

Random Items

Dr. Richards H. Hoffman stopped in at John Junious' hot dog stand the other night for a little bedtime snack. After eating four hot dog sandwiches and a slice of pie, and drinking several bottles of chocolate milk, he expressed the belief that he was ready for bed.

Other notorious bedtime snackers include George Carpeneta, Arthur H. Sloop, and E. E. Widdowson. George likes to talk at his midnight repast. Arthur usually reads a newspaper, while Eddie prefers just to eat.

Ray White, master of ceremonies at the White Drug Store, must look like Santa Claus to scores of Bellefonte's infants, for every time they see him they know that soon they'll be getting a bite of ice cream, or a silver of pretzel to chew on. Most shy nice afternoon the store is jammed full of baby carriages, while the booths at the rear are crowded with young mothers and their offspring, in for a bit of refreshment during the afternoon airing. Many a problem in diet and child psychology are solved over a chocolate milk while the infants eagerly await their share of sweets.

Iva Walker as a Judge and Iva Walker as an attorney are two quite different persons. As an attorney Judge Walker was fiery, militant and quick to take advantage of conflicting testimony. As a Judge he is calm but alert. Gone is the militant attitude as he assumes the role of referee rather than combatant. His comments upon various phases of hearings are brief, but they display the faculty he's always shown to a marked degree—getting to the root of the matter clearly and without hesitation.

There's something ridiculous about the way passenger trains come into the Bellefonte station. Trains approaching the High Street crossing, the busiest one in town, come to a full stop while a member of the train crew jumps off and runs ahead to stop traffic until the train pulls into the station. If the P. R. R. is too impoverished to start the expense of a full time watchman at the crossing, it seems that it would be more fitting, and more in keeping with the town's contributions to freight traffic, to have a freight station employ walk the short distance to the crossing at train times to regulate traffic.

\$32,532 Allocated for Statistics Project

Congressman Don Gingery has been notified that the President has approved an allotment in the sum of \$32,532 for the purpose of providing employment for needy professional, educational and clerical workers in compiling, tabulating, summarizing, and preparing graphs of existing data on maximum hours, minimum wages, seasonal employment, age of workers and apprenticeship for Pennsylvania; municipal personnel turnover in selected municipalities of Pennsylvania; and the development of administrative functions in State and local government in Pennsylvania.

CRIME IS THE NATION'S BIGGEST BUSINESS TODAY

Crime in the United States today is the country's biggest business, according to a recent report made by the Cleary-Kelly Detective Agency, Rockefeller Center, which has compiled figures based on a specific figure recently by a Federal Bureau Identification operative. The report states that there is a major crime every 20 minutes in the United States; there are 12,000 murders every year (one every 45 minutes); 290,000 people living today in this country who will commit murder before they die, and 300,000 citizens who will die at the hands of these murderers.

U. S. WAGE SCALE IS THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD

Wages in the United States are the highest in the world, according to a recent study made by personnel executives in Rockefeller Center, taking the wage scale in Great Britain as 100, wages in the United States equal 190; in Canada 155; in Germany 75; in Spain 40; and in Italy 39.

Receives Two Large Deer

A large buck and doe of the red elk species were shipped last week from Wyland, Iowa, to Dr. G. M. McCullough, Lock Haven, Pa. The deer are of the large type and when fully grown reach a weight of 500 pounds. The species is almost extinct. They will be placed on Dr. McCullough's game farm along the Coudersport Pike. Visitors may see them after March first.

Dismanle Monument Camp

CCC Camp No. 121 at Monument, abandoned some time ago, is being dismantled and the lumber will be salvaged for use at other camps. The furnishings were removed previously.

A Visitor in Seven Thousand Homes Each Week.

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Odd and Curious News

Lady Ghost Turns Out To Be—Well, Read It Yourself

Blair County Spector Lured Many Motorists to Buckhorn Vicinity—"Lady in White" Was Nightly Attraction West of Altoona

The lady ghost of Buckhorn road—a winding mountain thoroughfare in the wilds of Blair county as weird appearing as the steep Hollow of Ichabod Crane fame—came to town last Thursday.

For three weeks and more she was a legendary figure which popped in to sight and out again, called by some "The Lady in White," by others "The Ghost of Buckhorn." Curious motorists toured the winding curves of the highway, in all kinds of weather, hoping for a glimpse of a beautiful girl dressed in white, a cigaret glowing in her hand. Some said they fled on seeing her; one man claimed to have pursued her about and lost her in a ravine.

So great and many were the stories that Charley Von, who operates a roadside inn at the top of the mountain—"right in the heart of the ghost country"—declared a regular parade of night riders traveled past his place each night looking for the mysterious lady in white.

