

Nail In Neck

T. M. O'Neal of Delray Beach, Fla., is wondering just what to do about an eight-penny nail in his neck. It has been imbedded there for nearly fifty years, he said, and a surgeon recently declined to extract it because of possible injury to important nerves. His discovery was made during a physical examination. O'Neal, a former Palm Beach County Commissioner, doesn't remember when it became imbedded in his body. The nail has never given him any trouble, he said.

Out of Town

A considerable truck driver, freighting through the dry state of Oklahoma pulled up in front of an automobile and warned its occupants: "I just wanted to tell you boys your liquor bottles are showing. You'd better cover 'em up or you'll get caught." Then he received a bit of information. His face reddened. The liquor transporters were deputy sheriffs. The liquor had been seized in a raid.

Smart Dog

It's hard to teach an old dog new tricks. It looked like stubbornness when Coolie, a show belonging to Malvern Halsey, of Charleston, S. C., jumped into a car parked at a curb and would not get out. He was ejected only by force after the owner drove to the police station for help. Later they found why Coolie refused to leave—the car was formerly used by Halsey, who sold it a few months ago.

Potent Sales Talk

Jim Carroll, 10, newsboy, marched into the state house of representatives at Salem, Ore., to sell magazines. Are you a Democrat or a Republican? a solon queried. "A Republican of course," he answered quickly. Rush business followed. Twenty-seven magazines were sold as fast as they could be handed out. The house is Republican by a 3-1 ratio.

A Snap

The ill wind that gave Supervisor Alec Gallagher's road crew at Newport, Ore., a good ducking also brought the men their lunch. Carried up Fogarty Creek by a gale, the huge wave ducked the crew at work on a bridge. When it receded Gallagher found a live 22-pound red snapper, fully half a mile from the ocean.

Jailer's Lament

John Milligan of Aurora, Ill., doesn't wish anyone bad luck, but he hopes that somebody gets arrested here pretty soon. For the first time in many years the city jail had no prisoners and Milligan as jailer had no duties. "I've got to have some prisoners," Milligan moaned, "or I'm afraid I'll lose my job."

Deer Plays "Eliza"

A white-tailed deer, home unknown, arrived in Pennsylvania via a cake of ice and an oil company tanker and will get a new home at the Philadelphia zoo. A lookout on the Sun Oil Company tanker Liberia spotted the doe on the cake of ice floating down the Hudson River and took her aboard.

Had Buggy Jag

Ivan L. Davy, 25, of Lancaster charged with driving a horse and buggy through traffic at a rapid clip while drunk, was fined \$300 and sentenced to six months in prison. The judge was told Davy, who pleaded guilty, recently completed a jail sentence for driving an automobile while he was intoxicated.

Double Error

A case of mistaken identity put Paul Bush, 24, in a St. Louis hospital. Bush mistook the house of his neighbor, John Quagliata, for his own and attempted to enter Quagliata's. A burglar mistook his neighbor for a burglar and shot three times through the door, wounding Bush in the leg.

Solon's Beef

Rep. Leo D. Crowley, of Springfield, Ill., wants to have punished anyone selling beef into which fat, gelatin or water has been injected. So he introduced a bill in the legislature defining beef as the "voluntary muscle tissue of the adult bovine animal."

Double Crossed

Peter Ardito, a filling station attendant of Chicago, told the desk sergeant that when he heard it meant bad luck to see a cross-eyed man he chased the tale as silly superstition. Now, he isn't so sure. He reported a cross-eyed bandit robbed him of \$40.

"Jail Break"

Schuyler County, Missouri, officials called carpenters to repair a large hole in the roof of the county jail—but it wasn't a case of escaping prisoners. A large icicle weighing several hundred pounds dropped 80 feet from the water tower to the jail.

World's Largest Curtain

The world's largest curtain hangs from the stage of the Radio City Music Hall in Rockefeller Center. It required over 2,000 yards of fireproof lining and about a mile and a half of metal cable. The weight is approximately three tons. The curtain is operated by 13 motors, each of which controls a cable which is sewn into the material so that the folds may be arranged into hundreds of different contours.

