

**Pipe Explodes** 

lighting up his faithful pipe and settling down to a comfortable smoke, Noah Switzer, of Thomson, Ill., received quite a shock when a .22 cartridge which had accidently become mixed with his tobacco, exploded and blew his pipe to bits. body of a 61-year-old woman of Tar-

# Switzer was uninjured.

Arrests Own Son

Heavy Loot

Two boys trailing a chicken hawk To Charles Baur, veteran police stumbled on the body of the woman, captain, of Passaic, N. J., fell the Mrs. Lyda Hueskins, 1,000 feet from duty of arresting his own son. Pat- her home. A flashlight she had carrick, 28, who was charged with parti- ried lay nearby. cipating in a drug store hold-up. The loot amounted to only \$36. Neighbors hunted for the woman's

body for two weeks, finally abandoning the starch in the belief it would not be found until the snow thawed

Victim Had Disappeared Into

a Blizzard a Month Ago,

Led by a "Vision"

Melting snows yielded the frozen

antum, who disappeared into a bliz-

zard a month ago, led by a vision of

her stepson stranded in a snowdrift.

Finds \$300 In Rags While reading a Bible on the night Unwinding a roll of carpet rags, of January 13, Mrs. Hueskins told Mrs. Bernard Beavin, of Harlins- her husband she had envisioned the burg, Ky., found three small balls stepson, Ronald Turner of Youngsof paper. Each contained a \$100 town, O. stranded on the highway

without gasoline for his automobile. Brushing aside her husband's protests and pleas, she took the flashlight and a half-gallon can of gaso-The gunman who held up Francis line and set out. She was never seen

Matthes, telephone coin box collecagain. tor, at Chicago, arrived in a hurry A check disclosed the stepson had but his departure was slow because of the loot-\$100 worth of nickels. been at home all that night.

**Girl Gives Life** 

The recently announced purpose of presenting the Bellefonte Public Library with a portrait of Governor A. G. Curtin will meet with the unanimous approval of every patriotic citizen of the community. In

by a passing motorist.

connection with the honor thus bestowed upon our distinguished War Governor, we submit a brief history of his life and career

Andrew Greeg Curtin was born al

ANDREW GREGG CURTIN

Noted throughout the country as the "War Governor of Pennsylvania," Andrew Gregg Curtin became chief executive at a time when the Commonwealth was very much in need of the services of an able and patriotic man. Serving as Governor from Jan. 15, 1861 to Jan. 15, 1867, Mr. Curtin's loyaltymand devotion had much to do with the maintenance of the Union.

Governor Curtin aided greatly in establishing the public schools a solid basis. It was through normal schools for the training of teachers were established in this State

mer Anna Klinger, of Bush Addi- enroute from Philadelphia to Pitts- Thompson's term as president of the to the extent it is in operating concompany. Chief engineers on the dition when needed, not just when two children, Joyce, 2, and Janice, The tunnel was built chiefly to eli- job were Edward Miller and H. there is an opportunity for parade

> supervisor. Conservation Depart-

writers, will be of interest to all of

the call of the nation if needed.

## A Far-Sighted Movement

These troops were offered to the War Department, but again refused. until in July the situation about Washington became alarming, and the Secretary began calling frantically for the aid he had despised. And when the army of McDowell

ed to Washington and gave the as-

surance that the capital was safe.

furnished to the National Govern

tion organized \$7,000 for domestic

Elected to Second Term

and especially the sentiment of the

soldiers, would not listen to it, and

During the war he organized and

was routed at Bull Run it was the Pennsylvania Reserves that march-

follows: 22 Delawanda Drive Worcester, Mass Peb. 13, 1939. The Centre Democrat,

Office Department has offered a reward of \$4.000 for their capture. Bellefonte, Pa. They are not known to be in this Gentlemen: section but the department feels

I am sending you under separate that an automobile can take people that an automobile can take people cover. "The Great Hurricane and anywhere and such a section as this Tidal Wave-Rhode Island." and may be selected by the bandits to while we do not agree in politics I hide in. believe we will all agree that Rhode

The brothers were born in the Island and the rest of New England south and still retain some southern met with disaster unequalled in accent and mannerisms. They dress modern times. well, drive good cars, and may not -The pictures will represent the be traveling together.

