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FOUR SKELETONS FOUND SEALED WITHIN TREE

LONDON, (UP)—A mystery of the jungle is disclosed in the Colonial Office's report on the state of Brunel, Borneo, for 1936.

The bones of about four persons were found completely enclosed in an artificial cavity in the living trunk of a tree. The tree, which was about four feet in diameter, had fallen in the ordinary course of nature when the discovery was made by a sawyer.

The age of the bones was estimated at about 50 years, and an examination of the tree suggested that not less than 50 nor more than 100 years ago a panel of six feet in length had been removed from a side of the tree and the heart hollowed out to contain the bones, the panel being then replaced and grafted on the tree again.

MEN RISK LIVES TO SAVE CAT ON 400-FT. CLIFF

LONDON (UP)—On his way home one night Fred Burrage, of North Devon, heard a cat meowing from the 400-foot Watermouth Cliffs. It was dark and he could see nothing, so he went home to bed.

He lay awake, however, thinking of the animal's plight, and in the early hours he roused two neighbors and took them to the cliffs with him.

They lowered him down the cliffs in the darkness and, after a search, he found the cat stranded on a ledge 200 feet down and brought it to safety.

WORKER AT SAW ESCAPES INJURY THROUGH 37 YEARS

BREMERTON, Wash. (UP)—Rear Admiral E. B. Fenner, 13th naval district commandant, paid honor to George Seifert, 60, millman in Puget Sound navy yard's boat and joiner shop.

"I wish to congratulate you upon the good record you have established," said Admiral Fenner. "Your record for 37 years you have been here is wholly without adverse comment or criticism."

Seifert completed his life of labor at the saw with all his fingers intact on both hands.

TOWN HAS 143 EXILES

MANSFIELD, O. (UP)—One hundred forty-three former Mansfieldians are in "exile" from their home city. Their alleged crimes, on file in municipal court, condemn them to immediate arrest should they ever return to Richland county. Crimes listed range from murder to trapping fur-bearing animals out of season. None on the list ever have been located.

DINNER FLOWN 1,500 MILES

ADELAIDE, Australia (UP)—The guests of a hotel at Katherine, in the far "outback" Northern Territory of Australia, eat a Sunday dinner which is flown 1,500 miles to them. The hotel has arranged with an Adelaide catering firm to supply the necessary food by the regular plane that calls at Katherine.

HOSPITAL SERVES CITY WELL

PASADENA, Cal. (UP)—Since the Pasadena Emergency hospital was opened here in 1925 a total number of patients, exceeding the population of the city, has been taken care of there. The hospital has received 102,916 accident cases alone.

CANADA HUGE METAL EXPORTER

OTTAWA, Ont. (UP)—Led by nickel and platinum, Canada supplies approximately 25 per cent of the world's output of the eight major metals, according to a statistical report released by the Bank of Canada. Canada exports 23 per cent of its base metal output.

PALESTINE POPULATION RISES

JERUSALEM (UP)—The population of Palestine increased by about 4,000 to 1,320,872 in the third quarter of 1937, according to the current bulletin of vital statistics. The increase was partly due to seasonal migration.

SOPHOMORES CALLED WORST COLLEGE "CLASS CUTTERS"

TROY, N. Y. (UP)—Sophomores are the greatest offenders in "class cutting" at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Dr. Ray Palmer Baker, assistant director, reports.

"Generally speaking," he said, "the freshman is too timid to risk it (cutting classes), the junior feels a little too grown up, and the senior, now deeply in love with his alma mater, sees his last year passing altogether too fast to deny her any time."

A "follow-up system" which stops cutting before it becomes a habit has kept absentees at an unusually low average at R. P. I., Dr. Baker announced.

HUNTER KILLS WOLVES FROM SPEEDING ICE SLED

WARROAD, Minn. (UP)—The latest fad in wolf hunting is shooting them on the run from the door of a speeding air propeller ice sled.

The practice was started on the Lake of the Woods by Charlie Springsteel. Equipped with skis, the sled is more than a match for the fastest wolf. It is capable of up to 60 miles an hour.

Wolf bounties (\$6 for cubs and \$15 for full-grown animals) make this form of hunting profitable, too. Springsteel fires at the wolves by holding his gun in one hand, while he steers the sled with the other.

BOLT PISTOL INVENTED TO SLAUGHTER ANIMALS

VANCOUVER, B. C. (UP)—A "captive-bolt pistol" which may revolutionize present methods of killing animals in slaughter houses will be demonstrated here by Inspector George Hood of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals before a group of city officials.

