

Challenge Stands

An offer of \$100 to any person who can prove a scientific error in the Bible has withstood the challenge of more than 2,000 persons over a 15-year period and the offer still stands. Dr. Harry Rimmer, of Duluth, Minn., states. Dr. Rimmer who spoke before the Missouri Christian Endeavor convention, head of the archeology department of the international organization of research bureaus. The purpose of the organization is to show that every scientific discovery that touches on the Bible agrees with the scriptures. His organization made the offer.

Bull Dozed

The bull in the china shop couldn't have done more damage than a 1,500-pound short-horn which walked on the Pennsylvania turnpike road track near Laporte, Ind. A freight train hit the bull and the engine and 15 cars were derailed. The bull was killed. Later a passenger train on a detour around the wreck backed into an open switch and three cars turned over. No one was hurt.

Crook Elected

The voters of Whiteside county, Ill., have elected a crook as sheriff. He beat a candidate called Slick. The official canvass showed that Roy Crook, a Republican, defeated Fred Slick, a Democrat, by a vote of 10,473 to 4,449. One of the Republican campaign slogans was "you guessed it—'It took a Crook to Catch a Crook'."

Dead Votes

J. K. Towne of Carroll, Ia., has been dead since October 29, but apparently 1710 Carroll county voters didn't know it. They cast their ballots for him for the office of sheriff, for which he was nominated by Republicans in their county convention last July. Towne died of a heart attack the day he opened his campaign.

Furnace 'Went Out'

The First Christian church at Columbus, Miss., has advertised for the return of its furnace. The ad said no questions would be asked "if the party who took the furnace from the church basement will return it." The church is almost 100 years old.

Negro Pallbearers

Because of his "special interest in the welfare and well-being of the colored people in his community," James H. Drummond, 64, farmer, merchant and former state legislator, of Fountain, S. C., left written request that "six respectable Negroes" be the pallbearers at his funeral.

'Flying Postoffice'

A flying postoffice, which picks up and delivers mail without landing, was recently demonstrated at Wilmington, Del. The plane, flying at about ninety miles an hour, picked up a dummy sack of mail from a rope attached to 23-foot poles, at the same time dropping another.

A Costly Nap

Allan Thomas, who "dozed off" in a restaurant at Lexington, Ky., awoke to find that someone had stolen his shoes from his feet, a ring from his finger, a stickpin from his tie, a hat from his head and \$12 in money from his pocket.

'Righting' Wrong

A youth held at Hopkinsville, Ky., by police on a charge of forging checks offered a novel defense. "I can't give a check," he said. "I can't even write my own name."

Building Rabbit Traps

The NYA of the Philadelphia school is engaged in the construction of 2,000 rabbit traps for the State Game Commission. The traps will be used in catching rabbits in sections of the state where they are plentiful and the rabbits so caught will be redistributed in sections where there are few rabbits. Under the present plan, rabbits for restocking are shipped to Pennsylvania from western states, at an approximate cost of \$1 for each rabbit, and this expense is expected to be saved by the use of these traps.

Brought Down Game Killer

Norman Bauer, son of a farmer of Long Level, near Ridgway, after shooting a large number of his father's farm, found a pheasant in the gothawk's claws. He had thereby cleared the country of one more gothawk. He had procured a fine pheasant for the family table, and in addition he had earned the bounty offered by the Game Commission for the killing of the gothawk.

Falls From Barn Loft

A 9-year-old boy is a patient in the Geisinger hospital suffering from a fractured skull and fractures of both wrists the result of a fall in the barn at his home in Danville, R. D. The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robbins, had climbed to the top of the barn loft to fasten a swing for his playmates when he fell, headfirst, landing on the barn floor 20 feet below.

Fatal Fight Over Candy

In a scuffle over a piece of candy, William Karmes sustained a broken neck and died and Frank Wilson, 55, was charged with second-degree murder. Both are inmates of the Jackson County Home for the Aged at Kansas City.

In this modern age you must understand how to advertise if you expect the world to use your great talents.

EX-COUNTY TREASURER AND WIFE CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Fink, of Philipsburg, Enjoy Sunday Event Commemorating Fifty Years of Wedded Life

Former County Treasurer George G. Fink and his estimable wife were guests of honor at a golden wedding anniversary celebrated at their home, 227 South Second street, Philipsburg, on Sunday, November 13, 1938. The festivities for the occasion were planned by their eight sons and daughters, who overlooked nothing to make the day a pleasant one for the well known couple and their numerous friends who called at the home to bestow their felicitations. One hundred and ninety persons registered their names during the afternoon and evening.

