

Random Items

—To date we have failed to mention having received a copy of the 1938 Pennsylvania Railroad calendar, through the courtesy of G. E. Hilligass, Bellefonte agent of the company. We have always been a great admirer of G. E. Teller's realistic paintings. For the P. R. R. calendar but for real enthusiasm we wish Mr. Teller could have noted the effect his painting produced on a two-year old boy. The youngster was shown the calendar while he was about to go to sleep, but upon seeing the picture, he jumped up in his crib, shouting "There's a choo-choo!" demanded that he be allowed to take it to bed, and was only pacified when the calendar was taken from the room and it was explained that the "choo-choo" had "gone to sleep." Later it was returned to the room, where it is a constant source of wide-eyed wonder.

—While we're on the subject of calendars we might mention that it pays to advertise. Last week it was noted in this department that our old standby calendar, the one issued by the Bellefonte Trust Company, had not made its usual appearance in this office, and that we were girding our courage for a trip to the bank to ask for one. Friday morning, Mrs. Helen R. Williams, assistant treasurer and trust officer at the bank, made such drastic action unnecessary by calling at the office and presenting us with a pair of the calendars which are now in their accustomed places.

—Tuesday of this week marked the 30th anniversary of the burning of the iron works at Scotia, according to Harry Williams, of Pine Street, who is putting the finishing touches to a complete history of the now abandoned community. The fire occurred on January 11, 1908, and the works closed down completely the following year after ore which had accumulated before the fire had been exhausted.

—The average life of a textbook is from 3 to 8 years. E. K. Stock, supervising principal of the Bellefonte public schools, informed school board members at a meeting Monday night. High school books go out last as long as grade books because they are taken home more, and are given more severe use. Large books, as a rule, do not last as long as smaller ones. In the high school arithmetic, algebra and language books show short lives, while history and geography books last well in the grades, readers are short-lived.

—So far we've had a comparatively mild winter, and thermometer has hit the zero mark on only one occasion. Snow storms have been few in number and of only moderate depth. But to those of you who think maybe the coal pile will hold out till spring, after all, we hasten to point out that regardless of what weather says, calendars and almanacs may say, February is the toughest winter month we have in this section.

MOTORIST PAYS 15¢ TAX EVERY HOUR HE DRIVES

In addition to the \$970,000,000 paid in gasoline taxes in 1937 the tax bill of the American motorist includes \$130,000,000 in Federal excise taxes, \$375,000,000 in state motor vehicle registration fees and \$750,000,000 in automobile personal property, city and county taxes, according to Bald R. Markham, director of the American Petroleum Institute, RCA Building, Rockefeller Center.

Putting it another way, the average motorist pays about \$120 in automotive taxes when he travels eight hours on the highways; which means he pays the tax collector 15¢ for every hour his car is moving on the road.

The efficient business man, about this time of the year, is asking his secretary to look up the "New Year Resolutions" file.

16-Year-Old Boy Joined To 13-Year-Old Girl In Siamese Twin Operation

A 16-year-old boy allowed science to make him a Siamese twin Saturday to enable a 13-year-old girl to become a normal human being.

An 18-inch tube of flesh literally made John Melvin Honner and Clara Howard one individual. The strange operation, linking the two Negro children, if successful, will enable surgeons to graft new skin on the body of the little girl to replace flesh seared by a fire in North Carolina more than a year ago.

Dr. R. E. Morgan, surgeon who performed the operation at Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C., said the children were "doing well." He hoped the operation would be successful and that Clara would emerge from it a normal human being.

A year ago, the girl was seared by a fire. Her flesh was so burned that doctors said she couldn't recover. She did recover, however, but the flames left her body a mass of scar tissue, so extensive that her right arm was joined to her body.

Surgeons were able to replace a portion of the seared skin in grafting operations. But the major transfer of skin necessary to restore her to normalcy required desperate

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START PURGE OF REPUBLICAN OFFICE HOLDERS

Gov. Earle Asks County Leaders For Information On State Jobholders

The Earle administration called on its county leaders this week for a comprehensive list of registered Republicans holding state jobs, with the prospect of a wholesale purge of employees who show indications of "disloyalty."

Orders to county leaders from Gov. George H. Earle for detailed information on all state jobholders, enrolled as Republican voters, resulted from the politically embarrassing charges of relief administrators Karl de Schweinitz and Howard L. Russell that Earle had "opened the door for politics in relief."