coast from New London, Conn., to Their ages are 29 and 37 respec- the Cape Cod canal. The tidal wave (Continued on name four) high as 28 II. in some places. and while the pictures are mostly along the shore, destruction inland **Bandits Escape** was equally severe. In Worcester more than 4000 shade rees on the streets were blown over **After Stealing Car** not counting trees in yards. Two high schools were completely demolished and many, many more Make Get-Away After Robbuildings destroyed. About every tenth house had the roof ripped off bing Curwensville Man and every sixth house had a chimner of \$100 blown over. It is estimated that two billion feet of timber was blown over Stealing a car in Clearfield two in Mass. The Howard forest estibandits robbed a Curwensville man mated at 7 million feet was blown

tion. Bellefonte, who survives with burgh. three months. He is also survived minate the hazardous crossing of the Haupt. John Butler & Sons were the or display.

by his parents and two brothers and Allegheny Mountains by way of the contractors and Thomas Seabrook a sister: Donald and Ruth. of Ly- previously state-owned Allegheny- and Thomas Reilly served as engin- observations of Mr. Fleming, who is onstown, and Malcolm, of Fleming- Portage Railroad, connecting link cers. ton. Mr. Stover and his family had with the old Pennsylvania Canal, and Work on the tunnel was done en- ment National Board of Fire Under-

Pennsylvania.

(Continued on page four) to afford quicker transportation be-

**RECOLLECTIONS of a WAR GOVERNOR** 

(Continued on page four)

Believing that the thoughts and

ocioe no mail. thers, Ray and Floyd, and of their accomplice, a 24 year old woman, is

The boy was rushed to the hospital portation in the western part of sea level, highest main line point of stances and fail in others. The anthe Pennsylvania Railroad system. swer will be found in the statement Harold Stover, who died at 5:30 First big railroad tunnel construc-o'clock Thursday morning, was the ed in the United States, states the started on October 14, 1851, when fire insurance official, who explains son of William and Catherine Bath- Gallitzin tunnel was completed on Samuel Vaugh Merrick was serving that any system of fire drill set up urst Stover, of Lyonstown, Centre February 15, 1854, and the first train as first president of the P. R. R. It to save children from death or incounty. He was married to the for- chugged through on the same date was completed during John Edgar jury is important and valuable only

an emergency arises. This fact may the body of the truck. Feeling the nel, located at Gallitzin, marking Total length of the tunnel is 3,750 bring up the question as to why fire impact, Weyandt stopped his truck, the beginning of a new era of trans- feet. It is located 2,158 feet above drills work effectively in some in-

All City and Rural Carriers

of This Section Asked to Co-operate

Every postoffice in this section was notified last week to be on the lookout for a pair, or trio, of murderers and postoffice robbers. All employees particularly city, village, and rural carriers are asked to consider any new residents on their routs who have arrived since Octo-

unknown but the United States Post

man's car approaching.

which swept over Rhode Island on September 21, 1938. The booklet. published by the Providence Journal Company, shows damage far beyond what most of us had imagined, again

upholding the truth of the old axom that one picture is worth ten thousand words. For the highly interesting pictorial record of the great disaster we are indebted to the writer of the letter, C. W. Walker, of Worcester, Mass. His letter, which

great hurricane and tidal wave

ber 1. A survey has been asked made for those receiving mail and those living in the district who rerelates his own harrowing experi-The whereabouts of the Bruce bro-

ences in the unprecedented storm.

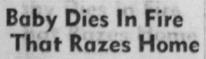
ED. NOTE:-The following letter accompanied an interesting booklet containing scores of pictures of the

NEW PURSUIT PLANE DIVES 575 MILES PER HOUR

Travelling faster than any manopelled machine has ever travel- Rushed Into Burning Home in led before, a new Curtiss-Hawk pursuit plane which the Curtiss Wright Corporation constructed for the French air force, recently exceeded all known speed records with a free dive of more than 575 m. p. m., according to a statement made public recently by the organization's Rockefeller Center offices in New York. Experts believe the plane even ex- Lewistown. Mrs. Corson was safe ceeded 600 m. p. m., since the speed outside was so great that the recording marker moved off the graph paper. The new plane is similar to the standard pursuit plane of the U.S. Army air corps, and is one of a large flaming building. Alice, apparently number constructed for the French thinking her mother had returned Government.