The pistol fires a bolt, which penetrates the brain of the animal, causing instant death, and then recoils into the barrel. The weapon, which is in the hands of the S. P. C. A., was manufactured in England.

BALLOT FRAUD TO COST 5-10 YEARS IN PRISON

UTICA, N. Y. (UP)—Because he registered under assumed names in eight election districts, George Flansburg, Utica painter, must spend the next 5 to 10 years in prison. He was found guilty after testifying that he was intoxicated and did not know what he was doing.

EREAD BAKED IN COLORS

CLEVELAND (UP)—Colored bread that adds a bright touch to bridge parties and luncheons, and tends to make children's school lunches more tempting, is baked by two brothers, joint owners of a bakery here.

SHERIFF SPREADS TEARS

BRIGHTON, Colo. (UP)—Guests at a Business and Professional Women's card party went home in tears here when Sheriff Louis G. Ballard accidentally dropped a tear gas bomb from his pocket in the lobby of the Elks club, where the party was held.

MINE MULE KICKS OFF

WALENBURG, Colo. (UP)—Paul Martinez has decided to "drive" his mule from a different vantage point after being kicked in the face. Martinez was driving the mule in the Maitland mine when the mule balked and "let fly" with both feet.

TABLES TURNED ON JUNKMAN

SANTA CRUZ, Cal. (UP)—Robert Sheffer increased considerably his stock of junk when his auto-trailer, laden with junk, crashed a guard-rail and ran away. The trailer was added to the junk pile after that.

WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 1 (UP)—Governor Nelson G. Kraschel ended speculation over his political aspirations today by announcing he will seek the democratic nomination for re-election for a second term as governor of Iowa.

FLOOD BLAMED FOR COM- PANY'S \$2.35 IN 'RED'

PUEBLO, Colo. (UP)—The mystery of a \$2.35 shortage in the accounts of a creamery here which appeared in May 1915, has been cleared up, but the shortage will continue to exist.

When the lock on the strong box in the safe at the creamery needed repairs, it was necessary to remove the box from the safe. A faded check for \$2.35 dated May 15, 1915, was found stuck to the top of the little iron box.

The check had apparently slipped through a small slit at the top of the box where it lay from 1915 to June of 1921 when the flood came and the safe was under water. The water covered the check and left it stuck fast to the metal when it dried. The check is faded but plainly visible.

To cash the check, it would be necessary to take the strong box to the bank.

LASH TO RUN IN PENN CLUB INDOOR MEET

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Donald R. Lash, Indiana distance runner, was entered the indoor invitation track and field carnival to be held in Convention Hall, Feb. 11, according to Lawson Robertson.

Robertson, who is manager of the indoor meet sponsored by the Penn Athletic Club, said Lash probably would compete in the mile-and-out race of about a mile distance.

Lash, holder of American records of two miles, three miles, four miles, and 5,000 meters will vie with other stellar runners such as Glenn Cunningham, Archie San Román, John Woodruff and Gene Venzke, who have been invited to appear.

PILGRIM FATHER SHAFI MISPLACED BY 7 MILES

NORWELL, Mass. (UP)—A monument purchased 80 years ago to mark the grave of a Pilgrim father is seven miles from his burial place—and in another town.

Selectman Herbert A. Lincoln says the monument, erected in Hingham, was abandoned in Norwell en route to Scituate when ox-cart teamsters found the load too heavy. He says his uncle, Selectman W. Irving Lincoln of Scituate, may have the monument provided Norwell is paid for upkeep and transportation costs.

HERALDRY COLLEGE ERRS ON KANGAROO'S TAIL

MELBOURNE (UP)—An English steamship line operating here, as a centenary gesture, had its coat of arms revamped by the College of Heraldry, and as a further gesture to Australia had a kangaroo included in the new bearings.

Now Australians complain that the College of Heraldry evidently never saw a kangaroo as they got the beast's tail entirely wrong.

JUDGE UPHOLDS RIGHT TO BET IN CARD PLAY

BOSTON, (UP)—Municipal Judge Joseph Donovan has upheld the right to play cards for money.

"People have a right to play cards for money, so long as they are not in a place that is a gambling nuisance and regularly resorted to as such," he ruled in dismissing charges against 16 defendants.

ROCKING OF BABIES HALTED

LONDON (UP)—Mothers can no longer rock their babies in West Middlesex hospital and they are complaining. Since the maternity wards were opened every bed has had a day swing cut close beside it so that mothers were able to rock their babies. But in all the wards now the cots have been wedged so that they cannot be rocked.

