

# Random Items

Last week was a bad one for errors in local newspapers. One weekly said George McClellan, of North Allegheny Street, general manager of the Bellefonte Central Railroad, was receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter. George hasn't become a father for more than a year. A daily newspaper had a most embarrassing word on Page 1, and The Centre Democrat reported that two Millheim residents, one aged 2 and the other 7 years, were injured when the motorcycle they were riding was struck by an automobile. The ages should have been 23 and 27. It was only week before last that still another Bellefonte weekly in its A & P store advertisement, listed "White Mouse Milk, 4 tall cans for 25 cents."

Coach John Miller, of the Bellefonte High School, an amateur angler, is reported to have been seen along Spring Creek one warm day last week trying to catch stickers on floating bait.

State Motor Police Officer G. L. Finkebeiner, of West Bishop Street, who spent some seven years riding a State Highway Patrol motorcycle, and who recently was transferred to office duty at the headquarters of North Allegheny Street, got "home-sock" for a motorcycle ride one day last week. He borrowed a "cycle" from Sam Noll, at Pleasant Gap, and enjoyed an unofficial pleasure jaunt to State College, and up to Sky-Top.

O. Earle Hoffer, of East High Street, and Clayton Kilpatrick, of East Curtin Street, are near the top of the Bellefonte men who go in for coffee on a major scale.

## Train Hits Auto Near Tyrone

Four Brothers Leap to Safety as Car Stalls in Path of Express

Four brothers narrowly escaped injury or death last Monday afternoon when their sedan and trailer stalled on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad at McFarland's crossing, near Tyrone, directly in the path of the Duquesne, eastbound passenger train, No. 74.

The engine hit the car and trailer just after the youths had leaped to safety, according to reports of witnesses. In an attempt to cross the railroad tracks, the weight of the trailer loaded with lumber caused the car to stall. It was operated by Gerald Foelt, 31, of McFarlandville. His three brothers, Albert, 34, Robert, 18, and David, 12, were with him at the time.

The accident happened at 5:05 o'clock P. M. The crossing which is about two miles west of Tyrone. Both the trailer and car were badly wrecked.

With the pilot and front end of the engine damaged, the 10-car train proceeded to Graetzville after the crew had pushed the wrecked automobile over No. 3 track. It moved slowly over the interlocking switches because the pilot was hanging down.

The train was in charge of Conductor E. C. Gitt and Engineer H. A. Albert. According to the report filed, the car and the trailer were moving from the south to the north side of the tracks. There is a slight grade at the crossing, causing the car to stall before the trailer was pulled onto the tracks, witnesses believed.

The vehicles were reported owned by J. H. Foelt, of McFarlandville. Middle division engineer and father of the youths.

## W. C. T. U. Will Hold Institute

The Centre county organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold their spring institute on Thursday, April 14th, in the Methodist Episcopal church at Unionville. This group of loyal temperance workers, whose motto is "For God and Home and Every Land," have prepared an interesting program for the meeting, and extend a cordial welcome to all who wish to attend. The singing will be directed by Mrs. Ellis, with Mrs. Edith Jones as pianist.

There will be two sessions—afternoon and evening, in the following order:

Program 1:30 P. M.  
1:30—Devotions—Rev. D. D. Kaufman.  
Our Pledge—Led by Mrs. D. A. Sower.  
Roll Call—Dr. Eva Roan.  
Minutes of Executive Meeting.  
Special Music.  
"My Plan of Work for W. C. T. U. Hill State Conventions in October"—All Local Presidents.  
(3 minutes each).  
Prayer—Voluntary.  
Questionnaire—Conducted by Miss M. B. Macken (National Field Worker).

"What I Am Doing"—All County Directors. (3 minutes each).  
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**FUNERAL TO BE REHEARSED**  
Bush Brazeale, of Kingston, Tenn., hopes to hear his own funeral here on June 25. Brazeale wanted to see for himself what his funeral would be like, and requested Rev. Charles E. Jackson, former Rockwood, Tenn., pastor and now in charge at the First Christian church at Paris, Ill., to preach at the "rehearsal."

