

A Heavyweight

Mrs. Sarah Dye, colored, is resting on two beds in the county hospital at Chicago. She weighs an estimated 700 pounds.

After 40 Years

Max Love, a funeral director of Evansville, Ind., was called to his office by an elderly stranger.

Poisoned by Ivy

Biting a root to test whether or not it was sassafras, for which he and a group of companions were digging, Bobby, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knorr, of East Berwick, found that it was not the root for which they were searching.

Carnival Driver Hurt

Slipping from the top rung of her diving ladder while performing at DuBois, Miss Ella Carver, sensational high diver of the Bantley shows, was injured the other night.

To Build New Bridge

Work was started under the supervision of the Penna. Department of Highways on the erection of a new bridge over Nichols Run between the borough line, Jersey Shore and Potter Township at Staverstown.

Cost-\$60; Upkeep?

After the departure of a nervous couple who applied for a marriage license at Detroit, Clerk Tony Nader picked up a crumpled envelope on which was penciled: Ring, \$25.00; cake, \$10; whiskey and \$6.50; Johnny, \$10; flowers, \$8; picture, \$5; rent, \$9; license, \$1; priest, \$8.

Greedy

Just because he was hungry, a big black bear came to an untimely end at Missoula, Mont. He entered an unoccupied cabin in Lolo National Forest and gorged himself on food stored there.

Uses Gold Bathtub

In the villa at Cannes, France, recently leased by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor at a cost of \$100,000 annually, is a twenty-carat gold bathtub, located in that part of the house which is reserved for the Duchess' apartments.

Finds Fortune

Mrs. Mabel M. Boves recently attended an auction of unclaimed packages of the Canadian National Express Company at Toronto. She bought a package containing a pair of hiking boots for \$1. In the boot of one of the shoes was \$5,000.

Seeks Damage

Suit to recover \$8,000 damages has been instituted in the Northumberland County court, by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woodruff, of Trevorton, against a beauty shop proprietor at Shamokin, for burns of the head and neck and shock allegedly suffered by Mrs. Woodruff while receiving a permanent wave.

Mother Instinct

Everyone in the Emery Norberg family at Woodhull, Ill., thought their black cat had given birth to kittens. But they couldn't find them. Then Norberg saw the cat climb up a hollow tree. He followed and instead of kittens, found that the cat was mothering five baby squirrels.

6 Suits for Divorce

For the sixth time, Mrs. Josephine Kowalski, of Worcester, Mass., wants a divorce from her husband. Three previous suits were withdrawn, a fourth she won, and later remarried the same husband. A fifth was filed and later withdrawn. She means business this time, she declares.

Heavy Payment

Automobile Dealer Ed Plumb, of Bisbee, Ariz., collected 75 pounds, American money, for a car. The money was in silver dollars, 1,200 of them, and it required an hour to count it.

CONFESSES SLAYING FORMER BELLEFONTE MAN, YEARS AGO

Life-term Convict in Washington State Penitentiary Admits Guilt After Mother Unburdened Her Conscience By Relating Details of Son's Part in Crime

Decasto Earl Mayer, 42, serving a life term in the Washington State penitentiary at Walla Walla, this week admitted to authorities that he killed James Eugene Bassett, of Annapolis, Md., nephew of James R. Hughes, of Bellefonte, and former student at the Bellefonte Academy, ten years ago.

Bassett disappeared in the State of Washington on September 5, 1928 while en route to the Philippine Islands where he was to have served as secretary to the Admiral of the U. S. Navy there. Mayer also inferred in his statement that he "would just as soon as not" confess to four other murders.

VICTIM WELL KNOWN HERE James Eugene Bassett was widely known in the Bellefonte area and his untimely disappearance ten years ago created great interest in this locality. Although authorities were virtually certain that he had been slain, the body has never been found.

Bassett's father, Frank P. Bassett, came to Bellefonte as assistant chemist at the old Valentine Forge. While here he met and later married Miss Marion Hughes, sister of James R. Hughes, of this town. The family lived for a time on East Bishop Street. Later Mr. Bassett became superintendent of the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Sparrows Point, Md., and still later engaged in the real estate business at Annapolis, Md.

Smoking Fatal To Man in Bed

Aged Altoona Resident Dies of Shock After Receiving Burns

As the result of burns received early last Tuesday morning, Matthew Tipton, 79, of Altoona, died Thursday evening at 9:10 o'clock at Mercy hospital.