Cleaning up in Clinton County.

Five Clinton County service station operators were arrested last Friday morning by Pennsylvania Motor Police from Williamsport in a series of raids against punch TO OBSERVE WORLD DAY boards and one-cent gambling machines. Informations were filed with Alderman T. Mark Brungard charg. ing the following with operating observed by the Missionary organiza- and when it came to the great close until his election in October. and Earl Hyde, both of Avis: Friday, February 24. Blanche Barner of Mill Hall, and Donald Passell and Thomas R. Sear- of a union service in the Presbyteri- party was recognized. foss of Flemington. The defendants an church of Port Matilda at 2:30 will be ordered to appear before Al- p. m. All interested persons are derman Brungard for a hearing, cordially invited. The several Misone-cent gamfoing machines are nity are cooperating in the service. said to have been confiscated.



Tiny Victim Cremated in Crib as Two Other Children

### Are Rescued

An 18-months old baby was burned to death and two families made neless Thursday morning when fire of undetermined origin destroyed a double house at Red Row on the Sugar Run road in Blair county near Gallitzin

The tiny victim, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reagan, was cremated in a crib in the kitchen of the dwelling as two other children of the family were taken to safety.

The fire broke out about 10:30 Lewis Strunk, of Lamar, is a pao'clock and spread so quickly that the Reagan side and that occupied tient at the Lock Haven Hospital by Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham suffering from a compound fracture was doomed before the arrival of of the left leg above the ankle. Mr the Gallitzin fire company. Discovered by neighbors, it was not determined whether the fire was stumbled into a hole, and the team

heated stove. Mrs. Reagan was vis-

delightful series by a well known and will retain this position as well, work. Because of the flames which en- artist, reproduced in full color. Look combining the duties of the two ofveloped the kitchen, neighbors, who for this feature in the March 5th fices without increase in salary. The were able to get out two Reagan issue of The American Weekly, dis- Colonel has a distinguished record children, failed to get to the crib tributed with the Baltimore Sunday as a folklorist and historian and is where the 18-month-old child was American. On sale at all news- a member of the Pennsylvania Hisstands.

Beilefonie on April 22, 1816. His father, Roland Curtin, who had **To Save Mother** ome to America from the North of Ireland in 1793, was one of the

pioneers of the iron industry in central Pennsylvania. Unnecessary Attempt to

Save Parent

he afterwards established a furnace Alice Corson, 7, gave her life ning of the great industry that Corson, from their burning home at made ironmasters of this region rich and famous. He married as his

Awakened by smoke, Mrs. Corson had led Alice and her two other children out of the house. Then she tled here. walked around to the rear of the Young Curtin a Scholar

**BUSINESS DOWN IN 1938.** 

PENN STATE SURVEY SHOWS

The survey covers all important

Pennsylvania cities and industrial

areas in a month-by-month report

debits than in 1937, Building permit

values were higher than those of

1937 in nine zones. No area in the

state had higher payrolls or better employment than it did in 1937. The

same was true for newspaper ad-

vertising lineage. Ten of the 26 leading cities of the state, however,

had higher postal receipts in 1938

than the year before. Retail sales

Shoemaker Gets New Post

on the leading business series.

to the house, rushed back in herself. Her blackened body was found in

the ruins several hours later. Mrs. Corson, suffering from burns about the body, was removed to Lewistown Hospital.

The World Day of Prayer will be

This recognition will take the form leader and his position in the Whig

Altoona Woman Kills Self Mrs. Mary Irene Johnson, 25, who gave attendants at Altoona Mercy

hospital her address as 1813 Eighth 1938 was approximately 17 per cent avenue, died at the institution last Thursday night of acute arsenic soning. She was a housekeeper.

Deputy Coroner Chester H. Wagner, who listed the case as a suicide, said he was told the woman was despond- at the Pennsylvania State College.

# ent over an impending operation.

# Named Assistant

Dr. P. C. Weaver, associate professor of education and assistant director of the summer sessions at the Pennsylvania State College, has been named administrative assistant to the dean of the School of Education. The designation was ap-

proved by the board of trustees at its last meeting, according to President Ralph D. Hetzel.

