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He-Man Baby

Robust Richard is the ninth child of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ward of Phoenix City, Ala. Although Richard is only twelve days old he displays a contempt for nursing bottles and his deep-toned snoring have removed any doubts he is a he-man baby.

Growing Families

Game Warden J. K. Halder, of Chester, Va., will tell you that the job of doing away with homeless and unlicensed dogs has its complications. First his children took a liking to a dog named—

Cop Uses Head

John Nimmo, 6-foot detective of Toronto, literally used his head in finding stolen jewelry. While he and other detectives were searching a house, Nimmo's head contacted a light fixture.

Dog Shoots Master

While out hunting with his dog and two companions, Will Duke, 38, of Staunton, Ark., shot a squirrel. When Duke handed the dead squirrel to one of his companions, his dog made a leap for it, struck and discharged a small calibre rifle, killing Duke instantly.

Searchers Get Lost

While out searching for 4-year-old Victor Schlosky, believed drowned, at Parsons, W. Va., Smith Stokes and Jake Digma got lost and were found only after colleagues had searched all night in heavy woods for them.

Beach Yields Gold

Several San Francisco persons have set up stoves and are working the California beach for gold. One man, M. J. Larson, claims to have washed out as much as \$19 worth of gold a day, but now admits that his average is only about \$2 a day.

Embarrassed Papa

Answering an alarm which had come in from his home neighborhood, William Kemper, fireman of Cincinnati, was embarrassed to find his 5-year-old son standing by the box. The boy admitted that a companion had hoisted him up to turn in the alarm "just to see the engines run."

Suffers 'Plumitis'

Stricken suddenly ill, Howard Noble, 12, of Conshohocken, was rushed to the hospital for an operation. It turned out to be "plumitis," as surgeons removed a plum pit from his appendix. Howard said he swallowed the seed last Christmas.

Study Old Taxes

Two centuries ago ministers, clerks and sextons of the Church of England in South Carolina were paid with the revenue from wines, ale and rum. Rosamond R. Wimbley revealed in her thesis, "Drinking Customs in South Carolina, 1663-1830."

10,447 Disputes

In the two and a half years of its operations under the Wagner Labor Act, the National Labor Relations Board reports that it has disposed of 10,447 labor disputes, involving 2,116,338 workers.

Stole A Barn

Henry A. Beggs, of Scranton, went on trial last week on a charge of stealing a barn—board by board. Isabelle Gigalunas charged before Judge T. Linus Hoban that Beggs dismantled the barn causing damages estimated at \$441.50.

Catches Large Trout

Hiram Greenland, postmaster at Karthaus, last Thursday while fishing in Logan Branch near Bellefonte, caught one of the largest trout taken from that stream this season. The trout, of the German brown species, measured 20 inches in length and weighed three pounds, six ounces. Mr. Greenland is a brother of Clayton Greenland, of Bellefonte, linotype operator at the Centre Democrat.

Cats As Scarecrows

Cardboard cats instead of scarecrows, according to a travel bureau at Rockefeller Center, have been erected on a farm in northern Ireland to protect the crops. The cardboard figures were strengthened with wooden laths, which made it easy to install them in the fields. The artificial cats, black on one side and white on the other, are said to frighten away birds and field mice while the seeds are in the ground.

One reason why the farmers have trouble: Last year farm production increased about six per cent while non-farm production was cut about a third.

90-YEAR-OLD WAR VETERAN SUCCUMBS AT PHILIPSBURG

Survivor of Civil War Had Planned to Attend Reunion of Blue and Gray on Gettysburg Battlefield, Latter Part of Month

The ranks of the Blue were thinned Tuesday evening of last week by the death of Miles Warren Morrison, 90-year-old Civil War veteran, who had been a resident of Philippsburg for the past fifty years. An illness of six days proved fatal to Mr. Morrison as he peacefully slept away at his Presque Isle street home at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. His death was due to pneumonia. He was the third Civil War veteran in Centre county to die this year. Simon Bathurst, of Milesburg, passed away January 5, and John H. Hoffman, of Millheim, succumbed on February 15.

Only a week ago Mr. Morrison answered the War Department's invitation to attend the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. In his answer he stated that he would attend the reunion of the Boys in Blue and the Boys in Gray which will be held late this month and the early part of July at the battlefield. Now one less old soldier will be present.