Jasper A. Williams, 84, of Hollidaysburg, a brother and the only other living member of Mrs. Fink's family, was present, as were Mr. Fink's two sisters, Mrs. Minerva Strong and Mrs. Ella Fowler, both of Bakerton. Mrs. O. D. Eberts, of Tyrone, who was bridesmaid at the wedding 50 years ago, was also a guest.

Many friends from Wilkensburg, Hollidaysburg, Altoona, Bellefonte, State College, Clearfield, Ansonville, Kermoo, and other places called

during the day to pay their respects to the Finks and meet many of their old friends.

The occasion developed into a family and friend reunion with everyone enjoying themselves to the utmost. Three granddaughters served the guests with refreshments.

The Philipsburg Daily Journal has the following to say of the event.

"The couple enjoy good health, are unusually active and look years younger than their actual age. They live comfortably, in what they term a humble home, and Mrs. Fink does all her own housework, assisted by her husband. 'We enjoy doing things together,' they both declared.

Both possess keen memories but it is Mrs. Fink who holds the family spelling championship and her children declare they have been unable to stump her. They say it was always 'ask mother' when it came to a stiff word. Mrs. Fink reads a lot and does her own sewing and mending. Her children vouch for the fact that she has never told an

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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE G. FINK, OF PHILIPSBURG Who Celebrated Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Woman Found Dead Near Home

Coroner Finds Mrs. Joseph L. Peters, 77, of Peru, Succumbed From Natural Causes

Going into a field nearby her home at Peru supposedly to warn hunters off her property last Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Joseph Peters, aged 77, was stricken by a fatal heart attack. Her lifeless body was found a short distance from the house by her husband, who had gone in search of her.

Mrs. Peters left the house about 4 o'clock, and when her husband returned an hour later from chores at the barn to find her absent, he started a search for her, finding her dead near the house. Mrs. Peters had suffered from a heart condition for some time.

Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg, Centre county coroner, who examined the body and conducted an investigation, Thursday morning, declared that death had resulted from natural causes.

Mrs. Sue R. Peters was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Jamison and was born at Spring Mills 77 years ago last September. She was twice married, her first husband, Allen Sayre, of Milesburg, having passed away a number of years ago. Surviving are her second husband, Joseph L. Peters, and two sisters: Mrs. R. E. Hockman, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Robert Miller, of Tyrone; Mrs. Cora Gross, Lewistown; Homer Peters, Lewistown; Nell at home, and Leonard, of Philadelphia.

The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church, Milesburg, and Crystal Springs Rebekah lodge, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon from the E. E. Widdowson Funeral Home, on North Allegheny street, Bellefonte, in charge of the Rev. Howard E. Oakwood, of Milesburg. Interment was made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

Legion Post Burn Mortgage

Post 44 American Legion, of Northumberland, and invited guests witnessed the burning of the \$18,000 mortgage on Oak Hall, the post home located along the Northumberland-Danville highway. The privilege of setting fire to the document went to James J. Kerwin, member of the post, who conceived the idea of purchasing Oak Hall, and who pushed plans for buying it.

Father and Son Lucky

Father and son reported a nice kill Monday when Associate Judge Howard Leiser and his son, Harold Leiser, Lewisburg taxi operator, each killed a wild turkey while hunting in Centre county. The birds weighed 17 and 14 pounds each. Harold Leiser was displaying his 13th consecutive wild turkey and his father was showing the second.

The Envy of Them All



Industrial School Officer Acquitted

Former Assistant Superintendent Cleared of Negro Youth's Death

Samuel M. Wachabaugh, former assistant superintendent at the Huntingdon State Industrial School, was exonerated Saturday of charges of involuntary manslaughter in the fatal gassing of a Negro inmate.

The charges were dismissed by Judge Chester D. Petherhof, Governor George H. Earle dismissed Wachabaugh from his post after the charges were brought. Judge Petherhof, clearing the former official of blame, placed the cause of the prosecution upon Wachabaugh. He had pleaded guilty to the charge. "Constant strain and highly nervous tension under which you and the other fellow officers of the institution labored, due to the attitude of the present management," Judge Petherhof declared, "wrought you up to such a pitch that you unfortunately committed the act of which you are charged."

John D. Pennington, superintendent of the school, was indicted on a similar charge in connection with the death of Daniel LaMaur, 19, of Philadelphia, but was acquitted by Cambria county Judge John H. McCann last month.

The prosecution charged LaMaur died after tear gas was shot into a solitary confinement cell where he had been placed for an infraction of rules.