The blank decree was issued during a conference of administration leaders called to consider the attack by Deputy Assistance Secretary Russell in an address to a Harrisburg church congregation. (Continued on page three)

\$1,000 LOSS AS YULE TREE CATCHES ON FIRE

Little Donnie Snyder's attempt to turn on the lights of a Christmas tree at his home in Altoona Sunday afternoon resulted in \$500 damages to the furnishings, and probably the same amount to the building.

Flames caused by a short circuit enveloped the tree but the mother, Mrs. Jack Snyder, pulled the child from the living room of their second floor apartment on Eighteenth street, before he could be burned.

Firemen were forced to break open the door to the Snyder apartment which had automatically locked as Mrs. Snyder rushed the child to safety. They found the living room a mass of flames.

Mrs. Emma Way, 57, of Morrisdale, died in the Philadelphia State hospital last week from injuries received when she was struck by a car on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Way was walking along the left side of Route No. 33 near her home at 9:15 o'clock New Year's morning when a car, attempting to pass another traveling the same direction, struck her. The car was driven by Charles McKeown, of Munson.

Mrs. Way was taken to the Philadelphia State hospital where it was disclosed she was suffering from brain concussion, which probably caused her death, fractures of both bones of the left leg below the knee, fracture of the left collar bone, and lacerations of the scalp. She died at 9:29 o'clock last Tuesday morning, three days after the accident.

Mrs. Way was born February 22, 1880, in Clarion. Her maiden name was Emma Hepler. She had lived in Morrisdale since her marriage forty years ago.

Surviving are her husband, James Way, and the following children: Mrs. Joseph Navatayk, Mrs. Samuel Mansell, Mrs. Harold Mayes, and John, all of St. Michaels; Mrs. Orde Hoffner, Hyde City; Edward, Kimer, and Lowell, at home.

Ten grandchildren survive, as do the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Elva Tibbett, of Clearfield; Louis Hepler, of Poik, and William Hepler, of Hartstown.

Funeral services were held from the home last Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. H. A. Pruyn, of Morrisdale. Burial was made in the Allport cemetery.

"Abe Lincoln" Retires
The Pennsylvania Railroad has retired Alton I. Shirk, of Bellwood, widely known for his striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln. Shirk, who was born in Juniata County in 1871, has appeared throughout the country in parades and patriotic demonstrations. His only make-up is a plug hat, frock coat and cane.

Thieves Steal "Railroad"
Theft of a railroad is reported from near Shamokin. The tracks of the miniature railroad at Edgewood Park, which for many years was a center of diversion for many children and some older persons, have disappeared, a total of 200 yards of steel rails having been removed.

