

'FIRE BUG' TRIES TO BURN BARN ON HORN FARM

Throws Gasoline Against Building Without Burning The Structure

BUILDING CONTAINED VALUABLE ARTICLES

Sheriff Seeks Owner Of Bottle Labelled 'Bright And Early Whiskey'

The eagerness of an incendiary to make "a good job" of his attempt to burn the barn on the Joseph Horn farm on the Coshocton road Monday night is probably all that was responsible for his failure to fire the structure, according to Sheriff Walter B. Mossholder, who was called to the Horn farm Tuesday to investigate the attempted arson.

A quart bottle with a small amount of gasoline in it was found sitting by the barn near where the side of the barn was disclosed by fire and the indications are that the incendiary threw gasoline against the barn and then thrust a burning newspaper against it. The gasoline, however, had burned with a flash and the flame failed to ignite the lumber. "Had the man used kerosene," said Sheriff Mossholder, "the wood would have undoubtedly caught fire, but the gasoline burned too quickly."

The only clues left by the incendiary were the bottle, a tin cup used in throwing the gasoline against the barn and bits of the charred newspaper. The bottle containing the gasoline bears a label of the "Bright and Early" brand of whiskey, but there are no indications of where it was purchased or where its original contents were manufactured.

Sheriff Mossholder took the bottle Wednesday morning and showed it to "Governor" Allen, asking him if he ever came across bottles of a similar brand in the course of his experience with bottles either empty or full, but the "governor" was unable to throw any light on the origin of the bottle.

Had the attempt of the incendiary been successful it would have caused Mr. Horn a heavy loss as the barn is a substantial one and valuable in itself, while it contained not only horses and other livestock at the time the attempt was made, but also hay, farm implements and wool valued at approximately \$1,000.

Seeks Damages—

G. V. Stump has filed suit in the common pleas court against Joseph and Maria Hall, seeking to recover \$75 damages for the loss of a colt, which he alleges was caused when a horse belonging to the defendants broke into the field where the colt was kept and kicked it, breaking one leg and necessitating killing the colt. The case comes to the common pleas court from the court of Squire Walter G. Harris, where judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, F. O. Levering is the attorney for Mr. Stump.

Executor Appointed—

B. C. Ramey has been appointed executor of Jennie E. Hildreth by the probate court. Bond was furnished in the sum of \$1,500 with Frank Thatcher, John Butler and Charles Young as sureties. Alfred Shult, Charles Miller and P. B. Kelsner were appointed appraisers.

Appointed Commissioner—

Paul M. Ashbaugh has been appointed commissioner in the matter of the estate of Susan Snyder to take the election of the widower of unsound mind by the probate court, according to an entry filed Tuesday.

Real Estate Transfers—

Della V. Graff to George M. Shigar, parcels in Mound View cemetery, \$1.
George Shigar to Emel Shigar, parcel in Mound View cemetery, \$1.
George Shigar to Elcer Shigar, parcel in Mound View cemetery, \$1.
John R. Hanger to Clarence Spearman, 40 acres in Union, \$2,000.

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REVOLVER VICTIM IS OUT OF DANGER; BOY IS RETURNED HOME

Ellsworth Leonard, who shot himself accidentally at his home in South Vernon Monday evening, was removed to his home from the M. & S. hospital Tuesday afternoon. The boy was feeling quite well, except for the pain which was caused by the wound inflicted by the bullet.

MRS. SARAH RINE

Widow Of The Late Henry Rine, Dies Of Pneumonia At Bladensburg Home

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Rine, the widow of the late Henry Rine of Bladensburg who died several years ago, succumbed to pneumonia at 10 o'clock Tuesday night at the age of 68 years. She had been ill about one week. She leaves five daughters, Mrs. Della Wilson, of Tunnel Hill; Mrs. Emma, Dukey, of Bladensburg; Mrs. Ada Carpenter, of New Castle, and Mrs. Clara Horn and Mrs. Hattie Horn, both of Gambier, and four sons, Emmannuel, Andrew, Harper and Cleveland Rine, all of Bladensburg. The funeral at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Bladensburg Presbyterian church, Rev. McLeod officiating. Burial in the Bladensburg cemetery.