Lost Worker Was Missing For 23 Hours

Fred Brighton Discovered Safe and Sound at Moshannon Dam

After twenty-three hours of walking through mud, leaves and shrubs without food or sleep, Fred Brighton, lost WPA worker, said when found:

"I feel fine outside of being hungry."

Mr. Brighton, a former glass blower, who takes care of the fires and buildings at the WPA airport project at Black Moshannon, near Philipsburg, went out Thursday noon to look for some fire wood. He was not missed until 2 o'clock that afternoon.

Becoming worried over the missing man's absence Ernest Hartley, Ridgeway, Paul Shank and C. O. Humphrey, of Philipsburg, searched for him and then came to Jack Weidinger's home late in the evening to see if Brighton had returned.

Hearing that Brighton had not been heard from, the three men returned to Black Moshannon where 165 members of the Wolf Rocks CCC camp were drafted to help look for the missing man. An all night search failed to locate Brighton.

Friday at 11 o'clock two skaters at Black Moshannon found Brighton sitting comfortably, apparently none the worse for his experience, on a stump at the far end of the dam near the most remote hunting camp.

Civil Service Exams Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the following positions:

Landscape architect, various grades, \$2,950 to \$3,890 a year, National Park Service, and the National Park and Planning Commission; medical pathologist (research), \$3,000 a year, and associate medical pathologist (research), \$3,200 a year, National Institute of Health, U. S. Public Health Service.

All States except Colorado, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the appointed departmental service at Washington, D. C.

"Old Man River"

Stories of the famous Mississippi River and its tributaries related by the last of the river steamboat captains. Interesting series now appearing in The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Liquor Revenues Up

Liquor tax receipts in 1937 totaled \$587,395,610, an increase of \$6,223,731 over 1936, according to reports of the Internal Revenue Bureau. Of this amount \$278,363,238 came from fermented malt liquors, such as beer, while \$309,032,374 was collected as domestic excise taxes on distilled spirits.

We Hope Not!



Earle Administration Righting 40-Year-Old Wrongs, Speaker Says

"The accomplishments of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania during the first three years of Governor Earle's administration cannot be contained in a single sentence nor statement. To list a complete record of the necessary reforms affected by Democratic rule in Pennsylvania would require considerable time and would fill a large sized volume." Mr. James P. Rossiter, Chief Counsel for the General Authority stated in a stirring address before the Centre County Democratic Club at their monthly dinner and meeting, Wednesday evening, February 16, in the American Legion Hall, New Cumberland.

"The Democratic party in Pennsylvania occupies the unique position of attempting to prove in four years that much of the government we have experienced in the State for the last forty years has been abuse or misuse of the taxpayers' money."

"We have but to cite one example that of Utilities regulation, to show that the party is determined upon action rather than upon mere promises, as has been the practice with the ruling party heretofore. For forty years, and especially in the administration just previous to the Democratic rule in this State, the voters were harassed annually with the promise of low rates and better service, but, unfortunately, nothing was ever done about the matter until the present administration began its effective attack upon existing rates and practices of the Utilities."

Prisoner Burns, Cellmates Watch

Robert Howell, 28, of Norristown, serving an 18-month sentence for chicken thievery, fired the mattress in his Norristown jail cell, lay down in the flames and was burned to death.

Scientist Tells of Spoon-Fed Plants Which Produce Enormous Yield

Both war and hunger, two of the world's greatest pestilences, may some day in the not distant future be smothered in a tiny can of chemicals.

This remarkable prediction was made at Baltimore last week by Arthur C. Pillsbury, author-scientist.

Crop Loans Can Now Be Secured

Farmers who are in need of assistance in financing their farm products will be interested to learn that loans are now being made for the purpose of purchasing seed and fertilizer for the production of crops. The maximum amount loaned to any one farmer is \$400, and the rate of interest is 4 per cent per annum.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — The Twins to the Rescue



Altoona Man To Die In Electric Chair, March 14

Pardon Board Refuses to Ask Clemency For Roy Lockard, Convicted of Slaying Par amour's 3-Year-Old Son

Roy Lockard, former WPA worker of Altoona, convicted by a Blair county jury for the spike-slaying of 3-year-old Matthew Kamendi, Jr., almost two years ago, was moved another step toward the death chair last week by the refusal of the state board of pardons to consider any manner of clemency in his case.

Lockard is scheduled to go to the death chair as Rockview, March 14th. He is now nearing the end of the fourteenth respite granted him since his conviction with the 25-year-old mother of the child, Mrs. Margaret Kamendi.

Baby Boy Is Born Two Hours Before Its Mother Dies

A seven-pound boy was born by emergency operation two hours before his young mother died from burns in an incubator at a Sewickley hospital near Pittsburgh.