Mr. Morrison was so determined to fight for his country that he left Warriors Mark and made his way to Harrisburg by stealing a ride on a freight train. He slept that night on a load of cow hides and the next day enlisted at Camp Curtin in Co. D, 1st Pennsylvania Battery. He was eighteen years old and his father was a corporal in the army of the North.

After the close of the war he was married to Amanda Hartsock, of Half Moon Valley, who survives him. They would have celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary next Thanksgiving, and have resided in Philippsburg for the past fifty years.

The couple were the parents of three children, all of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Martha Lewis at home; Mrs. Edgar Grove, of Detroit, Mich.; and George Morrison, Philippsburg. Mr. Morrison is also survived by the following two grandchildren: Mary Louise, wife of Rev. T. D. Hewlett, of Stewartstown, and Harriet, wife of David Forsht, of Lock Haven.

The deceased was born September 18, 1847 at Warriors Mark. He was a son of George and Mary Shank Morrison, and was a faithful member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Philippsburg. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in charge of his pastor, Rev. George S. Womer, D.D., assisted by Rev. P. Mickey, and Rev. T. D. Hewlett, of Stewartstown. Burial was made in the Philippsburg cemetery.

Granpa's Got Somethin' There!



Nuisance Taxes Wiped Out By New Revision Program

Treasury Department Will Cease Collections July 1st—Only New Tax Will Be Increase on Newly Manufactured Liquor

The new federal tax law wipes out a group of "nuisance taxes" and revises business taxes. On July 1, the treasury will stop collecting these taxes:

Tooth paste, soaps, and other toilet articles, 5%; furs, 3%; phonograph records, 5%; sporting goods, 10%; cameras and lenses, 10%; chewing gums, 2%; matches, 2 cents a thousand on plain wooden and 1/2 cent a thousand on paper book matches.

The only new excise tax will be an increase, also on July 1, from \$2 to \$2.25 per gallon on newly manufactured liquor.

The revised income tax laws, including provisions dealing with undistributed profits and capital gains, apply to 1938 income, upon which returns must be filed by March 15, 1939.

These changes, in brief: Individual income—No change in rates or coverage except as to capital gains. New law includes in ordinary income all of capital gains realized in less than 18 months, minus similar capital losses, and permits exchange of 18-month losses over gains to be carried over to following year; includes in ordinary income two-thirds of capital gains taken in from 18 to 24 months, with maximum tax rate on these gains of 20 per cent and permission to credit excess capital losses against other income; includes in ordinary income, half of capital gains realized in more than 24 months with maximum rate of 15 per cent and permission to credit excess losses against other income.

Corporation income—old law provided normal tax on profits of 8 to 15% plus 7 to 27% tax on undistributed profits. New law provides single tax of 12% to 16% on profits of corporations earnings less than \$25,000 in year; intermediate rates on corporations close to the \$25,000 line; flat tax of 19% on profits of larger corporations, less credit of 25% of amount of profits distributed to stockholders, thus making 16% minimum tax on corporations distributing all profits.

The last provision to go in effect will be a reduction from \$5,000 to \$4,000 in the gift tax exemption, beginning next year.

LESS THAN WEEK LEFT TO ENROLL IN FARM PROGRAM

As the closing date for the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program approaches, the Centre County Agricultural Conservation Committee reports considerable interest among county farmers in this year's program. County farmers have only about two weeks left during which to signify their intentions of participating this year. June 15 has been set as the closing date.

The committee emphasized this date yesterday so that all county farmers who wish to take part in the program this year and not already enrolled may do so at once.

The farmers are urged to get in touch promptly with their county agricultural conservation office in order to supply the county committee with acreage data and other information necessary for listing their farms as participants.

The Centre County Agricultural Conservation office is located at the Post Office building, Bellefonte.

To Compete for Laurel Queen

Among young women, numbering 50 or more, who will compete at the State Laurel Festival of the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon country for the title of State Laurel Queen, at Wellsboro, are the following from Central Pennsylvania: Miss Grace Woodburn, Sayre; Miss Helen Wallin, Athens; Miss Mary Annette Smith, Towanda; Miss Helen Wesneski, Bloomsburg; and Miss Marie Grenobel, Lewisburg. With the title goes a loving cup and a check for \$100.

Finger Caught in Cornplanter

J. C. Lannen, Jr., 14, of Loganton, suffered an injury to his finger while hurrying to plant corn at his home Thursday afternoon. The first finger of his right hand was caught in a corn planting machine and nearly severed at the first joint. He was treated by a Lock Haven physician.

