

### TINY RAILROAD OPERATED FOR ONLY 2 TOWNS

FERDINAND, Ind. (UP)—One of the shortest railroad lines in the United States is claimed by the Ferdinand Railway company, which operates a train between Ferdinand and Huntington, a distance of six and one-half miles.

V. F. Grewe is general manager, section foreman and conductor of the line. He also has served as a substitute engineer on the 50-ton locomotive.

The railroad was organized in 1909 and the line was built at a cost of between \$80,000 and \$90,000.

"The Southern railway proposed to run its line through Ferdinand," Grewe explained. "Town officials held off in hope the Pennsylvania would come through the town."

"When we lost both lines, it was decided to build our own railway," he said.

Philip Schum has been engineer on the line for 23 years. Lawrence Sullivan and Edward Haug take turns being fireman and section workers. Hugo Steeter is the section "crew" while W. T. Burvant and S. A. Schreiner are station agents at Huntington and Ferdinand, respectively.

The train takes 30 minutes for the run from Ferdinand to Huntington. On the return trip, the engine backs all the way.

### OFFICIAL ORDERED TO CLEAR TOWN OF SKUNKS AND COWS

RIVERSIDE, Ont. (UP)—Chancellor Clifford Chauvin, with no ambitions to be another Pied Piper of Hamelin, has none the less been instructed to free Riverside of certain unwelcome visitors.

The neighbors are complaining. Chancellor Chauvin's job will be to rid the city of cows—and skunks. The city council, with scores of complaints on its hands, put the matter squarely up to Chauvin. It's up to him to prepare a by-law which will prohibit the harboring of cattle in certain sections of town. There has been no good system for handling skunks proposed, Chauvin said.

The trouble started when one resident was given permission to keep a cow. Others followed suit of their own accord, and before long bawling cattle all over town woke the residents hours before their scheduled time each morning.

One man moved in a couple of haystacks. The skunks came with the haystack, flourished and multiplied—hence Chancellor Chauvin's job.

One Cow Almost a Dairy  
KENTON, O. (UP)—A Holstein cow of the herd of J. P. Richards, near here, is earning her sobriquet of the "one-cow dairy." The animal produces seven gallons of milk a day.

### CONFLICT BECOMES 'HOLY WAR'



Backed by the head of the Ethiopian Coptic church, Emperor Haile Selassie has proclaimed the fight against Italy's invasion a "holy war," taking the hundreds of powerful priests in the country (such as above), to rouse the populace. Capture of the Ethiopian holy city, Aksum, led to the proclamation. (Associated Press Photo)

### OLD RUSSIAN SIGN FOUND IN ALASKA BY CCC WORKERS

SITKA, Alaska (UP)—Relics of one of the earliest villages on the Pacific coast were uncovered by CCC workers excavating the site of Archangel, near Sitka, capital of Alaska.

A bronze plate, mounted on stone, that reads in Russian, "This is Russian property and a Russian country. No. 12" was considered the most interesting sign by Charles H. Fiory, U. S. forest service official directing the work.

The "No. 12" indicated that there were 11 other townsites similarly marked, Fiory believed. Their locations are unknown.

Archangel, founded in 1799 by Alexander Baranof, was burned by hostile Indians and its inhabitants massacred in 1802. Two years later the present city of Sitka was built, six miles away, and continued as the capital as long as Alaska was Russian territory.

The excavations uncovered ancient guns, pottery and tools used by Russian residents of Archangel. At lower levels were many Indian relics, indicating the site originally was a native village. Relics will be moved either to the capitol at Juneau or the university at Fairbanks.

Progress Amazes Miner  
FAIRBANKS, Alaska (UP)—Fairbanks was a metropolitan city (population 3,000) of surprising mechanical devices to A. H. Creecy, Spanish-American war veteran, brought here by airplane for medical treatment after 35 years spent in the Kuskokwim River gold country.

Seventy-three inches of rain fell in one month in Samoa in 1935.

### CANADIAN BOOK ON EXECUTIONS IN WAR BEGUN

TORONTO, Ont. (UP)—The story of Canadians who were executed for cowardice and desertion during the World War is to be told for the first time in the official record of the 1st Canadian division, "The Red Patch," now being compiled.

"Our history," Harry E. Munn, head of the division association sponsoring the book, declared, "would give the names and the story of every man who was executed in the Canadian corps, but that painful part of the war will be treated delicately by the historian. Though relatives of the men will be respected, we propose to furnish the book with a graphic and hitherto unpublished portrayal of executions in the grim dawn."

Kim Beattie, the historian, said he has the names, numbers and full details of every man who was shot.

"This book," he said, "will dispel the rumor that still persists that no Canadians were executed, and that those condemned to die for desertion were confined in a secret prison and released at the end of hostilities."

"Hawkshaw" Gets Real Test  
CHICAGO (UP)—Lieut. John Kelly of the Chicago police department once was known as the "Hawkshaw" of the automobile theft detail. Vandals broke into his Bristol, Wis., home and stripped his runabout to the chassis. Kelly worked on his own case.

Lakeland, Fla., has declared a "Write-a-Letter Week" during which all citizens are to write to out-of-state friends.

### PAINTING PROVED TO BE MASTER'S BY X-RAY TESTS

NEW ORLEANS (UP)—X-ray photographs have penetrated three centuries into a blackened canvas here and proved a painting to be the work of a Spanish master, second only, perhaps, to his works owned by the Spanish government.

The artist is Francisco Zubarren, called "The Caravaggio of Spain" and "Painter of Kings and King of Painters." His canvas is a picture of a saint. It is owned by Willard R. Case of New Orleans.

Authenticity of the canvas was shown by Albert Marshall, an artist who has specialized in the use of X-rays, infra-red and ultra-violet rays with photography to test paintings.

The Zubarren hung in a convent at Natchitoches, La., for more than 100 years. Case believes it was originally furnished the church by a Spanish king, as was the custom for many early churches in the New World.

Under Marshall's X-ray, the signature of the artist was shown with the word "Año—" beneath. Tests revealed the original vividness of the red, blue, brown, white and yellow mineral pigments. In addition to the signature, Marshall said a comparison of brush work, technique and pigment proved the canvas a Zubarren.

Doubt Removed  
Marshall said scientific research on old paintings narrowed their genuineness to a fine point, if there was a question of authenticity.

"The number of paintings bought and sold as Rembrandts, for instance, have been six or ten times as many as the artist could have painted," he said. "Yet for all these, there was the word of some expert to say it was genuine. Now, when experts disagree, chemical tests and photographs settle the dispute."

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White was sentenced to prison in 1903 on a second degree murder charge. In 1911 he was paroled. He reported regularly for two years and then disappeared. From then on he lived a hunted life always fearing he would be arrested and returned to prison. He finally decided to return to prison.

When he appeared at the prison here fully expecting to be placed behind the bars, Warden J. M. Sanders told White he was a free man. White said he had been an honest and upright citizen since his release from prison.

Huge Girder Placed  
BRIDGEPORT, O. (UP)—A 41-ton girder, 102 feet long—the largest ever placed in this part of Ohio—was

swung safely into position for the new bridge spanning Wheeling Creek here. It took 17 men 17 hours to place the huge steel span.

City Wants to Sell Island  
VANCOUVER, B. C. (UP)—The city of Vancouver has an island for sale. It is 1,700 feet long, with a maximum

width of 140 feet. Several years ago the city sold the island for \$4,000 to a lumber company, but the price was never paid.

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