

Odd and Curious News

Curb Service

For curb service in obstetrics—all Tom Toranzo of Waltham, Mass. He ran out of a variety store the other night just in time to assist a mother, whose ninth baby, a girl, had just been born on the sidewalk of a busy street. The woman had been shopping. "I wrapped the baby in a coat and put it on top of the crashed auto," Tom, father of two children himself, "because you can never figure what might happen. Careful to note the baby was breathing all right. Tom then waited until an ambulance took the mother and the 6 pound 3/4 ounce daughter to a hospital."

Cousins Re-United

An accident brought together two cousins, Francis L. Crist, of Crescon, and Mrs. Agnes McKenzie, of Altoona, for the first time in fifteen years. Crist, 56-year-old, was in a snowdrift on Route 56 near Crescon. While making his reports to a State motor policeman they discovered their identity. Mrs. McKenzie had returned to Altoona two years ago from Florida but had failed to look up her relatives. No one was injured in the collision.

Suspended in Air

When his automobile shot over a forty-foot viaduct, at Columbus, Ohio, Ward Hanna, 56-year-old Negro, shut his eyes and "heard those angel wings flapping." When the expected crash failed to materialize, Hanna opened his eyes and found the car suspended in mid air, the rear wheels of the car on the edge of the viaduct and the front wheels jammed against a telephone pole about eight feet from the viaduct.

Brother Act

Paul and Leon English, brothers, of Jersey Shore, certainly do things together! Coasting in a field near their home, they were on separate sleds when both vehicles ran onto the Nichols Run road and struck the same automobile. Paul suffered a fractured leg and Leon injuries to his side. They were treated at the Jersey Shore Community Hospital, Oliver Herfield, of Avis, was driver of the car.

Hard Luck

When his car ran over an all-black skunk, P. R. Fox, of Wayland, N. Y., decided to salvage the carcass and sell the skin. However, Fox's bad luck began. A few minutes later the car crashed into a fence and a fence rail pierced the dashboard barely missing Fox. When Fox tried to remove the fence rail, the car burst into flames, destroying the car and the skunk.

Socked Her

Aias, poor Sarah Plaster Paris—her's was a tragic fate. Be-ribboned and gingham-clad, Sarah was propelled in the middle of the road by a gas station attendant near Philadelphia. He figured that motorists, swerving to avoid hitting the dummy, would turn into his station and maybe buy gas. It worked until some ungalant soul just mowed Sarah down.

Delayed Card

A Post card mailed twenty-two years ago by a merchant in North Carolina was recently received by R. P. Beasley, of Lynchburg, Va., president of a shoe company which liquidated over twenty years ago. It read, "Please have your salesman come and see me about February 20, 1917."

Baby Bonus

A \$50 "baby bonus" for every child born to needy parents would be paid by the state under a bill Rep. John J. Baker said he would introduce in the legislature this week. He proposed to ensure "every needy mother having a child the medical attention she deserves."

Pawns Teeth

In order to gain strength enough to pass a physical examination necessary to enter a CCC camp, a war veteran, of Missoula, Mont., in desperation, pawned his false teeth to get money to buy food. Because he lacked teeth, he was rejected. Now he is attempting to raise money to repossess his teeth.

Drinking Spree Fatal

Joseph B. Weaver, 64, and his son, of Hanover, died from the effects of a drinking spree. When their liquor gave out, they began drinking rubbing alcohol and when that was exhausted, they turned to automobile anti-freeze solution.

Joke On Yeggs

When ordered into a washroom by tow bandits, S. F. Stone, a filling station attendant, of Kansas City, obeyed instantly, happily smiling. The joke was on the hold up men as Stone had all the station's receipts in his pocket.

Coal Shortage

Anthony Mariello likes to go down into a mine to get back four tons of coal he put in his cellar at Pittsboro, Pa. The bottom dropped out of his coal bin into an abandoned shaft.

A Real Hog

Arthur G. Gray, of Blain, Perry county, butchered a hog last week weighing 1030 pounds which he raised on his farm in Jackson township.

When an after-dinner speaker begins to joke about women's clothing, he has about reached his last notch.

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TWO CONFESS HOLD-UP OF TEACHERS' COLLEGE GIRLS AT LOCK HAVEN

Daylight Stick-up of Students, Netting \$16, and Similar Robbery at Muncy Being Investigated By Police

The arrest of three Williamsport young men in that city on Monday is thought by police to be the solution to a bold stick-up of two Lock Haven college students on Sunday and a similar crime committed recently at Muncy.

The men arrested and charged with the robberies are Clayton Bird, 17, no home, and Donald Gardner, 18, of Vine Avenue. Police say both confessed to holding up Phoebe Varner and Olga Morvek, two Lock Haven State Teachers' College girls, Sunday afternoon at the corner of West Main and Third Streets. They succeeded in robbing the students of \$16. Lyle Estes, 23, also of Williamsport, is being held as an accomplice, although Bird and Gardner declare Estes was not with them when the robberies were committed.

