Legion Post. After the opening ceremonies teams will play 4 - 2 inning games.

Memorial Day in the Back Mountain

Memorial Day in the Back Mountain was celebrated with cool, bright skies, and many organizations and spectators turned out for the event.

Parade got off promptly at 9:30 Saturday from the American Legion Home on Memorial Highway.

Shown here are some random shots from the ceremonies: the little poppy girl, Nora Barlow, with her mother and Mrs. Hazel Carkhuff, of the Legion Auxiliary.

Five companies shown: Lehman truck and ambulance, Idetown, Trucksville, and Kunkle's command car and truck. Members of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company smile broadly (also Russ Coolbaugh).

A local girl scout troop, backed up by several small flamboyant orators, who said: "Take my picture". So we did. Another orator, Myron Baker, who delivered the principle address at Warden Cemetery.

Wreath was placed, traditionally at Dallas Honor Roll by a boy scout and girl scout. Next, a group of spectators in central Dallas, and, again, a photographer, Bill Lahn, and two young fellows who fairly jumped up and down with delight at the red lights on fire engines.

Grand Marshal Paul Shaver oversees the operation of parade-making at the Legion home, and Jess Coslett oversees Paul. Honor guard under Harold Brobst fires a salute at the cemetery, where ceremony ended.

Myron Baker, speaking over the graves of many at Warden, and for the many elsewhere, paid tribute to the past and the future. Struggle of freedom-loving people, he observed, has been the keynote of our people since the days of the Wyoming Massacre.

Speaking of those who died in service of their country and those who died after, he said: "But just as surely as this day rolls around each year and we stop to decorate the graves, I'm sure the dead come back to live with us again. And every year at springtime, at the height of the flowering season with love and life and growth abounding everywhere, we pause and listen to the lonely notes of death and memory."

"As each generation drinks from wells they did not dig, as each generation moves along the way, it is up to us to see that we pick up those historic, old-fashioned, tattered regimental colors of freedom and liberty, as valuable to us as to Americans 189 years ago -- face up to responsibility when the time comes and carry on."

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