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Opportunity is a State of Mind.

To those of our readers who may be burdened with the thought that opportunity has never offered them the chance they felt they deserved...

"I used to think," writes Miss Robinson, "of opportunity as something outside one's self."

"A lucky break. A special chance. Something that came knocking at the door—"

"And I waited for it to come knocking at mine. But it didn't come. Or, if there was a knock, it was some hobo when that brought me nothing, took me nowhere."

"Day after drab day passed. Where was my One Big Moment that every human is promised?"

"I waited... watched. Grew bitter waiting. Why didn't Lady Luck come?"

"All around me others were making good fast—doing things with their lives. Evidently their chance had come. Why hadn't mine come to me?"

"I had been thinking Opportunity as an outside thing. Something that came to you. But Opportunity wasn't an outside arrangement—"

"IT WAS AN INSIDE ATTITUDE. Opportunity didn't come from someone else... didn't just happen."

"OPPORTUNITY WASN'T LUCK BUT A STATE OF MIND. An opening of your own heart—"

"A widening of your own imagination—"

"A quickening of your own will. The people whom I saw having luck were actually making that luck themselves, by their own attitude. They weren't just waiting—they were willing. They were opening themselves to luck."

"AND IF YOU HAVE AN ATTITUDE LIKE THAT, ANYTHING IS LUCK THAT COMES YOUR WAY. That doesn't mean that you always get what you expect or want. Or that you always recognize your chances when you find them. But it does mean that you are set on a winning streak."

"FOR IF YOUR HEART IS OPEN AND YOUR MIND IS AWARE AND YOUR WILL IS ALL SET TO GO, YOU CAN TURN ANYTHING TO ACCOUNT... FIND PROFIT OR PLEASURE OR ADVENTURE ANY WAY YOU TURN."

"I didn't learn all this quickly or easily. I wasn't born lucky. I didn't get off to a happy start. And, besides, I was naturally all kinds of an idiot. There were years when I seemed hell-bent for misery."

"But I wanted luck. I studied lucky people. I tried to see how they got that way. I was envious at first, bitter and jealous. I thought such people must be 'teacher's pets.'"

"But I couldn't hang on to such a nutty notion as that. It just didn't fit the facts. They weren't 'teacher's pets.' They didn't have rare and unusual chances. But they were ready, inside themselves, for luck. They were willing to pay the price of luck—which is often mighty steep. They were willing to make changes and adjustments, and accept compromises... willing to experiment and fail and be laughed at... willing to be lonely and frightened."

"You can't lick people like that. You can't take their Opportunity from them. They carry their Opportunity right with them... inside them... all set."

"Just as you can carry yours... STARTING NOW!"

HOLD FIRST FUNERAL SERVICE IN NEWLY REBUILT CHURCH

Funeral services for Miss Nancy G. Barrows, of Lock Haven, who died Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Williamsport Hospital where she had been a patient since June, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the St. Paul's Episcopal church in Lock Haven.

Miss Barrows was instrumental in designing the church which was recently rebuilt after having been destroyed by fire during the flood of March, 1936. Her funeral was the first to be conducted in the new edifice. The Rev. William J. Watts, acting rector, officiated.

Miss Barrows, who was the last of her family, spent her early girlhood in Lock Haven and later studied art in New York City and Paris. For many years she was a member of the firm of Wittredge and Barrows, of New York City, interior decorators.

House Fired by Exploding Lamp

When an exploding lamp fell a few feet short of its mark and landed on the floor, the 7-roomed home of Luke Morris, of Berwick, B. D., caught fire and was destroyed. Mrs. Morris attempted to hurl the blazing lamp from the kitchen, but failed. The damage is estimated at \$3,000.