In addition to the Lock Haven affair, efforts are being made to link the pair with a hold-up of two women at Muncy Saturday night and robbing them of about \$3. In both instances the weapon used to intimidate the victims is said to have been a water pistol.

The arrest was made in Williamsport Sunday evening while police were on the lookout for a car stolen from the residence of Luther Iron. Chief of police Good stated the Iron car was taken about 11:30 o'clock Saturday night by Gardner and Bird. The pair apparently went to Muncy, held up two Muncy women there and then proceeded to Scranton, Bird's birthplace.

Gardner and Bird returned to Williamsport Sunday, and are believed to have picked up Estes at the noon hour and continued on to Lock Haven where they held up the two college students.

In addition to finding the water pistol, said to have been used in the hold-up and another toy cap pistol in the car, four boxes of candy and \$2.50 were recovered by police.

The presence of mind of the two Lock Haven students to get the license number of the stolen car greatly aided police.

Authorities said prosecution will take place in Lycoming county.

Jail Man For Stealing Car

Lock Haven Man Comes to Grief in Round of 'Automobile Rustling'

The wrecking of a stolen car near Rote and the attempted theft of another car in Salona was cleared up early last Thursday morning, reports the Lock Haven Express, when the owner of the second car nabbed Jack Berry, 21, of Lock Haven. Berry later confessed that he had stolen and wrecked the first car.

At a hearing before Justice of the Peace A. S. Cross in Mill Hill, Thursday, Berry pleaded guilty to tampering with the car in Salona and paid a fine of \$27.50. Later he was given a hearing before Alderman Max J. Lipetz in Lock Haven on the stolen car charge. He was found guilty and, in default of \$500 bail, was committed to the Clinton County Jail for appearance in court.

The story as developed by the police is that around midnight of Wednesday Berry stole the car which belonged to M. L. Claster and Sons and which was parked on E. Clinton Street. He drove through Salona, where he was returning to Lock Haven when the car skidded, about half a mile east of Rote, left the road, and turned over in a field. Later, examination in the jail showed that Berry received only a few bruises.

Going into Salona Berry found a car belonging to Charles Walizer, which was parked in front of the home of C. W. Ramsey. Berry attempted to start it, but the car stalled. Walizer, hearing the noise, grabbed a gun and, although not seeing the fleeing Berry, fired several shots in the air.

Thinking Walizer was shooting at him, Berry, yelled, "Don't shoot! Can't you see I have my hands up?" Berry was captured and held until the arrival of Deputy Sheriff Roy L. Bryerton. The investigation followed with Berry, after questioning, admitting the theft of the Claster car.

Munson Youth Struck By Car

Sustains Broken Leg and Other Injuries When He Steps in Path of Car

Badly injured with one leg broken and injuries to his other leg, determined John Wesley, 15, of Munson, was rushed to the Phillipsburg State Hospital last Thursday morning after being struck by a car near the Munson postoffice at 8 o'clock.

Wesley ran out from behind a parked truck directly into the path of a car operated by Stella Dutry, Winburne. He was knocked to the ground as the bumper and headlight of the car hit him.

The youth, when he saw the car was about to hit him, attempted to stop but slid off the slippery pavement into the left front part of the machine. He was picked up and taken to the local hospital.

Raid Nets 80 Persons

The latest action ever staged at Conneville resulted in the arrest of 80 persons charged as inmates of a disorderly house. State, county and city authorities joined forces in the drive Saturday night. One man was accused by liquor control agents of selling beer without a license.

Watch Out For Rackets

There are hundreds of them to ensnare you and take your money. Read how schemers trim innocent victims in an illustrated article in the February 12th issue of The American Weekly, distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by all progressive newsmen.

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Farm Payments Outright Grants

Not to Be Paid Back to Federal Government, It Is Announced

Payments made to farmers who participate in the Agricultural Conservation Program are outright grants and are not to be returned or paid back to the Federal Government at any time, the State Agricultural Conservation Committee has announced.

With cash payment to farmers for compliance under the program the Government sends the following statement:

"The enclosed check is the payment you earned by participating in the 1938 AAA farm program. This payment represents the Federal Government's share in carrying out the program. It is intended to offset, at least in part, the cost of soil conservation practices and to keep their supplies in balance.

"The farm program has three fundamental purposes: (1) to conserve and improve the soil resources of the nation, (2) to stabilize and maintain adequate food supplies for consumers, and (3) to help farmers secure their fair share of the national income."

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Propose Bill For 'Yes'-No Election of State Judges

A Bill Designed to Take Pennsylvania Judges out of Politics was Introduced Monday Night in the State Senate

It was one of a series prepared for recommendations of a Legislative committee, appointed in 1937 to study Court procedure.

The principle bill of four, introduced by Senator Frank W. Ruth, Berks county Democrat, who was chairman of the commission, would revolutionize the election of judges, through a constitutional amendment permitting a jurist to gain re-election by a "yes" or "no" vote of the electorate. He would have no opposition. If a majority voted "yes" he would serve another ten years;

If rejected, the Governor would appoint a successor to serve four years, subject to approval by a qualification commission consisting of the judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts and the Attorney General.