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## 3 KILLERS PUT TO DEATH AT ROCKVIEW PENITENTIARY

First Triple Execution for Local Death House in Eight Years—Current Pulls Sigh from Lungs of One of Victims

In the state's first triple execution in eight years, a "torch" murderer, a cop slayer and a department store bandit died Monday morning in the electric chair at Rockview Penitentiary.

Ralph E. Hawks was first to go to the chair, followed by Fred Reibaldi, and then Albert W. Gregg. In 15 minutes all three were dead.

All went to the chair outwardly calm, with Reibaldi the only one to make any comment. To Deputy Warden Frank Craver, of Holmesburg County Prison, Philadelphia, where he was confined until brought to the death house, he said: "So long, warden."

"So long, Reibaldi," answered Craver.

"Good luck to you, good luck to all of you," exclaimed the cop slayer. That's all, and in another minute he was dead.

Hawk, the first to die, was placed in the chair at 12:30 a. m. The current was turned on at 12:31 1/2 and he was pronounced dead at 12:34.

He entered the execution chamber accompanied by the Rev. C. F. Lauer, prison chaplain. A smile wreathed his face. His eyes looked

uneasily about him. He received 2,000 volts and 12 amperes.

Reibaldi, sentenced to death for the killing of Maurice "Happy" Handloff, 38-year-old Philadelphia policeman, was accompanied by Father F. P. McCreesh, prison chaplain.

He entered the chair at 12:36. The current was turned on at 12:36 3/4 and he was pronounced dead at 12:39 1/2. He received 2,000 volts and 11 amperes.

Gregg, sentenced to die in the electric chair for the murder of C. Morgan Knight, 23, Philadelphia investment broker, during a department store holdup, was placed in the chair at 12:41. He received the current at 12:42 and was pronounced dead at 12:45. He received 2,000 volts and 10 amperes.

Gregg was the only one to make a sound. As the current was turned on a long sigh was wrenched out of his lungs. Prison attendants said he had been sobbing.

All ate regular prison fare for their last meals and none made any special requests. Hawk, convicted of burning to death Mrs. Hazel Gelwick and her daughter, (Continued on page three)

## Can't Something Be Done About This?



## Memorial For Raft Victims

Muncy Citizens and Volunteer Workers Propose Use of Logs for This Purpose

A movement to erect a permanent memorial to the seven men who lost their lives on March 20, when the "last raft" smashed into piers of the Muncy railroad bridge, was launched by citizens and volunteer rescue workers of Muncy.

Efforts are being made to obtain relics of the raft, which will be included in whatever design the proposed memorial may take.

It was understood Saturday that since the original suggestion was made, Muncy officials have contacted R. Dudley Tonkin, of Tyrone, owner of the raft and sponsor of the ill-starred cruise down the Susquehanna River, and J. D. Bogart, of the Harrisburg Lumber Company, purchaser of the 51 big timbers, outlining to them the proposal. Both are said to have expressed readiness to co-operate with borough plans.

Dr. H. F. Baker, president of the (Continued on Page Six)

## Relief Office Is Seized By Family

Evicted From Home, 12 Reside in Relief Director's Headquarters at Reading

Mrs. Charles Macherer cooked on an electric plate on the desk of Relief Director Edwin Moore, at Reading, Friday night, for her husband and ten children.

The Macherers took up residence in the Public Assistance office Saturday, determined to stay there until the relief authorities provided a house for them. They were threatened with eviction from their own home, Macherer said, and decided that a sit-down in the relief director's office was an effective way to get a new one.

A radio was perched on Moore's desk alongside the electric plate. The Macherers described their week-end as "pleasant." The taxpayers' Protective League supplied the family, including four-week-old Edna, with food, coats and blankets.

Moore said the Macherers remained in the office (Continued on page three)

## SPURNED, HE BEATS WOMAN AND THEN SHOOTS HIMSELF

Retired Farmer Wields Hammer on Landlady Who Rejected Him, Then Sets Fire to Her Juniata County House and Barn

Enraged by the rejection of his marriage proposal, a retired Juniata county farmer seriously injured a woman, burned her home and barn, and committed suicide at Nook, about ten miles southwest of Millinburg.

