

Sight Restored To Teacher Blinded By Atom Rays

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—A college professor, blinded a year ago by atom rays, can see today—thanks to medical science.

He is Dr. Alexander J. Allen, 48, in charge of the University of Pittsburgh's atom-busting cyclotron. Neutron radiation maimed his eyes and he didn't even know it until later.

Last July he went to New York's Columbia Presbyterian medical center. There Dr. Algeron Reese removed the fogged lens of Dr. Allen's right eye. The atom expert now sees with the aid of heavy-lensed spectacles.

"It's getting better every day. I'm going to have a second operation to have my left eye corrected. I can't go now, though. I'm teaching again. I have a

class in nucleonics now. I'll try to have the other operation next summer during vacation."

ACCIDENTS' HUGE COST
PORTLAND—(AP)—Every 16 seconds industry injures a worker. Every four minutes one is crippled or killed.

That's what Cyril Ainsworth of the American Standards association, New York City, told the governor's industrial safety conference here.

"We know how to prevent more than 90 per cent of these accidents, but the toll continues," he said.

Hoke Simpson, New York executive of General Foods corporation, added that most "are caused by damn foolishness."

He urged a campaign to point out to management the economies accruing from safety practices. Ainsworth estimated industrial accidents cost more than \$4,500,000,000 annually.

Education Aid, Like GI Bill, Suggested

SPOKANE—(AP)—The federal government should take a tip from the GI bill of rights if it wants to help higher education, the finance committee of the Northwest regional conference on higher education stated.

The committee suggested that "if federal aid is necessary for permanent construction," it should be in the form of low interest loans. Other aids should be in the form of scholarships and fellowships to individuals but paid to the schools of the student's choice, the committee said.

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FREE ROAST TURKEY was handed out yesterday at this Miracle Maid cookware booth at the Northwestern Turkey show headquarters to demonstrate the qualities of the company's new turkey roaster. Hailed by Show Manager George L. Routledge as a boon "to both the turkey growers and the housewives," this 25-pound turkey was roasted in two and a half hours atop one burner on the stove at left. James Faught, center, declared he was "no cook" as he passed out slices of the bird. His customers were inclined to disagree with him, with his display proving one of the most popular commercial exhibits at the show. Also pictured are Bill Cox, behind rail, Dan Fosgate, right, and two of the salesmen's wives.—(Staff photo).

Basuto Ritual Murders Worry British Justice

By R. F. S. DEWDNEY
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—(AP)—Ritual murders in Basutoland are presenting British authorities with one of their most difficult problems in African administration.

In this normally law abiding country, where half the population are Christians, the bodies of 293 victims of ritual murders have been found by police in the last seven years. There is reason to believe at least twice as many cases have gone undetected.

In the same period 121 Basutos have been convicted of ritual murders and 72 acquitted. Judges of Basutoland high court have sentenced both men and women to death in batches from five to 17, but it has made little impression. The gruesome killings go on.

A ritual murder, as practiced by the Basutos, consists of seizing a victim and cutting various portions off his body, possibly skinning and scalping him, while he is still alive. "Medicine" made from the blood or the body after death is considered useless.

When mutilation is complete the victim is knocked on the head, throttled or flung over a cliff. Wall of Silence.

In trying to stamp out these crimes colonial authorities find themselves up against a blanket of silence. Villagers will not testify or give evidence against one another and refuse to incriminate the witch doctors and chiefs believed responsible.

The natives are tongue-tied by fear and superstition. This makes convictions so difficult that Justice F. E. T. Krause, in sentencing one Basuto to death and acquitting four others recently, suggested provision be made in the law for a verdict of "not proven" to enable police to charge a man a second time if additional evidence becomes available.

In this particular case an old woman nearly 100 was slain. Her son, aged 73, told the court he agreed to sell his mother to the accused for 40 pounds (\$112).

The motives behind the murders are obscure, but generally are attributed to the desire of chiefs and witch doctors to regain their former powers, weakened under Christianity and modern progress. To do so they have fallen back on age old customs and superstitions that are still only just under the surface of most Basuto skins.

DARING SURGERY WINS

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(AP)—Everett Mills, 60, will walk again, thanks to daring surgery.

While watching a power saw demonstration Oct. 8, Mills stepped too close; the saw slipped and nearly severed his legs above the ankles.

Nichols hospital for veterans was nearby, and the Jefferson county farm was taken there. An examination showed the heel cords and arteries in Mills' legs were intact, and physicians decided to gamble on a 1,000 to one shot.