Prepares History on Life of 'Hairy John'

Known as Famous Recluse of Seven-Mile Narrows

AUTHENTIC INCIDENTS IN HERMIT'S CAREER

Had Secret Method of Preserving Huckleberries, Plantain Leaves

Practically all residents of Centre County have at some time or another passed "Hairy John's Park," located along State Highway Route 45, about midway between Woodward, Centre County, and Harleton, Union County, but few persons, perhaps know anything of the history of the place with the exception that it got its name from a hermit "Hairy John" who used to reside nearby.

Inquiry from proprietors of Hairy John's Inn, and from residents of Woodward and Harleton last week failed to bring forth much factual information upon Hairy John's history. Finally, The Centre Democrat turned to an old friend and well known student of early Pennsylvania history, the Rev. J. J. Weaver, of Rebersburg, for help, and as usual we found him ready and willing to delve into Hairy John's past.

That his effort brought fruit is amply attested in the following complete and interesting history of John Woodard, better known as "Hairy John," which the Rev. Mr. Weaver submitted to us after interviewing a number of old residents of Penna. and Brush Valleys, and visiting Hairy John's last resting place in the Madisonburg cemetery. In presenting the Rev. Mr. Weaver's sketch of this colorful and unusual character, The Centre Democrat is publishing the most complete and most accurate history of Hairy John ever prepared.

"Hairy John" Vonada (Also spelled Vonada and Vonada)

We recall many of the thousands who visit Hairy John's Park every summer know how that beauty spot received its name? Some have been written, much spoken down through the years, and an undercurrent of whispered mysteries of this hermit of the mountains (Continued on page 8-2nd section)

PASTOR DELAYED WHEN CAR SKIDS

Milliflburg Minister Experiences Accident on Centre Hall Mountain

Snow which made the Centre Hall Mountain a glassy sheet, caused an accident Sunday evening which delayed the arrival in Lock Haven of the Rev. F. Nelson Schlegel, pastor of the Milliflburg Reformed church at the evening service. One member of the minister's party was injured.

The accident occurred when the car skidded into the side of the mountain while the pastor, his wife and a woman member of the congregation were on their way to Lock Haven. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Schlegel was injured, but the third member of the party suffered a broken vertebra and was removed to the Centre County Hospital at Bellefonte. The car was damaged.

Mr. Schlegel was taken to Lock Haven later in the evening, by John W. Widmann and remained in that city overnight, returning to Bellefonte Monday morning. The minister is a former missionary to the Moslem World, and was to bring a message as part of the Women's Missionary Society service at the Lock Haven church.

NIPPLE SWALLOWED BY CHILD IN 1936 CAUSES PNEUMONIA

The 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Szymanski, of Mt. Carmel, was discharged from the Geisinger Hospital after a portion of a rubber nipple, which had been lodged in his throat since Christmas of last year had been removed.

Discovery of the nipple was made when the child developed pneumonia and X-ray examination was conducted. The child had choked while playing with the nipple at Christmas time last year, but it was not discovered that he had swallowed the nipple until his recent illness.

No Thanks for Assistance

For offering assistance after an automobile accident, Charles Sacharnoski, of Drury's Run, Clinton County, received a fractured thumb and wrist and injuries to his back. Hearing an automobile crash while in his home, Mr. Sacharnoski rushed to the damaged vehicle and was greeted by fists. The two occupants of the car, Ohio residents, are members of a hunting party in that section. It is said that warrants have been issued for their arrest charging assault and battery.

Hard work is good for man and beast but both are entitled to some compensation for the efforts made.

Woman Gets Out Of Bed to Shoot Buck in Yard

Most hunters must go into the deep woods after big game, often for days, but Mrs. Sue Silman, of Youngstown, Ohio, acted in very unconventional garb for a huntress, bagged an eight-point buck early last Wednesday morning from a back porch of her sister's home in Emporium.

Mrs. Silman and a sister-in-law, Miss Helen Silman, also of Youngstown, arrived late the night before at the home of Mrs. Silman's sister, Mrs. George Holden. When she awoke at daylight to prepare for the day's hunting in the Cameron county woods, she saw a buck deer and two does in the back yard.

