

## HAUNTED BY CRIME VISIONS, HOMICIDE CLERK QUILTS JOB

NEW YORK, July 20.—Finishing fourteen years of arduous work which brought him into daily and hourly contact with murder, Nathan Birchall, Jr., resigning stenographer of the Homicide Bureau of New York County, declared recently his dreams were free from haunting visions of gory killings.

The man who has answered an average of 600 calls to the scene of violent death every year he served says his iron nerve has kept him from being preyed upon by his gruesome experiences.

Practically every murder that has happened in Manhattan since 1908 has registered on Birchall's telephone. Awakened from sleep, at all hours of the night, called from theatres and dinner parties by the news of sudden and mysterious death, he has seized his stenographer's note book and rushed to the arena of crime.

"While I have answered about 600 calls yearly," he said today, "not more than half of these were properly within my domain, as accidental deaths hardly required my services. Only where ante-mortem statements of an assassin's victim, or of witnesses to slayings, or confessions of defendants before arraignment are needed has my work been required."

Perhaps one reason why his nerve-racking work has never affected his spirit when off duty is that Birchall is thirty-three and possesses a powerful will.

Hates to Quit  
"I really regret having to give this work up," he said. "But I am planning for my future in accepting a job as secretary to a municipal court judge in New York."

Among the recent murder cases in which Mr. Birchall was called on were the Elwell case, in which he declares there was comparatively little work for him, as little testimony of a direct nature was obtainable and no ante-mortem statement; the Hans Schmidt trunk murder mystery, when he went to Sing Sing to take down the priest murderer's last story in the latter's final attempt to escape the chair; the Veith case, where a young man killed the false friend who assaulted his mother, and was acquitted, and the Varotta kidnapping and murder case, in which Roberto Raffaele has just been sentenced to die.

Three causes are cited by Birchall for the recent murder wave. They are:

1. Quarrels.
2. Hold-ups.
3. Bootleg whiskey.

In spite of his proximity to the city's most horrible tragedies, Birchall has preserved his optimism and views the future with high hope.

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## DOCTOR STARTS GLAND FARM TO PRODUCE A CURE FOR SENILITY

By THOMAS HORGAN,  
International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.

WEST DENNIS, Mass., July 20.—Cape Cod, the land of the Pilgrim fathers, now offers to the tourist and summer visitor in addition to its antiques, historic dwellings and picturesque natives the added attraction of a modern gland farm.

On a twenty-five acre farm here Dr. J. Leo Hanson, director of the Massachusetts Clinic for Diagnosis, who has long been a specialist in glands, says he has established a fountain of youth that would have satisfied even the Spanish explorers, who vainly searched the western hemisphere.

Goats and guinea pigs in large numbers have been brought to the farm. The doctor, with crates of small animals in his automobile, is a familiar sight.

Dr. Hanson differs radically with some of the best-known specialists in

gland treatment. He declares that in many cases surgical operations are unnecessary and that youthful vigor may be restored without the actual transplanting of glands. He contends that the effect produced by new glands is not as lasting as that produced by treating the old glands, if they are given attention in time. Soon, he says, a person will have his, or her, for that matter, glands tuned up with little more concern than that attending the adjustment of the carburetor of the family flivver.

Sixty per cent of Massachusetts men would be greatly benefited by gland treatment, and even a larger proportion of the women, according to the doctor.

Senility, he says, is a disease, just as much as tuberculosis or cancer, and should be treated as such.

A solution for "manliness" in women and "effeminism" in men is to be found in gland treatment, according to Dr. Hanson.

## RAT BITTEN BY RATTLER SURVIVES AND KILLS SNAKE

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 20.—Chas. Johnson, a farmer living south of Clyde, caught a rattlesnake and housed it in a box. He had planned to bring the snake to Rochester and turn it over to Pete Gruber, better known as "Rattlesnake Pete."

A rat of enormous size ventured into one of Johnson's steel traps. The rodent was so large that he could not enter the trap. The springs held him by his front legs.

Rat Fights Snake  
Astounded at the size of the rat, Farmer Johnson thought a little sport would be appreciated. Inviting several former friends, Johnson managed to drop the rat into a potato pit and then shook the box holding the rattler over it. The snake soon fell into the pit and coiled up in a corner. It was expected that the snake would make short work of the rat.

For a few minutes nothing happened both snake and rat taking opposite corners and eyeing each other very carefully. Suddenly the snake began an attack. With lightning swiftness it shot out its head, caught the rat unawares and sank its fangs in the animal's nose. The rat squealed with pain and rage and actually tore itself loose in a desperate struggle in which both rat and rattler rolled over the floor of the pit.

