

'Mom' a Heroine

Seven little Mercer county pigs who were destined for the roasting pot are alive today—all because their "mama" was a heroine. Katie, a 600-pound Berkshire sow, and mother of these seven baby porkers, rescued her offspring when the barn, in which they were kept, caught on fire at Grove City, Thursday night. The affectionate sow dashed into the flaming building to bring her babies to safety. Two of her brood, however, perished in the fire, said Charles H. Boylan, owner of the sow and her litter. The Boylan family created all of the pigs for farms and many of them waddled around with white bandages on their legs, tails, feet and heads. None of the six-week old piglets were burned very badly, according to Boylan. Katie, however, suffered burns in her heroic rescue, but she submitted without protest to examination and treatment from the family.

Uncle of Pope Pius

An uncle of the late Pope Pius XI was one of the founders of the hospital that serves Bloomsburg. He was the late Joseph Ratti, a silk manufacturer in that town until shortly after the turn of the century, when he went back to his native Italy. He was known as one of the community's most public-spirited citizens, and although he left before the actual building of the hospital, it was known for many years as the Joseph Ratti Hospital. He died soon after he returned to his homeland.

Leg's Out, He's In

Mrs. Raymond Porter, of Chicago, complained to Judge Thomas Green that her husband would throw part of her out the window when he came home intoxicated. Yes, that was true, she told the court—he would unstrap her wooden leg and toss it out. Porter was tossed into jail to work out a \$50 fine.

Baby Born On Bus

With two women passengers acting as midwives, a six-pound boy was born to Mrs. Julia Hermes, 30, of Brooklyn, N. Y., while a bus was making forty-five miles an hour. Twenty-one other passengers were aboard. When the bus reached Alexandria, the mother and child were taken to a hospital.

Bandit Reforms

Pulling the mask from his face while a holdup was in progress, one of a holdup men declared, "I'm not going to have anything to do with this." So saying he departed. The other man, however, proceeded to finish the job and robbed the grocery store of Daniel Belinsky of \$32 at Philadelphia.

Nail In Neck

Suffering a severe pain in the neck, a doctor X-rayed T. M. O'Neal, 50, of Delray Beach, Calif., and found that a nail was imbedded in his neck. O'Neal then recalled that when a child, he had been hit with a board and the nail apparently lodged in his neck then.

Cat Trouble

Dog Catcher Willie Jones, of Albuquerque, N. M., was called to catch a cat under a house. This was his report: "When I got there I counted 52 cats in the backyard and under the house. I gave up, because I didn't know which cat they wanted caught."

Cruelty

"He never as much as bought her a box of snuff," testified the father for his daughter who was seeking a divorce at Knoxville, Tenn. "And she loves snuff better than she loves anything." "Decree granted," said Circuit Judge Hamilton Burnett, after considering other charges of non-support.

FIND BOY'S SKULL WAS FRACTURED

Complaining of dizzy spells, Neil Fleck, Windy Hill, Phillipsburg, R. D., youngster who was injured Feb. 6, when his sled struck a car near his home, was admitted Thursday to the Phillipsburg State hospital where an examination disclosed a fractured skull.

PENN STATE ALLUMNUS IS GIVEN HIGH HONOR

Dr. Dugald C. Jackson, a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College in 1885, received the Edison Medal for "outstanding and inspirational leadership in engineering education and in the fields of generation and distribution of electric power" at the recent winter meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in New York City.

MOBILE SPEECH CLINIC TO VISIT MANY CLINICS

A series of speech clinics in various parts of the state will be held this spring by the Speech Clinic at the Pennsylvania State College, according to Dr. Herbert Koepf-Baker, assistant professor of speech at the College.

