

# A Newsy Trip Around The World

By Elizabeth Saunders

In Great Meadow Prison, Comstock, N. Y. Earl Peacock, sentenced in 1928 to 20 years to life for the murder of his wife, passed his college entrance examinations, planned to enter the correspondence school of Columbia University.

In Hammond, Ind., Policeman O'Donnell and Frederick found a calf wandering around the streets and took it to jail—locked it up on the charge of vagrancy.

When a twin contest was announced in Long Beach, Calif., five hundred pairs of twins answered the call. A twin judge performed a twin marriage ceremony attended by 11 pairs of twins as bridesmaids and another pair as flower girl and ring bearer. The town is still seeing double.

"Capital Punishment for Biting Dogs in Pueblo"—Headline. This should make the most hardened criminal resolve never to bite another dog.

Five girl students are regular school bus drivers in Wayne County, N. C. None has had an accident during the 1934-35 school term.

Believe it or not! Mahalia Ann Had Samantha McFrost Little Abigail Louella Annie Beauregard Miss Elizabeth Acatherine Katie Fisher Bonnie Turpentine is the name of a colored woman who lives at Pea Patch and Snap Bean Road, Shelby County, Tenn.

In the Washington Zoo, six Angora goats and a monkey died of eating laurel leaves and seeds.

George Joseph Grossman, Los Angeles, Calif., filed suit in the Superior Court for \$20,555,005,993,793,418,733,025,000 to compensate him for troubles he claimed to have suffered in a dispute over his property. The judge dismissed the suit, giving an opinion that there is not that much money in the world.

Playing hockey is unknown to students who attend District Two rural school in DeFrance township, Ohio. Every one of the five pupils taught by Miss Florence Overly had perfect attendance.

A young man entered District Hospital in Goulburn, N. S. W. complaining of severe cramps. Physicians operated and found 150 pieces of wire about two inches long. Said the patient: "I just wanted to see how many I could swallow."

A tailless calf born on the farm of Robert Dures near Goderich, Ont., and is thriving and well and apparently normal in every other respect.

Divorced by Judge Earl C. Latourrette in Oregon City, Ore., on Saturday, John C. and Ola Warick, farm couple, were reunited by the same judge the next Monday. Explained Warick: "We got things all bungled up."

Nova Scotia, about half the size of the state of Ohio, has nine Ohio settlements bear that name, three of which are in the one county of Shelbourne.

A mama guppy and her 20 little guppies owe their lives to Dr. Leon,

and S. Klien, a dentist of Chicago, who performed a Caesarian operation on the mother fish. "I could tell that Mrs. Guppy was suffering," said Dr. Klien, "and she was bulging at one side. So I took a lancet and made a slit about the size of a pin hole. The 20 babies poured out into the water."

The latest thing in Paris is to apply white henna to black tresses to produce the polka-dot effect to match the hair with dresses—or in stripes if the dress is striped.

Clarence and George Koerner, newsboys of Dayton, Ohio, bought a new automobile for which they paid 40,000 pennies saved over a period of several years.

A woman resident of Manston Thanet, Kent, England, overcame the problem of drying the family wash by taking it for an automobile ride. She attaches two poles to her car hangs a line and dries the clothes while driving around to visit her friends.

On Vancouver, Washington's Evergreen Kennel Club dog track, while the rest of the field of greyhounds as usual chased the mechanical rabbit vainly around the track, Mignonette, a novice bitch, tore off in the opposite direction and met the rabbit head-on. Mignonette tore the flugge lure off the moving track and the rest of the field pounced on it. The race was canceled.

Mrs. Jessie Bridges of Boston totally blind, always had a premonition when her husband was going to strike her. Recently she had a particularly strong hunch, so she stabbed him in "self-defense."

Living only 90 miles apart for 31 years, Mrs. George Ebule, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and her twin sister, Mrs. Howard J. Hand, of Battle Creek, Mich., met recently by accident for the first time at Battle Creek.

In Pueblo, Colo., the superintendent of Roselawn Cemetery bears the name of I Dye. An Undertaker at Fort Collins, Colo., is named E. M. Balmer.

Whales have made their appearance again in Hawaiian waters and one of their latest sports is fighting with swordfish. The contests are novelties even to the natives.

A thief who robbed a Portland, Ore., show salesman's stock got 80 shoes—but they were all for the left foot.

In Richmond, Va., a tiny baby chick with four perfectly formed legs was exhibited by Mrs. G. A. McChee. The chick was lively and healthy.

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## Horace Loftin Tells About The Evolution Of Ford Cars

One of the most interesting chapters in the early history of the Ford Motor Company, according to Horace Loftin, Ford dealer here, is the account of Henry Ford's discovery of vanadium steel.

"When Mr. Ford made his first public showing of the Ford car, at the 1903 Chicago Automobile Show, even then he was planning toward the 'Universal Car,' Mr. Loftin says. "From the day the first automobile appeared, Henry Ford looked upon it as a necessity. This led him to build to the one end—a car that would meet the wants of the multitudes.

"The results of road tests and races, and the performance of cars in service, determined changes that ought to be made in the early-day Fords; and by 1915 Henry Ford had worked out specifications for the automobile he wanted to build as the 'Universal Car.' But he didn't have the material to give strength without weight.

"And he discovered that material really by accident," Mr. Loftin relates.

"In 1905 Mr. Ford attended an automobile race at Palm Beach. There was a smashup. A French car was wrecked. At the scene of the wreck Mr. Ford picked up a small valve stem. It was very light, yet it had great strength. He asked what it was made of, but nobody knew.

"The man who was destined to become the world's greatest motor car manufacturer realized that foreign automobiles had smaller and better parts than any American maker knew anything about. So he determined to find out about that bit of metal, saying at the time, 'This is the kind of metal we ought to have in our cars.'

"Eventually it was learned that

the metal was a French steel with vanadium in it. "Mr. Ford tried every steel maker in this country, but none could make vanadium steel. So he sent to England for a man who understood how to make it commercially.

"The next thing was to get a plant to turn out the metal. And that was difficult. Vanadium requires 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit, and the ordinary furnace could not go beyond 2,700 degrees.

"A small steel plant at Canton, Ohio, was offered a guarantee against loss if it would undertake to run a heat. The first heat was a failure. Very little vanadium remained in the steel. "Try again," said Mr. Ford. And the second time the steel came through. Until then Henry Ford had been forced to be satisfied with steel running between 60,000 and 70,000 pounds tensile strength. With vanadium, the strength went up to 170,000 pounds.

"With vanadium available, Ford took cars apart and tested in detail to determine exactly what kind of steel was best for every part—whether he wanted a hard steel, a tough steel, or an elastic steel. This was the first time in the history of any big construction that the exact quality of steel was determined scientifically.

"Before these experiments," Mr. Loftin states, "not more than four grades of steel had ever been used in automobile construction; but as a result of Ford's tests some 20 different types of steel were selected for various parts of the Ford car, vanadium being used wherever strength and lightness were required.

"Quality in material was necessary to give service in use, Mr. Ford was convinced; so vanadium steel—strongest, toughest and most lasting of

steels—formed the foundation and sold, was constantly improved and super structure of the car which made better until it was finally super-built the great Ford industry. And ceded by the Model A and then followed that car, the Model T, of which more loved by the V-8. than 16,000,000 were produced and

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