Mt. Union Man Victim of Hunting Accident

George Makris, 46, well known Mount Union restaurant owner, was found dead Sunday morning on Jack's mountain, the apparent victim of a hunting accident. A posse had searched the vicinity for several hours after Makris had failed to return at the designated time Saturday night.

His pump gun nearby when discovered by Richard Price, a policeman, Makris had a severe wound of the head. He had gone to the Sinder's Gap district at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning with John Gerholc, Mount Union policeman, whom he had planned to rejoin, after separating to hunt.

MILL HALL BOY HIT BY CAR SATURDAY

A Mill Hall boy was bruised and cut Saturday afternoon when he ran out on the road in front of his home and was struck by a car.

Harold Myers, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Myers, Mill Hall, R. D., was hit by a car driven by James F. Slatery, Geneva, N. Y. Slatery took the boy to the Lock Haven Hospital where he was treated for lacerations of the right leg, bruise on the face and right knee and contusions of the forehead.

The boy's condition is not considered serious. Slatery was not held by the Motor Police.

Does Cooking Become Tiresome?

For housewives looking for new ways to prepare appetizing dishes the Food Almanack offers many innovations to make meals more enjoyable. The Food Almanack appears regularly in The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Few citizens ever decide voluntarily to give up a job that pays off regularly.

Grangers Observe Neighbor Night

Clinton County Meeting Attended By Many From Centre County

The Neighbor Night meeting of the Clinton County Granges at Avis last Thursday evening was attended by about 125 Grangers from Beech Creek, Woodward, Lamar, Pleasant Valley, Avis and Nittany Granges in Clinton county as well as by a group of children and several visitors from Centre County Granges.

Nittany Grange officers occupied the chairs and gave a drill before the meeting opened and Beech Creek Grangers were in charge of the program with Miss Sara Mapes, lecturer, presiding.

The evening of song, included a quartet composed of Mrs. C. M. Mapes, Miss Sara Mapes, Mrs. Francis Haagen, Mrs. George Peters, Misses Martha and Mary Mapes, Mrs. Ray Mapes and Mrs. Bruce Confer were the leading players.

C. M. Mapes, James Mapes, Miss Grace Rose, David and Mary Mapes, Miss Doris Rowe and Miss Louise Haagen took part in a mock wedding and George Eaton, C. M. Mapes and David Mapes presented a clever stunt. The singing was also in charge of the Beech Creek Grange and a quartet composed of the Rev. and Mrs. David Neilson, Mrs. Walter Glock and George Eaton entertained. Mrs. Confer and Mrs. Glock presented a piano duet.

Cars Collide, Then Hit Two Porches

After colliding on the highway on the upper end of Morrisdale one night last week, two cars continued their damage trek by smashing into two porches.

Involved in the crash were cars operated by Charles Cutzco, Morrisdale, and John Penak, Philipsburg, R. D. Penak was proceeding toward Allport and Cutzco toward Philipsburg when Penak rounded a sharp curve and swerved into Cutzco's car, the Cutzco machine being knocked against a porch. Penak's car ran off the highway and hit a porch on the same side of the road.

Penak stated, according to the Philipsburg motor police, that children caused him to swerve his car to the left side of the road where the accident occurred.

Shares Author's Distinction

The announcement of the awarding of the 1938 Nobel literature prize to Mrs. Pearl Buck carries with it special significance to Miltonians, growing out of the fact that Miss Adeline Buckner, native of Milton, is Mrs. Buck's private secretary, and has traveled over the world with the famous writer. Miss Buckner met Mrs. Buck in Nanking, China, where the Milton-born woman was secretary to a professor at Christian Church College. Miss Buckner is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Buckner, of Madison, Ill., formerly of Milton.

PENN STATE PROFESSORS PUBLISH EIGHT VOLUMES

Eight books on current economic problems have been published since 1936 by members of the faculty in the division of economics at the Pennsylvania State College.

Authors of the books are Professors Carl W. Hasek, head of the division; Sheldon C. Tanner; Edward R. Vandant; Richard H. Waters; Paul H. Wueller; C. S. Wyand and Arthur S. Reede.

FORMER COUNTY LADY BURNED TO DEATH IN COAL GAS EXPLOSION

Body of Mrs. Minnie A. Johnson, 57, Found In Corner of Cellar at Her Home In Lock Haven

Trapped by an explosion of coal gas from her furnace, Mrs. Minnie A. Johnson, 57, a former resident of Nittany, Centre County, was burned to death shortly after 8 o'clock Sunday morning in the cellar of her home on North Jones street, Lock Haven.

Her body, burned to a crisp with only her stockings remaining of her clothing, was found by her son, Dean I. Stevenson, at about 10:30 o'clock, two hours after her daughter Gladys Peters, had heard her descend to the cellar to fix the fire as was her wont.