ELDERLY OSCEOLA R. D. MAN'S ASSAILANTS ARE SENTENCED TO PRISON

Two Sandy Ridge Men Plead Guilty to Beating and Robbing Man While Escorting Him Home From Taproom

Pleading guilty to beating and robbing Joe Domak, 67, of Etendale, Osceola Mills, R. D., last Wednesday night, David E. Spittler, 31, and Frank A. Bryan, 24, both of Sandy Ridge, were arraigned before Judge Ivan Walker in court Friday morning, and sentenced to 2 to 4 years in the western penitentiary. Police said Domak had been in an Osceola taproom Wednesday night, along with Spittler and Bryan. The elderly man carried his money in an old sugar sack and it evidently proved too great a temptation for the younger pair, when Domak asked Bryan to walk along home with him, he accepted with alacrity. About 500 yards outside of Osceola, near the Consolidated school on the Sandy Ridge road, Domak was attacked and knocked to the ground by Spittler, who had been following in the rear of Domak and Bryan.

Sentenced For Shooting Son Houtzdale Parent Must Serve Eight Months in Clearfield County Jail

Robert E. Love, the Houtzdale, father, who shot his son following an argument over keys to a truck, pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to eight months in the Clearfield County jail. Wounded by his father was Frank Love, 25, who was taken to the Phillipsburg hospital where he is recovering from the bullet wound. Frank, according to the police, was not the intended victim of the bullet. He stepped between his father and another brother at whom the father was pointing the revolver and was shot in the back when he tried to intervene.

Chester Hill Home Destroyed By Fire Firemen Fight Flames in Freezing Clutches of Ice Gale

A thousand spectators braved the cold of an icy gale that prevailed Saturday night to watch firemen from Chester Hill and Phillipsburg battle to save adjoining property of the Jake-Bruce residence at Chester Hill, as it was quickly destroyed by devouring flames. The loss, not covered by insurance, was estimated at \$1,600.

Story of a Man Who Vanished and Never Was Found

The last chapter in the career of the mysterious John Wilson, so far as Centre county was concerned, was written about three months after the commission of his crime. It was occasioned by the announcement on the morning of a day in late December, 1936, that the traveling showman, who so foully shot down Harry Waterhouse, had escaped from the county jail the night before. Bellefonte was thrown into feverish excitement by the news which continued unabated through the weeks that followed the ineffectual efforts to re-capture the man.

CENTRE HALL COUPLE GREETED WITH KITCHEN SHOWER AT WOODWARD

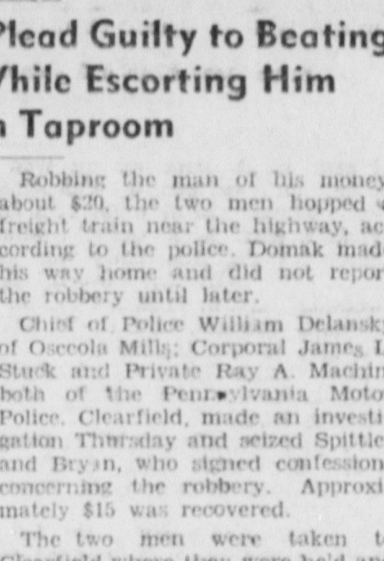
Mr. and Mrs. William Bechtol, of Centre Hall, were greatly surprised Friday night, Feb. 10th, when they called at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bechtol at Woodward, and were greeted by a large crowd awaiting to greet them with a kitchen shower. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received by the young couple. At a late hour refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee.

Off Stove Explodes in Face

James Kephart, of Phillipsburg, received bad burns on his face Tuesday afternoon of last week when a coal oil heating stove exploded. He was repairing the heater in a Morrisdale residence when the flaming oil covered his face. His face was covered with lard as a first aid measure and he was later treated by physicians at the Phillipsburg State Hospital.