SURGERY SEEMS PAINLESS

LUBBOCK, Tex. (UP)—A Lubbock man watched a surgeon remove a goiter from around his windpipe, and said he felt no pain, altho no anesthetic was administered. He did not even flinch when the muscles and skin were saturated after the operation.

FARM FOOD SURVEYED

TOPEKA, Kas. (UP)—The typical farm family buys \$38 of food-stuff each year and produces its own food to the extent of \$50 a member, a survey by Printer's Ink Monthly reveals.

PASADENA PERFUME-MINDED

PASADENA, Cal. (UP)—The board of supervisors is considering a project for the growing of commercial perfume plants in Southern California.

CORNELL OPENS GRID COACHING SCHOOL IN JUNE

ITHACA, N. Y. (UP)—A six-day coaching school on the modern methods of football training will be conducted by Coach Carl G. Snavely and Trainer Frank Kavanagh of Cornell University this summer.

The school, which is expected to attract student coaches throughout the east, will be in session from June 27 to July 2.

The course will present intensive study of the techniques developed by the Cornell staff and other outstanding coaches of the country, and will include a practical consideration of the care and treatment of athletic injuries.

Snavely directed two training schools while head football coach at North Carolina University, and was football technician during one summer in the Marshall College and Virginia coaching school.

WOODEN COINS EAGERLY TAKEN BY COLLECTOR

RIPON, Wis. (UP)—Math J. Landoff took some wooden nickels, but it was only to gratify an obsession for collecting oddities that has made his Peebles farm home a virtual museum.

He has gathered 3,000 books, specializing in state and federal publications, but never reads them. Row upon row of whisky bottles from different parts of the world line the upper hallway of his home, but the master of the place "does not drink a drop" of intoxicating liquor.

"I just collect the junk for the fun of it," Landoff explains.

He is in his middle 40s, but so far hasn't "collected" a wife because, he says, he hasn't "had time."

PLUMS IN SASKATCHEWAN FLOURISH DESPITE COLD

DEGINA, Sask. (UP)—Plums real juicy ones—grow north of latitude 53 in Saskatchewan.

James Watt Meteor, Saskatchewan farmer, has them to prove it. Several years ago Watt bought plum pits from an agriculture college. By 1932 his trees were bearing fruit. Now he harvests a plum crop as large and luscious as any harvested in British Columbia. So heavy is the yield that it pulls down the branches of the trees—where plums never grew before.

BOATMAN BURNS CRAFT, HOPING TO END JINK

RODEO, Cal. (UP)—Glen Hilton, Sacramento boatman, knows when he's had enough. When his motor-boat beached here, he got out, drenched it with gasoline, and tossed it in a match.

"Let it alone," he shouted to would-be rescuers. "It's bad luck. It nearly killed me a couple of times." The boat burned to water's edge.

DOG EARNS \$350 A SECOND

LONDON (UP)—A dog which was bought for \$10,000, Ballyhennessy Sandhills, won for his owner, Mrs. Cairns, of Wimbledon, \$10,000 in 29.29 seconds. The dog won that sum in the White City 500-yard event. For every yard he ran he earned \$20, or \$350 a second.

WATER SURVEY BY PLANE

OTTAWA, Ont. (UP)—Airplanes have been used to speed up a survey of water resources in the western drought areas, according to a report published by the Royal Canadian Air Force. Two Air Force planes were sent to photograph some of the worst sections.

TOWN'S FIRE SIREN FREEZES

ARROWHEAD, Ala. (UP)—Arrowhead is not a very hot town in winter. When the home of Albert Simmie caught fire no alarm could be sounded and the building was a total loss. The town fire siren froze.

JOBLESS YOUTH BUILDS AUTO

CLEVELAND (UP)—Laddie Cankor, 22-year-old jobless machinist, built his "Cankor Special"—a long, low and swanky-looking multi-make automobile—with \$200 and two years of work.

CAPE TOWN HAS 300,330

CAPE TOWN (UP)—The population of Cape Town grew from 293,180 in 1926 to 300,330 in 1937, according to statistics issued by the Medical Officer of Health.

SCOOTERS RACE "DOWN UNDER"

VOY VOY, Australia (UP)—In a five-mile scooter race here, the winner attained an average speed of 11½ miles an hour, covering the distance in 26 minutes.

RIVER PEARLING DOOMED TO BE LOST INDUSTRY

PRAIRIE DU CHEIN, Wis. (UP)—Martin Blazek is the sole survivor of an industry that once flourished in the upper reaches of the Mississippi river.

Blazek can remember the days when the river was "full of clam boats" and thousands of dollars in pearls and shells were taken from the muddy bottom of the channel yearly.