FIVE HURT WHEN WHEEL OF CAR STRIKES BERM

Five persons were injured and a car badly damaged as it overturned on the new Clearfield highway near West Decatur, Friday morning at 1:30 o'clock. The car belonged to Guy C. Thomas of Clearfield and was driven by his wife. They were accompanied by Miss Geneva, a sister of Mr. Thomas and their two children, one of which was less than five months old.

Mrs. and Miss Thomas, riding in the front seat, were cut by broken glass. Mr. Thomas and daughter riding in the rear were bruised and injured only slightly. Doctors could not imagine why the baby had suffered a brain concussion.

CONVENTION OF RELIGIOUS GROUP TO MEET AT HOWARD

Centre County Council of Christian Education Will Hold Three Sessions in Methodist Church, Tuesday, June 14th

The 60th annual spring convention of the Centre County Council of Christian Education will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, Howard, on Tuesday, June 14, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. The convention theme will be "The Church at Work With Christ."

The Rev. Delia R. Keener, of Centre Hall, will be the presiding officer during the morning session, the program of which follows: 1:15, devotional period led by Rev. Lewis E. Kline; 1:30, address, "The Adequacy of Jesus for Today's World," by Arthur Bodmer; 2:00, business session; 2:30, divisional conferences with special groups for workers in children's, young people, adults and school administration departments; 4:00, address, "A Christian in Today's World," by Mr. Bodmer; 4:45, adjournment; 5:30, supper. Tickets, 35 cents.

The evening meeting will be presided over by Willis H. Geisinger. The program: 7:30, devotions by Rev. Robert E. Fleck; 7:45, announcements and offerings; 7:50, installation of officers; 8:10, address, "The Church at Work With Christ," by Rev. R. L. Morris, and 8:45, final adjournment. Each Sunday school in the county is urged to send as many delegates as possible. The registration fee is fifty cents to help defray the expenses of the convention.

Tyrone Puts Halt To WPA Project

Sends Prospective Altoona Workers Home; Says Tyrone Has Own Jobs

Determined that borough WPA projects are primarily sponsored for their employment of men in Tyrone and Snyder township, the Tyrone borough curbing project on West Seventeenth street came to a sudden halt last Thursday morning when 35 WPA workers from Altoona district reported for work and were immediately sent back home.

Recently the Tyrone borough council made a request for additional men for borough projects, particularly the numerous curbing projects now being carried out. Nothing was heard from the request for additional men until Wednesday when the Johnston office notified borough officials that 35 men from Altoona would report for work on Thursday morning. With many men in Tyrone and Snyder township unemployed, the borough officials immediately called a special meeting of the council on Wednesday evening and after considerable discussion in which several councilmen expressed opinions in no unmistakable manner, it was decided that Tyrone had sufficient unemployed to do this work without bringing in workers from other communities, that such action by the Johnston WPA officials was an imposition upon the taxpayers of Tyrone, and therefore, the project would be closed and the outside workers refused permission to work.

Thursday morning 35 men from Altoona reported to Foreman Russell Cruikshank and John Funk, borough engineers, for their pay. They told that Tyrone had no work for them and suggested that they return home and await developments.

Twelve Graduate At Port Matilda

Exercises Held in M. E. Church—Address by Prof. H. H. Nye, Huntingdon

Twelve seniors were graduated at the commencement of the Port Matilda High school held last Friday evening in the Methodist Episcopal church at Port Matilda.

The commencement address was made by Prof. H. H. Nye, of the faculty of Juniata College, Huntingdon.

The graduates were Mae Albright, Betty Jane Crain, Marjorie Walk, Bessie Williams, Frances Woods, Russell Albright, Richard Chaney, Harold Kelly, Marlin Patton, Clyde Reese, Lawrence Williams. The honor students were Russell Albright, Bessie Williams, Mae Albright.

Japs Hunt Elephants

Four hundred Japanese naval officers and marines recently visited Slam to take part in an elephant hunt. The sport has been revived in this country by military authorities.

Twins Lives Are Shorter

Twins live shorter lives than singly born persons, according to a health organization at Rockefeller Center. In the United States, the organization reports, the average length of life of a singly born male is 59 years and that of female 62 years. The expectation of life of male twins is about 46 years, that of female twins 50 years and that of mixed twins 48 years.