BOY KILLED IN MACHINE AT PARVIN FLOUR MILL ON THIRD BIRTHDATE

Little Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Peter, Residing on Clinton County Farm, Met Instant and Tragic Death

Falling through the hole in the floor leading to a corn breaker at the Parvin Flour Mills last Thursday afternoon, Dean Ellery Peter, 3 son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellery M. Peter, who reside on the Dunn Farm, east of Lock Haven, met instant death when his body was badly mangled. The tragedy occurred on the boy's third birthday.

As on many occasions, he had accompanied his father to the mill, conducted by H. C. McClain on Cedar Run at Parvin. While Mr. McClain and Mr. Peter were conversing, the child fell through a hole in the floor leading to a corn breaking machine. The father, standing a few feet away from the hole, was looking at some machinery overhead when he discovered that the boy had wandered from his side.

Concluding he had fallen down the hole, he plunged after him and got hold of his coat collar just after the child had been caught by the machine. Mr. McClain stopped the machine immediately, but the child had ceased to breathe when extricated.

Altoona Man Cut In Drunken Brawl

Two Others Arrested After Early Sunday Morning Stabbing Affray

One man was stabbed in the back and two others arrested to climax what was said to have been a drunken brawl at Eleventh avenue and Twenty-first street, Altoona, early Sunday morning.

The victim, Philip Chiridon, 33, is a patient in Altoona hospital with a penknife wound beneath the left shoulder blade. His condition is listed as fairly good.

Chiridon accused Herbert Moran, 21, and Martin Canole, 49, as being his assailants.

Moran, however, had been arrested by Patrolmen Wilt and Shaw at 2:10 o'clock at Eleventh avenue and Eighteenth street on a charge of drunkenness before it developed he was one of the alleged participants in the fight.

Police took Canole into custody at his home. Both men were charged with drunkenness and felonious cutting.

Following the brawl Chiridon is said to have managed to reach his home from where he was removed after by ambulance to Altoona hospital. A penknife was found in Moran's possession upon his arrest.

Returning from Canole's home, the officers picked up Russell Lindie, 20, in the Pennsylvania railroad yards between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets. While police said had nothing to do with the stabbing affray, they booked him as a dangerous and suspicious person.

Lindie is said to have had four live chickens in his possession when taken into custody. He was detained for further investigation.

\$2000 Fire Damage Near Philipsburg

Interior of Verne Welch Property and Contents Ruined Sunday Afternoon

Damages said to reach \$2000 resulted from a fire which raged the interior of the Verne Welch property at Chester Hill, near Philipsburg, Sunday afternoon. A large part of the loss was due to water damage to stored furniture in the residence, which caught fire, it is believed, from a defective fuse.

The fire was first discovered about 12:30 when members of the family saw smoke coming from the top of the house. Climbing the attic steps they were greeted by the thick smoke which rolled from the third floor. Chester Hill firemen were called and a short time later Philipsburg firemen were notified.

After fighting over on the fire, firemen, hampered by clouds of smoke, cut openings in the roof and donning gas masks entered the attic where the fire had spread to stored furniture and clothing kept in the third floor. Firemen tossed the blazing furniture from the windows and in a short time had the fire under control.

The Reliance pumper and Hope squad truck of Philipsburg answered the first alarm while the ladder truck was called on the second alarm when it was seen the roof of the building would have to be broken into.

Some of the furniture on the first floor of the residence was saved. Damage to the interior of the home, especially to the second floor was very high.

Two Youths Honored

Joseph Swope, of Woodward Township, Clinton county, and Richard Fox, of Mill Hill, R. D., were two of Pennsylvania students in vocational agriculture, selected to receive the Keystone Farmer degree of the Future Farmers of America.

The older citizens who are worrying about the present generation of "litter-bugs" were worrying their parents a generation ago.

The Folks Who Ought to Be in History



Old-Age Insurance Average Payment In Penna. Reaches New High of \$73.71

With the average of Pennsylvania claims paid under the Old-Age Insurance provisions of the Social Security Act setting a new high of \$73.71 during December 1938, Bernard A. Parabagh, Acting Manager of the Board's Williamsport Field Office announced yesterday that 142 claims had been paid up to January 1 in the area served by his office.

"It is natural that the amount of the average claim should increase from month to month," Mr. Parabagh said, "because all of the wages received in covered employment after 1936 are used as the basis for computing the claim. The claims are payable to workers in covered employment upon attainment of age 65 and to estates or close relatives of such workers who die. All payments now being made are in lump sum."

