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FEMALE GHOST THUMBING RIDES ON STATE ROAD 31

Franklin, Ind., March 15.-(U.P.)-A pretty young feminine "ghost" is thumbing rides along State Road 31.

At every gathering of two or more people in Franklin today the conversation swung around to the exploits of the "girl in white satin" or "the ghost of State Road 31."

Two versions were told. The ghost, whom we shall call "Miss X," could not be reached for confirmation of either.

The "ghost", two WPA officials, an automobile and an elderly couple near Seymour are the characters of the version most widespread here.

The WPA officials, names unknown, were en route to their office in Seymour last week when they accosted a young girl walking along the road.

She accepted their offer of a ride and was helped into the rear set.

"Miss X" conversed freely with the men and described landmarks near her home, familiar to both men, at the outskirts of Seymour. Upon arrival at the home the men turned to help her out of the back seat.

She was gone.

Alarmed, the men went to the house and told an elderly woman who answered their knock of their strange passenger. The elderly woman wept and a man joined her.

The man said their daughter, fitting description of "Miss X" died five years ago and that the WPA workmen were the third parties to bring them reports of similar experiences.

ALSO IN COLUMBUS

Columbus, 20 miles south of here on the same road, has another version which is credited to Fred Miles in a story to members of the First Baptist Sunday School class.

Two young men were driving south on Road 31 near Greenwood when a young woman, wearing only a white satin dress and slippers, walked out of a cemetery.

She accepted a ride and entered the back seat.

Upon arrival at the Greenwood address she had given, "Miss X" slighted from the automobile, walked two steps toward the house and vanished.

The young men were startled. An elderly woman answered their knock on their door. She fainted upon hearing their story. The mother had buried a young daughter in white in the Greenwood Cemetery three weeks earlier. The young men discovered two other automobiles had picked up the young girl and taken her to the same address, where she disappeared into the air.

Monday, March 22, 1937

MARRIED BY TRANSPACIFIC PHONE

H.D. Sundstrom And Miss Frances Yerkes Say "I Do."

H.D. Sundstrom and his bride, Miss Frances Yerkes, are shown in Honolulu as they were married in the first transpacific radiophone wedding. The ceremony was performed by telephone by the bridegroom's father, the Rev C.H. Sundstrom in his home in Pasadena, Calif.-(ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO PROVIDED)

Tuesday, March 23, 1937

NEVER MISSES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Prize Pupil Being Greeted By Superintendent

When Marion Snider, aged 67, a retired farmer, entered St. Peter's Evangelical Church in Van Wert on Palm Sunday, it was his one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-third consecutive Sunday in attendance there.

Always sitting in the same seat as a pupil, the spry gentleman has reason to claim some kind of record for attending Sunday School 38 years and six weeks without having missed a session, it is believed here.

Through cold and hot weather, he has walked the mile from his farm in York Township on each Sunday since January, 1899.

Pictured above on the right as he is being greeted by J.A. Wise, Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Snider was about to attend his one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-second service.

Seldom staying for the morning worship, the bachelor is also averse to attending mid-week services. He lives with a sister.

Asked why he has made such an unusual record, Snider said it was simply because he likes to attend. The Rev. E.C. Kunce, pastor of the church, and Superintendent Wise state the record holder is an apt and attentive student. (PHOTO PROVIDED)

Wednesday, March 24, 1937

Decatur, Indiana-TO APPEAR IN CONCERT SUNDAY

The Zion Lutheran church will present a sacred and secular concert Easter Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Artists to appear on the program are Miss Helen Limbert, soprano, and Clare Edwards, organist, both of Fort Wayne. (PHOTO PROVIDED)

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