

At Last He Dies

As a Confederate spy in the Civil War, James Smith, of Cincinnati, was captured by the Northern forces and sentenced to be shot. He escaped on the eve of his execution. At Gettysburg he was so badly wounded his comrades left him for dead on the field of battle. He revived as he was being lowered into a trench in a mass funeral and avoided being buried alive by wriggling a finger to the startled grave-diggers. Started across the Potomac River to a small hospital, he was upset and Smith almost drowned. Instead, the water washed his infected wounds clean and actually sped his recovery. After three such eventful escapes death came quietly to James Smith last week at the age of 101.

Snail Captures Snake

This time the snake stuck his nose into the wrong place—into the shell of a snail, which clamped the shell down on the snake's head and killed it. The small animal, the snake, still held fast in death, were exhibited in the game commissioner's office at Harrisburg last week. Preserved in formaldehyde, they will be turned over to the state museum. Capture of a snake, by a snail is a "very unusual" occurrence, the commission said. The snake, about 18 inches long, was of the common variety known as the milk snake, or house snake. The snail trapped the snake by bringing a hinged inner shell against the outer shell, squeezing its head between them.

Everything Free

Denver, Colo. voters were flocking to the support of Bishop Frank H. Rice, of the Liberal Church, Inc.—the eccentric clergyman announced. And no wonder. Bishop Rice is a candidate in the primary in the May election. He is distributing literature promising, among other things: Free gasoline and oil; free coal; free medical service—to all persons on relief and to families whose total income is less than \$25 a week. The bishop does not explain how he is going to secure funds to furnish all this free service.

Wedding Picketed

A fashionable church wedding held at St. Louis, was picketed Saturday night. Jilted—someone claimed. But instead of being a heart-broken suitor it was a labor union that objected. The pickets were "not interested" in the marriage of Marcia Grocock and J. T. Vaughan, but paraded in front of the Protestant Episcopal church in protest against erection by non-union workers of a sidewalk canopy that shielded several hundred guests from the rain.

Profitable

Owen (Owney) McManis, well known sportsman of Pittsburgh, profited when robbers broke into his restaurant. Making an early morning checkup, he so badly frightened two men who had 75 bottles of whiskey ready to carry out, they left a profit of \$200. McManis said two of the weapons had been stolen from him in a similar robbery.

Mail Must Go

A letter dispatched via carrier pigeon from Chester, Pa.—some 100 miles away—returned by mail, because: Somewhere enroute the pigeon was killed by a hawk. Near Stroudsburg, Peter Devore saw the hawk on a fence and killed it with a rock. He found the pigeon in the hawk's claws and returned the letter.

Problem Too Big

Officials of the General Electric Company at Schenectady are confronted with a new problem. From a little girl in New York came a postcard which read: "Will you kindly send me a little sample of electricity, if you can spare it. We are studying about it in geography."

Careless?

District Judge Arthur Thomsen wrote J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, for information on finger prints. He got it with this comment: "It may interest you to know, judge, that on your letterhead you list 36 fingerprints, and on the envelope, 14."

Popeye Married

Popeye, the sailor finally won his fair lady, Olive Oyle, Arch Mercer, 24, who speaks for Popeye in movie cartoons and Margie Hines, 21, who speaks the pieces Olive Oyle flies back at him, were wed March 3 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Wimpy and Sweet Pea weren't present.

Gets One-Day Sentence

Blaine East, 22 of Mahaffey, Clearfield county, got off with a one day jail sentence at Pittsburgh, for parole violation. Beatty who was placed on probation in March, 1936, had served 96 days on a state charge of defrauding St. Colgate Inn keeper of a \$28 room bill, agents said. Judge Schoonmaker also revoked the parole.

Has License Revoked

Eight revocations, seven suspensions and seven dismissals have been announced by the State Liquor control board. They included: Revocation—Andy Paniek, new beer garden, Snow Shoe township, Clarence, Centre county.

Tolerance means permitting other people to decide for themselves, what is right and what is wrong, with the proviso that they must not injure others or interfere with their similar privileges.

Correct this sentence: "I intend to be at the meeting but the whole thing slipped my mind."