Rodent Chokes Reptile

Next the rat sprang at the snake. As the snake squirmed the rat leaped into the air and caught the snake back of its head, tearing the flesh and inflicting a deep wound with its teeth. The energy of the rat's attack apparently puzzled the snake, which was bitten time and again. Finally the rat secured a firm hold on the snake directly under its head and hung on until the serpent was fairly choked to death.

The farmers covered the pit with cardboard and left rat and dead snake alone overnight. The rat was found to be alive and active in the morning. Much surprise was expressed that the snake's poison would have ended the rat's life in the night. Johnson decided that the rat had earned a right to live. Accordingly the rodent was enticed into a box containing a quantity of dry bread and cheese. From the farm it was carried to the Montezuma swamp, a mile away, and given its liberty.

## LINCOLN'S COUSIN IS RESIDENT IN MODESTO

MODESTO, Cal., July 20.—Edward Lincoln, whose father was a first cousin of Abraham Lincoln, and who served during the Civil War in an Indiana regiment, has for the past twelve years made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bertram in this city.

Following his arrival in Modesto Lincoln has been a close friend of the Bertrams and takes great delight in gardening and keeping up the lawn at the Bertram home.

Lincoln takes his war records as a matter of fact and although wounded in service, has declined to accept a pension from the government. He is close mouthed concerning his illustrious relative whom he admitted having greatly admired. Nor will he talk of his exploits while in the Union Army.

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## GERMAN FINANCES PUT BEFORE WHO STARTED THE WAR

PARIS, July 20.—(By Associated Press). Final settlement of the German reparations problem is beginning to be publicly recognized in France as inevitable.

The proposal to reduce the German indemnity to fifty billion gold marks, to cancel the French debt to Great Britain, and to conclude the long pending Anglo-French defensive alliance has become such a constant subject of discussion in reparations circles that newspaper and political experts, although not yet defining the terms in detail, are beginning to accept as a foregone conclusion that there must be some such adjustment.

The French government is holding out vigorously for a formal declaration by the reparations commission that Germany has voluntarily defaulted but some of the French newspapers are now joining the British in saying that a German financial catastrophe must be avoided first and that the question of Germany's guilt may be determined later.

French leaders are smarting under recent foreign criticism that France is blocking an obviously necessary readjustment and demanding as a preliminary to a possible revision of reparations that the allies at least should justify France in the eyes of the world to the extent of placing the blame squarely upon Germany. The necessity for quick action apparently is being realized, however, as the government finally has hurriedly arranged with Germany to bring last year's Wiesbaden agreement into effect on Thursday of this week, although the agreement, calling for huge deliveries in kind by Germany, was before the French parliament six months before any action was taken.

## Court News

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Marriage Licenses

Bolton W. Meadows and Fay Howard.

Mark Leroy Forrest and Nellie B. Jackson.

John W. Linsky and Edith Foster.

Donald G. Lawrence and Pearl Skinner.

Donald Ernest McIntire and Ida Mae Rader.

Reason D. Evensizer and Suisie C. Smith.

Willis Oliver Kinney and Sarah Wakeman.

Lee Henklein and Hazel McCormick.

Cecil A. Gilbert and Gladys Chapelle.

John G. Warner and Violet Haskins.

Circuit Court.

Pearl Kearney vs. Ralph Kearney. Affidavit. Motion.

Charles D. Brady vs. Anna Brady. Findings and conclusions. Default. Decree.

Ross E. Banks vs. Mayme A. Banks. Affidavit.

Pearl V. Collins vs. E. A. Collins. Order.

Farmers B Fruit Growers Bank vs. S. H. Short. Order.

Ray J. Canon vs. W. H. Canon, et al. Proof of publication. Affidavit. General appearance. Default. Decree.

Gold Hill Bank vs. A. J. Olson, et al. Release of judgment.

P. J. Halley vs. M. L. Alford et al. Satisfaction of judgment.

State vs. James Edwards. Notice of appeal. Certificate.

Patton & Robinson vs. Chris Natwick. For money.

Ella H. Smith vs. Wm. Sears et al. For money.

Joe Avena vs. Preston Phillips. Writ of attachment, proof of publication.

Lena H. Nelson vs. Anna Rouse. Dismissed.

Ritter Lowe & Co., Inc. vs. Thos. B. Farmer. Writ of attachment.

Frank C. Bramwell, supt. of banks vs. Bert Armstrong et al. Summons.

State Industrial Acc. Com. vs. Owen C. Eblen. Motion and default.

State Industrial Acc. Com. vs. J. W. Lawrence. Motion and default.

John Billings as Billings Carriage & Auto Works vs. Mrs. M. Warner. Chattel lien.

