

Random Items

Frank L. Wetzel, who died at his home in Millsburg Sunday morning, was one of Centre County's truly outstanding citizens. He wasn't known for his wealth, or for outstanding achievement in a business or professional way. What endeared him to the hearts of hundreds was his work in his hobby—music and bands. But let him tell his story in his own words—words expressed by the veteran bandmaster at the annual reunions of his famous Our Boys Band in 1932, 1933 and 1934, before band members' wives were invited to the function and when Mr. Wetzel felt that he could speak to his "boys" as he did when they were youngsters fumbling over the keys of their instruments.

"When I first began directing bands at the age of 16 years, my fondest ambition was to start out in a telly-ho and four towns and cities giving concerts in each community free of charge. That dream never came true, but the loyalty and devotion of you boys for the past 20 years has made that boy's ambition seem trifling. I have tried to lead you right. I've had my reward, for not one of you boys has gone bad. Twenty years ago you were all little fellows—and I always wished you could stay that way. But in all these years not one of you has ever given me a hard word, and never have you been disappointed."

"I can't preach a sermon, but there are times when I'd like to, I want you always to remember that the things you do without pay are the ones that give you the most pleasure and lasting satisfaction. When I am gone, remember what I've tried to teach you. Don't do anything you'd be ashamed to tell your mother, and never forget that my greatest wish is that this band always stays together without wrangling and ill-will."

It is not difficult to understand why those who knew Frank Wetzel feel a sense of personal loss. He was known as "Dad" to band members, and never did a group of boys have a more sincere, a more able and a more worthy foster-father.

Mr. Wetzel had several favorite band numbers, but the one he most often expressed a fondness for was "Colonel Bogey." At the 1932 reunion band members after the banquet assembled in the practice hall and after a warm-up program, Mr. Wetzel called for his favorite number, admonishing the musicians to "Play it nice, boys."

We heard the band play "Colonel Bogey" that night, and always the mention of Frank Wetzel will call to mind the dimly-lighted band hall; the child of a March evening that even a large room stove could not dispel; the band members seated, better-seated in hastily placed chairs, with coats and hats piled on benches along the walls; and most important, the smile on the director's face as he leaned against a pedestal at the front of the room listening to "his boys" play it "nice."

We wish the Fish Commission could listen-in on some conversations we've heard during the past two weeks. In a semi-public business place we heard one young man bragging about the two trout he took out of McCoy's dam the other evening; about the 16-inch brown trout he tried to hook in rain. He went back the next morning to try to get the big one, but met a friend who had already caught it. This fellow talked about trout fishing at this time of the year as though it was legal. In fact, he bragged about his prowess, while other anglers who try to be at least half decent about obeying fish laws were ignored to stand by and bite their fingernails because they knew they couldn't get anywhere by turning in the self-confessed violator. It would not be out of place for Bellefonte sportsmen to DEMAND a full-time fish warden for the local streams. Under present conditions there is nothing to deter violators, and persons who fish illegally apparently never even think about the possibility of a fish warden being around.

In Court Monday morning a client of former Judge M. Ward Fleming asked if his (Judge Fleming's) portrait was among the ones hung along the side walls of the Court Room. "No, you have to die before your picture gets in here, and I hope you don't see mine for a long time," answered the jurist.

**Why Lightning Strikes Twice**  
That lightning never strikes twice in the same place has been proven a fallacy by authorities on physics, according to the Taylor Instrument Companies, Rochester, Center. In fact, it appears a second time and because of the existence of minerals which attract electricity, and because once a place has been ionized by a charge of electricity, the reception of additional charges is more probable.

**New Bodies for Old**  
Revealing the latest astonishing progress of science in its fight to give man longer life. One of many interesting illustrations featured in the April 10th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

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'SON' CLAIMS \$20,000,000 GARRETT ESTATE FORTUNE

Delaware Man Professes to Be Illegitimate Child of Snuff King's Widow, and Her Sole Heir to Money

Isaac Newton Sheaffer, of Newark, Del., won permission Friday to present his claim that he is the illegitimate son of Mrs. Henrietta Garrett—and thus the direct heir to her \$20,000,000 snuff fortune.