The aged man's night clothing was set afire as he was smoking a pipe in bed, according to reports. The flames were discovered by his housekeeper who extinguished the fire with water.

Members of the family include a son, Wilford William Tipton, a grandson, V. F. Morris, a stepdaughter, Mrs. Viola Mess, all of Altoona, a brother, John Tipton, of Juniata, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth E. Fry, of Uthahville.

Tractor Topples And Crushes Man

Driver Fatally Injured as Machine Strikes Stone and Falls Over Backward

Karl Miedl, 47, of Williamsburg, R. D. Blair county, died Saturday evening at the Mercy Hospital in Altoona of internal injuries suffered earlier in the day when a tractor toppled over backwards and pinned him to the ground.

The mishap occurred about 9 o'clock Saturday morning when Miedl, who for the past 24 years was employed as a machinist in the Juniata shops, and a helper were plowing on Miedl's farm in the Clover Creek district.

Miedl was a native of Germany. Members of his family include the wife, a son and a brother, living in Altoona.

CENTRE COUNTY BREEDER WINS WIDE RECOGNITION

A Guernsey bull, Broadwater Wambogo 165220, bred by S. J. Brownell of State College, Pa., and owned by Alvin L. Funk, of Collegeville, has just won national recognition.

This bull, having six daughters which have made creditable official records, has been entered in the Advanced Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, at Petersburg, N. H. "Broadwater Wambogo" will be known hereafter as an Advanced Register sire. Only Guernseys which meet high production requirements are eligible for entry.

BABY DIES OF BURNS

One-year old Marie Dippold, of St. Mary's who toppled from his high chair onto an open gas stove, died of burns. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dippold.

Let It Rain Now!



REGISTRATION BY COUNTIES

Registration by counties for Pennsylvania's primary election May 17, as compared with last year's figures is revealed in the following table:

Table with columns for County, 1938, 1937, and a sub-column for 1937. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding registration figures.

Blanchard Building Hit Second Time by Lightning This Spring

Lightning seems to be persistent in pestering J. Harris Clark in Blanchard.

During the terrific and prolonged electrical storm just after dark Thursday evening lightning struck the chimney of the tenant house of Mr. Clark which adjoins his own residence opposite the school building.

About two months ago a bolt struck the chimney of Mr. Clark's home, shattering it and doing considerable damage. In neither instance did fire ensue.

In order to protect his budding trees during a cold spell, Paul C. Stark, nursery operator of Louisiana, Mo., had the trees sprayed with water which formed a protective ice film around the buds, saving more than 50 per cent. of the buds from damage.

WOODLAND MAN KILLED AS CAR FAILS TO MAKE CURVE

Clyde M. Shirey Thrown Through Roof of Sedan Onto Concrete Road—Dies Instantly of Fractured Skull—One Eye-witness

Thrown through the roof of his sedan onto the concrete road, Clyde M. Shirey, 31, of Woodland, died instantly of a fractured skull at 11:35 last Friday night on the Clearfield-Phillipsburg road one mile southeast of Bigler when the car in which he was the sole occupant failed to negotiate a sharp left hand curve.

Shirey was proceeding toward Clearfield when he apparently failed to make the sharp curve throwing the car against the guard rail and losing him through the roof. The car, turned completely around by the force of the impact, was lying on its left hand side facing Phillipsburg. The battered body of Shirey was found on the opposite side of the road.

Hindenburg Dirigible Disaster Occurred One Year Ago Friday

Just one year ago Friday the dirigible Hindenburg combed to earth in flames, a blazing pyre for 24 of the 97 persons on board at Lakehurst, N. J.

The disaster occurred as the ship was noting to earth in the murky dusk at the end of its first ocean crossing of the year. Within three minutes flames roared the entire length of the 800-foot craft.

The Zeppelin was destroyed within sight of virtually the entire personnel of the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, but instead of destroying their faith in airships it cemented the loyalty of officers and men to their cause.

Choice Between Wife and Dog? 63-Year-Old Man Takes the Dog

Asked by his wife's counsel to choose between her and his German Shepherd dog, John F. Spencer, 63-year-old retired letter carrier, of Salem, Mass., chose the dog.

Spencer testified at a probate court hearing in which Mrs. Spencer sued for separate support. "I'll choose the dog," he said.

Youth Buried by Grieving Parents, Returns as Wanderer to Greet Them

The identity of a youth buried in a little cemetery near Mastontown, a southwestern Pennsylvania mining community, became a mystery when the return of 15-year-old Donald Fiore from a two-year hitchhiking trip.