While still attired in her nightgown and bedroom slippers, she loaded her gun, stepped noiselessly out on the back porch, and fired. Her aim was perfect. The animal was brought down about 100 yards from the Cameron county court house.

TELEPHONE COMPANY WILL EXTEND LINES

The Bald Eagle Telephone Company branch of the United Telephone Company, is building a new line to reach Monument and Orviston, two tiny brick manufacturing villages about ten miles west of Beech Creek borough. Orviston has been reached by a single line from the Howard exchange of the Bald Eagle Telephone Company, which was carried over the mountain from Howard, and there has never been telephone connection to Monument. The old line to Orviston will be abandoned beyond Martin's Grove, in Beech Creek township, up the valley in which Beech Creek is located and will be reached through the Beech Creek exchange. The Harleton-Walker Electric Company has a plant at Orviston. The United Telephone Company connects with the Bell Telephone Company at Lock Haven.

MILL HALL MAN HURT

Calvin Stringfellow of Mill Hall, R. D., is a patient at the Lock Haven Hospital, where he is being treated for a fracture of the right arm, a wound on the right hip and injuries to the face and right leg. He was injured Saturday evening when he was struck by the car of R. D. Powers of Mill Hall, R. D.

The accident occurred on Route 226 west of Flemington. It is reported that Mr. Stringfellow had just alighted from the bus which was traveling west, and walked around to the rear of the bus in order to cross the road toward a lane near the bridge. He is said to have stepped from behind the bus directly in the path of Powers' car which was traveling east.

CONSTABLE PREVENTS SUICIDE

At a hearing before Alderman Max J. Lippe in Lock Haven Monday night of last week, Robert McCloskey was sentenced to spend three days in the county jail and to pay the costs of prosecution. McCloskey, who lives on Hacha street, was reached by Constable David L. Probst with the warrant Saturday night just in time to save the man's life. Probst says, as when he entered the McCloskey home, after there had been no answer to his knock on the door, he found the defendant with a noose about his neck and the other end fastened to the staircase, evidently planning suicide in a fit of despondency.

URGES NURSES TO HOLD HANDS WITH PATIENTS

Nurses were urged to hold hands with their patients by Dr. Ansel M. Chaine of Tulane University Medical School at New Orleans. Making the suggestion before the Southern Medical Association, he advocated it, not as a boon to budding romances, but as a help in soothing the nerves of patients on the operating table.

He said that "a gentle pat" on the cheek and "a light squeeze of the hand" by the nurse "is very helpful."

LOCK HAVEN FIRM TO MAKE 1,100 CUB AIRPLANES

Jack Hedegard, Cub plane distributor in Copenhagen, Denmark, has closed a contract with the Fige Aircraft Corporation of Lock Haven for 1,100 Cub planes, according to announcement made last week by an official of the plant. The order is to be filled in monthly shipments to Copenhagen over a period of four or five years, with between twenty-five and fifty planes to be delivered at once.

What has become of the man who used to think that when he got to be forty years of age he would have enough to retire?

Monday Morning's Greeting!



Typical Scene in Centre County Following Sunday Night's Fall of Snow

BULLET KILLS YOUNG HUNTER

Tyrone Man's Gun Discharged While Preparing to Leave Camp in Blair County

A young Bedford county deer hunter, Ralph Mowery, 19, of New Paris, was killed shortly after 12 o'clock Saturday at a Blair county hunting camp, while engaged in repairing an automobile preparatory to leaving a hunting camp located between Brush and Lock Mountains about seven miles northwest of Yellow Springs.

Struck between the ribs by a high-powered rifle bullet which was deflected through his heart and neck, Mowery died instantly. He was bending over the right front fender of the machine at the time he was struck, it was disclosed.