SITE TAX ADVOCATE GIVES INTERESTING ADDRESS AT C. OF C.

Favors Increasing Taxes On Land And Reducing Those On Improvements

A stirring arraignment of the system of taxation as it is now applied was given at the noon-day luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday by David Gibson, well known editor of Cleveland and an earnest "site tax" advocate.

Mr. Gibson declared that under the present system of taxation land is a liability to a community instead of an asset, saying that as land values automatically increase with the increasing population of a community and the interest derived from the investment in land must be paid by the community while an individual owner receives the profits. This condition, the speaker said, was the fundamental cause of the present war and is likewise the cause for the present high and ever increasing cost of living.

As a remedy for this condition Mr. Gibson proposed a gradual application site taxation, thus removing the burden from the community. "Reduce the taxes on buildings and property directly due to the labor of men and increase the taxes on the land, which man did not produce" was the speaker's specific for bringing about better business conditions and reducing the cost of living.

The speech was highly enjoyed by the members attending the luncheon and many remained after adjournment to obtain further information from Mr. Gibson relative to the reform advocated by him. Mr. Gibson is one of the leading "site tax" advocates of the country.

REV. FORD'S BROTHER GETS A COMMISSION

First Lieutenantcy In Dental Corps Is Given Brother Of Local Pastor

Lawrence W. Ford, a brother of the Rev. O. E. Ford of this city, has recently received from President Wilson, his commission as first lieutenant in the dental section of the officers' reserve corps. He was a graduate from a college of dentistry at O. S. U. and from Muskingum college, West Lafayette. Lieutenant Ford has been practicing in Columbus, and is a member of the Xi Psi Phi fraternity and lives at 321 East Gay street, Columbus. He is holding himself in readiness for a call to service.

We must pass through much to this point before the cause we are upholding reaches the glad heights of success and victory.—New York Journal.

LAWN FETE FOR BATTERY HIGHLY PLEASING AFFAIR

Daughters Of Veterans Act As Hostesses; Boys Attend Vine Theatre

REV. MILLER MAKES STIRRING ADDRESS

Men Enlist For Cause Of Humanity Without Thought Of Self Says Speaker

As guests of the daughters of Veterans, the members of Battery E highly enjoyed the lawn fete given in their honor on the public square Tuesday evening. There was much sinking of hearts early in the evening over the threatening aspect of the sky, which gave every indication of rain, but happily this passed over and the boys gathered at the long table placed on the grass and illuminated by strings of electric lights.

After the men had been served with ice cream and cake, Rev. Elias H. Miller and First Lieutenant Headington gave short addresses and the battery then marched to the Vine theatre to see a special show as the guests of Fred Harris, manager of the theatre.

Rev. Miller spoke briefly of the events and causes that prompted the men to enlist in the military service of the United States at the present time, saying that it was not for the money offered soldiers, as practically every man in the battery had left better paying and less hazardous occupations to answer their country's call. The real reason that men are enlisting, Rev. Miller said, is that deep in his inner consciousness each man feels it his duty, not only to his country and posterity, but to all mankind to "do his bit" towards defeating the common foe—imperialism and militarism as typified by the German government.

Lieut. Headington's speech was one of thanks to the organization acting as hostesses to the battery.

Battery E accomplished its first "strategic retreat" Wednesday morning, evacuating its base headquarters in Mt. Vernon, sweeping east of the city, escaping by a detour the strongly fortified position on Campbell's hill, proceeding cautiously along the banks of the Kicking river for a distance of four miles and then storming and capturing the formidable posts on Gambier hill where the object of the "retreat" was disclosed—a splendid and appetizing assortment of food, prepared especially for army consumption by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stoyke of The Bakery, whose son is a member of the battery, assisted by Mrs. Stoyke's mother, Mrs. McGugin.

Just prior to eating, the boys assembled in front of The Bakery and were addressed by President William Foster Peirce of Kenyon college. President Peirce referred to the splendid turn-out of men in Knox county for national service and complimented Battery E in particular.