Snake in Bed

Awakening during the night by the stirring of something beside him, Oswald Doyer, of Lululan, investigated. Throwing the covers back, he found his bed-fellow to be a seven-foot Black Mamba, one of South Africa's deadliest snakes. Finding the blankets over it, he yelled for help. He and a friend killed it with a club.

Houtzdale Youth Fatally Injured

Pinned Under Truck After It Turned Over on Punxsutawney Street

Chester Higgins, 18-year-old Houtzdale youth, died at 4:30 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon in the Adrian Hospital at Punxsutawney from the injuries he received when the truck he was driving, tipped over pinning him to the road.

The fatal accident occurred at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning in Punxsutawney borough. The truck, owned by the Roose Brothers Produce of Houtzdale, had just swung around a sharp curve and straightened up when the truck ran into the curb along the side of the highway. Jarred by the force of the impact the truck swayed and finally lurched over on its side. Higgins was thrown out of the driver's seat but was caught by the tilting truck which smashed him onto the hard-top truck bearing down on him.

Seven minutes later after the truck had been lifted off the critically injured boy, Higgins was rushed to the hospital where he was found to be suffering from internal injuries. One leg had been smashed and another broken by the falling truck. He died in the hospital seven hours later.

William Reese, the other occupant of the produce truck, escaped without serious injury.

Two carloads of volunteers were rushed from Houtzdale in an effort to try to save Higgins' life with blood transfusions. The boy's condition is reported as serious.

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Woman Freed at Industrial Home

Had Served 27 Year Sentence For Murder of Her Husband

Mrs. Frieda Trost, who 27 years ago this August was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of her husband, Friday morning left the State Industrial Home for Women in charge of Mrs. Burr, of Philadelphia, her sponsor on parole.

Reporters of several Philadelphia newspapers were present as she left the institution, taking pictures of her, of the cottage which was her home, and of the beautiful garden at the cottage, which was her particular pride.

Only eight years of the twenty-seven were spent in the Muncy Home, she having previously been a prisoner at the Eastern State Penitentiary and at Moyamensing Prison, the Philadelphia County prison.

Word has been received by Superintendent Franklin B. Wilson, of the granting of paroles for Mary Lezinsky and Stella Stolsky, of Scranton, but the formalities in connection with their release will not be completed for several weeks.

New Fire Tower in Snyder

A new fire tower being erected in Snyder County at the eastern tip of Jacks Mountain will be of steel construction and 80 feet high. No other tower in the district is more than 60 feet high. The new tower will be equipped with radio, as the first move to connect all fire towers in the Allegheny District office at Millifield to provide quicker and better communication.

Alpine Club Enjoys Successful Trip To Historic and Famed Indian Steps

The following article from the Altoona Tribune describes the Pennsylvania Alpine Club's visit to the famed Indian Steps, an historical panorama of natural scenic beauty in the vicinity of Pine Grove Mills and Pennsylvania Furnace. The trip was made on Sunday, May 29th and is related in detail as follows:

Assembling at the Miller farm at 10:30 a. m. the hike started promptly. In spite of threatening weather the day turned out to be all that could be desired and the group of 50 hikers led by 80-year-old Sammy Kephart, of Altoona and 8-year-old Walter Chatham, was eager to go. The trail to the steps is marked by white-washed stones beginning near the Miller barn and leading through a beautiful hickory grove, the property of the Miller family. These folks have lived here all their lives and the "Glade Farms" as the Miller properties are called, are well known for their chicken dinners served to visitors from all parts of Pennsylvania.

The steps were climbed to the top of Gobbler's Knob where a stop was made and pictures taken. After a consultation it was decided to vary the route by following the course of the ridge to Schall's Gap through which courses Schall's Run, a sparkling stream and the source of the "Glade Farms" water supply. Laurel, the state flower of Pennsylvania, is plentiful here and almost ready to burst into bloom. Scarlet tanagers sang their robin-like strains, a crested flycatcher sent forth its characteristic guttural call and a turkey vulture circled on majestic wings above the mountain as the walkers made their way back to the starting point.

As the lunch hour had arrived it was decided to look for a suitable campsite and we found by crossing Tussey mountain at Pennsylvania Furnace, by way of the fire tower, into Harry's Valley and thence into Diamond Valley to the forest camp near the foot of Round

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — An Exchange of Compliments



By POP MOMAND