Suffers Lcg Fracture

throughout the state were lower Strunk was using horses to skid logs

for his Summer wood when he Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, of Mc-Elhattan, has been named director caused from the flue or an over- drew a log over his leg.

of the State Museum at Harrisburg by Dr. Lester K. Ade, superinteniting nearby when the blaze was dis- Legends of The American Indians dent of public instruction. Col. covered and her husband was at his The third and last painting of a Shoemaker has been state archivist

than in 1937.

torical Commission.

of dark hair and lighted by flash- wealth when he came into office in ment 367,482 soldiers, and in addiing eyes, with a clear voice and January, 1861.

call

Early in the century the elder fluent speech and a fund of ready Curtin built a forge on Bald Eagle humor, he was an ideal campaign-Creek near Bellefonte, and then er. In 1848 he was a presidentia elector on the Taylor ticket. In 1852

the first with one exception, in he was again on the electorial tic-Monday in an unnecessary attempt all this region-that was the begin- ket and two years later he had be come widely recognized as the proper candidate of his party for Governor. Curtin, however, stood aside second wife, the daughter of An- for Pollock, who was selected Gov-

drew Gregg, who had removed to ernor and made Curtin his secre-Bellefonte shortly after Curtin set- tary of state.

# Elected Governor in 1860

He was eloquent upon the stump The boy thus came of good stock in the early campaigns of the Unon both sides. He had every advanion Republican party, and when the tage of education that the schools slavery issue finally shaped itself and academies of interior Pennsylin the critical election of 1860, Curvania could afford, and began the tin was chosen to lead the battle study of law with William W. Potas the Republican candidate for

ter, then of Bellefonte, going after-Governor of Pennsylvania. wards to the law school of Dickin-

son College. He was admitted to Curtin entered at once upon He became interested in politics, with enthusiasm, and that did not

gambling devices: William Weakland tion of Port Matilda and vicinity on campaign for Henry Clay, in 1844, by a majority of 32,000 over Henry he was already recognized as a D. Foster.

Curtin As a War Governor

Hurt in Fall From Train

Slipping from the tender of a loco-

motive at the Osceola Mills engine

Became Secretary of State can hardly appreciate the gravity

Seventeen punch boards and two sionary societies in that commu- handsome face crowned by masses the Governor of this Common- fifteen regiments, to be subject to

Some of the Southern States had defense. already declared their secession from the Union. and others were When his first term drew to a trembling in the balance. The atticlose in 1863, Governor Curtin detude of the Federal Government

termined to retire, his health havhad been vacillating and was still ing suffered severely in the three indecided. More than ever was years' strain. President Lincoln Pennsylvania the keystone of the wrote him a letter offering him a Federal arch, and the whole country mission abroad, and his withdrawal looked to its action to indicate the course upon which the future was as a candidate was publicly announced. But popular sentiment, to take

Mobilized Pennsylvania's Troops

when the Republican convention Although the quota for Pennsylvania under the Federal call for met. Curtin, in spite of his refusal, was unanimously re-nominated, and troops was quickly filled, Governor Curtin issued a proclamation for in the following October was re-25,000 men, to serve for three years elected Governor by an immense holdup.

or during the war. This call was majority. When Grant became President he the holdup when Tom Sickling, a made without authority or knowlappointed Curtin Minister to Rusedge of President Abraham Lincoln, or the Secretary of War, and, to the sia, but after a brief though brilliant of Curwensville called police saying OF PRAYER AT PORT MATILDA practice in 1839, and soon acquired brilliant personal canvass of the surprise of Governor Curtin, the career in the diplomatic service in two men had made him turn over a reputation as an eloquent pleader. State that was long remembered first communication received from that country, resigned his mission Washington was a refusal to receive abroad in 1872 and returned home. wards DuBols.

and were not sent home. On the various business interests. Such a contrary, the Governor, under auth- man, however, could not long be al-Pennsylvanians of the present day ority granted by the Legislature at lowed to remain inactive in public his suggestion, proceeded at once affairs, and in 1878 the Democrats Tall, lithe and graceful, with of the situation which expfronted to organize them into a corps of of the Centre district nominated a revolver and told Sickling to hand