Following the dinner, a flag was raised in front of The Bakery and the trumpeters played to the colors.

The battery arrived in Gambier at 11 o'clock, making the trip in a little less than two hours.

Two automobiles, driven by William M. Banning and Frank E. Kirby, were in the rear of the battery and served as "ambulances," several of the boys becoming weary and footsore.

The battery started back for Mt. Vernon at 1:30 o'clock.

Lieut. Julius W. Headington conducted a lecture on personal hygiene and first aid for the battery Tuesday afternoon, devoting one hour to the talk and taking up everything from personal cleanliness and care of the teeth to first aid in case of broken bones, how to stop the flow of blood in case of injuries and the like. It is planned to continue this instruction Thursday.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boltinghouse of Pike township.

A daughter was born Tuesday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. William Mides of West Chestnut street.

Word was received here of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hagedorn of Cleveland. Mrs. Hagedorn was formerly Miss Pauline Stump.

CHARLES JENNINGS

Brother Of Local Persons Dies At Home In Sandusky At Advanced Age Of 84 Years
Charles Jennings, a brother of Henry Jennings and John Jennings, Mrs. Charles Curtis and Mrs. Samuel Curtis, all of this city, died at his home in Sandusky Tuesday and the body will be brought here for burial in Mound View cemetery. No word has been received here regarding the time of the arrival of the body. Mr. Jennings was 84 years of age. He also leaves one nephew, Dwight Curtis, of this city.

JOSEPH TURINO

Cincinnati Youth Succumbs To White Plague At State Sanatorium Monday Night

Joseph Turino, aged about 17 years, died at the Ohio State Sanatorium from hemorrhages, lasting about five minutes only, the result of tuberculosis, at 7:05 o'clock Wednesday morning. He leaves his parents, who reside in Cincinnati. They arrived here Wednesday.

STATE COMMISSION OPPOSES RAISE IN TAXES THIS YEAR

Columbus, July 25—Declaring that no additional burdens should be laid upon the people at this time, the state tax commission through its chairman, Robert D. Alexander, went on record today as being decidedly opposed to any increase of tax rates for this year. The commission sent letters to the members of the budget commission of each county, requesting them not to increase the tax rate for 1917.

In the commission's request, attention is called to the fact that the new tax law largely increases valuations which, in itself, will provide for larger funds to the taxing districts without an increase in rates and on this account the commission says it would be good judgment, as well as sound business, not to enlarge the rates.

EXPLOSION ON SUB KILLS 5; INJURES 3

Washington, July 25—An explosion yesterday on the submarine A-7 at Cavite island, Philippine Islands, killed five and injured three of the officers and crew.

The dead are reported in official dispatches: Lieut. Larcus; machinist's mate, first class, H. H. Lang; gunner's mate, second class, O. Hopewell; chief electrician's mate, G. M. Curry; machinist's mate, K. A. Kunz.

The explosion, from a preliminary examination, appeared to be due to the ignition of gas within the ship.

Ancient Greeks Had Trades.

In the days of their greatest prosperity the Greeks probably excelled all other nations in the variety and excellence of their manufactures. Their sons were often the great scientists of their age; for Thales of Miletus, one of the "seven wise men of antiquity," was an oil merchant; Socrates was a stone mason, who left the quarry and bench to become the teacher of nobles; Aristotle compounded drugs while trying to solve his "problems," apparently proposed by other tradesmen, artists, musicians, architects and engineers; Plato and Solon had callings as well as studies and political activities. So, too, all were soldiers.

Individual Rights.

We are always talking of the rights of the individual. But unless the individual has picked up a little sense, is willing to work a little and look out for himself a little he has no rights.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

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ASSAULT CHARGED AGAINST SHULTZ; CAUSE IS UNKNOWN

William Sells Says He Was Assailed Near Wholesale House

Charging that he was struck near the establishment of Kelsner-Dowds by Perry Shultz, who had no reason to assault him, William Sells Wednesday morning filed an affidavit in Squire George S. Harter's court, charging the former with assault and battery.