'Economic Security' for Postmasters

Officials in 24 Centre County Postoffices Would Benefit Under New Bill

"Economic security" for twenty-four Centre County postmasters, is the object of a bill now before the Senate, after passing the House early this month.

The bill would give specified annual salaries to the postmasters at Aaronsburg, Blanchard, Boalsburg, Coburn, Fleming, Hubersburg, Julian, Kato, Leont, Livonia, Madisonburg, Martins Furnace, Milesburg, Monument, Moshannon, Oak Hill Station, Orviston, Pine Glen, Pine Grove Mills, Pleasant Gap, Powellton, Rebersburg, Sandy Ridge, Smullton, Wingate, and Woodward.

54 Students On B. H. S. Honor Roll

Fifty-four students at the Bellefonte High School are on the honor roll for the third report period, according to a list released this week by school authorities. During the period, freshmen with 20 on the roll attendance, led in attendance, with seniors running a close second, with 18. Juniors were third with 10 honor roll students, while the sophomores had only 6 on the roll.

THOUGHT HE HAD KILLED LAST DEER BACK IN 1889

In the autumn of 1889, John M. Phillips tramped through Pennsylvania woods all day hunting for game he could not find and decided to work for game conservation.

"Today, at 77, he told of Pennsylvania's game conservation program at the North American Wildlife conference in Baltimore.

"On that fall day, back in 1889, he said, 'I thought I had killed my last deer in Pennsylvania. I was wrong. During the past season, Pennsylvania hunters killed nearly 100,000 deer. At present Pennsylvania has close to 1,000,000 deer in the field, and I believe that it leads all other states in the abundance of its wildlife.'"

Government Employee Killed

Chester W. Zeigler, 63, chief assayer at the Philadelphia mint, was killed almost instantly when he jumped or fell from a third-floor window of the National Stomach Hospital, where he had been a patient since February 2.

Church Damaged by Fire

A barn was destroyed and the Pillar of Fire church damaged at Lock Haven in a fire of unknown origin last Wednesday morning. The barn was owned by Mrs. Mabel Letta, of Jersey Shore. The loss is estimated at between \$400 and \$500. The loss to the church, which is situated across an alley from the barn, has not been estimated, but is not believed to be extensive.

ROBS POLICE OFFICER

It was a bold pick-pocket at Miami, who relieved J. A. Barry of a wallet containing \$1,100, a badge and \$225 in checks. Barry is a New York State police sergeant.

DOG AIDS HURT MASTER

During a midnight hunting trip, August Castor, 56, of Noblesville, fell down an embankment and broke both legs. Tying himself to his faithful coon dog, Castor managed to crawl after it. The dog led him to a farmhouse a half mile away where help was summoned.

ONE MAN'S STRANGE HOBBY

One of the strangest hobbies ever to come to the attention of Henry Renouf, director of the Leisure League of America, Rockefeller Center, New York, was that of a Henry Hostmaster of Spokane, Washington, who makes miniature battleships out of turkey bones.

CHILD'S SMILE WORTH \$5,250

The value of a 3-year-old child's smile was placed at \$5,250 in a damage suit settlement in the district court at Wichita, Kans. The settlement was made in a \$30,000 action brought by Mrs. E. M. Shafer against C. G. Hillgoose, following an automobile accident. Mrs. Shafer contended nerves in her daughter Charlotte's face were severed and that she would "never again be able to smile."

A PERFECT BANK

Pete Sherlock, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., recently turned in his 1936 automobile on a new car. Before driving away he had mechanics pull the tank from the old one. They inverted it over a bucket and it poured \$593.75 in silver dollars, halves and quarters. "A gas tank makes a great bank," Sherlock said. "It's easy to put the money in but plenty hard to get it out."

SAVES HERSELF

When friends searched for Mrs. An Queng, 90, of Alvin, Calif., after her home was flooded by torrential they found her impressively sitting in a chair suspended by ropes from the ceiling.

PLOWS UP ROADS

In order to give Indians a chance to escape civilization, 125,000 acres of the Flathead Indian Reservation in Montana will become a roadless wilderness. Existing roads and highways are being plowed up and all present improvements in the region will be set aside for other Indian tribes.

THREE TO QUIT JOBS

Employees of the New York Telephone company were offered a bonus of approximately \$300 each so quit their jobs. The company explained that because of decreased volume of telephone calls due to decline in general business activity, it had a surplus of employees in the traffic and accounting departments. In an effort to avoid partitioning or layoffs, it is attempting to eliminate the surplus by offering vacation pay and one week's pay for each year's service to those who will resign.

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Then there are people in the United States who insist that the monopolistic industrial work for the benefit of the consumers.