The retired farmer, William G. Long, 56, was taken to an undertaking parlor at Millinburg. Severely beaten by blows from a hammer, Mrs. Alice Stitt, 47, is a patient in the Lewisport Hospital where she is expected to recover.

Mrs. Stitt suffered a fractured nose, a possible fracture of the skull, lacerations of the face and head. Mrs. Stitt's home and barn were burned with a loss estimated at \$4000.

James Bryner, McConville, who was visiting her, and Brady Coney, Blair Mills, who was calling on Long, heard Mrs. Stitt's cries, went to her aid and after a struggle, took the hammer from Long.

Fearing further attack, Mrs. Stitt locked herself in her bedroom in the second floor, but arming herself with a sledge hammer, Long pursued her and threatened to knock down the door.

As Long continued to make threats, Mrs. Bryner placed a ladder by the bedroom window by which Mrs. Stitt climbed from the house. Mrs. Bryner then summoned a motorist to take the injured woman to the office of Dr. Robert T. Banks, where first aid was administered. Mrs. Stitt was later removed to the hospital.

Further enraged when he battered down the door and did not find Mrs. Stitt, Long set fire to her home and the barn, where there were farm machinery, and a number of chickens.

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## Where to Report A Forest Fire

List of Wardens Who Supervise Wooded Districts of Centre County

Few people realize that Centre county has quite a sizeable army of fire wardens who are trained to protect our forests from the ravishing fire element. The employment of these officials not only effects a vast saving in the conservation of virgin timber, but has been the means of preventing the complete annihilation of our wild life inhabitants.

Below is listed the name, address and telephone number of every fire warden in the county, who work under the direction of District Foresters: Paul H. Mulford, Millroy, whose telephone number is Reedsville 20-R-21.

It is earnestly requested that one of these fire wardens be notified if you see a fire in the woods:

J. K. Alexander, (District No. 10) Fleming, Bellefonte 912-22.

Miles I. Bressler, Spring Mills, Spring Mills 22-R-12.

Richard Brooks, Centre Hall, Centre Hall 55-R-11.

Lloyd F. Boob, Millheim, Millheim 9-R-3.

John E. Bubb, Centre Hall, R. D. Centre Hall 1834 (J. E. Jordan).

J. W. Coder, (District No. 10) Blanchard, Lock Haven, 942 (Wide-mire).

Leslie J. Detrick, Hubersburg, (Continued on page six)

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## It's A Tough Job Keeping Up With The Jones In Pa.

The politically-minded have a tough time keeping up with the Joneses in Pennsylvania's primary campaign.

There's Charles Alvin Jones, the Democratic organization candidate for governor.

Edward N. Jones is publicity manager for Charles Alvin's opponent, Lieutenant Governor Thomas Kennedy.

Col. Benjamin C. Jones is a Republican candidate for secretary of internal affairs.

When U. S. Senator Joseph P. Guffey prepared a radio speech urging the nomination of Kennedy, it was read for him by Woodrow Wilson Jones.

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New Farm Bill To Do Away With Old Method of Land Surveys

Centre County farmers will pay about \$3,900 to have their farms aerially mapped this year to determine compliance with provisions of the new farm bill, and will save \$15,500 through elimination of the old method of land surveys made on foot.

A total of 1,146 square miles of Centre County farm land is scheduled to be mapped by airplane in 1938, officials of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, stated. It is expected that the cost of mapping will average \$3.45 a square mile. The cost of making this map, a fourth of the cost of mapping on foot, will be deducted from 1938 AAA conservation payments by the county committee.

Aerial flight mapping of farm land, at altitude, which guarantee a prescribed scale, give the farmer a permanent record of his farm and a detailed picture of his crop sections. Because the maps indicate buildings, fences, hedges, roads and other division lines and points, expert checkers can, from year to year, fix areas claimed to certain crops without re-examining officials claim. Only when very extensive changes in planting are made, is it necessary to make new aerial maps.

At the end of this year, the AAA will have mapped by air 1,300,000 square miles of the nation's farm land, the major part of such land.

The cost mentioned does not include the cost of furnishing prints to farmers, which is done at as low a price as possible, it was learned. In counties where aerial maps were taken in 1936 and 1937, farmers have prints tacked to the walls of their homes, or mounted in glass cases, officials said. Appreciation of the map is so great that some farmers have ordered as many as ten and fifteen prints, sending copies to relatives and friends.

