

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

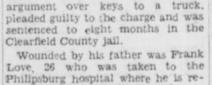
Mrs. Raymond Porter, of Chicago, complained to Judge Thomas Green that her husband would throw part of her out the window when he came home intoxicated. Yes, that was true. she told the court-he would unstrap her wooden leg and toss it out. Porter was tossed into jall to ther, who shot his son following an 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 Brocklyn, N. Y., while a bus was making forty-five miles an hour. Twentl-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 The shooting was the aftermath of while a holdup was in progress, one a verbal quarrel in which one of the of a holdup men declared, "I'm not Love boys refused to give his father going to have anything to do with keys to the truck as the father had the mysterious John Wilson, so far. this." So saying he departed. The allegedly been drinking. Love gave other man, however, proceeded to his son 15 minutes to hand over the



younger pair, when Domak asked

About 500 yards outside of Osceola,

tacked and knocked to the ground

in the rear of Domak and Bryan.

Houtzdale Parent Must Serve

Eight Months in Clear-

field County Jail

Robert E. Love, the Houtzdale, fa-

Shooting Son

Sentenced For

he accepted with alarcity.

along with Spittler and Bryan. The gation Thursday and seized Spittler

elderly man carried his money in an and Bryan, who signed confessions

old sugar sack and it evidently prov- concerning the robbery. Approxi-

Bryan to walk along home with him, Clearfield where they were held and

near the Consolidated school on the Pearce witnessed their guilty plea

by Spittler, who had been following the same night and on Friday ap-

The two men were taken to

brought to Philipsburg Thursday

They were brought to Bellefonte,

the February 26th issue of The

American Weekly, the magazine dis-

tributed regularly with the Balti-

more Sunday American. On sale at

all progressive newsstands.

where Justice of the Peace Ma

peared in court for sentencing.

ed too great a temptation for the mately \$15 was recovered.

Sandy Ridge road, Domak was at- to their confessions

covering from the bullet wound. Frank, according to the police, was not the intended victim of the bul-He stepped between his father let. and another brother at whom the father was pointing the revolver and

# Story of a Man Who was shot in the back when he tried to intervene.

The last chapter in the career of as Centre county was concerned, was written about three months after the

Vanished and Never

Was Found

fonte was thrown into feverish ex-

itement by the news which con-

inued unabated through the weeks

hat followed the ineffectual efforts

unprovoked and brutal crime were

still fresh in the minds of everyone.

o re-capture the man.

CHILDREN OF ALLEGHENIES' DIES A son of the man who found the He also dreamed a deer lay dead porch, dying immediately. "Lost Children of the Alleghenies" nearby, Troubled about the dreams Legends of the American Indians approximately 80 years ago as the he talked it over with his wife. Sept. 24, 1874, at Millheim, Centre

SON OF MAN WHO FOUND 'LOST

Second of a series of fascinating result of a dream died Saturday Knowing the country well, he is repaintings by a strange, imaginative morning of a stroke in Pavia, Bed- ported to have gone with his brother-in-law to the spot he saw in his to Selinsgrove, he engaged in the reartist, reproduced in Full color. In ford county, at the age of 84. dreams. He was Samuel Dibert, born November 28, 1854, the son of Jacob and There they found the dead chil- his wife, the former Nettie K. Keck, Sarah (Wysong) Dibert.

dren. The deer, too, actually was found, the story relates. It is one of When two Cox children wandered away from their home near the mid-dle of the nineteenth century, they

Victim's Son Gets Estate After killing Mrs. Estella Green, were unheard of for 4 days. Jacob Samuel Dibert is said to have gone liamsport, and three sisters, Mrs. 38. Arthur C. Fuller, 56, her rejected Dibert, residing in Pavia, at the time, daily to the monument crected at the Jennie Bailey. Williamsport; Mrs. suitor, of Los Angeles, committed sui- dreamed of seeing the children lying site of the finding of the lost chil- Annie Whippo, Bellefonte, and Mrs. cide. In Fuller's pockets was found along Bob's creek one night. He dren and related the story of his Katie DuCoty, Akron, O. a will leaving all of his property to had the same dream for the next two father's dream. He was a familiar figure in Pavia. Rober: Green, 14, the woman's son, 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

county jail, the persistent belief regains that the fugitive had help from the outside It is hardly believeable that the man could have vanished so

The father, in the cellar of his World War at Camp George, Geor- who do the work. Not for a Kinghome, adjoining his son's residence. was stricken by a heart attack at 5 ( gia A double funeral was held at 2 shaky ladders; stand in a raw wind o'clock while feeding his hunting o'clock Sunday in First Lutheran while spray from a fire hose soaked dog. The son, called from a nearby Church, Rev. Samuel R. Frost, pas- us to the hide; crawl into a fire and fire company station, reached the tor, officiating. Interment made in the Union cemetery.

house at 5:30 o'clock simultaneously with the family physician. Seeing the doctor, the younge Salona Couple Fisher is reported as having old the physician: "There's no use or you to go in, doctor. My father dead and I'm going to die, too.'