Sound Advice to Our Congressmen

"It Is Incumbent Upon Every Person of Every Description to Contribute to His Country's Welfare." —Washington



SON OF MAN WHO FOUND 'LOST CHILDREN OF ALLEGHENIES' DIES

A son of the man who found the "Lost Children of the Alleghenies" approximately 80 years ago as the result of a dream died Saturday morning of a stroke in Pavia, Bedford county, at the age of 84. He was Samuel Dibert, born November 28, 1854, the son of Jacob and Sarah (Wysong) Dibert. When two Cox children wandered away from their home near the middle of the nineteenth century, they were residing in Pavia, at the time, dreamed of seeing the children lying along Bob's creek one night. He had the same dream for the next two consecutive nights.

HOW A MURDERER BROKE JAIL

(One of a series of articles relating to important happenings in the history of Centre County.)

Did Slayer Have Outside Aid?

While many fantastic opinions have been expressed over the complete vanishment of John Wilson following his escape from the county jail, the persistent belief remains that the fugitive had help from the outside. It is hardly believable that the man could have vanished so quickly and completely without some means of assistance in getting out of town. The fact that a theatrical company was showing at the Garman opera house on the night of the escape gave rise to the belief that Wilson, as a former showman, had been aided by someone in the troupe.

Club Organizes For New Year

The Club, though organized only a year ago, has had a rapid growth, and its average attendance per meeting so far this year has been around 200 citizens. The officers for 1939 are: President, Harry A. Corman; vice president, H. P. Erdley; secretary, C. B. Stover; treasurer, T. J. Decker, and executive committee, John W. Decker, Harold Stover and B. G. Meyers.

Worked Cleverly and Silently While Other Inmates Slept

operation. He always took molasses and passed paper around the edges of the movable sash and the sill, as if to keep out the cold air, but in reality to prevent anyone from opening it and discovering what he was doing. In this way he managed to work out his plan successfully to the end that at last he had an opening in the wall large enough to allow him to crawl through. When the favorable moment arrived for his flight he had but to pry the iron bars from the window and squeeze his body through the opening. The prisoner had evidently planned every step of his break for liberty. When all was ready he first threw out some of his bed clothes and then followed after. The window was about fifteen feet from the ground from which he dropped without much danger of injury. In the southeastern corner of the jail yard stood the scaffold upon which Hopkins and Andrews were hanged the previous February and April, respectively. The county commissioners had considered removing it, but decided to allow it to remain until the trial of Wilson was over. Thus, the scaffold that again might have proven the avenging agency of justice for which it was intended, instead became an aid to the fleeing murderer.

MILLHEIM NATIVE AND SON FOLLOW QUICKLY EACH OTHER IN DEATH

George D. Fisher and Son, Selinsgrove, Both Stricken With Heart Attacks and Die Within Half Hour's Time

Death came quickly and unexpectedly to father and son of a well known Selinsgrove family last Wednesday when George D. Fisher, 64, was stricken with a heart attack and died, and a half hour later his son, Alfred J. Fisher, succumbed to a similar heart ailment. The elder Mr. Fisher was a native of Centre county. The father, in the cellar of his home, adjoining his son's residence, was stricken by a heart attack at 5 o'clock while feeding his hunting dog. The son, called from a nearby fire company station, reached the house at 5:30 o'clock simultaneously with the family physician. Seeing the doctor, the younger Mr. Fisher is reported as having told the physician: "There's no use for you to go in, doctor. My father is dead and I'm going to die, too." He collapsed on the steps of the porch, dying immediately. George Daniel Fisher was born Sept. 24, 1874, at Millheim, Centre county, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher. When he first went to Selinsgrove, he engaged in the retail ice business. He is survived by his wife, the former Nettie K. Keck, of Kremer, and three sons, Roland, Selinsgrove; Elmer and Womer, at home; three grandchildren, Elwood, Robert and Levene; two brothers, Wallace and Harry Fisher, Williamsport, and three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Bailey, Williamsport; Mrs. Annie Whippo, Bellefonte, and Mrs. Katie DuCoty, Akron, O. He was a member of the Druntless Hook and Ladder Company and

