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It Didn't Work

He didn't like his roof, so he used oil-soaked rags, paper, and candles in setting fire to his home with the thought that if he destroyed his roof the insurance company would buy him a new one.

Airplanes Fly

A freak wind preceding a thunderstorm was blamed for the freak accident in which two airplanes were lifted 30 feet off the ground, turned completely over, and smashed into the ground together, at Clearfield.

Woman Bites Man

When a Boston truck driver refused to move his truck so that Miss Ruth Barofsky, a registered nurse, could drive on to keep an appointment, the young woman jumped from her automobile and stepped up to the truck to repeat her request.

Green Wedding

What was the "greenest" wedding of the summer occurred in Washington, Miss Jean Green married Dr. Frank H. Green, of New York, at the home of her brother, Dr. William Green at Belmont, Mass.

Vaccination Foe Sues

Charging libel and false arrest, John Marsh, of Carlisle, foe of vaccination, has filed two suits asking \$150,000 damages.

Pays Husband

Judge Thomas F. Farrell ordered Mrs. Herman Reich, 50, of Nanticoke, to furnish her unemployed husband with a room and \$12 a month for clothes and meals.

Prayer Cured Bite

Mrs. Joe Rushing, of Mammoth, La., who was bitten on the arm by a moccasin snake during a religious rite several weeks ago, has recovered.

Perfect Customer

When a box contributed to a church rummage sale at Lynchburg, Va., yielded only one shoe, the women jokingly remarked they would have to sell it to a one-legged man.

Died from Bee Sting

Mrs. Nancy Hamlin Shaffer, 52, of Ligonier, died 20 minutes after a bee stung her on the throat as she worked in her garden.

G-Man Sets Record

Walter Walsh, a G-man, established a new world's record for revolver shooting, at Camp Ritchie, Md. Using a .38-calibre service revolver, he made a score of 298, two points better than the record held by Jacob Engbrecht of Los Angeles.

SNOW SHOE CLASS TO HOLD FESTIVAL, AMATEUR HOUR

The Epworth League of Snow Shoe will present a combined festival and amateur hour on Friday evening, July 22nd on the Walker lawn.

Housewife's Food Almanac Novel recipe! Helpful hints for the preparation of food that tastes different and looks different.

WOMAN CONFESSES TAKING POISON; TWO MEN FREED

Admits to Hospital Attacks That Male Companions Had Nothing to Do With Attempt at Suicide

Questioned for two hours as she lay in bed at the State Hospital in Philipsburg, Miss Lesley Moriarity, 27-year-old Gearhartville woman, admitted last Thursday that she took poison herself and had not been forced by two men to take it as she charged at first.

Miss Moriarity was admitted to the hospital early Wednesday morning, suffering with facial and internal burns caused by drinking a poisonous solution, said to have been a disinfectant solution.

Later, two men, who were known to have been with the woman, were arrested and held in the Clearfield county jail. They were Robert Cross, 22, and James Burgess, 23, both of Black Mohannon camp.

Mrs. DeWitt Deputy Treasurer

Former Deputy Welfare Secretary Gets New Post in State Affairs

Mrs. Edith B. DeWitt of Williamsport, a trustee of the Lock Haven Teachers' College, who has been deputy secretary of welfare since the beginning of the Erie administration, has been named deputy state treasurer by State Treasurer F. Clair Ross.

The assistant executive position in the Treasury Department had remained vacant since Ross broke with the Democratic State Committee five months ago to become campaign manager for the Guffey-Kennedy ticket in the primary, and J. Warren Mickle, former deputy treasurer, resigned to follow the Earle-Jones campaigners.

Mrs. DeWitt was an unsuccessful candidate for the nomination for secretary of internal affairs on the Guffey-Kennedy slate.

Pa. Railroad Fares Go Up July 25th

Coach passenger fare on the Pennsylvania railroad will be increased a half-cent, from 2 to 2 1/2 cents, Monday morning, July 25.

The company has announced that tickets purchased prior to that date and upon which passage has not begun prior to 4 p. m. July 25, will not be valid after that time but will be subject to redemption.

Two Workmen Injured At Salona Recently

Stiles Shaffer broke the bones of his right instep last Thursday morning while unloading a car of stone at the quarry of the Bellefonte Lime Company at Salona.

WELL, WELL, WELL

Postmaster F. E. Plankenhorn, of Williamsport, has been taking the license number of automobiles whose drivers violate the no-parking rule under the federal building.

ISOLATION OF CROWDS DANGEROUS FOR YOUTH

The "isolation of crowds" is one of the greatest dangers confronting youth today, William V. Dennis, professor of rural sociology at the Pennsylvania State College, contends.

Twins For College Couple

Twins, a son and a daughter, were born at the Centre County Hospital last week to Mr. and Mrs. George Rudy, of State College.

How the Future Looks to Him



Unemployed? How About This Job?

Add unusual occupations and to most people "unwanted" occupations! That of a snake-milk.

Jack's mouth open with a rod, perches the snake's hollow fangs over the lips of a glass, and put pressure on the venom glands on either side of the head, forcing out a teaspoon of what looks like honey.

St. Swithin's Assures Nice Weather

Ideal summer weather—with comfortable moderate temperatures—prevailed here Friday as the anniversary of St. Swithin was observed.

