

**Dr. Rothrock Blames This Condition On Abundance of Rain—How to Treat Snake Bites.**

Wet weather which has permitted rattle snakes and copperheads to remain near their natural haunts is responsible for the number of these varieties seen around and near summer cottages this year according to Dr. B. P. Rothrock, state curator.

"Usually by midsummer we are experiencing a period of dry weather which drives snakes into the marshy places and along streams," Dr. Rothrock said. "The snake must have water. This year there has been sufficient rain to provide them with their water needs in the highlands, so that the annual migration has not been necessary.

"Their appearance around cottages in the mountains is the result of their desire to seek open or cleared spaces for the purpose of sunning themselves. The copperhead likes the water better than his equally venomous brother, the rattler, which accounts for more of that variety being seen on the mountains this time of year than formerly."

The curator advocated the killing of both varieties of these snakes when found. He declared they were a menace alike to men and animals and the only way to destroy them is to kill them. He said the rattler usually rattles before striking, while the copperhead strikes at anything coming into contact with it and without any warning, although he pointed out some persons could detect the proximity of the copperhead by its odor which is similar to that of a ripe wild cucumber.

As to the distance either snake can strike, Dr. Rothrock said it varied from one-half to two-thirds of their length, if they were on level ground. If striking downhill the force behind the blow frequently carries them a greater distance.

When a person is bitten by a venomous snake, he said the wound should be cut open until it bled freely. After bleeding he advocated the use of a tourniquet above the wound until the nearest physician could be reached. The venom affects the heart action and requires artificial stimulants. He also said the use of potassium permanganate crystals rubbed into the flowing wound was very beneficial.

Dr. Rothrock said the poison could be sucked from the wound without danger unless there was an abrasion on the mouth. The poison works only through the blood circulation and if taken into the stomach will digest.

**MILLHEIM.**

(From the Journal)

C. W. Burd, who formerly was in the piano business here, was an arrival here Monday. Mr. Burd spent several years in South Dakota and two weeks ago returned to Altoona to visit. He is now visiting old acquaintances and friends at Aaronsburg.

C. M. Smith on Monday went to Washington, where he is attending the annual convention of the Retail Merchants' association in session there. This is the third consecutive annual meeting Mr. Smith has been chosen to attend as a representative of the Millheim Business Men's association.

Prof. and Mrs. Boyd F. Winkleblech and daughter motored up from Lancaster last Thursday morning to attend the funeral of Mr. Winkleblech's grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Winkleblech, at Aaronsburg. They have since been visiting Mr. Winkleblech's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winkleblech, near Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lang, of Los Angeles, Cal., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kern several days last week. They motored in from the western coast, consuming four weeks to make the trip. Three of the tires on their car were still filled with California air when they were here.

Jack Kelley, of Cheswick, Pa., is a guest at the home of Mrs. Leah Christie, and will spend a several weeks' vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swartzel and little son, of Burnham, were over Sunday guests of Mrs. Swartzel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Musser, at the Millheim tollgate.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Richey and two children and Miss Alma Tarbot, of Red Lion, after spending several weeks with Mrs. Richey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Musser, returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus A. Sankey and two children, of near Middleburg, and Miss Edith Sankey, who is at present at Centre Hall attending to her duties as secretary of the Grange Fair association, were visitors at the W. F. Smith home.

John G. Eby, of Portage, motored to Millheim and visited relatives here and at Woodward until Monday morning when he returned home, accompanied by Mrs. Eby, who was a guest here for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wolfe and daughter, of Akron, Ohio, motored to Millheim and are visiting home relatives and friends. They were accompanied as far as Pleasant Gap by Mrs. Wolfe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O.

Brown, who are also expected to visit here within several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Antes Ruhl, of Rockford Ill., accompanied by their son, Arthur, of New York City, and Mrs. Ruhl's sister, Mrs. Waldo, of Pasadena, Cal., were motor visitors in Millheim over Sunday, guests at the National hotel. Mr. Ruhl is a native of Millheim, having left here some fifty years ago and settling in Rockford, where he made quite a "stake."

**COURT PROCLAMATION.**

Whereas the Honorable Henry C. Quigley, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 49th Judicial District, consisting of the County of Centre, having issued his precept, bearing date of the 7th day of August, 1924, to me directed for holding a Court of Common Pleas, Orphans' Court, Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, in Bellefonte, for the County of Centre and to commence on the

FOURTH MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER, being the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1924, and to continue as long as business may require.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and also such Constables, (that may have business in the respective districts, requiring to report to the Honorable Court) that they be then and there in their proper persons at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 22nd, with their records, inquisitions and their own remembrances to do those things to their offices appertaining to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand, at Bellefonte, the 20th day of August, in the year of our Lord 1924, and the one hundred and forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

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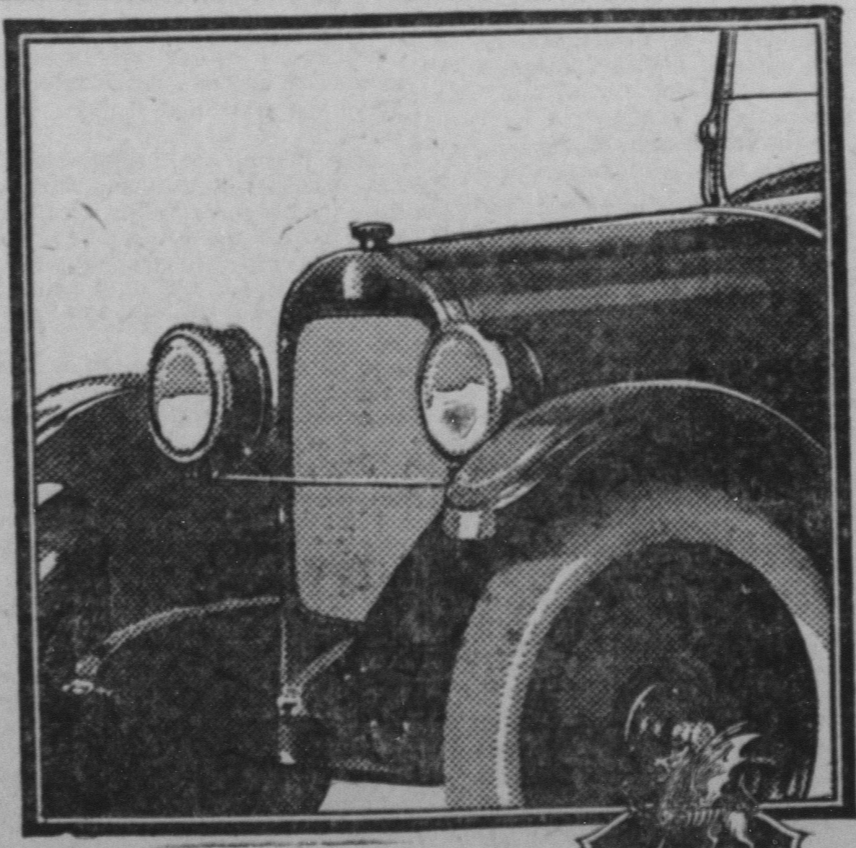
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