Quail Run Riot

Pupils of a Bloomsburg high school were flushing a covey of partridges when a quail broke through a window, sailed across three rows of seats and struck a girl student with both being more bewildered than hurt.

FORMER STATE SENATOR FLAYS JAMES' ATTITUDE ON SCHOOL PROJECTS

Sponsor of Legislation Which Would Authorize Construction of 751 Schools, Charges Governor Playing Unfair

Governor James' attitude on the Thompson School Plan was assailed this week by Edward J. Thompson, of Phillipsburg, former state senator and sponsor of the recent legislation which authorized the construction of 751 schools in this state with WPA aid.

Replying to James' condemnation of the plan which would furnish 750 school buildings at a cost of not over 1 1/2 million dollars a year to the James administration, Thompson said he felt the governor was condemning the whole thing because it was a Democratic measure.

Centre County's former senator said that the school plan legislation offered "absolutely no substantiation for the Governor's contention that the school replacement program should be dropped because the Federal government would have a mortgage on the Pennsylvania school system."

"There is absolutely nothing in the plan whereby the school districts would deed over their properties to the PWA or mortgage them to the Federal government," declared Thompson, who stated that PWA merely offered an outright 45 per cent grant toward the cost, with no strings attached.

"It is difficult for me to understand why anyone would not be sympathetic toward a plan to build 751 school buildings at a cost of not over 1 1/2 million dollars a year to his administration."

The State Authority dropped the \$93,000,000 program temporarily near the end of the Earle administration due to financing difficulties.

Governor James has succeeded Earle as the president of the Authority, a quasi-official agency completing a \$65,000,000 institutional improvement program James indicated that his Republican administration would make no effort to revise the program.

Former Kaiser 80, Friday.

Former Kaiser Wilhelm, who was 80 years old on Friday, entertained a group of friends at a luncheon. The group, led by 89-year-old Field Marshal August von Mackensen and Admiral Erhard von Schmidt, 75, greeted the former emperor on behalf of the old imperial German army and navy. Von Mackensen presented Wilhelm with a silver cup. The former Kaiser was moved by his feat, expressed every year since he fled Germany just before the end of the World War.

Pays for Peanuts After 25 Years

Woman Who "Snitched" Handful of Gubers, Pays Back

Tyrone Grocer

A woman who snitched a handful of peanuts 25 long years ago paid for her borrowed goods last week when she sent A. J. Hicks, Tyrone grocerman, twenty-five cents in change.

The woman with the guilty "peanut" conscience was Mrs. E. M. Donaldson of Rector, Arkansas.

Hicks used to be years gone by run a store at Coalport in the Broad Top coal district. One day when the grocer's eye wasn't as sharp as usual the lady who paid her debt to the grocerman after a quarter of a century stopped in at the store, made a small purchase and on the way out noticed a bag of peanuts which she looked up to see what she had snatched.

She took a handful and munched them on the way home.

For some long years Mrs. Donaldson tried to pay back her debt by attempting to locate the grocer. Finally she traced him to Tyrone and in a few days came the change wrapped neatly in a piece of paper.

Enraged Man Attacks Cop

Arrested For Threats, Altoona Man Strikes Patrolman With Poker

Attacking a patrolman serving a warrant charging him with threats to kill his Patrolman Robert Gorn, a Seventh ward, Altoona, WPA worker, was jailed last Saturday night after he had gone berserk with a stove poker.

The patrolman, Chris Hauser, 46, struck across the head, received treatment at Altoona hospital dispensary for a laceration of the scalp requiring three sutures.

As a result of the attack, Higham, 40, faces charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest in addition to the charge filed by his wife.

Higham, who was subdued promptly after he had swung at the patrolman, was also treated at the dispensary. He suffered a laceration of the forehead requiring four sutures and a bruise of the back.

The attack occurred at 10:35 o'clock in the kitchen of Higham's home at Phillipsburg. Robert Gorn, who was stationed at the front of the house, was unable to reach Patrolman Hauser's side in time to prevent his injury.

Members of the Alpha Fire Company removed most of the household articles which had been moved into the property, and soon had the flames under control. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

You don't have to agree with what we write. There are quite a few others who think they are right.

Brag Costly.

Accused by a patrolman of driving at 65 miles an hour, Edward Simondell, 28, brought before a New York magistrate, declared, "That's nothing, I often do eighty." Instead of the usual \$5 fine for a first offender, the magistrate sent Simondell to city prison for three days.

Kills Benefactor

Arrested and charged with the murder of J. W. S. Brien, 71-year-old farmer, Cole Ramsey, 15-year-old runaway from the State Children's home at Carrington, Mo., admitted that a year before Brien had taken him into his home, fed him, given him clothes and sent him to school.

There are those who deny the greatness of the Bible but they have not produced a greater book.

By POP MOMAND

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Eddie Is All Atwitter

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