Mr. Parabagh pointed out that Pennsylvania's claims during December exceeded the national average of \$65.63 by more than 12 percent. This he attributed to higher average pay scales in Pennsylvania throughout the nation.

Payment of 1938 December claims amounting to \$111,696.93 in Pennsylvania (Continued on last page)

ANDREWS DIES ON THE GALLOWS

(One of a series of articles dealing with early happenings in the history of Centre County)

Man From England Atones For Killing Young Girl

The trial of Alfred Andrews in 1890 for the murder of Clara Price consumed exactly one week. Among the sixty-three witnesses there were only two or three upon whose testimony the conviction of the prisoner rested.

Clara Price was found lying dead on the public road about a half mile from Karthaus, having been shot through the back which was the cause of her death. From the nature of the wound it was evident that she was murdered after an attempt had been made to assault her. The foot tracks were intermingled for almost fifty feet down the road where the girl apparently broke away and ran. When she was shot down by the fiend who feared she would cause him trouble.

A number of witnesses testified that they saw Clara Price pass down the road that morning towards Karthaus, and a short time later observed Andrews going in the same direction.

While these facts were sufficient to implicate the prisoner the defense made an attempt to show that Andrews did not pass down the road that morning but turned off toward Meyer's lumber job about a mile above.

After two and a half hours' deliberation the jury returned a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree." A few weeks later Andrews was sentenced to be hanged, and the date set for April 9th, 1890. The death warrant was read to him by Sheriff Cooke, in the presence of Deputy David Crotty and Policeman Joshua Folk.

Andrews listened to the reading of the paper without displaying any fear or emotion and at his conviction he was very ready for it and wished it was the next day instead of the ninth of April.

Prisoner's Changed Man When first imprisoned Andrews displayed a nervous, restless and worried disposition. But after his conviction he seemed to have undergone a change. His fate being settled, he seemed to have given up all hope and accepted the situation with the intention of meeting it firmly.

When shown the body of Hopkins after the execution, he was greatly overcome. The lifeless features of his former cellmate, as the body reposed in the casket, touched his feelings and he broke down with bitter sobs and tears.

He was very anxious about his own execution, expressing the fear that it might result in the same bungling affair as the Hopkins hanging. He asked that more care be taken in the selection of the rope and that it would not be subject to wear by too many tests before it was placed about his neck.

Prisoner's Last Hours The last hours spent by the condemned man were in devotional exercises. In his prayers on the morning of the execution he asked the Lord to bless Clara Price's father and mother, and expressed the hope to meet her in heaven.

Grange Wins Honors. In the state-wide rural music contest at the State Farm Show at Harrisburg, the Eldred Grange group of Warrensville, Lycoming county, won a second divisional prize, in the central group contest. Each divisional winner received \$25.

Not everyone who wears glasses sees straight. Farmers will now see what election promises amount to.

Murderer Met Death With Courage

In spite of the public condemnation heaped upon Andrews for the cowardly murder of an innocent girl, he displayed no heroics to those around him; instead he seemed to realize the serious position in which he was placed.

It might be said that Andrews underwent a greater ordeal than did Hopkins. It fell to Andrews' lot to be in close companionship with Hopkins while the latter was preparing himself for death. He knew that all the religious efforts being put forth in Hopkins' behalf were applicable to himself. For it was only a matter of weeks until he, too, must follow the same route to the gallows.

The day of Hopkins' execution, likewise, was a severe trial to Andrews' fortitude. He not only was an unwilling observer of all that took place in the last moments of Hopkins' life, but was compelled to endure the mental agony of witnessing a broken rope prolonging his friend's suffering.

The memory of this unfortunate incident no doubt remained with Andrews until his last moment. It might have broken the nerve of many another individual, but Andrews, in spite of his youth (being only about 23 years of age) made statement for his crime with unflinching courage. He never once showed evidence of being afraid to die, nor regret at the fate he was destined to meet.

When given permission to speak, Andrews replied that if his salvation depended upon the disposition of the crowd before him, he "would be cast into a lake of fire, but by the grace of God I am saved."

He then read the 15th Chapter of Romans in a strong, firm voice, with frequent comments, in which he became enthusiastic.