William M. Davison, Jr., master in charge of the Orphans Court hearings, agreed to receive three depositions from contemporaries of Mrs. Garrett, Wednesday, in support of Sheaffer's claim.

**Born Before She Married, He Says**  
Sheaffer, 67, sought to take the title back to the huge estate from 23,000 other claimants by his surprising petition. It was the first claim based on illegitimacy.

In his Sheaffer declared he was born to Mrs. Garrett, then Henrietta E. Sheaffer, the winter before she married Garrett, in 1872. No children were born of the marriage.

**Witnesses Too Old to Appear**  
But Mrs. Garrett provided for him as her own child, Sheaffer said. His witnesses, all too old to appear in court, were listed in the petition as:

Mrs. Margaret Sheaffer Simmons, 83, of Lancaster, asserted sister of Mrs. Garrett, who is to testify Sheaffer was born to Mrs. Garrett at her home at Paradise, Lancaster county.

Mrs. Ellen Jane Palmer Sheaffer, 84, of 734 Penfield avenue, Penfield, Delaware county, who is expected to testify she witnessed the birth and christening, and later reared the child.

George W. Watson 94, of Wrightsville York county, who is expected to declare he knew Mrs. Garrett as Miss Sheaffer from 1883 on, visited her home, and went fishing with her and her brothers in Lancaster county.

Mrs. Garrett died in 1930 without a will. Sheaffer's counsel contends he can inherit the entire estate, though supposedly illegitimate. The Commonwealth claims the estate by escheat, for lack of legal heirs.

Here on the farm we have a small problem about which someone may be able to give a suggestion. The old farmhouse which I occupy when I am here is vacant for several days each week, frequently for longer periods.

Taking advantage of the quiet, a skunk has for several months made his home beneath the front steps. He would not dare to be so free with the newer house across the lane which has a farmhouse's usual complement of boys and temes with busy life.

Our guest is not offensive. The skunk's ordinary smell, when not engaged in controversy, is not disagreeable.

**Likes the Scent**  
I rather like the faintly ammoniacal scent as it comes through the open window on frosty nights; and when the moon is clear I like to look out and see him sniffling about the lawn, stopping here and there to dig for a mole or a grub, or to dislodge a beetle from under the bark of the tree trunks.

During the fall he did a useful service, for most of his prey was the grub of Japanese beetles that had gone into the ground after stripping the leaves of our apple trees.

None of us on the farm is likely to suffer from the skunk, for we know his armory and will not irritate him. But sometimes we have visitors, and some of them are city-bred.

**Attempts to be Friendly**  
I fear what may happen, either from lack of appreciation of the skunk's equipment for self-defense against annoyance, or from misunderstood attempts to be friendly with him.

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A "Sir Walter Raleigh" Needed Here



Skunk a True Gentleman But "Handle With Care"

(By Mark Sullivan)

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MOTOR POLICE MAY CARRY BREATH-TESTING DEVICES

Motorist Will Inhale in a Balloon—If Result Is Yellow, He's Drunk—May Need Legislation to Make it Effective

Police Commissioner Percy W. Foote of the Pennsylvania Motor Police advocates a breath tester for every police patrol car in Pennsylvania to aid in the State's campaign against drunken drivers.

Foote said that a breath-testing device would enable State troopers to make an immediate and accurate roadtest of the amount of alcohol in the bloodstream of any motorist suspected of being intoxicated.

"By simply having the driver breathe into a balloon, or taking a whiff of his breath with an atomizer, the device will register how much alcohol is in his bloodstream," Foote asserted.

The breath tester consists of a small portable kit and a chemical chamber. When the breath of the suspect is turned into the chemical chamber, the fluid turns from purple to yellow, if the motorist is intoxicated.