Wed Sixty Years to respect our firemen more. Mod-ern civilization would still be a He collapsed on the steps of the Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Gum- were all it had to offer over cave-George Daniel Fisher was born

mo Observe Wedding Ancounty, the son of Mr. and Mrs niversary, Saturday John Fisher. When he first went tail ice business. He is survived by of Kreamer, and three sons, Roland,

Selinsgrove: Elmer and Womer, at home; three grandchildren, Elwood, Robert and Levone; two brothers. Wallace and Harry Pisher, Wil-

He was a member of the Dauntless Hook and Ladder Company and

the day we were married and we've set of wheels apparently worked out had a stormy life ever since." But of an key rut causing the fatal skid. he added that it has been a happy Accidents happen despite every precaution, and when they do it seems Rosa Gummo, was born May 17, as though the theory of predestina-

dom all our own would we climb

which might be eating the floor out

from under us; court pneumonia,

sudden death and all the other dan-

gers of fire fighting! We've grown

to fear fires less because we've grown

marked success if volunteer firemen

man civilization. Why do they do

the things they do? This depart-

ment doesn't know, but we do hope

we never live to see the day when

One

was smoke filled building hunting a blaze

1857, at Boalsburg and later moved tion has been at work. What is to with her family to Rote where Mr. be-is to be. Gummo courted her in a buggy, just like all the other swalns of that day.

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**Fall By Railing** 

Big Bill Hampton lost a faithful He was born Oct. 28, 1854, at Mack- follower in the sudden death of eyville, then a part of the present Boyd E. Kling, Jr., aged 5 years. Young Kling, whose sled struck a car

Mr. Gummo and his bride began Saturday morning, formerly lived in their married life on a farm and the I. O. O. F. building near this have retained their interest in farm office. While there he was constantlife to this day. From 1885 to 1915 ly in the company of Hampton, who

and pasted paper around the edges operated by his son, George. In 1915 took him to the movies, and patient-of the movable sash and the sill, as the elder couple retired from the ly explained the why and wherefores if to keep out the cold air, but in heavier duties of farm life and moved of a big world. Big Bill was a second father to the youth, and both must

one, too.

**Inmates Slept** 

Worked Cleverly and

Gummo farm. Silently While Other complete vanishment of John Wilson following his escape from the operation. He always took molasses Mr. Gumme farmed the land now took him for walks, bought him candy

they quit making volunteer firemen. Saturday marked the completion of 60 years of married life for Mr. and It is not pleasant to imagine the Mrs. J. Albert Gummo, of Salona, last moments of the two unfortunate

who exchanged their wedding vows boys who drowned Saturday night February 11, 1879, at the M. E. when their car skidded off the road church near Rote, Clinton county, and landed upside down in Spring and who since that time have lived Creek. It was an accident which in the same vicinity. might have happened to any of us. Mr. Gummo, reminiscing about the There was no evidence that they were wedding and the serenading after- speeding or in any way violating any wards, recalls "that it rained all day law, or rule of common sense.

finish the job and robbed the grocery Philadelphia.

### Nail In Neck

Suffering a sever 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'Neil then recalled that, when a child, he had been bit with a board and the nail apparently lodged in Firemen Fight Flames in The circumstances surrounding the his neck then.

### Cat Trouble

Dog Catcher Willie Jones, of Albuovergue, 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 house. I gave up, because I didn't know which cat they wanted of the Jake Bruce residence at caught."

## Cruelty

"He never as much as bought her estimated at \$1,000. a box of snuff." testified the father Spectators who gathered about for his daughter who was seeking the one-time store room found the a divorce at Knoxville, Tenn. "And cold winds from the Beaver Meashe loves snuff better than nearly dows too cold for them. They shivanything." "Decree granted," said ered and soon left but were re-Circuit Judge Hamilton Burnett, placed by others. after considering other charges of non-support.