Now Blazek is the only "clammer" still in the business—and business is not so good, he admits.

"There's still a living to be made at the trade, though," he maintains. "I earn from \$2 to \$3 a day from sale of my shells, and once in a while I find a pearl."

Blazek said he found two pearls recently. One he sold for \$16 and the other brought only \$3. He said that a few years ago they would have been worth \$150 each.

"This business does have its advantages," he said. "There isn't any competition."

HUNTERS RESCUE DOGS FROM TREACHEROUS ICE

AMHERSTBURG, Ont. (UP)—Capt. Charles Hackett and Herbert Courtney, 17, are heroes.

They risked their lives on the treacherous ice of the Detroit river to rescue two hunting dogs from a drifting ice floe. The dogs, caked with ice and almost frozen to death, were sighted by Courtney drifting down the middle of the stream on a huge block of ice.

Courtney and Hackett ran across the ice, pushing a rowboat until they reached open water, where they finally overtook the drifting floe and rescued the ice-clad canines.

WHY ATHLETES PAST 30 ARE OLD, IS EXPLAINED

CLEVELAND (UP)—A highly technical reason for loss of athletic agility by persons passing the age of 30 was advanced here by Dr. Virgil Halliday, anatomy instructor in the Still College of Osteopathy, of Des Moines.

Lack of outstanding athletes over 30 is due to reduced elasticity of the "nucleus pulposus" of the intervertebral disk," he told a meeting of Ohio osteopaths.

These elastic disks lose their sponginess in persons past 30 thereby reducing the pleasure of exercise as well as agility, he said.

DYNAMITE UNDER BED NEVER WORRIES SLEEPER

MONTREAL (UP)—Sleeping with dynamite under the bed is commonplace to Mrs. J. O. B. Petersen of Montreal.

Mrs. Petersen has spent the summer in Greenland with her husband since 1921 and in the primitive conditions of an Eskimo settlement slept in a one-room house which also functions as a storehouse.

The dynamite had to be protected from freezing, "so we put it under the bed," she said.

TOWN HAS ENGAGEMENT BOOK

ELLSWORTH, Me. (UP)—This town has established a "community engagement book." The book has been placed in Fred Scott's store. Any group planning a public entertainment enters it on the scheduled date. Other groups will then know that this date has been taken and conflicting dates will be avoided.

WYOMING RAISES SHEEP BAR

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (UP)—A special quarantine proclamation issued by Gov. Leslie Miller of Wyoming prevents South Dakota sheep from being shipped into Wyoming before they have been dipped in a special disease-killing solution.

MOUNTAIN APPLES THRIFTY

LINDSAY, Cal. (UP)—Mountain apples are a heavy crop in the orchard of the J. E. Garner ranch near here. An example of heavy bearing was found when three dozen perfectly formed apples hung from a three-foot-long branch.

THIEVES DUPE DEATH WATCH

LEBANON, Mo. (UP)—Thieves took advantage of a death watch over the body of Mrs. Artemissa Mizer and stole a flock of Buff Orpington chickens. Persons in the house heard a noise outside but did not investigate.

MASKED BOB WHITE RETURNS

TUCSON, Ariz. (UP)—The masked bob white—which was exterminated in Arizona 40 years ago—is staging a comeback under the watchful eye of the U. S. forest service.

LOYALISTS TAKE OFFENSIVE

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Feb. 5 (UP)—An official communique said today that loyalist forces taking the offensive to Granada province in the southwest had captured a key hill.

In the Estramadura sector it was announced the nationalists attacked Mounts Santa Maria and Miron, occupying the latter. The insurgents were repulsed elsewhere, the communique said. Rebel air raids continued along the western Mediterranean coast taking a large toll of civilian casualties.

LENS TO BE "ALUMINIZED" INSTEAD OF SILVER COATED

PASADENA, Cal. (UP)—Experts at the California Institute of Technology have decided that the 200-inch telescope mirror now being perfected there will be "aluminized" instead of silverized, as has generally been done in the past. Dr. John Strong of the Institute's faculty has developed a method of vaporizing aluminum atoms on the reflecting side of the big "eye" which will leave a film of only four-millionths of an inch thick.

LITIGATION MAY DOOM HOUSE BUILT IN 1650

WEYMOUTH, Mass. (UP)—The oldest house in Weymouth, built in 1650 by a son of the town's first settler, soon may be razed.

A 15-room building, the house was modernized 40 years ago, but still retains hand-hewn beams, wooden pegs in place of nails and hand-wrought hardware.