Neither too hot nor too cold, Friday's weather which is traditional 40 days, promises pleasant conditions for July and August, unless the 1000-year-old superstition is only a fiction, as the U. S. Weather Bureau insists.

Union Soldiers Die at Rate of 6 a Day

Of some 3,500,000 Civil War soldiers—2,700,000 Federals and 800,000 Confederates—it is estimated that about 10,000, or 1 out of every 350, were still living, 75 years after the Battle of Gettysburg.

Of these survivors, 5,200 are Union veterans on the pension rolls. The balance includes an estimated 1,200 Federal veterans not on the pension rolls—they served less than 90 days—and 2,600 surviving Confederate soldiers.

Ash Can Cinders Used to Build Skyscraper

Of all the materials going into the construction of New York's newest skyscraper, the Associated Press Building which is being reared in Rockefeller Center, the largest single item in volume is cinders—ordinary, hard coal cinders such as are rumped into millions of domestic ash cans during the heating season.

Fishes For Sport Only

When Will Tucker, of Austin, Tex. secretary of the State Fish Commission, goes fishing, he always throws his catch back—as an example to other fishermen. He says he has long since had his share of fish and now fishes for the sport only.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES'—Taking No Chances on the Future



CLOSED SEASON ORDERED ON BUCK DEER; DOE UNPROTECTED

Game Commission Fixes November 28 to December 3 for Legal Killing of Antlerless Deer Without Regard to Sex

The game commission has declared a state-wide six day open season on antlerless deer this year but closed the season on buck deer for the first time in 10 years.

The commission said in fixing November 28, to December 3 for the legal killing of antlerless deer, without regard to sex or weight, that the action was necessary "to reduce the deer herd to a point commensurate with its food supply and to effect a better balance of the sexes."

"Conditions in most of the deer country are such that unless speedily remedied highly undesirable biological results may be expected," said Col. Nicholas Biddle, president of the commission.

"A thinning out of the herd this season will not only help balance the sex ratio and alleviate the food supply problem, but will help to eliminate the widespread damage now being caused by farmers and landowners."

The commission also decided to require only a regular hunting license for antlerless deer. No license will be required by farmers hunting on their own land.

Death Claims Retired Minister

Rev. Dr. James B. Stein Was Former Pastor of Bellefonte Church

Rev. Dr. James B. Stein, retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and organizer of the Fifth avenue church in Altoona, died Saturday morning at 12:20 o'clock at the Methodist Home for the Aged, Tyrone.

Dr. Stein was 71 years old and retired from the active ministry in 1931 and resided in Harrisburg until going to Tyrone last fall.

He was born July 24, 1868. After attending the public schools he attended Dickinson Seminary, graduating in 1887. His first pastorate was in Altoona, later going to Bellwood, Pa., where he served churches in Altoona, Bellwood, Chambersburg, Bellefonte, and Saxton.

Man Walks 14 Miles With Injured Knee

William Johnson, 39, of Eden Mills, Tyrone, R. D., walked 14 miles Saturday to get treatment for a possible fracture of his left knee.

Johnson, a farmer employed by Mills G. Carper, of Tyrone, R. D., was hurt when he fell 12 feet from a ladder while unloading hay from a wagon.

Hospital Invalid Honored

J. W. Richardson, a member of the Harrisburg symphony orchestra, lay on a cot in Geisinger Hospital, Friday afternoon and heard the U. S. Marine band dedicate a radio number to him.

Probably the best old pencil sharpener in Bellefonte is the one in daily use in the law offices of Johnston & Johnston, of Bellefonte.

A TRAGEDY IN ONE ACT

Scene: Bellefonte Council Chambers. Time: Summer of 1940. Cast: Members of Borough Council, Secretary of Council; group of irate citizens.

President of Council (aside to secretary): "Who are those angry-looking fellows over against the wall with ropes in their hands?"

Secretary: "I'm sure I don't know, they look nasty, don't they?"

President (returning to seat): "They're citizens with a complaint."

President (in a loud, cheerful voice): "Good evening, gentlemen, and what can we do for you?"

Citizen No. 1: "You know that \$150,000 sewage disposal plant you built last year down at the old fair grounds? Well, it smells, and we want a stop put to it!"

President (rising half-way out of chair): "What's this? It smells? Why that couldn't be! The engineer who designed the plant said it wouldn't smell if it was run according to the directions on the box!"

Citizen No. 1: "I don't care what the engineer or the directions said. The plant smells!"

President (sitting down, mopping brow and addressing Council): "I can't understand this. They said there'd be no odors."

Citizen No. 2 (chipping in): "Have you got that in writing?"

President (looking around the table at addressing secretary): "Get out that agreement and read it!"

Secretary: "Which agreement do you mean?"

President (a bit testily): "The one signed by the engineers saying the plant would be odorless! I think there is a bond attached to the agreement!"

Secretary: "Why, Mr. President, there was no written agreement or bond—the engineer just told Council that one night when he was talking about plans for the plant."

President swears and falls from chair, Citizens rush in with cries of "Down with Council! Hang them!"

A NEW RACKET?

You motorists have probably noticed hitch-hikers standing along the road with a license plate in one hand. Some of them may be men who have driven new cars to Eastern cities and who hitch-hike back to the starting place to save fare in buses or trains.

By POP MOMAND



Deer Killed by Car.

Last Wednesday night a motorist whose name was not learned, struck a deer on Route 230 between Unionville and Snow Shoe intersection, killing the deer outright.