Blair county coroner, Chester H. Wagner said the gun from which the bullet was discharged was carried by Walter Grafius of Tyrone, who with J. E. Kegarise of Hollidaysburg, R. D. 2, and Mowery, were about to break camp.

According to an investigation by the deputy coroner, Corporal Albert Davis and Private Joseph Y. Merzestin, of the state motor police, the choke on the automobile had broken and Kegarise was attempting to start the machine by cranking. Mowery was stooped over the engine intent upon adjusting the carburetor.

Grafius, employed as a chemist for the Tyrone paper mill, was standing approximately seven feet away from the car when, according to Deputy Coroner Wagner, in changing the gun, a 30-30 rifle, from one hand to the other, it was in some manner discharged.

Located deep in the heart of the mountains, the camp was difficult to reach because of the rocky condition of the road, and it was found necessary to carry the body of the youth almost a mile before it could be placed in an automobile. Other members of the camp were unaware of the tragedy until their return at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The dead youth had been staying with a sister, Mrs. Carl Royer, who lives between Newry and Duncansville.

Deer With Peculiar Color

Bruce Dibble, of Wyalusing shot a freak deer near Forksville. It was a six-point buck and weighed 160 pounds, and was spotted brown and white on the front legs. The head and back were brown and the rest of the body was white.

Bellefonte Man Gets State Post

Highways Secretary Warren van Dyke has announced the appointment of Austin C. Hoy of Bellefonte as a designer draftsman at \$2100 a year in highways district No. 2.

\$6,000 FIRE ON LOGANTON FARM

Owner Loses Valuable Bull and All Farm Implements in Disastrous Blaze

A loss of \$6,000 was suffered by Harry Wensel when his barn, two miles east of Loganton, one of the largest in Clinton county, other out-buildings, a valuable bull, other livestock, implements, and all his crops were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin.

The farm is tenanted by Samuel M. Mingle who was hunting and there was no one home except Mrs. Mingle and their small baby. The nearest neighbor, Charles Mark, is a quarter of a mile away, and by the time help was summoned, it was impossible to save the barn or other buildings nearby. A bucket brigade was formed and the house and its contents were saved.

The bull was housed in the barn and the fire had such a start before it was discovered that it was impossible to get it out.

The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Woman Bags Deer First Time She Ever Fired Gun

Mrs. Winifred Hines, 32, of Chambersburg, wanted to go deer hunting. Her husband, William, refused to take her and said: "Why, you can't even load a gun!"

Mrs. Hines waited for her husband to leave her home on the Lincoln highway atop Tuscarora mountain, then took a rifle and shells to State Motor Policeman George O'Day. The officer loaded the rifle, and Mrs. Hines set out for the woods.

She was back ten minutes later, and calmly announced to the officer: "I've just killed an 11-point buck. Will you help me get it home?"

The woman never fired a gun before, O'Day said she told him.

HOWARD, R. D. MAN HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Thomas Rogers, of Howard R. D., is reported to be "holding his own" at the Lock Haven Hospital, where he is receiving treatment for a possible fractured skull and a concussion.

His automobile collided head-on with a car driven by Samuel Bowman, Lock Haven, west of Mill Hall Saturday night. Mrs. Bowman was taken to the Private Hospital where a scalp wound was closed with 20 stitches. Mr. Bowman was treated at the same hospital and discharged.

FIND HUNTER'S BODY IN WOODS

Pittsburgh Man Discovered Dead in Automobile; Shot Through Heart

The body of a lone hunter, his heart torn by a bullet lodged at the base of his ribs, was found in a stranded automobile near Bald Hill, Clearfield county, on Sunday.

Clearfield county coroner, R. L. Williams and state motor police said a hunting license and other records found on his body identified him as Frank Podlasek, 35, of North Side, Pittsburgh.

A rifle with one empty cartridge in the firing chamber, and another in the magazine, lay across the man's lap. From luggage found in the car, police advanced the theory the slain man had stayed at some camp or farm house for several days.