FIND BOY'S SKULL WAS FRACTURED

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

Neil suffered a severe scalp laceration in the accident in which his sister and brother were also slightly injured The children were sledding on a slight grade near their home when the sled, guided by Neil, struck the rear fender of a car operated by Donald J. Crain. of Philipsburg. The driver did not see the children, who sledded out of a private drive onto the highway. Crain applied his brakes and swerved his car in an effort to miss them.

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 Koepp-Baker, assistant professor of speech at the College

The mobile speech clinics will be conducted under the Extension Services of the College. The first of these Clinics will be held in Butler. where several school districts will cooperate in transporting school children from an extensive area for examination and diagnosis of speech difficulties.

In connection with the clinics, a teacher education program will be carried on in which sound films will be used to demonstrate speech disorders and describe their educational significance.

then went into the bu store of Daniel Belinsky of \$32 at district of Houtzdale, bought the bulcccasioned by the announcement on lets and returned and fired the shot the morning of a day in late Decemwhich carried with it the jail sen- ber, 1890, that the traveling showman, who so foully shot down Harry Waterhouse, had escaped from the ounty fail the night before. Belle-

**Chester Hill Home Destroyed By Fire** Freezing Clutches of

Icy Gale

A thousand spectators braved the cold of an icy gale that prevailed Saturday night to watch firemen from Chester Hill and Philipsburg battle to save adjoining property Chester Hill, as it was quickly de-

stroyed by devouring flames. The

Bruce, father of Jake, that it seemed unbelievable that it could be

saved. The structure which was burned was in former years a store. It was for many years occupied by Peter Custo and is the first house along Presqueisle street after passing the bridge. The building was owned by P. W. Shields, of Pittsburgh. An overheated stove and defective flue was assigned as the Friday night, Feb. 10th, when they cause of the fire.

### PENN STATE ALLUMNUS IS GIVEN HIGH HONOR to greet them with a kitchen show-

er. Many beautiful and useful gifts Dr. Dugald C. Jackson, a graduate were received by the young couple. of the Pennsylvania State College in | At a late hour refreshments were 1885, received the Edison Medal for served, consisting of sandwiches, "outstanding and inspirational lead- cake and coffee. ership in engineering education and The following named were presin the fields of generation and disent: Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Fiedler, tribution of electric power" at the Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ard, Mr. and

recent winter meeting of the Ameri- Mrs. can Institute of Electrical Engineers daughter Roseline; Mrs. Walter in New York City. Dr. Jackson is professor emeritus electrical engineering at the daughter Troola; Mrs. C. L. Boob of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a native of Kennett Square. After graduate study and the private practice of engineering he was appointed professor and head

of the department of electrical en- George Bechtol and children, Legineering at Massachusetts Tech in 1907 **Oil Stove Explodes in Face** 

James Rephart, of Philipsburg, re- Jean Eisenhuth, Earl and Leo Brindle, Harry Auman, Marion Musick, ceived bad burns on his face Tues-Leon Smith, Veryle Sheesley, Iva day afternoon of last week when a coal oil heating stove exploded. He was repairing the heater in a Morrisdale residence when the flaming oil gast, all of Woodward. Mrs. Stewart covered his face. His face was cov- Hosterman and children, Ned. Gorered with lard as a first aid measure don, Jackie, Nancy Ruth and Sara and he was later treated by physi- Jane, of Coburn; Mr. and Mrs.

cians at the Philipsburg State Hos- James Guisewhite and children Rupital.

friends.

his friends but he seldom has any Rebersburg; Mr. and Mrs. James

of his crime. It was 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.

> The conviction prevailed at the time that Wilson was affiliated with an organization of circus employes, and that one or more of its members accompanied the theatrical troupe to Bellefonte. His escape was so timed that they were able to render aid by whisking him away in a vchicle

Whether this conjecture is true or otherwise has never been borne out by fact, but there are many citizens who regard it as plausible

and much interest was centered on the unknown Wilson who had re- was contemplating such an act, nor closed yard at the rear. This was mained a puzzle to the authorities did any mind conceive that it could his point of attack in seeking an ever since his arrest. No one could be accomplished in the clever man- avenue of escape.

account for the obviously cold-blood- ner in which it was carried out. He began his work by forcing an ed slayer of Waterhouse and equally The first person to discover the iron brace from his bedstead. With baffling was the lack of knowledge escape was Mrs. Cook, wife of Sheriff this he slowly and carefully started jail yard stood the scaffold upon concerning Wilson and his past life. Robert Cook, who went into the pris- to dig the morter from between the which Hopkins and Andrews were John Wilson (or Billy Smith as he on about six o'clock in the morning stones at one side of his cell window. hanged the previous February and first called himself) had, as a com- and discovered that the man's cell The dirt he cleverly concealed back April. loss, not covered by insurance, was plete stranger, quietly dropped into was empty. So quietly had the pris- of his closet where a board was torn commissioners had considered re-Bellefonte with the early arrival of oner worked that the other inmates away to conceal it.