## Lockard Placed In Solitary Confinement

By orders of state department agents, Roy T. Lockard, reprimanded 14 times from the electric chair for the slaying of baby Matthew Karmendi, Jr., was placed in solitary confinement last week after a plan of Blair county commissioners to keep a prisoner with him during daylight hours was frowned upon.

In explaining to Ira C. McCloskey, director of the bureau of correction of the state welfare department, the reason why another prisoner was placed in Lockard's cell, the commissioners cited the removal of guards from the former WPA work-site last year. It was their opinion that some sort of a watch should be kept over the condemned man.

## Woman Reaches 101

Mrs. Sallie Danner celebrated her 101st birthday Sunday at her home in Petersville, Montgomery County. She lives with her two sons who are 81 and 78. She is the mother of eleven children, six of whom are still living. The youngest is 70.

## Killed as Auto Hits Pole

Lewis Joubly, 36, of Hollidaysburg, was killed Saturday when a car he was driving skidded and crashed into a service pole near Allentown. His companion, Rose Marie Gordon, 26, of Altoona, escaped serious injury.

## Proposal to Change Penn State's Name Stirs 'Tempest in Teapot'

A "tempest in a teapot" is stirring in State College over the proposal to change the name of Pennsylvania State College.

Business men fear a "terrible" amount of work if the name of the school is changed to Pennsylvania State University. Seven firms in the borough have names beginning with "State College" and four others "Penn State."

Many residents think a change in the name of the town, to conform with the change proposed by Governor Barie, is inevitable. They point out that the town has no industry and that community activities center around the campus.

H. P. Alderfer, college professor and member of the borough council, declared:

"It's stirring up a tempest in a teapot. The extra work involved in changing the name of the town would be terrible. The town can still be State College, even if the college becomes a university."

C. C. Wagner, another councilman, says this plan would be confusing and intends to present the question to the Council at its next session.

A "hands-off" attitude has been adopted by college authorities, but the college newspaper, the Penn State Collegian, announced it would petition the trustees to change the name of the college.

A poll by the Collegian showed 3700 of the school's 6500 enrollment favor a change, with only 522 against.

## Claims Fathers Make Best Mothers

Fathers make the best mothers, and the only reason the human race has survived the mothering of women is that babies are practically indestructible, J. P. McEvoy says in the current issue of Woman's Day.

Mothers who spend twenty-four hours a day bringing up children and waiting on their husbands will likely find their blood pressure rising over some of Mr. McEvoy's statements on the subject of parenthood, but Rose Wilder Lane, reply in a companion article even things up with good measure.

"Now," writes Mr. McEvoy, "what do I mean when I say fathers make the best mothers? I mean just that. Of course I grant that a certain biological cooperation is necessary at the beginning, but after we fathers could very well dispense with you mothers. There isn't anything that you can do that we can't do or get done better. That doesn't sound just right but you'll get used to it."

"At the beginning mothers know nothing about babies. They learn at the baby's expense. If the first baby survives they use what they have learned on the next one. By this process of trial and error mothers manage to raise families. If the family is large enough, it raises itself. And how have we survived this terrifying process? Only because babies are indestructible. Not only can you bounce a baby on your knee but you can practically bounce him on the floor. If babies weren't so hardy, none of us would be alive today. The fact that we are alive is a tribute to our staying qualities as babies rather than to the fumbling, amateur ministrations of our dotting mothers."

"I can remember way back when mothers nursed babies. Today, fathers fix their formulas. Right at the beginning we have eliminated mothers. And why do fathers have to fix formulas? Because mothers can't afford it...."

After those bold faced remarks from a mere man, mothers should find the pleasure of revenge in the gusto of Mrs. Lane's reply.

"Mr. McEvoy's article," writes Rose Wilder Lane, "is proof of beginning success. Let men call themselves mothers if they like; the word is unimportant. It makes no difference what word they use; the cheering fact is that we have at last caught them a fact we always knew, that they love their children."

"Multitudes of men are discovering that babies have duties and emotions, and that they—beholders, appalled and frightened—are fathers. If, in itself. And how have we survived this

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