Salona Couple Wed Sixty Years

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Gummo observe wedding anniversary, Saturday. Saturday marked the completion of 60 years of married life for Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Gummo, of Salona, who exchanged their wedding vows February 11, 1879, at the M. E. church near Rote, Clinton county, and who since that time have lived in the same vicinity. Mr. Gummo, reminiscing about the wedding and the serenading afterwards, recalls that it rained all day the day they were married and we've had a stormy life ever since." But he added that it has been a happy one, too. Rosa Gummo was born May 17, 1857, at Boalsburg and later moved with her family to Rote where Mr. Gummo courted her in a buggy. Just like all the other swains of that day, he was born Oct. 28, 1854, at Macksville, then a part of the present Gummo farm. Mr. Gummo and his bride began their married life on a farm and have retained their interest in farm life to this day. From 1885 to 1915 Mr. Gummo farmed the land now operated by his son, George. In 1915 the older couple retired from the heavier duties of farm life and moved to Salona. But, once farmers, always farmers, the couple couldn't get very far from the interest of their early lives. For many summers Mr. Gummo returned to the farm to assist with the work, on how to tackle farm problems. Mr. Gummo "kept her hand in" by doing her own housework and canning. Even now the couple, still hardy (Continued on page four)

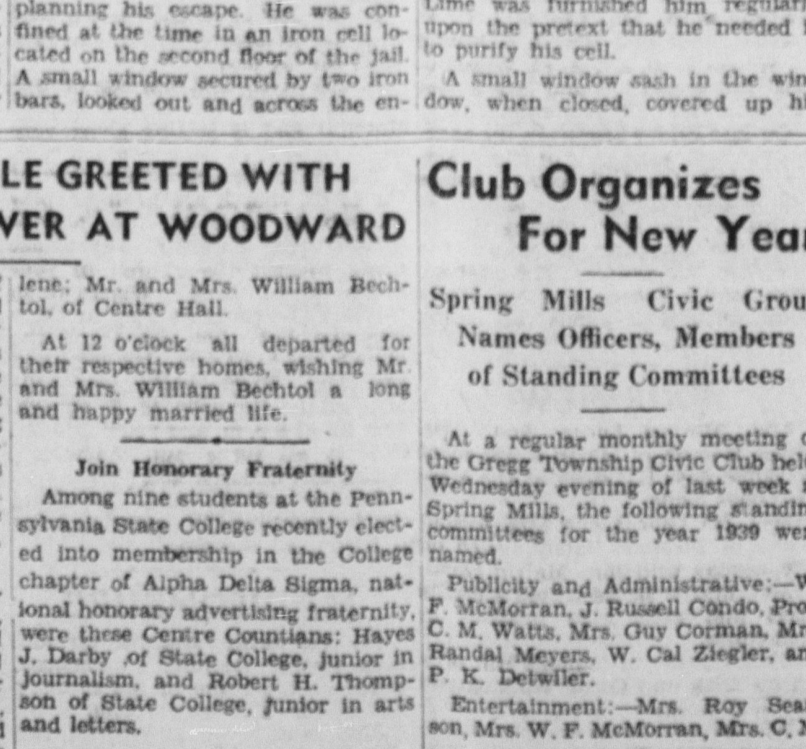
Car Saved From Fall By Railing

A Renovo man's car was badly damaged and was only prevented by the guard rail from rolling over a 150 foot cliff on to the railroad tracks near Hyner Friday afternoon. Thomas Mazzulla was uninjured when his car, going west sidetracked that of James W. Grace, also of Renovo, at the crest of a hill. Mazzulla's car skidded to the left, hit a bank, and then swerved to the right knocking down six guard rail posts before coming to rest. Grace's car also skidded against the guard rail. Private Harry Rosenbloom of the Motor Police said damage to Mazzulla's car was \$300 and to Grace's car \$80. Pennsylvania Railroad trains were ordered to go slow past the scene of the accident, but the guard rail held and the car did not roll down onto the tracks. Mrs. Elma Shearer of Farrisville received possible internal injuries the same day when her car skidded near there, struck a pole and caught on fire. The fire was extinguished by men from the Farrisville CCC camp, but damage estimated at \$300 was done. Mrs. Roy Englert, also Farrisville and a passenger in the car was not injured. Facing facts may be unpleasant but the practice is the beginning of progress.