Rogers' Circus. A few hours later of the jail declared that they were In order that the crevices might remain until the trial of Wilson was of that eventful day he cooly shot a not aware of the escape and heard not be detected, he always filled it over. Thus, the scaffold that again man to death; and now, as a fitting no distrubance during the night. in with paper and then would white- might have proven the avenging climax to his crime adventure had Wilson was a shrewd, sly fellow, wash the same so that it would not agency of justice for which it was uccessfully dug his way to freedom and for weeks had been carefully be detected from the natural wall, intended, instead became an aid to through the stone wall of his prison. planning his escape. He was con- Lime was furnished him regularly the fleeing murderer.

The announcement of Wilson's fined at the time in an iron cell lo- upon the pretext that he needed it By the use of bed clothes which that of James W. Grace, also of Re-The burning building stood 50 escape was so unexpected as to as- cated on the second floor of the jail, to purify his cell. close to the house occupied by Peter sume a startling effect. No one had A small window secured by two iron A small window sash in the win- tion, Wilson easily climbed to the the slightest idea that the slayer bars, looked out and across the en- dow, when closed, covered up his

KITCHEN SHOWER AT WOODWARD

their respective homes, wishing Mr.

and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bechtol, of lene; Mr. and Mrs. William Bech-

**CENTRE HALL COUPLE GREETED WITH** 

and

and letters.

Centre Hall, were greatly surprised tol, of Centre Hall.

called at the home of the former's

parents, Mr. and Mrs. George

Bechtol at Woodward, and were

greeted by a large crowd awaiting

George Hackenburg

Reffner and children Caris, Donald,

Leah, Mrs. George Stover and

and children Malcolm and Janet

Mrs. Reuben Musser, Mrs. Fletta

Vonada, Mrs. C. E. Kreamer and

son Harwood, Mrs. Harris Stover.

Mrs. Tom Krumrine, Mr. and Mrs.

roy, John. Florence, Harold, Stan-

ley. Kenneth, James and Carl; Le-

roy Boob, Ethel and Guy Fiedler,

Ray and Miriam Burd. Ray and

Watts, Evelyn Brooks, Josephine Striver, M. T. Zubler and Prof. Mc-Call Pestival Committee-Chas. F. Au-

Harold Meyers and Mrs. George C.

Among nine students at the Penn-Spring Mills, the following standing Harry A. Corman; vice president, H. sylvania State College recently elect- committees for the year 1939 were F. Erdley; secretary, C. B. Stover; ed into membership in the College named.

chapter of Alpha Delta Sigma, nat- Publicity and Administrative:--W. ional honorary advertising fraternity, F. McMorran, J. Russell Condo, Prof. were these Centre Countians: Hayes C. M. Watts, Mrs. Guy Corman, Mrs.

J. Darby of State College, junior in Randal Meyers, W. Cal Ziegler, and journalism, and Robert H. Thomp- P. K. Detwiler.

son of State College, funior in arts Entertainment :-- Mrs. Roy Sear- but some who expected to be there but the practice is the beginning of Newspapers and Periodicals, reson, Mrs. W. F. McMorran, Mrs. C. M. are missing. of progress.

reality to prevent anyone from open- to Salona. But, once farmers, always farmers, have benefitted from the relationing it and discovering what he was doing.

the couple couldn't get very far ship-even though one was little from the interest of their early lives. more than a child, and the other a In this way he managed to work out his plan successfully to the end For many Summers Mr. Gummo re- husky war veteran with many an that at last he had an opening in turned to the farm to assist with the interesting story, interestingly told, the wall large enough to allow him work and give advice, culled through always on tap. to crawl through. When the favor- the year, on how to tackle farm prob-

able moment arrived for his flight he lems. Mrs. Gummo "kept her hand PARDON BOARD WILL HEAR had but to pry the iron bars from in" by doing her own housework and the window and squeeze his body canning. Even now the couple, still hardy hrough 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 Car Saved From then followed after. The window was about fifteen feet from the ground from which he dropped with-

out much danger of injury. In the southeastern corner of the Renovo Man Has Narrow Escape When Auto Stops at Brink of 150-ft. Cliff respectively. The county