For Donald's parents buried there a year ago the body of a lad they believed was their son, missing since February, 1936.

TWO BOYS DROWN NEAR CHERRY TREE

Two ten-year-old boys who left Sunday school to go on a flower-picking expedition drowned Sunday in McKeeage dam, near Cherry Tree. They were Graham Miller and Francis Westover, both of Cherry Tree.

Wisdom includes a willingness to recognize that another man, who disagrees with you, might be right.

By POP MOMAND



Another Centre County newspaperman will plunge into the sea of matrimony May 27 when Miss Helen Jack, charming Culver, Pa., girl, will become the bride of Sheldon A. Hoffman, of State College, son of Mr. B. H. Hoffman, and brother of Dr. Richards Hoffman, of Bellefonte. "Pete" is outdoor editor of a State College newspaper.

Mayor Hardman P. Harris, of Bellefonte, addressing members of St. Michael's church, Clarence, at a farewell party for Father J. W. Palfy, Saturday night prefaced his remarks with the statement that for once in his life no previous speaker had stolen his speech. All the other addresses had been made in the Slavish tongue, which is Greek to the Mayor.

Mrs. M. Ward Fleming, of East Lira street, one of the most active members of the Bellefonte Garden Club, can't attend the meetings of that organization. Mrs. Fleming is allergic to flowers, and attendance at a meeting where flowers are exhibited means an almost certain attack of hay fever.

Mrs. G. Oscar Gray reports that the town's toughest cat is a decrepit black and white tabby whose home is somewhere in the I. O. O. F. building on West High street. Mrs. Gray has seen the cat knocked down and dragged out in encounters with dogs; run over by cars, and kicked by kids, but for always comes back for more. Its right rear leg, injured in some adventure, is permanently stiffened.

Last week to prove that his garden produced the earliest radishes in the vicinity, E. E. Widdowson sent two sample radishes to a friend. The friend armed himself with bread, butter and salt, dipped one of the radishes into the salt and bit. He discovered the radish to be a painted wooden one. The other one, tested with a cleaver, also proved to be wood. Now Eddie will probably claim he wooden do such a thing.

The spelling of the word "Spalls" in the heading of a column "Spalls from the Keystone" featured in a local newspaper, is as changeable as the weather. In the issues of April 8, 15 and 22, the word is spelled "Spawls." In the issues since "Spawls" that spelling looks correct but a modern dictionary seems to hold that "Spalls" is the correct spelling.

A well known local newspaper's secret passion is to be a big commiteeman. He just loves to be on committees. We might add that he is missed being listed as a member of the Dapper Dan Club by appearing on the streets for two weeks with the cuffs of his trousers rolled up with the seams flapping in the breeze. He claimed they were too long.

AUTO RACING EVENT AT FAMOUS ALTOONA SPEEDWAY

Revival of the Flag Day national championship class event, many find the cream of America's speed merchants competing over the remodeled speedway for a huge purse and championship points.

The 100-mile Flag Day test, again holding a prominent spot on the national racing slate after being discontinued for several years, will find the cream of America's speed merchants competing over the remodeled speedway for a huge purse and championship points.

The sharply banked curves will enable contestants to register speed increases estimated conservatively at between 20 and 25 miles per hour, thereby making the speedway the fastest as well as the largest of its kind in the United States.

Eager to test the speed and stability of their machines over the completely remodeled speedway, more than 50 topflight drivers will be on hand to engage in qualifying trials June 8, 9 and 10.

FOSSILS OF MASTODON GIVEN TO PENN STATE

The best and most complete fossil remains of a mastodon ever found in Pennsylvania have been added to the geological museum at the Pennsylvania State College, Dean Edward Steidle of the School of Mineral Industries announced this week.

The fossils consist of enormous tusks, part of the jaw bone and three remarkably well preserved teeth. They were discovered by C. R. Cornelius, principal of the South Huntingdon school while digging a drain in a swamp in his land near Sallisto, Huntingdon county.

DIVING KICK POWERFUL

Joe Rodriguez is convalescing at Bakersfield, Cal., after having added a new chapter to the archives on the obstinacy of mules. He tried to drag a mule from the tracks on which a train was approaching. The mule refused to budge. The train struck the animal but before dying it succeeded in giving Rodriguez a final kick that sent him to the hospital.

This is the time of the year when sudden rainstorms make you sorry that you left your windows up.