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Too Realistic
The actor of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar became a little too realistic recently in New York, when Joseph Holland, playing the title role, was actually wounded during the performance of the famous "death scene." He lay still while the conspirators finished their lines concerning his disposal and Mark Anthony plotted his eulogy, after which he was taken to a hospital. Rubber daggers will be used hereafter.

Gives Can Opener
J. Millard Tawes, Court Clerk, at Princess Ann, Md., presents prospective brides and bridegrooms with a can opener when he issues them a license. He explains his action by saying, "When I issue the license, I include a can opener with my compliments. It serves two purposes—first to make home life a lot easier for the bride, and second, to keep the bridegroom from starving to death."

Clock Runs 178 Years
A family tradition has kept a grandfather's clock owned by Herbert Bock of Lehighon ticking away the minutes without interruption for 178 years. Johannes Bock, who purchased it from a Hamburg, Pa., clockmaker in 1762, willed it to his son with the understanding it should be kept in the family and always running. Its four owners since then have kept the promise.

Novel Idea
When there have been no deaths from traffic accidents in Denver, Colo., a white flag will be flown from the flagpole of the police building. However, when there has been a fatal accident, a black flag with a white cross will be flown, as a reminder to drivers of the dangers of traffic.

\$1800 Ring Found
An \$1800 diamond ring lay for twenty-six hours on a downtown sidewalk at Colorado Springs, before anyone noticed it and picked it up. Finally, Mrs. L. R. Ryter, a drug-store employe, spied it, picked it up and took it to police headquarters. She received a handsome reward.

Tractor Beats Stork
Commanding a tractor to aid him; Dr. W. H. Pressel, of Charlot, made a rush trip to the hospital at Clinton, Iowa, with Mr. Ambrose Spain, beating the stork by a good nine hours. The tractor pulled the doctor's automobile through the snow-blocked roads.

Blind; Plays Golf
Although Rev. Walter D. Kallenbach of Los Angeles, is totally blind, that doesn't keep him from enjoying an occasional game of golf. He is guided in his shots by the tinkle of the cup.

Father at 75
Alvin Cooper, 75, of Kelllogg, Iowa, became a father for the fifteenth time when his 42-year-old wife (his fourth) presented him with a son. He has seven sons and eight daughters.

30 Over 150
A recent census revealed that there are thirty persons in Turkey over 150 years of age. Besides these, there are 3,965 women and 1,256 men who are 100 years of age or over.

4,000 CHICKS BURN
Nearly 4,000 chicks were burned to death Thursday night when the brooder house at Robert Lucas, California, Clinton county, caught fire. It was destroyed completely. The origin of the fire was undetermined. Mr. Lucas had sold all of the 4,000 chicks and was awaiting delivery time. Mr. Lucas had a similar fire two years ago and lost several thousand chicks. He estimated his latest loss at \$1,200. There was no insurance.

JUNIATA YOUTH DIES OF SELF-INFLICTED WOUND
Thomas M. McKinstry, 24, of Juniata, died in the Altoona Hospital Sunday night of a bullet wound in the head, said to have been self-inflicted.

The Parent-Teachers' Association
The Parent-Teachers' Association of Walker Township will hold its monthly meeting in the High School building at Hubersburg on Tuesday evening, May 3rd, at 7:45 o'clock. Miss Elizabeth McCormick speaks on "The Value of Dramatics." Mrs. Nellie Peck will render a piano solo. Misses Lenore and Claire Yearick and Margaret Fidler, pupils of the Forest school will sing. Following the report of the nominating committee, an election of officers will be held.

How to Improve Your Memory
Famous psychologist gives aid to those who would train their minds to insure success and popularity. Read this helpful feature in the May 1st issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by all newsdealers.

RIVER GIVES UP BODY OF LAST OF RAFT VICTIMS
A month to the day after the "last raft" crashed into the pier of a bridge at Muncy, the Susquehanna River last Wednesday gave up the body of the last of the seven victims of the disaster—Dr. Charles S. Taylor, burgess of nearby Montgomery.

Fire Destroys Motorist's Car
Fire destroyed a 1936 model Graham sedan owned by Paul Cartwright of Old Moshannon, near Oscoda Mills, early Saturday morning. The fire is believed to have been started by a short circuit.