> car up. The two speeded away. A motor policeman coming in BE 4000 YEARS OLD from his patrol saw the car crash into a sign and the occupants run

of \$100 Saturday night near there, over to the last tree. crashed the stolen car into a sign The Worcester parks were all deand fled when they saw a patrol- stroyed, pine trees three feet in diameter are now being sawed into

A dragnet has been spread over lumber at two of the parks. the outskirts of DuBois as police I was out in the entire storm tryjoined in the search for the two ing to get home and had many narrobbers who are said to have used row escapes. A slate blew off a roof an old rusty revolver, incapable of and passed right through my windaccurate shooting, in their daring shield cutting a hole in my cost sleeve. Another slate cut into a tree

The police were first notified of four inches. I missed a number of falling trees and chimneys and when I reached home found all my trees resident of a rural section outside down, house roof badly damaged and garage roof totally destroyed. We don't complain, we got off 35 \$100 cash and then speeded off to-

much better than many others.

I feel that many people outside New England don't realize the dam-Sickling first noticed the car containing the bandits parked near a age done in hurricane and tidal gasoline pump he owns. Thinking they were motorists in trouble he wave last September and I am sending a number of these books to my went to their aid and saw two men friends in Penns.

Yours very truly C. W. WALKER.

Fruit Prices Low in Arizona Tuscon, Ariz., Feb. 4.

The Centre Democrat, Bellefonte, Pa., Gentlemen:

I can hardly wait from one week to

New ways to prepare food-menus have a snow ball battle. It has been

that are tasty-helpful hints for the quite cool here ever since the snow

By POP MOMAND

OFFICER DOLAN -- GO HOME WITH MR. BOWERS STAY THERE DAY AND NIGHT UNTIL I GIVE CRIMINAL AT LARGE IN THE CITY! WE DIDN'T THINK MIGHTY FINE OF YOU, CHIEF. I'M GOING TO IT WAS ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT NOTHING --- WE DON'T KNOW WHO HE S OR WHEN HE'LL STRIKE NEXT!! I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU, MR J UNTIL WE READ FEEL A LOT YOU FURTHER ORDERS HE WAS A SAFER NOW! ) KILLER-BOWERS, YOUR LIFE IS IN CHE NOUR SIGHT DANGER ...

BEEN VERY INEASY ABOUT A THREATENING NOTE EDDIE RECEIVED THEY ARE IN CONFERENCE WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE ---

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(Continued on page four) BREAD DISCOVERED TO

Business in Pennsylvania during yard early last Saturday morning. Soft foods such as bread, cake, pie, milk and cooked vegetables do consumed by the human race. An old rusty revolver believed to and the State of Pennsylvania.

1938 was approximately 17 per cent below that of 1937 as all important indices fell, it is revealed in the Pennsylvania Business Survey, is-at the Pennsylvania State College. The Pennsylvania State College. ground. He was picked up and taken to the Philipsburg State Hos-pital where he was found to be suffering from a broken left arm and teeth to cause fermentation and uffering from a broken left arm and teeth to cause fermentation and

bruises of the back. It is believed acid production. For example, mod-that Lewis slipped on some coal ern white bread is made with milk bread by scientists showed that it features that appear regularly in back in Bellefonte.

was almost at a standstill when the which are necessary for strong cake and an eclair were also discov-accident occurred. (Continued on page four) 'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' - Eddie Gets a Bodyguard

But one city showed larger bank and fell outside of the tender and is a good source of the food was quite similar to our modern The American Weekly, distributed Grapefruit bere are selling for 7 and fell to the ground. The train minerals calcium and phosphorous, bread. In addition to the bread, a with the Baltimore Sunday Ameri-

DINCE A RECENT YES-YES -- IT MURDER, WHICH CHECKS EXACTLY WITH OTHER NOTES THAT HAVE FALLEN INTO OUR HANDS- NO ARE ATTRIBUTING CAT BURGLAR, DOUBT ABOUT IT- THIS ELMORE HAVE YOU SHOULD HAVE SHOWN ME THIS

SOFT FOODS DO NOT CAUSE TOOTH DECAY

indices fell, it is revealed in the injured when he fell eight feet to the recent findings of Dr. James A.



any of the regiments under the new Apparently now out of politics. But the men were already in camp Bellefonte to devote himself to his

Governor Curtin settled down at