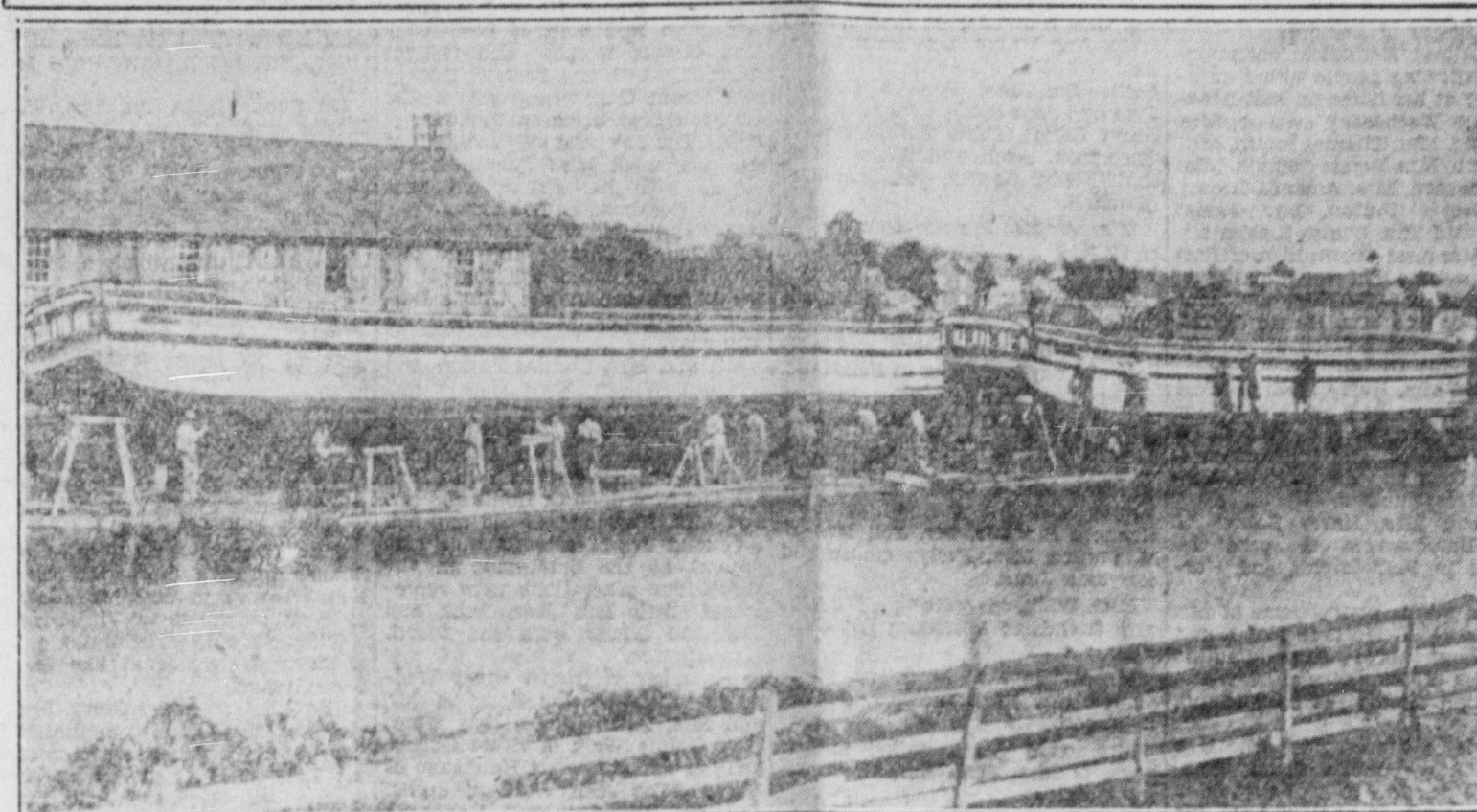
Town Bankrupt
Eastport, the site of the abandoned Quaddy tidal power dam project, in Maine, is bankrupt. Its city government activities having been turned over to a "temporary commissioner" who will act until a permanent commissioner has been named.

Young Bonner volunteered. Since last November, the two children have been in Emergency Hospital preparing for the operation. Surgeons slit his side in an 18-inch cut, the tube to hang loosely from his body, connected to his blood-stream only at its extremities.

Under only a local anesthetic, the two children, while the surgeons completed the operation, one end of John's flesh tube was severed from his body. An incision was made in the little girl's elbow. The flesh tube was inserted and their blood-streams intermingled.

Swathed in bandages and adhesive tape, the children will be confined to bed until early next week. Then they will be allowed to leave their beds, but still will be joined by the tube of flesh. Perhaps in a few weeks, if the operation is successful and John's flesh joins that of the little girl, Dr. Moran will cut him loose and complete the graft of the 24 ounces of skin over the seared sections of Clara's body.

Building Canal Boats at Lock Haven Fifty Years Ago



Workers along the banks of the West Branch canal are putting the finishing touches to two craft, the most "modern" type of their time.

DEATH CLAIMS 200 Miles a Week Was Speed In The Days of Canal Boat Era

Mrs. Emma Way, 57, of Morrisdale, Succumbs to Injuries Sustained Jan. 1

The mournful wail of the conch shell and the warning cry "low bridge" rings no more through Pennsylvania valleys.

But these echoes of the past lived again in the memories of "old timers" saddened by the death of W. C. Fortney, president and founder of "The Association of Excelsior Boatmen of Pennsylvania," at Milton last week.

Travel and transportation in Pennsylvania a century ago was carried on by canals in much the same way that highways today serve as main arteries.

Construction of these waterways marked an effort of the State to speed up and improve transportation and travel facilities in response to public demand.

Agitation for canals was so great that by 1830, forty-two corporations had programs for building a system of waterways more elaborate and more comprehensive than that of any other state in the Union.

Impracticability, lack of finances, and pressure from competitive railroads, forced the cancellation of some of the projects. But by 1834 Pennsylvania had about 673 miles of canals.