GEORGE G. BARNARD, NOTED BELLEFONTE SCULPTOR, DIES

George Gray Barnard, 74, a native of Bellefonte who became one of America's greatest sculptors, died Sunday in New York of a heart ailment. He had been ill two weeks. Barnard was born in Bellefonte, May 23, 1863, the son of the Rev. Joseph Barnard, a Presbyterian minister. The father was born at Pleasant View, Juniata county. The sculptor spent his boyhood in Chicago and Muscatine, Iowa. He worked as a taxidermist and engraver, entering the Chicago Art Institute at nineteen. After a year there he received a \$350 advance for a bust and used the money to go to Paris where he received private instruction and worked in Chavelier's atelier. His work attracted much attention in Paris and when he returned to the United States he received many commissions. One of Barnard's greatest achievements was the designing and carving of the statues at the entrance to Pennsylvania's State Capitol. The work was hailed by art critics as among the most imposing of its kind in this country. Although classed as an unusual work of art, strenuous objection was voiced in some quarters when the sculptured group of figures at the Capitol entrance was unveiled. To many persons the granite models of men and women in the nude, appeared objectionable, and Barnard later was requested to make certain changes. Barnard's most ambitious work—a 100-foot war memorial known as The Rainbow Arch—was uncompleted at his death. It has been executed in a plaster model and for many years the sculptor had hoped to raise funds to execute it in marble. He had planned to set his private art collection to get funds for this purpose. His Last Work The sculptor had been suffering from heart trouble for about a year, but he continued to work strenuously at what was to have been a gigantic statue of Abel depicted as he realized the treachery of Cain. He suffered two attacks the morning of April 7 and went to the Medical Center that day for observation. Among his best known works are a statue of Abraham Lincoln, sent to Manchester, Eng., to commemorate (Continued on page four)

Found Dead of Bullet Wound Two Slayers to Die in Chair

Blair County Service Station Operator Ends Life With 32-Calibre Rifle
The lifeless body of Charles E. Rilling, 30, a gasoline service station operator living at Etdorado, Blair county, was found early last Thursday morning in an automobile in the garage at his home. Discovered at 6:30 o'clock by his father, Woods B. Rilling, death was attributed to a bullet wound of the head. A 22-calibre rifle was found standing beside the young man's legs. Members of the family said they had not seen Rilling since Sunday evening, but it is believed he secured the gun about Monday night as the kitchen door was heard to open and close at that time. Born in Altoona, December 27, 1907, Charles Edward Rilling was a son of Woods B. and Mabel (Metzger) Rilling. He operated a service station at Ward and Union avenues, Allegheny Furnace. Members of the family include his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Clara Miller of Tyrone, Mrs. Helen King of Huntington, William, in Illinois, Mrs. Edna Conrad, and Ernest Rilling, of Altoona, Mrs. John Ewert and Fred, at home. He was a Lutheran by faith.

Dies of Injuries Received in Fall

Albert Kephart, life long resident of West Decatur, R. D., Clearfield county, died at the McGirk's Sanitarium Friday afternoon from injuries received from a fall sustained the previous Sunday. Mr. Kephart was watering a mule near the General Redemptor's mule barn when the mule he was leading reared throwing Kephart to the ground where his head struck a rock. Kephart was rushed to the sanitarium where he was found to be suffering from a fractured skull. The deceased was born in West Decatur, R. D., on February 22, 1892, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Kephart, both deceased. He married Della Mae Kline, of Sanborn, Woodward township, who survives him.

When the Moon Breaks Up
Distinguished astronomer explains that as our satellite draws near it will show the earth with mountains of stone and dust. Read this interesting story in the May 1st issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Many things happen in a week and very few of them are important. The man or woman who receives more from society than he, or she, returns, is a net loss to the social order.

De-throning the Queen



Eggs Which Are Not Fresh Can Be Sold Only As Eggs

Fresh or not fresh? That is the only problem with which the Bureau of Markets, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, concerns itself in the enforcement of the State Fresh Egg Law. In the eyes of the law a fresh egg is one in which the air cell must be not more than two-eighths of an inch in depth and must be localized and regular; the yolk must be visible but not plainly visible or mobile; the white must be firm and clear; the germ must not show and visible development. The Fresh Egg Law prohibits advertising as fresh any egg not meeting these qualifications. Dealers attempted to get around the law by inventing words and phrases which did not specifically call an egg fresh but led the customers to believe that they were buying fresh eggs. This practice necessitated a succession of new orders prohibiting these inventions as they made their appearance on store counters of Agriculture J. Hansel French has ended this game of checkers by issuing an order dividing all eggs into two kinds: fresh eggs and just eggs; and to be offered for sale that way when definite U. S. grades or Pennsylvania grades are not mentioned. The order, effective June 7, stipulates that eggs, not legally fresh, can only be advertised as "EGGS." A few of the subterfuges resorted to by dealers are: "I always have fresh eggs from the farmer. Two days old. Farmer sold as fresh. Good as fresh. Supposed to be fresh. Right direct from the farms. Extra value. Fancy select. Extra large. I bought them as fresh. Fresh eggs from nearby Pennsylvania farms. Just from the country. Fancy eggs. Nearby eggs. Local selected eggs. Specially selected eggs. Selected country eggs. Country henery eggs. Bought as fresh. Selected. Guaranteed eggs. Country selected eggs. Farmers eggs. Nearby selected eggs. Fresh but not strictly fresh. Strictly fresh country eggs. Specially selected eggs. Nearby Pennsylvania fresh eggs. Best nearby farm eggs. Gathered from farms. Henery. Direct from farms. Fine selected from local farms. Specially selected. Local farmers. Guaranteed. Fancy fresh sterile eggs. Strictly nearby farmers."