J. F. Hittson vs. Barham Bros. Chattel lien.

F. Williams vs. Alta Naylor et al. Mechanics lien.

Ross E. Banks vs. Mayme A. Banks. Divorce.

Ethel L. Curran vs. Frank J. Curran. Order, motion, affidavit.

Mt. Vernon National Bank vs. Geo. A. Morse et al. Undertaking.

Laura Martin vs. John E. Martin. Alias summons.

C. F. Arant vs. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Chase et al. Decree.

Leslie Cook vs. Adelaide Cook. Order reopening.

W. C. Foster vs. O. R. Ferguson et al. Motion, order.

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Ethel L. Curran vs. Frank J. Curran. Divorce.  
State Land Board vs. F. E. Pelouze et al. Notice, demurrer.  
Atlantic Ore & Alloys Co. vs. R. J. Rowen. Answer.  
Lena H. Nelson vs. Anna E. Rouse. Release of attachment.

### Probate Court

Estate of Charles Erlwein. Confirmation of sale.

Estate of Cornelia L. Kingsbury. Petition. Order.

Estate of Eliza J. McIntyre. Bond. Order. Bond. Inventory and appraisal.

Estate of Bert E. Fyfe. Petition. Order. Bond. Inventory and appraisal.

Est. Sarah J. Crain. Proof of publication.

Est. P. J. Halley. Admitted to probate.

Est. May K. Miller. Admitted to probate.

Est. Bert E. Fyfe. Admitted to probate.

Est. Virginia Fales. Notice.

Est. James Boyd. Notice.

Est. Col. H. H. Sargent. Final account, order.

Est. Thomas Jefferson Wright. Order and bond.

Est. Michael Foley. Inventory and appraisal.

Est. Wm. V. Gibbons. Inventory and appraisal.

Est. Geo. H. Minning. Notice.

Est. John W. Chandler. Return of sale.

Est. Andrew S. Boyer. Order, proof of publication.

Est. Jacob Conley. Answer.

Est. Annie Gash. Report. Order.

Est. August F. Bagley. Third report and order.

Est. S. T. Howard. Petition and order.

### Real Estate Transfers

Marian E. Stancil et vir to Luther F. Stancil et ux. Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, blk. 10, Phoenix.

George Robinson et ux to Walter Robinson, nihil claims.

James M. Garmany et al to Albert Anderson, land in D. L. C. 77, tp. 37, S. R. 2 W.

N. Buel Hildreth et ux to E. C. Faber et ux, lot 2, blk. 17, Butte Falls.

Maggie Evans to Mattie A. Coleman, lot in NE 1/4 sec. 25, tp. 37, S. R. 2 W.

Mattie A. Coleman et vir to Ida May Horton, lot in NE 1/4 sec. 25, tp. 37, S. R. 2 W.

B. W. Paul et ux to Ida Horton, land in NE 1/4 sec. 25, tp. 37, S. R. 2 W.

Georgia C. McMullen to Cleo J. Zwick, W 1/2 of SW. of SE sec. 5, tp. 37, S. R. 1 W.

C. H. Fredenburg to H. A. Fredenburg, land in sec. 30, tp. 35, S. R. 2 W.

Roy Higgins to L. D. Robinson, lots 1, 2, 8, 9, blk. 52, Summit Add. to Ashland.

P. J. Moore et ux to James C. Ross, lot 3, blk. 4, Pattison Add. to Central Point.

E. N. Campbell et ux to G. F. Cook, lot 30, Childers Fairview Eastern Add.

W. H. Miller et ux to Harry Childers, E 1/2 lot 9, blk. 1, Riverside Add. to Gold Hill.

A. C. Wheeler et ux to J. P. Myers et ux, land in sec. 16, tp. 36, S. R. 4 W.

J. R. Bowen et ux to Frances H. Cochran, trustee, lot 19, blk. 49 Medford.

D. T. Lawton et ux to F. J. Newman, lots 11 and 12, S 1/2 lot 10, blk. 6, Medford, lots 9 and 10, blk. 40, Medford.

F. J. Newman et ux to Will H. Wilson, lots 9 and 10, blk. 40, Medford.

City of Medford to R. J. Conroy, lot 17, blk. 2, Whitman's Add. to Medford.

Butte Falls Lumber Co. to Geo. W. H. Albert et ux, W 1/2 of NW. NE of NW, sec. 11, tp. 35, S. R. 2 E.

Hattie Deneff to Emma Gilson et al, E 1/2 of sec. 13, tp. 39, S. R. 3 West.

L. Niedermeyer et ux to Ira C. Jones, land in D. L. C. 79, tp. 37, S. R. 2 W.

J. L. Fryer et ux to Clyde McMurtrey, SW of NW, sec. 24, tp. 38, S. R. 4 W.

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