The two most important canals of the day were the Philadelphia-Columbia division and the canal between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

The latter was noted for its Portage Rail division—whereby canal boats were transported over the mountains between Hollidaysburg on the Juniata and Johnstown on the Conemaugh by ten inclined planes.

The entire journey took a week. The modern highways and railroads of today often parallel the old canal beds; travelers looking from the windows of their cars see the crumbling locks that represented an early stage in the development of Pennsylvania's transportation system.

The old freight boats took millions of tons of farm produce to market in the larger cities and brought back manufactured products.

Coal, lumber, ore, salt and pig-iron from mines and mills also formed a large part of the cargoes.

Regular passenger service was provided in addition on the packets, traveling over a few routes. Some travelers of the day rode in upholstered "style" and even enjoyed the "luxury" of a "smoker car"—usually a boat towed behind.

AGED RECLUSE FOUND DEAD

Body of Former Centre County Man Discovered in Shanty in Which He Lived

David C. Gingsrich, aged 82, a former Centre county resident, was found dead Thursday morning in the shanty in which he resided along a railroad between the Dry Run School house and Puzetown, in Blair county, by Paul Harker who noticed the body lying inside as he was passing the shanty.

Coroner Chester C. Rothrock was called by Funeral Director Harvey M. Liebegott of Duncansville whom Mr. Harker had notified. The coroner ordered the removal of the body to the Liebegott morgue in Duncansville.

Mr. Gingsrich had resided in the vicinity near Puzetown for many years, formerly operating the Red mill, near Foot-of-Ten. A rural mail carrier reported that mail which had been delivered Monday had been lifted from the box, indicating that the man died either Tuesday or early Wednesday.

Members of the family include six children, Mrs. W. W. Russell, Pauline and Leda Gingsrich, J. S. S. Z., and J. R. Gingsrich and four grandchildren.

Big business is ready to spend a lot of money if the government will arrange a way for big business to make a lot of money.

Read the Classifieds.

PINCHOT WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR

Man Who Figured in Six Campaigns Again Seeks Office

Gifford Pinchot, twice governor, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for a third term and asks Pennsylvania voters to drive from power "the Guffey-Lawrence machine."

In a formal statement the tall, 72-year-old forester said that if elected he pledged himself to use the "full power of the governorship to reduce the burden of taxation and the cost of government."

He promised to "clean up the mess at Harrisburg"—a phrase he used in his 1921 gubernatorial campaign.

The statement then contained an appeal for unity in the Republican party and to bring back those who had left it. He said: "We can do it by forgetting past differences and throwing our united strength against the common enemy."

It will be Pinchot's sixth campaign for political office. Three times he failed to win in seeking to go to the United States Senate, and twice he won for governor. He served as governor from 1923 to 1927 and from 1931 to 1935. John S. Fisher served as governor between Pinchot's two terms.

Pinchot's first campaign was in 1914 for senator. He obtained the Washington Party-Bull Moose nomination and was backed by the forces of Theodore Roosevelt. The Republican candidate was Senator Boise Penrose and the Democratic candidate was A. Mitchell Palmer.

MOTOR POLICE OFFICES NOW ON 24-HOUR BASIS

Twenty-four hour service has been inaugurated at the Bellefonte headquarters of the State Motor Police, on North Allegheny Street, it was announced this week. Some one is now on duty at the headquarters continuously, to provide full-time service to the public. Hereafter the headquarters was open only during the daytime.

In making the change, Private G. L. Finkbeiner, who had been stationed at the Pleasant Gap sub-station, was assigned to headquarters duty. His place at the sub-station is being taken by Private C. J. Conahan, who was transferred there last week from the Williamsport sub-station. Finkbeiner and other officers will alternate, week by week, at the night shift in the Bellefonte office.

Accused of Speeding
Joseph Hurwitz, of Phillipsburg, was arrested for speeding in Woodward Township, Lycoming County, last Wednesday, by the Lock Haven Detail of State Motor Police, the first arrest made in that area since Governor Earle's announcement that an arrest for speeding will mean a three months suspension of an operator's license.

Phoneta of a cold winter are beginning to show an I-told-you-so smile.

Rock Hits Windshield
Ellis Rauch, of Renovo, suffered cuts on the face which required several stitches to close, when the windshield of his car was broken by a large rock which was dislodged from the hillside as he was driving on the Bucktail Trail, near Ritchie Cut. The rock struck the windshield as it rebounded after hitting the radiator.