Expresses Sorrow For Deed At the close of the reading Andrews appealed to the people to repent, and said: "I am sorry I took the life of that girl, and hope to meet her in heaven."

Continuing, the man who was about to be hurried into eternity, spoke of his past life. "I never knew a father, mother, sister or brother's love, and if I did not have the love of God in my heart I could not stand here and address you thus."

Having thus unburdened his mind, Andrews prayed patiently for several minutes, closing with the Lord's Prayer in which the more than 500 spectators joined.

Neck Broken By Drop After giving the attendants goodbye, Andrews turned to William Cann, of Philipsburg, and said: "When you get home, tell your wife (Continued on Last Page)

NEW BROADWAY SIGN TO FLASH WEATHER NEWS Visitors to New York in the near future are due for a new thrill, since Douglas Leigh, known as the "Sign King of Broadway," has picked one of the buildings on Broadway to install his enormous new electric sign that will flash the news of the next day's weather. The sign is 4,000 square feet in size and contains 2-

000 feet of the new fluorescent neon gas, 1,050 electric bulbs and 10 miles of wire. It will be operated by remote control from Leigh's desk in Rockefeller Center and even more remotely from reports given by the Weather Bureau down at the Battery.

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DEAD BODY OF AIRPORT WORKER, MISTAKEN FOR LOG, FOUND ON ROAD

Man Employed on Black Moshannon Project Believed Victim of Hit-Run Driver; Was Resident of Millville, N. J.

What was thought to be a log lying along the Black Moshannon road near Philipsburg, Saturday night, turned out to be the body of Herbert Hand, 50, a worker at the Black Moshannon airport, who was discovered by a truck driver from the airport.

An examination of the body disclosed that head and body injuries caused the death of the victim who is believed to have been struck by a hit and run driver.

The body was found by George Moreno, truck driver from the camp. Motor police said that Moreno and Leonard Howe, an occupant of the truck had gone into Philipsburg earlier in the evening and that the driver noticed the body which he at the time thought to be a log, lying near the road.

With the idea preying on his mind that the object he saw may have been a human being, Moreno decided to return and investigate. When he stopped the truck where he had first seen the object, he found the body of Hand who was dead.

Moreno immediately took the body back to the airport and notified the police who investigated. Members of the airport were not able to say if Hand had contemplated walking into Philipsburg but it is believed he had decided to go out to spend part of the evening and had been walking along the road when he was struck by an unknown vehicle.

Coroner W. R. Heaton said he believed Hand had been struck by a truck. The accident occurred on the rural road leading to Julian.

Hand's death marked the first highway death on Centre county roads and the second on the combined area of Clearfield and Centre county roads.

PHILIPSBURG FIREMEN FIGHT STUBBORN BLAZE Philipsburg firemen succeeded in confining the damages to \$150 at the Norman Crago property last Thursday in what proved to be a stubborn blaze. Halted by clouds of smoke which issued from the building, the firemen put on gas masks and held their way to the cellar where the fire had originated from hot ashes placed in wooden containers near the furnace.

Forced to vacate their apartment because of the excess smoke were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore who were awakened by the clouds of smoke.

Sportsmen Urge Conservation Outline Plans and Sketch Views on Current Outdoor Questions

At a meeting of the Clinton County Fish and Game Association and the Western Clinton County Sportsmen's Association in Lock Haven on Friday evening, the following discussions were heard and disposed of:

Favored, without dissent, woodchuck season hunting from 7 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.

Objected to carrying a 22 rifle after nightfall on the grounds that it would interfere with the man making a round of traps after dark.

Approved the plan of 25 per cent penalty on large game and 40 per cent penalty on small game, in cases of killing game by mistake.

Deer Hunting Suggestions In definite deer without visible antlers, suggested open season so (Continued on last page)

Sleeper Trapped In Blazing Home Altoona Resident, Alone in House, Smothered to Death By Dense Smoke

Overcome by smoke when trapped on the second floor of his burning residence in Altoona early Saturday morning, Joseph Eckels, 65, died of asphyxiation.

Frozen lying near the doorway of his bedroom by firemen who were attempting to battle a stubborn blaze in the downstairs of the Eckels home, he was carried to a neighbor's porch. Unsuccessful attempts were made to revive the victim after he was taken to a hospital.

Eckels, alone in the house at the time, was badly burned about the head and a portion of the face. His family is said to be in Cumberland, Md.