A Renovo man's car was badly moving it, but decided to allow it to damaged and was only prevented by Lockard. Mr. Wray asked that the guard rail from rolling over a counsel for defense be present so 150 foot cliff on to the railroad tracks that there be no further delays in near Hyner Priday afternoon. Thomas Mazzulla was uninjuted when his car, going west sideswiped

he knotted into a rope-like forma-

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\$80

man, Roy Krumrine, Foster Breon, Pennsylvania Railroad trains were Harry Condo, Mabel Eungard, Mrs.

The Club, though organized only a the tracks. year ago, has had a rapid growth, Mrs. Elma Shearer of Farrandsand its average attendance per meet-

ville received possible internal injuries the same day when her car skidded near there, struck a pole and

The officers for 1939 are: President, caught on fire. The fire was extinguished by men from the Farrandsville CCC camp, but damage reasurer, T. J. Decker, and executive estimated at \$300 was done.

committee, John W. Decker, Harold Stover and B. G. Meyers. not injured.

1939 finds many Japs in China

Buried in Cinders; Lives. Climbing to the top of a silo at East novo, at the crest of a hill. Mazzul- Orange. N. J., to check conveyors la's car skidded to the left, hit a used to cinders, Frank Pauleo, 35, bank, and then swerved to the right apparently lost his balance and sunk knocking down six guard rall posts out of sight into the fifty-tons of before coming to rest. Grace's car cinders in the silo. Six hours later, also skidded against the guard rall. workmen lifted the unconscious man Private Harry Rosenbloom of the, from a hole they had chizeled in the Motor Police said damage to Mazul- side of the silo. Unless pneumonia

ROY LOCKARD PLEA TODAY

Roy T. Lockard's plea for com-

mutation of sentence will be given

another hearing today. this time

before the new board of pardons

sitting in the supreme court room

His sentence stayed repeatedly

since his conviction in the death of

Matthew Karmendi, Jr., 3, in April,

1936, Lockard has been a prisoner

sent the prosecution at the hearing

and will give a review of the com-

monwealth's contentions relative to

District Attorney Chester B. Wray, of Blair county, will repre-

at Harrisburg.

in Blair county jail.

la's car was \$300 and to Grace's car developed, doctors said he had an excellent chance to recover.

ordered to go slow past the scene of Beech Creek Farmer, 83 the accident, but the guard rail held W. Forest DeHaas, Beech Creek and the car did not roll down onto farmer, quietly passed his 83rd

the case.

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 Mrs. Roy Englert, also Farrands- United States decreased during 1938, ville and a passenger in the car was there was an increase of sixty-eight more weekly papers during the same period, according to the annual edi-

By POP MOMAND

Facing facts may be unpleasant tion of N. W. Ayer & Son's Directory cently released

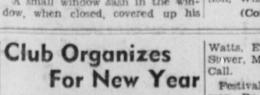
'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' --- Worse and Worse

YEP! ELMORE IS RIGHT! IT'S JEHOS-O-PHAT "MAN HE SURPRISES DID YOU SAY WUXTRY !!-FOOLISH TO GET PANICKT OVER THAT NOTE FROM TH' CAT" BURGLAR --- AFTER ALL, WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE? Y-Y-YES ... A GLA- GLASS OF W-W-WATER -- P. PLEASE WUXTRY !! --BURGLAR ROBBING HIS AND W-W-WOULD YOU PAPER --- READ PAPER, BOY! HOME -- AUTHORITIES CREDIT M-M-MIND HOLDING IT TH' NOTORIOUS "CAT" WITH MURDER --- POSITIVE PROOF FOR ME WHILE I . I .. ALL ABOUT D-DRINK IT? TH' BIG MURDER-POLICE CHIEF TH' CAT-KILLER! TOH! YE GODS! \* 1 4

Orndorf, Beatrice Rishel, Erma Guisewhite and Pete Shrecken-

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fus, Saphrona, Donald and Anna Grace: Russell Frazier, of Spring A selfish man will lend money to Mills; Miss Kathryn Rockey, of Guisewhite, Jr., and daughter Mar-



Spring Mills Civic Group At 12 o'clock all departed for Names Officers, Members of Standing Committees and Mrs. William Bechtol a long

Join Honorary Fraternity

Wednesday evening of last week at