"If a person has 15 percentage of alcohol in his bloodstream, he's considered intoxicated to such a degree as to be incapable of operating an automobile safely," Commissioner Foote pointed out.

"It doesn't make any difference how much a person thinks he can drink. One person is just as drunk as another, no matter what his drinking capacity, after that much alcohol gets into his blood."

"The reason some can drink more than others is that they have a lesser susceptibility for the alcohol to penetrate from their stomach into the veins."

The Commissioner said he was making an investigation to determine whether it would be possible legally to put the "breath-testers" into operation.

"About 95 per cent of the drivers we might stop probably would submit voluntarily to the test—most of them want to prove that they're not intoxicated."

"And in the other 5 per cent of the instances, the arresting officer could just catch a little of the driver's breath with an atomizer, without having him blow up one of the test balloons."

However, he pointed out, a motorist cannot be required to submit to a blood test without his consent, and such a breath-test might also be held a violation of a citizen's constitutional rights.

Commissioner Foote said he would advocate having legislation drawn to permit use of the testers, if an investigation of the law shows legislation necessary.

One After Another

Mishaps twice entered the life of Orvis Nearhoof of Ocoosa Mills last Tuesday. Working in his country mine at Coaldale, near Centre, a fall of rock narrowly missed Nearhoof. He picked up a piece of the rock, and as he attempted to throw it, it slipped from his hand and fell on his foot breaking three bones. Nearhoof, though suffering from a severe injury, kept on working and on attempting to ride the mine mule was thrown and hurled against a rail wrenching the knee cap on his other leg. As a result of his twin mishaps, Nearhoof will be laid up for six weeks.

Relief Cheater Caught

Gabriel Daska of Kanawha, W. Va. is out his family as well as funds because of a brief tilt with the law. In court as a relief cheater Daska was found to have used a pretty fictitious wife and three daughters to obtain aid. When he was given a choice between jail and a \$150 fine he peeled the money from a large roll and laid up. The prosecutor said he had bought a \$2,000 home last summer, had \$400 in the bank and got \$33 a month rent from the house beside a \$12 veteran's pension when he applied for relief.

Graft Skin to Legs

Mrs. Anna Johnson, of Denver, Colo., owes much to the skill of surgeons, who, by transplanting 220 square inches of skin to her legs from other parts of her body, saved her from a life-time as an invalid. Mrs. Johnson, 55, was afflicted with a rare skin disease that caused the skin on her legs to slough away.

After 13 Years

Obedient instructions of a clairvoyant, Louis Davis and his sister, Mary, of Norfolk, Va., thirteen years ago sealed up their savings of \$1,700 in an envelope and put the envelope in a safety deposit box, expecting, according to the clairvoyant, the money to grow to \$20,000. But, because of illness, Davis needed some money. He found that instead of money, the envelope contained torn pages from a magazine.

Fixes Wrong Tire

Hurrying to a luncheon, Dr. T. G. Donnelly, college official, of Albuquerque, N. M., discovered a flat tire, called a repairman and had it fixed. When he climbed into the car, he found that his key wouldn't fit. Only then did he discover that he was in the wrong car—his automobile was parked just behind.

Pans Burn

While using a welding torch at Fredericksburg, Va., Hanzel Madison's pants caught fire. Fellow mechanics tore off the flaming trousers and threw them on the floor. The floor, covered with oil and grease, caught fire and soon the building, four automobiles and several thousand dollars worth of equipment and a nearby building were all in ashes.

Profitable Mistake

Forty-five years ago, Harry Wardman left England bound, he thought, for Australia. However, he had boarded the wrong boat and came to America instead. Recently he died, at the age of 65, a multi-millionaire builder.

Kindness

Five shaggy little mongrels were the reason a passenger was pulled into a station several minutes late at Des Moines, Iowa, recently. The engineer said the dogs started across a railroad bridge, unaware of the approaching train. He brought the train to a stop just 10 feet short of the terrified group. Then, with the engineer urging them on with blasts from the whistle, the dogs picked their way to the other side of the bridge, wagging their tails in thanks.