Bradford County Program for Boys and Girls' Week

Boys and Girls Week which this year will be celebrated from April 30 to May 7 is insurance that the character of our boys and girls will develop to the fullest extent, said Dr. Lester K. Ake, Superintendent of Public Instruction, today. "Society will soon be governed by these same boys and girls and it is our responsibility now to guide that development in the right direction. Boys and Girls Week focuses public attention on boys and girls by character-building factors as Personality, Spiritual Growth, Mental Development, Healthy Bodies, Leadership Possibilities, Family Relationships," the Superintendent declared. Following are the central themes for discussion and exercises during Boys and Girls Week: Recreation Day Saturday, April 30. The Day in Churches, Sunday, May 1. Health Day, Monday, May 2. Day in Schools, Tuesday, May 3. Vocational Day, Wednesday, May 4. Citizenship Day, Thursday, May 5. A Day Out of Doors and Evening at Home, Friday, May 6. A Day in Entertainment and Athletics, Saturday, May 7.

Lock Haven Alderman Dies
Alderman Harry E. Merrill, 62, an alderman for many years at Lock Haven, died Friday night at the Private Hospital where he had been a patient several times within recent months, suffering from complications. He was a Spanish American War veteran, having served with Company E. He was injured in a railroad accident several years ago which necessitated amputation of both legs between the knee and hip.

William W. Cisney, 7, of Tyrone, R. D. 3, died Monday night in Altoona hospital of a fractured skull suffered early that morning when struck by a falling tree. Cisney, employed on a WPA project on the Janesville pike, near Tyrone, was engaged in pulling stumps when caught between the trees which had been cut down by other workers nearby.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Some Corroboration for Scaley
By POP MOMAND
HYMPH!! THAT SCALEY AND HIS FISH STORIES GIVE ME A PAIN IN THE NECK! I WONDER IF HIS THINGS I'M SWALLOWING THAT LINE OF HIS? TELLING ME IT USED TO BE DANGEROUS TO BAIT A HOOK WITH A MIDDLE OF LAKE BECAUSE BIG FISH WOULD TRY TO TAKE THE BAIT OUT OF YOUR HANDS... HA... THAT'S A LAUGH!! YE-OW!!

3 YOUTHS PAY WITH THEIR LIVES FOR SLAYING NEGRO

Die in Electric Chair at Rockview For Murdering Man and Robbing Him of Less Than a Dollar—Two of the Bodies Are Claimed

Three youths, two of them just 21 and the third only 20, early Monday morning paid with their lives in the electric chair at Rockview Penitentiary for murdering a Negro, robbing him of less than a dollar, and attacking his female companion. Edward Rose, 21, Theodore Duminiak, 20, and John Oreszak, 21, described by one judge as "the toughest young thugs in Delaware County," were the three executed. They were convicted of killing Floyd Tranom, during a night foray into a "lovers' lane" near Chester in July 1936. A Negro companion of three white boys, Leon Butler, was acquitted of the murder charge. Young Rose mumbled a prayer after Father P. P. McCroosh as he walked into the execution chamber shortly after midnight. The prayer was his only word before 2,000 volts burned through his body at 12:31 a. m. EST. He was pronounced dead 3 1/2 minutes later. The other boys went to their death in silence. Duminiak was the second to go. He walked from the death house into the execution chamber, looked around at the witnesses and was helped into the oaken death chair. Struck by the charge at 12:36 1/4, he was pronounced dead at 12:39. As Oreszak shuffled in, he, too, stopped and looked around, but his face was expressionless. He moved on to the chair, sat rigidly, and was struck at 12:41 1/4. At 12:44, the prison physician said: "John Oreszak is dead." The bodies of Rose and Oreszak have been sent to their families, at Chester, who called upon them Sunday afternoon and bid tearful farewells. Duminiak's remains were unclaimed, and was buried on the prison grounds. Rose's father and mother, two brothers and two sisters, waited him for an hour. Oreszak was visited for two hours by his mother and sister and four brothers, one a child to whom Oreszak referred as "the kid." The last conversations with the boys were kept secret from the guards. The parents and the prisoners talked Polish, guards said. However, that occasional English interjections—"the kid," and "we'll be men," indicated the youths were resigned to death.