A large dent in the right side of the car, with wooden splinters stuck in the seams, indicated the motorist might have sideswiped a telephone pole causing the gun to discharge, but no damaged telephone pole could be found in the vicinity.

HUNTER IS VICTIM OF STRAY BULLET NEAR CLEARFIELD

A stray bullet killed Elia Viaduzzi, 43, of Akron, Ohio, last Friday while he was hunting deer six miles north of Clearfield.

Clearfield county coroner, R. L. Williams said Viaduzzi was "on watch" at the time. He said his investigation indicated the man had been shot by a stray bullet or possibly somebody shot him in mistake for game and upon discovering his tragic error had fled the vicinity.

The bullet entered the left side of the chest, a little to the rear, and came out on the right side in front. Apparently the man was holding his gun slung across his chest when the bullet struck, as he was still clutching the weapon and his chest struck the right wrist.

Seek to Save Historic Bell

A relic with associations for thousands of people went to the junk yard a week ago when the Sunbury school district sold the bell from the Eighth Ward school building as scrap iron.

An interested group will endeavor to buy the bell, used for 65 years, if it has not already been destroyed and present it to the Northumberland County Historical Society. The school building was for several years used by the high school, the last class to graduate from it being that of 1868, in which Martin W. Clement, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was salutatorian.

Now that Thanksgiving is past we have a year to discover some reason to be thankful in 1938.

BLAIR CO. MAN FATALLY SHOT BY TYRONE COP

Killed While Avoiding Arrest at Hands Of Police Officers

TRAGEDY OCCURRED AFTER WILD CHASE

Officer Who Fired Shot Is Exonerated From Intentional Wrong-Doing

Joseph Louis Ross, 21, of Sinking Valley, Blair county, was instantly killed Wednesday night at about 10:30 o'clock when a bullet from a pistol fired by Officer John Giles, of the Tyrone police force, struck him in the back of the head after passing through the back of an automobile in which Ross, his brother, Isaac Ross, and John P. Fisher, all of Sinking Valley, were endeavoring to escape arrest.

The fatal shooting occurred on Hamilton avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets, Hillcrest, following a wild chase through Tyrone. The automobile occupied by the three men came to a stop after plowing through weeds and almost falling over the bank into Shell run.

Earlier in the day the Tyrone police received a teletype message from the state police to be on the lookout for three men who had committed or attempted robberies in Patton, Blairsville and Tyrone. Last Wednesday night at about 10:30 o'clock the automobile bearing the Ross brothers and Fisher, the driver, went west on West Tenth street, an excessive speed, and Officer John Giles and Lee F. Wagner, who were on Logan avenue, in the Tyrone police car, immediately set out in chase.

The Fisher car, after passing several other cars on Washington avenue, was sighted at Sixth street by Giles and Wagner and pulling alongside the car Giles blew his police whistle as a warning for the Fisher car to stop. Fisher, however, speeded up the car. This action caused both officers to believe that the three (Continued on page 8-2nd section)

MOTHER BURNED IN HEROIC RESCUE

Renovo Woman Collapses After Taking Children From Burning Home

Mrs. Caesar Marino of Renovo, who burned about the face Saturday morning in rescuing two of her children from their burning home in that town, fire broke out and gutted the brick veneer building when flames shot up through the walls from the cellar to the roof.

Mrs. Marino was burned when she rushed to the cellar where two of her children were playing. The blaze had started there and made such headway that she found exit by the stairway impossible. She thrust the children out through the cellar window and then climbed out herself. Other members of the family got out of the house without injury.

After the ordeal Mrs. Marino collapsed, being in a weakened condition from a recent operation at the Renovo Hospital. She is being cared for at the home of a neighbor.

TWO HUNTERS BURNED AS GASOLINE LAMP FALLS

Two hunters were burned, neither seriously, when gasoline lamp fell on the floor and set fire to the Nippenose Road and Gun Club house, near Rauchtown last week.