TRUCK RAMS TYRONE HOUSE

Truck with battering ram propensities backed into the H. B. Tuttle home at Tyrone, caving in the side of the house, knocking off plaster and bulging the wall on the inside and knocking out of the rafters loose. The owner of the truck is not known.

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Assistant Superintendent S. M. Washburn declared La Maur had become unruly and violent in his cell and that after all other means of quieting him were exhausted, he ordered the administration of tear gas. Later, he said, La Maur recovered and again became violent necessitating a second dose of gas.

The prisoner died early on the morning of December 27, 1937. Washburn reported to the welfare department that on December 24, La Maur became violent and had broken a water pipe in his cell, flooded.

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The governor said his son paid a fine in New Jersey, "but know how much this campaign to stop the slaughter on Pennsylvania and American highways means to me, agrees that it is fair that he send me his driver's license to be returned to him 90 days from today."

In Trenton, Col. Mark O. Kimberling, superintendent of the New Jersey state police, said Hubert was arrested in Hunterdon county. He paid a \$2 fine and costs. New Jersey's speed limit is 40 miles an hour.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Food—With Complications



DALE BANEY IS VICTIM OF BURNS

Dies at Lock Haven Hospital Four Weeks After Blaze Destroys His Home

Dale Baney, who was severely burned when his home at Beech Creek was destroyed by fire December 10th, died Wednesday afternoon at the Lock Haven Hospital.

Mr. Baney had risen early that morning and attempted to hasten the kitchen fire by pouring kerosene on it. The kerosene in the can Baney was holding exploded, spraying him with the burning oil and throwing it about the kitchen.

The house was ignited. Flames swept up the back stairs, which opened into the kitchen. Members of the family, roused from their sleep, had to rush down the front stairs, to which the flames had spread, and several of the children had to be dropped from upstairs windows, suffering injuries. Mrs. Baney and several of the children suffered burns, but have recovered.

Mr. Baney was severely burned over a large area of his body. He was removed to the Lock Haven Hospital. The blaze also destroyed the home of Benjamin Blitner, which adjoined the Baney home, and damaged another property. The Lock Haven chapter of the Red Cross obtained a home for the Baney family in Mill Hall, where they are now residing.

Mr. Baney would have been 40 next July. He engaged in mining in the Tangascootac area. Survivors are his wife, two sons and six daughters: John, Arthur, Madeline, Isabel, Fay, Esther, Ruth and Grace, all at home; his mother, Mrs. Hannah Baney, Beech Creek, R. D. five brothers, and four sisters, Carl, Mill Hall; Walter, Delbert, and Mrs. Saylor Miller, Beech Creek; Stanford, Mill Hall; Chester, Mrs. Andrew Guthrie and Mrs. Foster Barner, Newberry, and Miss Rowena, at home.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Baney home in Mill Hall, the Rev. Clarence F. Kresge officiating. Burial was made in the Disciple cemetery at Blanchard.

Prominent Altoona Dies
Jacob Berman, 63, prominent Altoona clothier, philanthropist and Jewry leader, died Monday last week at Miami, Florida, where he had gone in the interests of his health. He was honorary life president of Agudath Achim Hebrew congregation, Altoona, and some years ago financed the construction of the new synagogue in that city. His charities were numerous and far reaching. Survivors include his wife and a number of nephews and nieces.

Henry Ford's Bill Cameron speaks in a manner unworthy of Mr. Ford—whom the American people have made fabulously rich. Likewise unworthy and un-American is the game of dirty pool being played by vicious minorities who on one hand, are trying to lynch the New Deal, and the over-ambitious crators who on the other hand, are trying to lynch industry. Expressing sincere conviction is one thing—malicious smearing is quite something else.

No normal person would knowingly seek to associate Mr. Roosevelt with low cunning. To be sure, the President, himself, must realize that he has made some serious blunders, but even the most partisan anti-New Dealers, those who disagree with Roosevelt most bitterly in policy and procedure, know that even his worst mistakes are made in the blindness of devotion to cause and duty—as he sincerely interprets cause and duty.

Before leaving this subject it is fitting that commendable notice be given to the statement made by Secretary Henry A. Wallace. Mr. Wallace said, "It doesn't do either labor or agriculture any good to scare capital; instead they must all find ways to work together." He said that "balanced abundance" could be achieved only through the cooperation of agriculture, labor and capital, and added, "capital itself is different from a few shortsighted capitalists."

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