Buried in Cinders, Lives

Climbing to the top of a silo at East Orange, N. J., to check conveyors used to cinders, Frank Paulsen, 35, apparently lost his balance and sunk out of sight into the fifty-ton cinders in the silo. Six hours later, workmen lifted the unconscious man from a hole they had chiseled in the side of the silo. Unless pneumonia developed, doctors said he had an excellent chance to recover. Beech Creek Farmer, 83 W. Forest DeHaas, Beech Creek farmer, quietly passed his 83rd birthday February 2, several relatives being present at a family dinner. Mr. DeHaas continues very active for one of his advanced years, doing the regular farm work and being very alert mentally. While the number of daily and semi-weekly newspapers in the United States decreased during 1938, there was an increase of sixty-eight more weekly papers during the same period, according to the annual edition of N. W. Ayer & Son's Directory of Newspapers and Periodicals, recently released.

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Congressman James E. VanZandt, has been speaking almost every week from one radio station or another and writing a column for the newspapers "back home." Assemblyman Kenneth Halbes also is writing a column for the County newspapers. One of the objections heard to the recently retired local legislators was that they gave too much "lip service."

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Sheriff Harry V. Keeler, herewith nominated by this department as the easiest getter to sleep in Centre County can take a call-map from the time he places a local telephone call until he gets the called party. Did someone say that's not so hard to do?

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As a member of the Logan Fire Company who has attended practically every one of the organizations' free feeds and who has been present at most fires without so much as soiling a hand, we wish to pay tribute to the Logan and Undine firemen who do the work. Not for a Kingdom all our own would we climb shaky ladders; stand in a raw wind while spray from a fire hose soaked us to the hide; crawl into a fire and smoke filled building hunting a blaze which might be eating the floor out from under us; court pneumonia, sudden death and all the other dangers of fire fighting! We've grown to fear fires less because we've grown to respect our firemen more. Modern civilization would still be a marked success if volunteer firemen were all it had to offer over cave-man civilization. Why do they do the things they do? This department doesn't know, but we do hope we never live to see the day when they quit making volunteer firemen.

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It is not pleasant to imagine the last moments of the two unfortunate boys who drowned Saturday night when their car skidded off the road and landed upside down in Spring Creek. It was an accident which might have happened to any of us. There was no evidence that they were speeding or in any way violating any law, or rule of common sense. One set of wheels apparently worked out of an icy rut causing the fatal skid. Accidents happen despite every precaution, and when they do it seems as though the theory of predestination has been at work. What is to be—is to be.

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Big Bill Hampton lost a faithful follower in the sudden death of Boyd E. Klinge, Jr., aged 5 years, Young King, whose sled struck a car Saturday morning, formerly lived in the I. O. O. F. building near this office. While there he was constantly in the company of Hampton, who took him for walks, bought him candy took him to the movies, and patiently explained the why and wherefore of a big world. Big Bill was a second father to the youth, and both must have benefited from the relationship—even though one was little more than a child, and the other a husky war veteran with many an interesting story. Interestingly told, always on tap.

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FARDON BOARD WILL HEAR ROY LOCKARD PLEA TODAY Rhy T. Lockard's plea for commutation of sentence will be given another hearing today, this time before the new board of pardons sitting in the supreme court room at Harrisburg. His sentence stayed repeatedly since his conviction in the death of Matthew Karmendi, Jr., 3, in April, 1936. Lockard has been a prisoner in Blair county jail. District Attorney Chester B. Wray, of Blair county, will represent the prosecution at the hearing and will give a review of the commonwealth's contentions relative to Lockard. Mr. Wray asked that counsel for defense be present so that there be no further delays in the case.

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