Lose Something?

Throngs of shoppers passed by an old bag at one of Pittsburgh's busiest downtown corners on Monday. Then Edward Roth, department store salesman, happened along and, recalling that April 1 was only a few days past, planted his foot on the bag gingerly. It was sprung. He bent down and opened it. To his astonishment, it was jammed tight with banknotes. A moment later a worried bank messenger arrived to claim his bag. It was reported to have contained about \$1,000.

Lilly Man Killed By Flyer

Struck by a Pennsylvania Railroad company flyer, 300 yards west of the Lilly passenger station, at an early hour Saturday morning, Raymond McAleer, aged 48, unmarried, was fatally injured. His lifeless body was discovered shortly after one o'clock by Clair McMonigle and John Talke. The victim, an employee of the C. A. Hughes Coal Mining company, was a son of Patrick McAleer who was killed in the same type of accident in 1912, and Mrs. Mary McAleer, in Cresson.

The fundamental justification of our public schools is the development of pupils rather than the testing of educational systems and theories of teaching.

Human nature is too deeply rooted to be changed in a day; reformers must work through intellectual approaches and this is a disappointing process.

55 Head Livestock Child Dies From Swallowing Pills

Wheat, Corn and All Farm Implements Destroyed Near Chambersburg

Twenty-five cows and thirty pigs and hogs perished Sunday afternoon when fire razed a barn and pig pen on the farm of John Forrester, about six miles northwest of Chambersburg.

A thousand bushels of wheat, a thousand bushels of corn and virtually all farm implements were destroyed. Members of Franklin Fire Company, estimated the loss of \$12,000, which was partially covered by insurance.

Members of the Forrester family were sitting down to dinner when they discovered the barn and the hog pen ablaze. Forrester's son rescued four horses and one hog while another member of the family summoned the rural pumper of the Franklin Fire Company.

A strong wind whipped the flames, and the barn was virtually destroyed when the firemen arrived. Pumping water from a stream on the farm, the firemen prevented the fire from seriously damaging the house, which twice caught fire.

The breeze carried sparks to the roof, setting it on fire. Straw stuffed in a broken cellar window caught fire. Before the firemen could reach the flames, a raft of a quantity of cured meat stored in the basement was saved.

Origin of the fire was undetermined.

TEN AGED MEN SAVED AS HOSPITAL BURNS

Ten men in their 70's were rescued from a hospital ward when flames wrecked a portion of the Macabee Home at Chambersburg.

One of the patients, A. P. Daley, of Chambersburg, in critical condition, physicians said, because the shock of the fire aggravated heart trouble. Guy Anderson, 70-year-old Iowan, discovered the fire at 3 a. m., and gave the alarm. He helped remove the patients.

The matron of the home said she believed the fire started in an auxiliary lighting plant in the basement. The damage was estimated at \$10,000. There were 78 registered guests at the home. Seven are women.

WOMER RESIGNS POST WITH STATE COLLEGE BORO

J. Lynn Womer, street commissioner of State College for the past four years, has resigned his position to operate a concrete contracting business of his own.

A resident of State College for the past 44 years, Mr. Womer has followed the stone and concrete work for the past 30 years. He expects to confine activities for the present to concrete work alone.

Will Enlarge Navy

The United States has formally notified Great Britain and France of this country's intention to build battleships bigger than 35,000 tons. Secretary Hull sent notes to this effect to the British and French embassies and the Canadian legation.

2 Boats Capsized; 5 Die

Five of six passengers in two motor boats were drowned when both boats capsized on the wind-chopped San Francisco Bay. The only survivor, Robert G. Ashworth, 19, was picked up after he had clung to a life preserver for five hours, holding the body of his drowned brother-in-law.

Fire Eater for 60 Years

Will G. Brown, 80, last week celebrated the completion of 60 years service with the Friendship Hose Company of Danville. One of the oldest firemen in the state, he says "If an alarm sounded tonight, I would answer it."

