

Girl Witness Is Held Long in Boy Killing

Principals Are Out on Bail; Nurse Maid Closely Guarded; Hope for Freedom After Hearing.

By International News Service
Catskill, N. Y., April 12.—Without charges preferred against her, Anna Robin, 16-year-old nurse girl to Howard Rothenberg, 7, who was slain at Windham last August, has been a prisoner in the Greene county jail since September 4, 1923. Anna is a material witness against the dead boy's mother, Mrs. Rose Rothenberg of Newark; his aunt, Mrs. Esther Lait of Brooklyn and Bert Brannagh of Windham, all of whom have been indicted on a charge of murder.

The nurse girl is now eagerly awaiting the end of the month when, she hopes, the trial will be over, and she may once more be able to contribute to the support of her poor parents in Newark.

Her meager understanding of the law has been sadly complicated by the fact that she, only a material witness, has been confined to jail seven weary months, while the three principals in the case are at liberty on bail of \$25,000 each.

Trial Due Soon
The trial term of the supreme court is scheduled to open on April 14. Because grand jury business must first be completed and the drawing of a trial jury is likely to be a tedious affair, it is not likely those indicted will stand trial until early in May.

Since Anna has been detained by the Greene county officials she has been the "guest" of Sheriff Albert W. Pierce. Her burden has been lessened by the kindly care of the sheriff and his wife, who have taken the girl into their home as a member of the family.

She has been guarded with the

Dollar-Bill Dress for Birthday Gift



Maxine M. Dixon

Here is Maxine Dixon of Ashland, Neb., celebrating her first birthday in a dress given her by her grandfather, O. W. Dixon of North Bend. The dress is made entirely of \$1 bank notes, all of the same series and fastened to a muslin base. Maxine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dixon.

greatest vigilance, however. At the direction of District Attorney Charles G. Coffin, she has been allowed the jail limits of the village, but since attempts to abduct her here were thwarted she is always accompanied by either a deputy sheriff or her assigned attorney, Lester W. Smith of Catskill.

Sheriff Pierce describes her as a model guest, "neat as a pin and exceptionally bright." She has developed a poetic strain since her con-

finement. Her first essay at poetry was a description of the circumstances surrounding the death of her charge. It was written at the time the boy's mother was testifying before the grand jury last fall.

Another skillful accomplishment mastered by the young prisoner is that of making artificial flowers from tissue paper that would deceive anyone not a keen observer. The vases in the sheriff's home are frequently filled with these artificial blossoms.

Has Many Friends.
The constant presence of guards has not hindered Anna from making many friends. She has joined the girl scouts' organization at Catskill and has met many girls her own age at church socials.

She attends church and the movies regularly in the company of a deputy sheriff or her attorney.

With no relatives to visit her and with her parents in Newark financially unable to visit their daughter, her plight has aroused the sympathy of the women of the village.

At no time in the history of Catskill have the women taken such an interest in one of the jail's involuntary guests.

In the opinion of the officials trying to solve the murder of the lad, Anna knows more about the case than she has previously admitted. She is regarded as the star witness for the state's case and as such is being guarded.

Hay Loft Farrowing Pens Plan of Coin Hog Raisers
Shenandoah, Ia., April 12.—Farrowing pens in the hay loft is the novel plan used by Dave Cutter & Sons of Coin to get newly farrowed pigs away from round worm eggs and necrobacillosis infection.

The sows are elevated to the hay loft before farrowing time by means of an improvised elevator. Ten or 12 days after farrowing the sow and pigs are lowered in their crate and hauled directly to an alfalfa field that is free of worm and necrobacillosis. In this way the Cutter family expect to raise some ten litters and expect to make money in their hog-raising enterprise.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

April 24 Marked for Devotion as Wild Flower Day

National Day for Instruction in Conservation and Preservation of Wild Nature.

April 24 is national Wild Flower day.

The idea of a day on which children and adults both should be instructed in conservation of wild life and appreciation of nature was conceived in the mind of Mrs. Bertha M. Rice, who is known as "The Wild Flower Woman," having founded Wild Flower day at the Panama-Pacific International exposition, April 24, 1915.