They won. Days and weeks after the operation, Mills' feet remained warm. Now, he's looking forward to going home—a different man from the one who muttered after the accident "I don't want to go on living without my feet."

Japanese Papers Tell Of 'Apology' From U. S. Flier

TOKYO.—(AP)—Japanese newspapers tried to picture Tom Lanphier, 34, former American fighter pilot, as apologizing for shooting down Japan's top war admiral.

During a stopover here on a global flight to commemorate the Wright brothers' Kitty Hawk feat 46 years ago, Lanphier was persuaded by Japanese newsmen at the airport to meet the widow of Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto.

Lanphier's guns cut down Yamamoto, then commander in chief of Japan's combined fleet and planner of the Pearl Harbor attack, on an inspection trip to Bougainville in April of 1943.

The widow, Mrs. Fei Yamamoto, 53, was presented to Lanphier at the airport.

A leading afternoon newspaper splashed a story later that the American had presented a bouquet to Mrs. Yamamoto. "In memory of the late admiral," another newspaper, missing that angle, said Lanphier promised to help the admiral's son go to an American school.

To most Japanese this would have meant an apology by Lanphier.

Officials of Pan-American Airways said this is what happened: Japanese photographers brought Mrs. Yamamoto to the airport and persuaded Lanphier to meet her. They also produced a bouquet and asked the American to hand it to the admiral's widow while cameras snapped busily.

Later Mrs. Yamamoto said she wanted to send her son to an American school. Lanphier replied if the boy reached the United States he would be glad to meet him.

A throng of Japanese newsmen wanted to hear details from Lanphier of how he shot down a seaplane bearing Yamamoto and others to Bougainville. The Japanese government has never officially described how Yamamoto died. The American government withheld the news of the incident during most of the war to prevent the Japanese from knowing American experts had broken their code.

(The actual sortie that resulted in Yamamoto's death was planned under the direction of the late Adm. Marc Mitscher, who was in command of American air in the Solomons at the time. Yamamoto's plane was shot down by army planes which caught it off Bougainville on April 18, 1943—one year to the day after the Doolittle raid on Tokyo.)

Lanphier, from 1945 until last summer editor of the Boise, Ida, Statesman and now a partner in an atomic research corporation in Colorado Springs, is flying on to Honolulu. He makes his home in Washington, D.C.

CALL OF WILD TOO WILD

PASADENA, Calif.—(AP)—Bill, the raccoon portion of the Bill Sherman family, is back home. He tasted freedom with his wild brethren—and they can have it.

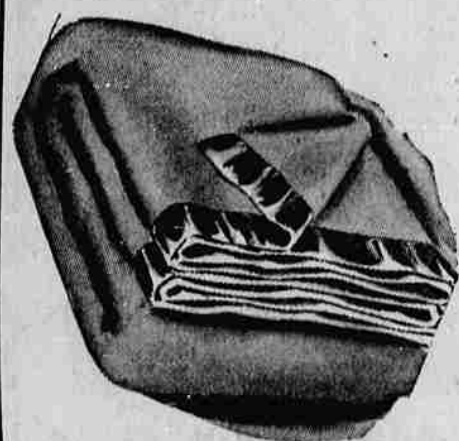
The pet 'coon broke out of his pen at the Sherman's mountain cabin. But three weeks later came a scratching at the door. Outside, the Sherman saw Bill, bloody, torn and whimpering.

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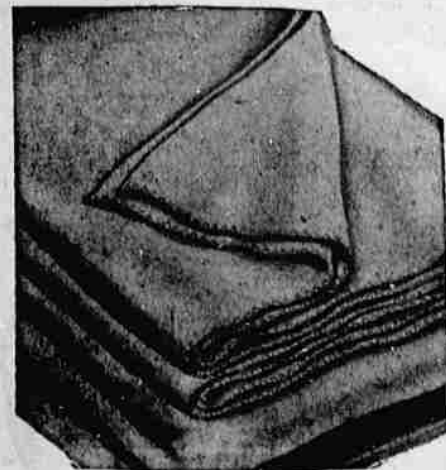
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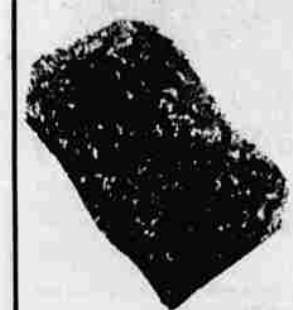
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