No sound was heard from the cellar or from Mrs. Johnson in the meantime, the daughter and son reported.

Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, Clinton County coroner, investigated and declared that an inquest would not be held.

The woman's body was found in a corner opposite the stairs. The poker was still in the open furnace door. From these circumstances, Dr.

Shoemaker concluded that the woman was surprised by the explosion and had run in the wrong direction, missing the stairs and running into the corner, where the rest of her clothing burned from her body.

A native of Nittany Valley, Mrs. Johnson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Beck. She had lived at Nittany and had moved to Lock Haven from Bellefonte five years ago.

Surviving are the son and daughter, who resided with her; three sisters, Mrs. William Kling, Clintondale; Mrs. George Fahringer, Jersey Shore; Mrs. Thomas Greeninger, Lock Haven; and two brothers, Albert and Clair Beck, Mill Hall, R. D.

Funeral services were held at the Brown Funeral Home at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. Paul J. Keller, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Nittany, of which she was a member, officiated. Burial was made in the Cedar Hill cemetery.

Damage Heavy In Truck Fire

Convoy Loaded With New Cars Catches Fire at Muncy

Extensive damage resulted early last Saturday morning when a trailer truck loaded with new automobiles caught fire while it was parked in front of the Rollin Bartlow service station on North Main street in Muncy.

Shortly after the truck drove up to the establishment about 5 a. m., flames of unknown origin spread along the main body and trailer which carried new Packard cars. Two of the new automobiles were damaged, one to the extent of \$1,200 and the other, \$50. Damage to the truck amounted to approximately \$200. The flames scorched the front of the garage, causing damage estimated at \$150. Three windows in the front of the building were broken by the heat.

The Keystone Hook and Ladder Company was summoned and extinguished the blaze.

Named To School Board

At a special meeting of the State College School Board last week, A. Howry Espenshade, of East Beaver avenue, was named to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas G. Haugh. The appointment is for one year. At the November 1939 election, a school director will be named for the two years of Mr. Haugh's unexpired term. Mr. Espenshade has been a prominent figure in town and college life, serving as college registrar for many years and later as head of the department of English Composition.

'Bury Me Near My Dog.'

An interesting illustrated story relating inspiring examples of affectionate relations and devotion between human beings and their animal friends: One of many features in the November 27th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Couple Kills Girl

Becoming obsessed with the idea that their maid, Marian Doyle, 19, was "devil possessed," Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Pitchette, of Houghton, Mich., killed the girl with a falcon and a poker. The girl's neck was broken and her head mashed in.

Boy, 3, Kills Sister, 5.

While his policeman father slept in an adjoining room, Harry Menger, Jr., of New York, found his father's service pistol and accidentally shot his sister, Edith, 5, to death while he played with it on the bed in which she was asleep. The child's parents, both asleep, knew nothing of the tragedy until awakened by the child.

'The White Death.'

If you're looking for thrills be sure to read "The White Death," a detective story by a famous sleuth, in the November 27th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by all progressive newsdealers.

Body Found By Cambria Hunters

Thought to Be Man Who Disappeared About Two Years Ago

State motor police are endeavoring to link the body of a man found about two miles south of Ebensburg by two hunters with John Kucharski, 45, of Park Hill, Cambria county, who walked away from the Ebensburg courthouse two years ago.

W. H. Derrick, supervising principal of the Portage public schools, and Paul G. Shaffer, of Portage, found the badly decomposed body shortly before Saturday noon in a thicket a mile from a road.

Police said a pair of faded Oxford shoes was found 50 feet from the body. There was no sign of violence and it was believed the man died about eight months ago.

Drs. Harry J. Bennett and Joseph C. Anderson, both of Ebensburg, after an examination of the body reported to police that the man had been about five feet ten inches tall and weighed about 135 pounds.

Earle Says Defeat Will Add 10 Years to Life

Governor George H. Earle blamed a "nation-wide trend to the right" for his defeat by Senator James J. Davis for the U. S. Senate seat from Pennsylvania.

Resting with Mrs. Earle at a Philadelphia hotel the governor commented: "I played polo for a number of years and so I have been licked before—plenty."

Remarking that the defeat "probably will add 10 years to my life," the chief executive said he had made no future plans "beyond a long vacation." He and Mrs. Earle will embark on a cruise expected to last "several months," the governor disclosed.

"It's all right, honey," consoled Mrs. Earle, "you put up a fine fight."