COUNTY FARMERS GOT \$12 AT FARM SHOW

Centre county farmers won 16 awards and a total of \$142 in cash at the January Farm Show, which was announced last week. Clinton county had 27 awards and took a \$200 share of the cash, and Lycoming county received 90 awards worth \$176.

A total of \$27 awards were made to farmers of the state, the Farm Show commission stated, after distribution of the prizes were completed. The prize money amounted to \$37,750.75, not counting \$308.50 won by 170 out-of-state exhibitors. York county led with 1,108 awards, worth \$4,811.25.

DIONNEE QUINTUPLETS HAVE BABY BROTHER

A baby boy was born Monday to Mrs. Olivia Dionne, mother of the Dionne quintuplets, at Colander, Ont. Both the mother and the son, second born since the quintuplets arrived, were reported by Dr. I. Joyal to be doing well.

The boy was the thirteenth child born to Olivia and Elfrere Dionne. The Quints were born May 28, 1934, and now have four brothers and three sisters. A thirteenth child, a boy, died in infancy.

Amateur Photographer Killed

While attempting to take head-on pictures of an oncoming train, at Erie, Frederick Carter, high school freshman and photography enthusiast, failed to leap from the middle of the track in time and was fatally injured.

They no longer advocate disarmament: China, Ethiopia.

FORMER LOCK HAVEN GIRL WEDS VICE INVESTIGATOR

Benjamin Ludlow, one of the special deputy attorney general conducting the grand jury investigation of gambling in Philadelphia, and his bride are honeymooning this week.

Ludlow, 35, a former state representative from Montgomery county, married Velma M. Warner, 35, Havertown, last Thursday. His bride is the daughter of the Rev. Charles P. Warner, retired Baptist minister, and formerly lived in Lock Haven. Ludlow was divorced a year ago.

CENTRE HALL WOMAN IS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT

Cars driven by Mattie E. Smith, Centre Hall, and Anthony R. Jones, Jersey Shore, R. D., were damaged slightly when they collided at Main and Jay streets, Lock Haven, Saturday evening.

Miss Smith was going east on Main street and attempted to turn into Jay street while Peluso was going south on Jay street when the cars collided.

Correct this sentence: "The surest way to have peace in the world is to let the aggressor nations have what they want."

—Want ads bring results.

WILD GESE VISIT DAM

A flock of 26 wild swan bobbing up and down on Black Mohannon dam attracted much attention last week. Their all-white plumage mirrored on the dark water making an impressive sight. While swans are protected birds in this country, they are not accorded the reverence which is given them in England, where they are guarded by royal and legal laws.

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THE WORLD'S SMALLEST BIBLE WITHOUT PAGES

Franz Wielach, the landlord of a country inn in Austria, has written the history of the Old Testament from the origin of man to the time of Christ—some 32,000 words—on an ordinary postcard, according to the Austrian Tourist Department, Rockefeller Center. He accomplished the task within the space of three months, or about 130 hours. The writing was done with drawing pens and India ink and the headings of the chapters were done with red ink. He wrote out 14 pages before completing the job. The Bible is easy to read with magnifying glass, although it was written without the aid of glasses. The card is the equivalent of a book of more than 100 pages and represents the smallest Bible in the world.

AVIS MAN WOUNDS SELF WITH REVOLVER

Joseph Resh, 75, is a patient at the Lock Haven Hospital having been admitted to the hospital late Saturday night in a serious condition as the result of bullet wounds in the left side of his chest and in his left arm. The wounds, it was reported, were self-inflicted.

Mr. Resh, who resides with his niece, Mrs. Elsie Werten, is said to have been melancholy since the death of his wife a year ago.

Dr. R. H. Meek was summoned and had the injured man removed to the hospital in the ambulance.

It won't be long now before busy men will think up excuses for going fishing.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Sounds Like Sound Advice



By POP MOMAND