The fire, of undetermined origin, is believed to have started in the living room of the home and spread over the downstairs. The lower floor of the dwelling, a frame structure on Sixth avenue, was totally destroyed.

Watts Re-elected Post Gilbert Watts, of Bellwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Watts of State College, was re-elected director of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers' Association at the annual election of officers held last week at the Farm Show in Harrisburg. Mr. Watts is well known throughout Centre County.

Coaster Meets With Accident Orlando Mallico, 14, Johnsbury, has been admitted to the Ridgway hospital for treatment of several fractured ribs suffered in a coasting accident at Johnsbury. He is collared with an automobile driven by Tracy Minnich, Johnsbury.

Not every time a statesman speaks can you understand what he has in mind.

This department feels that the State College American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Drums and Bagle Corps should be given a name which can be said in one breath. A name with two or three words would be sufficient. In an organization such as the championship corps, everyone would soon come to associate the name with the Legion and Auxiliary sponsors.

It is reported that some Bellefonte landlords are using the new sewage disposal tax as a lever for upward rents. Few tenants would seriously object to an increase of \$1 per month which would more than cover the sewage disposal tax, but reported increases of as high as \$5 a month or \$60 a year on the strength of the new tax has all the earmarks of a landlord's Roman Holiday. Anyhow, this department is still afraid the proposed plant will smelt.

Did You Know That, the initials of Reeder Jodon, newly-elected head of the Bellefonte Sportsmen's Association, are "H. H. R." He signs his checks "H. H. R. Jodon," but everyone knows him as Reeder Jodon. . . . Everywhere the Fish Commission stocks local trout streams, usually before or after trout season, a large number of "sucker" fishermen are to be seen along the stocked streams within an hour. They call them "trout chasers" . . . one of the four Bellefonte boys arrested this week for the long series of robberies locally, upon leaving the State Industrial School at Huntingdon some months ago quipped to attendants: "I'll be seen 'you soon."

One day recently a well known local woman, prominent in the activities of the Republican party, called at a shoe repair shop to get a pair of shoes she had left to be mended. After inspecting the job she became quite angry with the workman, claiming the shoes were ruined, and that the repair job was extremely poor. Donning the shoes she clumped out the door muttering to herself and making the unhappy shoemaker still more unhappy by declaring she'd never bring another pair of shoes to his shop. The lady met a friend outside the shop and the two crossed the Diamond while the late woman told of her troubles. Suddenly she stopped, stared at the shoes on her feet and exclaimed: "No wonder they look so terrible—they're not my shoes!"

According to the Grapevine News Service, our tall, dark and handsome friend, Charley McClellan, who is employed as an add-and-subtract-lem expert in the Treasury Department down at Harrisburg, is going about with blood in his eye looking for a card shark known as Mr. Boyle. Mac would like to see the gentleman if "mushies" are allowed in a game of "penny ante." It all happened at a friendly little "session" Mac and his friend George Marker were having one evening recently. There was a pot to be won—a bet that Boyle, Friend Marker did the trick with two jacks. Mac looked at his hand, discovered three queens and stayed (and how.) Marker, in a bad spot decided to split his jacks and draw two cards to three spades he held. Mac asked for two cards but failed to contribute any support to his three ladies. Nevertheless, he felt sure that pot was in the bag—and both jumped on the carousel and went 'round and 'round. The big surprise came at the showdown when Mac found himself staring at a spade flush his opponent had made on a two-card draw. Who's face was red? You've got two guesses.

Farm Hand Dies After Accident Struck By Car While Traveling Highway at Nealmont, Blair County

Lloyd Jones, 65-year-old farm hand who was employed on the W. Templeton farm, in Blair county died Friday night in the Philipsburg State Hospital where he was admitted last Sunday morning with severe head and body injuries.

Jones was struck by an automobile driven by Ira J. Emery, of Tyrone, while walking along the highway near the Silas Foundry at Nealmont, just below Tyrone. His condition remained critical from the time he entered the hospital.

According to the investigation it was learned that Jones was stooping over in the road when hit. Emery, who was en route to his home, is reported to have dimmed his lights in passing another car and when he threw on the high beams again the victim loomed directly in front of his machine before he could swerve away.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Eddie Takes Himself to Task



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