Valuable Cow Killed

A cow valued at \$300 by its owner was struck and killed by a truck last Tuesday morning about three miles west of Mill Hall on Route 64. The truck was damaged about \$100. The driver, Floyd L. Smith, of Curwensville, who was uninjured, said the cow walked out on the road in front of him. The owner of the cow was S. C. Spotts, Beech Creek, R. D., whose farm borders the road.

A good card player is never too lazy to cut the cards.

By POP MOMAND

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES'—Habit Has Eddie in Its Clutch



Election Note: Four years ago when the Earle administration went into power, Samuel Bierly, well known resident of Hebersburg and a staunch Democrat in that community, built a good-sized house and presented it to his friendly enemy, Ed. Quisenberry, who lives across the street, and who is an ardent Republican. Ed. stored the craft away and it was forgotten until last week's G. O. P. landslide when he got it out of storage, decorated it attractively, placed it in front of his home, and nailed a "For Rent" sign on it. Now everytime Sam looks out his front window he sees the day he built the Salt River Clipper.

The Fifth Avenue society reporter pens up a note: "Have you seen Mary Gibson's new hair-do? It's most becoming!" Our answer is that we have and it is.

Note from Salt River: The Democrats up here have changed the usual order of things. Instead of sitting around on the bleak shores of Salt River staring out into space, or pouring over the election tables that tell the sad, sad story, Centre County's energetic Democrats are spending their time in organizing an avian chorus. This department has been showing considerable skill with the light mechanics hammer on a 65-pound anvil, and expects to be called upon frequently in the next four years for solo work. It has been found that the 65-pound anvil is particularly fitted for taking "breaks" in the concert work of the heavier anvils. The first concern is expected to be presented about the time the State Republican organization begins its gigantic task of reorganizing the State government. Admission will be free. Check guns at the door.

Best statement of the week. Governor George H. Earle, in congratulating Judge Arthur H. James upon his election as Governor, summed up his feelings in the following words: "My congratulations—and my sympathies."

We might as well get the rest of the election "weepings" in this column and forget them. Saturday morning on the Diamond in Bellefonte, a considerable crowd gathered in front of the Court House to watch A. A. Kohlbecker, Boggs township business man and Democrat, pay off an election bet to Attorney John G. Love. At the appointed hour, 10 a. m. Kohlbecker appeared, walked up to Mr. Love, shook his hand, tipped his hat, bowed and scraped, and the bet was paid. We thought we saw Governor Curtin's statue smile, but it might have been the way the morning sun struck across his face.

The official count of the vote cast in Centre County last week reveals that Thomas E. Beaver, of Bellefonte, received one vote for Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Beaver was not a candidate, his name being written in on the ballot.

What started out to look like a Communist plot to discredit the Bellefonte school system was brought to the attention of the school board Monday night at a regular meeting when Director James R. Hughes pointedly asked why the large flag was not displayed on the main pole in front of the High School building on Armistice Day. Superintendent Principal E. K. Stock blasted the mystery when he explained that the pulley along the flagpole is either broken, or the chain is jammed, and that the flag therefore can't be hoisted into position. He added that the fire companies will have to be called out to make repairs at the tip of the 75-to-100 foot pole.

BUSINESS GAINS SHOWN IN SURVEY BY PENN STATE

The number of building permits and building contracts and the volume of postal receipts in Pennsylvania during September showed encouraging gains over the same month of last year, the Pennsylvania Business Survey, a publication of the division of economics at the Pennsylvania State College, reports.

Building contracts amounting to \$19,850,000 were awarded during the month, representing a gain of 17 per cent over those reported for September, 1937.

"Contracts in the western part of the state were up four per cent while those in the eastern part of the state gained 26 per cent," the survey commented.

"The amount of the building permits, \$5,051,876, was a substantial gain of 28 per cent over the amount of the permits issued in September of last year and represents the first month in 1938 in which building permits exceeded those issued at the same time last year. Thirteen of 22 cities reported higher permits than in September, 1937. From August to September permits rose more than 22 per cent."

Buses of industry which showed gains in September over August are anthracite coal production, electric power sales, factory employment, factory payrolls, newspaper advertising, postal receipts, telephones in service, and retail trade.

The survey predicted a continued rise in Pennsylvania business.

Landed Pheasant With Stone Ray Troutman, of Renovo, did not need a gun to land his game. Throwing a stone for a distance of 50 feet, a pheasant was brought to the ground by Troutman, who gained his hurling experience as a member of the South Renovo Baseball team.

Twins 84th Birthday

Both in good health at 84, Jacob Royer, Millburg, and Isaac Royer, West Milton, twin brothers, observed their birthday anniversaries together Friday.