Sells alleges that Shultz emerged from the alley of the Kelsner-Dowds wholesale grocers' establishment as he was passing Sunday evening and struck him with something, possibly it was only his fist, according to Sells, who says, however, that it felt as though it were something hard he held in his hand.

Sells said he asked Shultz why he had struck him and received in reply a vile name together with the assertion: "You will follow me, will you?" Sells says that he had not followed Shultz at any time.

After the alleged assault, a friend of Sells followed Shultz and as he came close to him, Shultz pulled a gun, it is said, and ordered him to halt or he would shoot, whereupon the pursuing man obeyed the command.

European Civilization.

The first pavements in Paris were laid about the year 1200; in London, about 1417. Berlin was without pavements far into the seventeenth century. No houses had glass windows before the twelfth century, and as late as the fourteenth century anything might be thrown out of the windows of Paris and London after three times calling out, "Look out!" Shirts were not known until the time of the crusades, and the fine clothes which ladies and gentlemen wore were seldom washed and only occasionally "scented." So late as 1550 there were to be found in Paris but three carriages, while in England coaches date from 1580.

TRAIN FOR BATTLE BY A DAILY FIGHT WITH BEEFSTEAKS

[By Associated Press to The Banner] Great Lakes, Ill., July 25—Three times a day 3,000 men at the United States naval training station here engage in a spirited combat with beefsteaks that are called "half-soles," potatoes that are called "spuds," bread that is called "punk," butter that is called "grease," and perhaps a piece of pie that is called a "silver." A scene in a mess-hall, of which there are about 30 on the station, resembles nothing so much as a college dining room. Cheerful and loquacious, as are college boys, the blue-jackets get as much amusement out of their daily meals as athletes at a training camp.

Feeding this vast horde of hungry "boys" is no small task and their healthy outdoor life demands that they must be fed well three times a day. According to Chief Commissary Steward Graver, the blue-jacket who is unable to eat his share at mess has yet to be found. Mr. Graver has figured out that the food necessary for a single meal on the average day is about as follows: 7,000 pounds of roast chicken; 2,000 pounds of mashed potatoes; 500 quarts of gravy; 25,000 radishes; 4,000 tomatoes; 1,000 pounds of green peas; 400 gallons of ice cream; 2,000 pounds of cake; 7,000

pounds of milk; 6,000 loaves of bread; and about 5,000 quarts of coffee.

WILL OCCUR SOON

The second annual reunion of the ex-teachers and ex-pupils of Graham school, Pleasant township, Knox county, O., will be held Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the school grounds. Please reply in person or by letter to the secretary, Margery Barber, Mt. Vernon, O. Bring well-filled baskets.

The 17th annual reunion of the descendants of H. H. and Ezra S. Robertson will be held Thursday, Aug. 9, 1917, at Lyon's Lake.

Workman reunion will be held at Horn's Grove, two miles north of Danville, Friday, Aug. 10.

Good Luck For Turtles at Least. The Chinese have a peculiar custom with regard to turtles, which they consider as very good joss. Almost any day one can see these creatures, some of them of huge size, being carried on board the river steamers, not to be taken to Canton for culinary purposes, but to be dumped into the sea and restored to liberty and freedom. Good luck is thought to follow.

The Jews learned the art of brick-making in Egypt. In Isaiah xv. 3, complaint is made that the people built altars of brick instead of unhewn stone, as the law directed.

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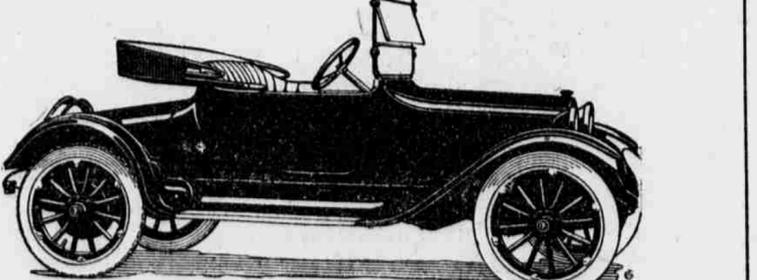
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