William Banhart of Williamsport was scalded on the right hand when he reached for a bucket of hot water on the stove to help extinguish the blaze. Joseph Yorks of Oriole, received burns of the right hand when he tried to pick up the lamp. Air pressure in the lamp forced flaming gasoline to the ceiling which ignited. Yorks threw a bucket of water in which a deer head and liver were soaking on the blaze.

The Red Cross roll is over but if you forget to send in your membership, you can still do so.

Last week when Pennsylvania Railroad officials in Altoona learned that Santa Claus was coming to Bellefonte they sent him a pass so he could ride the train free of charge from Milesburg to Bellefonte. Although the fare for the trip is only ten cents, the thoughtfulness of the railroad is deeply appreciated not only by Santa but also by the Chamber of Commerce who were instrumental in having him come here.

Friday night proved that all Bellefonte needs to pack his stores and jam his streets is a more frequent appearance of Santa Claus. If the Chamber of Commerce had promised to burn down the Court House these wouldn't have been a larger crowd in town. It is almost safe to say that the Pennsylvania Railroad passenger station here hasn't seen such a crowd since the time Governor Hastings was given a homecoming.

While Mayor Harris was welcoming visitors to Bellefonte on the Diamond, scores of kids clamoring on the truck he was using as a platform made so much noise that His Honor stopped his address several times and in a low voice to the youngsters said: "Keep quiet" or "don't make so much noise." The Mayor forgot he was standing in front of a microphone attached to a public address system, and his orders to the children boomed through the loudspeakers nearly as plainly as his official remarks.

This department Saturday asked a farmer friend, who wore a worried expression, what his particular trouble seemed to be. "Well," he said, "I know my neighbor's hogs are fat, but I don't know whose corn fattened them."

During a recent parade in Bellefonte Captain Herbert M. Beezer, of Machine Gun Troop, 103rd Cavalry, felt his well trained horse jerk and stiffen up on several occasions without any apparent cause. The horse oftentimes was surrounded by spectators watching the parade, and the Captain was somewhat worried lest the trouble finally get on the animal's nerves to the extent that he'd lunge through the crowd. Happening to turn his head toward the rear, the Captain solved the mystery when he saw a youngster with an air rifle take a pop shot at the horse's flank.

Next time you see the little whirlpool when you pull the stopper from the drain in your sink or bathtub, remember that you have to journey to the lower half of the world to see the whirlpool turn in the opposite direction. Down there they turn the other way.

Street Scene: Young woman walking on Bishop Street, Tuesday. She wore no hat, but her ears were well protected from wintry blasts by a pair of black earmuffs.

JOBLESS PAYMENTS BEGIN IN JANUARY

Twenty-two States co-operating with the Federal Social Security program will begin paying unemployment compensation in January.

Payments to the jobless covered by unemployment insurance will range from \$5 to \$15 a week for 14 to 16 weeks.

It will be the Government's first chance to test its program of mass security insurance for the industrial worker. Social Security Board officials are confident the administrative machinery in the States is ready to write the checks.

The number of insured workers now idle is not available, but the first large-scale payroll is regarded by labor leaders as an important "cushion" against business recession. The American Federation of Labor said it would be "an important addition to workers' buying power."

The 22 States have accumulated an aggregate of \$340,489,769 in jobless insurance trust funds to meet the emergency of temporary unemployment, and the unemployment statistics of the 22 States cover 11,565,000 workers.

Every State now has an unemployment compensation law, but only in 22 States do the statutes provide for beginning the benefits in January.

Among the 22 States, New York and Pennsylvania alone cover approximately 3,000,000 of the 11,565,000 insured workers. New York provides a maximum of \$15 a week and a minimum of \$7. Pennsylvania, with the same maximum, provides a minimum of \$7.50.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Introducing Susie



By POP MOMAND