The movement for the creation of a Wild Flower day was first started in the columns of Every Child's magazine, edited by Grace Sorenson of Omaha. Readers of the monthly publication spread the idea throughout the United States. Since 1920, May 20, has been set aside as the annual national Wild Flower day. This year the date has been changed to April 24, which marks the anniversary of the day's founding.

In an article in Every Child's magazine this month Albert E. Stillman of San Diego, Cal., declares:

"But a serious situation confronts us. The wild flowers are gradually being exterminated, due largely to the cultivation of the land, the grazing of herds, the forest fires, the drainage of marshes and the irrigation of deserts. There is, however, another and greater danger that many of the lovely blossoms that we have known since early childhood will disappear from the hills and fields. This is particularly true in the more thickly settled sections of the country. This greater danger is caused by thoughtless persons who gather flowers from hedges and the roadside just for the brightness of their beauty

and the pleasure of picking them. Some people gather handfuls and then gather new handfuls throwing the old away. In the picking goes the danger of extinction, for with each flower picked it destroyed the reproducing power, the ability to bring forth seed. Too often flower-pickers will pluck the last blossom from the plant, and for that year, at least, there will be no seed from that plant. As a result today the wild flower family is in danger of extermination unless something is done to protect them."

Here is what some nationally known people think of flower conservation:

Gene Stratton-Porter: I sincerely hope that every effort of any nature that may be taken for the protection and the preservation of wild flowers will be successful. Whenever we deprive our land of the music of the birds and the beauty of the flowers we have made a place so barren and uninteresting that I for one would not care longer to live in it.

Emma-Lindsay Squier: Wild Flower day, I hope, will go towards preserving nature. I wish you success from the bottom of my heart.

Ernest Thompson-Seton: One of our woodcraft laws enjoins protecting the wild flowers and landscape and I am deeply in sympathy with the attempt to make it a national issue—an integral part of our blue-sky religion.

The day has been endorsed by public school heads throughout the country and will be observed in all the schools of the country this year.

Tuberculosis of Man Partly Due to Bovine Source

University of Nebraska Pathologist Finds 17 Per Cent of Pulmonary Case Traceable.

The degree in which man is susceptible to bovine tuberculosis is accurately shown by Dr. L. Van Es, professor of the department of animal pathology and hygiene of the University of Nebraska, in his publication, "Bovine Tuberculosis."

"Bovine tuberculosis does play a part as a source of the human disease," states Dr. Van Es.

"Infection of bovine origin is above all to be feared in children, and this not only because they are more exposed to the virus conveyed to them by infected milk, but also by reason of their greater susceptibility to intestinal infection on account of the greater permeability of their digestive organs."

A table prepared in the booklet shows that of 1,224 tubercular cases, 777 cases in adults over 18 were of human origin, while 19 were bovine; in children between 5 and 16, 117 were human and 36 bovine, and in children 5 years and under, 235 cases were human while 65 were bovine.

Oat Crop in at Beatrice; Farmers Plowing for Corn

Beatrice, Neb., April 12.—Many farmers in this section have finished sowing their oats, the acreage being about the same as last year. Farmers are now plowing for corn and the planting of this big crop will be in order. Winter wheat, they say, never looked better at this season.

Frank Bookwalter Back From Winter in California
Beatrice, Neb., April 12.—Frank Bookwalter and wife are back from a winter's sojourn in California, and Mr. Bookwalter says that conditions there are not the best. In some localities he said, ranches are being closed down for lack of moisture, and there appears to be about five men for every job in the coast state.

Alleged Murderer Nabbed.
Providence, R. I., April 12.—Roland R. Pothier of Central Falls, R. I., former army sergeant, was taken into custody by a United States marshal and committed to the Providence county jail to await removal to Tacoma, Wash., where he is to face trial on a charge of having murdered Maj. Alexander P. Cronkhite at Camp Lewis, Wash., in 1918.

Old Line Torn Down.

Beatrice, Neb., April 12.—A gang of laborers completed the dismantling of 35 miles of telephone line running from Beatrice to Hebron by way of Hebronville, and shipped the poles and wire to York. The line belonged to the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company, and was erected in 1910. A new and better line has been erected and business rerouted via Fairbury, Stoddard and Chester to Hebron.

The destructive Japanese beetle has gained a strong foothold in New Jersey.

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