Charges Forgery In Birth Record Youth Killed in Union Co. Crash

Commonwealth Brings New Complication Into Famous Garrett Will Case

A commonwealth attorney's charge that church records of the birth and baptism of Isaac Newton Shaeffer were "forged" was lodged against Shaeffer's claim to the \$200,000 miff fortune of Mrs. Henrietta E. Garrett. Deputy Attorney General T. J. Minnick, Jr., declared at a hearing before Special Master William M. Davison, of Philadelphia, that an x-ray study of the musty church documents revealed "they were fixed before they were brought into this court." The records, brought from the Bird-in-Hand church in Lancaster county and impounded, were claimed by Shaeffer as proof of his claim that he is the son of Mrs. Garrett. The 66 year old Newark, Del. merchant says he was born before Mrs. Garrett married Walter E. Garrett, who amassed the huge estate. Shaeffer was asked by Minnick at the hearing if he ever had known a person named Almon Grabbill. Shaeffer said he had. "He was about your age, wasn't he?" Minnick questioned. "You look at that certificate and tell me if you can't see that your name has been written over an erasure?" Minnick pointed to the entry of Shaeffer's "sprinkling" in the record and told him to read the name just above his. It was "Feb. 1872—Mary Grabbill, infant-sprinkling." "Ditto" marks preceded Shaeffer's name just underneath. "Now, isn't it possible," Minnick asked, "that two Grabbill children were baptized at the same time and entered here together and that your name was written over one of them?" Shaeffer replied he didn't see how such an alteration was possible.

FALL FROM UPPER WINDOW FATAL TO WOMAN, AGED 76

Injuries suffered when she fell from the window of her bedroom Saturday morning, resulted in the death of Mrs. Anna Probst Swoyer, 76, of Williamsport, R. D. 2, an hour later in the Williamsport Hospital. Whether the aged woman had suffered nightmare and walked to the window in her sleep or whether she became melancholy because of illness and the act was intentional has not been determined. Relatives with whom Mrs. Swoyer resided, heard a noise in her room at an early hour and upon investigation they found that she had fallen out of bed. They helped her back under the covers. Shortly afterward she fell from the window.

BEAR ENJOY SPRING STROLL NEAR DRIFTING

Bear were out in force enjoying the spring air near Drifting last week. Two large fellows lolled unconcernedly across the highway last Wednesday and rummaged around the laurel at the foot of the Moshannon mountain, Thursday a large and small member of the same tribe sauntered down into the same area. WPA workmen who saw the bear said their coats were in excellent condition.

TWO CLEARFIELD LADS STOPPED AS RUNAWAYS

Two 16-year-old boys from Hyde City, near Clearfield, started out last Tuesday to seek their fortune in the world because, police reported, they did not want to go to school. They experienced their first hard bump in Williamsport Friday and were taken back home. They are Thomas McDermott and Donald Collins, who were picked up by George Stroup, Reading Company police officer, in the Newberry yards.

New York's Dirtless Farmers

Corn, tomatoes, peanuts, begonias and phlox will all be grown this year without soil in the chemical garden, one of the Sky Gardens atop the building in Rockefeller Center. In this soil-less garden, the plants will siphon their food from chemicals mixed with water in a tank. To keep the plants from slipping too deep into their permanent bath, they will be anchored in a wire tray filled with screen glass two or three inches deep. Each week the gardeners will drain out the used water and refill the tank with fresh water containing a new meal for the hungry boarders. By regulating the quantity of food, the gardeners can produce tomatoes and potatoes larger than the usual earthworm crop.

WPA Worker is Injured

Andrew G. Dubbs, of Julian, R. D., employed by the WPA on a road building project at "Battlesnake," north of Unionville, had the toes of one foot painfully crushed during the latter part of last week when a stone, weighing between 400 and 500 pounds, rolled down an embankment and struck the member. He was brought to the offices of a Bellefonte physician where it was found that although no bones were broken the toes were badly mangled. The average citizen is not so much concerned over national income as he is over his own income. There is, believe it or not, an the price that citizens pay for their government and what it offers. It is about time for our schools to teach more Spanish and less French and German.