The house was ordered sold by the court because of litigation over settlement of an estate.

BANANA EATER BOASTS 52 DOWNED IN 20 MIN.

SYDNEY (UP)—The addition of a banana eating contest to the next Olympic games would enable Australia to make a still greater Olympic showing, it is believed here.

Mervyn Walmesley of Coraki has just broken his previous record for banana eating by disposing of 52 in 20 minutes. The first 25 were eaten in 5 minutes.

All of the bananas were evenly graded ranging from 6½ to 7 inches in length.

PEACEFUL SMOKE ENDS IN SHATTERING BLAST

REGINA, Sask. (UP)—George Lowry, town constable of Woodrow, Sask., filled his briar pipe and settled back in his chair for a peaceful smoke.

Suddenly a loud blast shattered his pipe, scattering ashes, tobacco and bits of pipe around the room. Constable Lowry had somehow misplaced a bullet and stuffed it in his pipe with the tobacco.

MUCH-PUBLICIZED PHEASANT SHOT DOWN BY HUNTER

MONSON, Mass. (UP)—Gone are the car-chasing days of East Hill's cock pheasant, but its death, unlike that of many a car-chasing dog, resulted from the blast of a hunter's gun.

The bird's habit of chasing automobiles made it the subject of pictures and articles in sports magazines.

TAX COLLECTING TRAVELING JOB

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UP)—It takes traveling to collect taxes in Nevada. Liquor Tax Inspector William Kelly Klaus has revealed that in the two and a half years he has been in office he has traveled in the line of duty \$1,000 miles, or a distance equal to more than three times around the world.

PIGEON SETS FIRE TO BARN

CANTON, N. Y. (UP)—A pigeon caused a fire which destroyed a \$3,000 barn on the farm of Fred Scott, near here. The bird, frightened by Scott's entrance into the barn at night, knocked a lantern from his hand, setting fire to the hay.

HERE'S RIP VAN WINKLE

PUEBLO, Colo. (UP)—Rip Van Winkle, a former resident of this city, is a butcher in a Burbank, Cal., shop. He sold a turkey to Mrs. Mary Christmas, who was visiting in Burbank.

OLD WINE FOUND IN CAVE CITY

MOSCOW (UP)—Wine distilled four centuries ago has been discovered in Georgia in the Soviet Caucasus during excavations at Vardzia, a "skyscraper cave city" on the shore of the turbulent river Kura.

BLIND OHIO PENSIONER GETS MONEY FOR DOG

DES MOINES, Ia. (UP)—The state of Iowa carries the "seeing eye" dog of one of its blind pensioners on the books at \$2 a month.

That amount is added to the pensioner's check each month for support of the dog.

Mrs. Bessie Regel, director of the blind pension fund, did not disclose the pensioner's name.

GIRLS TRY "DISCIPLINE MONTH"

BERLIN (UP)—A "month of discipline" is being organized for members of the German Girls' Association at Bad Oeynhausen. The local leader of the association has decreed that all members must attend meetings every night for a month to take a course which includes training in deportment and in the art of wearing clothes.

DEAN READY FOR RELEASE

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 5 (UP)—Dr. Conley Sanford said today that the Rev. Israel H. Noe whose 22-day fast ended when he collapsed on January 24 was in condition to leave Baptist hospital.

Noe when admitted to the hospital for intravenous feeding weighed only 100 pounds. Today he weighed 137 and was eating solid foods.

SHOOK THE HOUSE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 5 (UP)—Patrolman Henry Wisenberg was ordered to investigate a report of a disturbance at an address on Colfax Avenue North, last night. He returned with the following:

"No disturbance. A fat lady just rolled over in bed and shook the house."

RECREATIONAL LITERACY STRESSED BY WPA DIRECTOR

NEW ORLEANS (UP)—"Recreational literacy" is more dangerous than intellectual literacy, John Zimmerman, director of the WPA recreational division for Louisiana, said in a talk here. WPA clients are taught to dance, as well as to paint, sing and participate in athletics.

DOGS TO BE INOCULATED

EL CENTRO, Cal. (UP)—With the constant danger of epidemics of rabies being started by dogs that have been bitten by coyotes, a system of dog clinics is being established throughout the Imperial valley where all dog and pet owners can have their animals inoculated against rabies.

CHERRY PITS IRK U. S.

BOISE CITY, Ida. (UP)—Because more than one cherry pit for every 20 ounces of cherries was found in a shipment of 108 cases here labeled "Pitted Sour Cherries," federal authorities attached the entire lot as misbranded in violation of the drug and food act.