STATE GAME BOARD DISPELS BELIEF THAT DEER 'SHEDS' ITS LIVER

Research Discloses No Such Phenomenon Occurring—May Arise From Fact of Animal Having No Gall Bladder

Is it true that a deer sheds its liver each year in the same manner as a buck renews its horns? The center who asked for information several weeks ago through these columns raised an interesting point of discussion, which up to this time seems to be preponderantly negative. From the many replies to the question received by this newspaper not one bears any knowledge of a deer's anatomy undergoing the suggested change. On the other hand, neither has any one offered substantial proof that a change of some kind does not take place. From so reliable a source as the Pennsylvania Game Commission comes the following reply to the question, directed to the office of the Board in Harrisburg:

Harrisburg, March 8, 1939. Editor Centre Democrat, Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Sir: Executive Director Seth Gordon has asked the writer to reply to your letter of March 2nd. There is positively no evidence to justify the belief that a deer loses its liver every year and we are at a loss to understand how a myth of this kind should have begun. Possibly it was started by the fact that a deer does not have a gall bladder. So far as our research men are able to determine, a deer never loses its liver, although it may continue to grow and change as the vital organs in the body of a human being or an animal.

While the information contained in the above letter should be sufficient to settle the controversy, there are several of our readers still inclined to the opposite theory. One exponent refers to the absence of a deer's gall bladder, which allows the animal to eat laurel during the winter months without being poisoned. He claims that when the deer starts eating other varieties of green food in the spring, the liver dries up and disappears, to be renewed in the fall. Along the same line of reasoning are the observations of Lloyd Berger, of Moshannon, who is an experienced deer hunter. He informs us that in three of the animals he has killed he found each containing what closely resembled a double liver. He stated that the (apparently) old one, in the form of a large clot of blood, was found next to the stomach with the new liver on top.

Waiting for somebody who fails to show up at the expected time is a tiresome business. A male deer loses its horns every year but there is no other physical change annually that we know of. Very truly yours, CHAS. F. STAMBAUGH, Chief Law Enforcement Clerk.

Woman's Body Found In Reservoir

Suicide Seen in Death of Young Mother of Three Children at Altoona

Mrs. Agnes M. White, 25, mother of three children, who resided at Sixth avenue, Altoona, was found drowned last Wednesday morning in the city maintained high-pressure reservoir. The case was listed as suicide. The wife of King W. White, Mrs. White was last seen Tuesday noon but it was not determined how long her body lay at the bottom of the reservoir before being discovered by John S. Hudson, inspector of the city electrical bureau.

Her identity was gleaned from insurance and other papers in a worn brown pocketbook found by Mr. Hudson on the edge of the reservoir. No marks which might indicate foul play were found on the body. The husband informed the coroner that his wife had been shopping Monday, purchasing a new hat, coat and shoes, the latter item being found on the feet of the woman. The hat and coat were found in the family's second story apartment.

White said his wife had kissed him goodbye as usual when he left for work at 6:45 o'clock Tuesday morning, but revealed that Saturday night she had said "Some day, King you will come home and find me missing."

Gregg Township Republicans Meet

Large Gathering of Club Members Held in Grange Hall

The monthly meeting of Young Republicans of District Seven was held at Spring Mills, Thursday, March 2nd. Gregg township acted as host to Young Republicans club and invited individuals from surrounding communities. The meeting was held in the Grange Hall which was filled to capacity. The business meeting which was conducted by chairman Harry Byrd, was held in the Grange auditorium where various County Chairmen, Precinct Chairmen and Vice Chairmen and officers combined to make the meeting one of the largest and most interesting of the season at which many new membership cards were issued.

Following the business meeting the group was invited to the second floor social rooms where an abundance of refreshments were served to about 200 people, after which Chinese checkers, tournaments, hearts and 500 games progressed. Haines township extended an invitation for the next regular monthly meeting in April which will be a continuation of the visitation meetings being held in the various townships of District Seven for all Republicans.

Gov. James Says New Taxes May Be Necessary

Governor Arthur H. James says it "may be necessary to assess new taxes" to carry on Pennsylvania's state government. The governor heretofore had taken the position that no new taxes should be levied, that recommended enactment of the entire bracket of emergency taxes assessed by the former Earle administration. The emergency taxes are calculated to yield \$163,000,000 a biennium. "Unless business conditions improve, and relief rolls decrease, it may be necessary to assess new taxes," Governor James declared.

The Surest Sign of Spring



RARE DISEASE VICTIM SAVED OWN LIFE BY SAVING OTHERS

Saving lives is his profession—and by that profession he is saving his own life. James M. Murphy, of Seattle, Wash., 54-year-old former ship's steward, suffers from a rare disease. His body manufactures too many red corpuscles—so many he will die if he doesn't lose them by giving free blood transfusions. In the two years since he was stricken by the malady, Murphy has given nearly 40 transfusions, nearly five gallons of his own blood. Before he contracted the disease, Murphy has been around the world seven times. His illness now keeps him from doing any hard work. Walking two blocks uphill tires him completely. Altitudes, however slight, cause his heart to pound.

THE LIMBER, LUMBER-YARD GHOST

Had Neighborhood in Terror For Several Months Spooks Are Spooks The World Over

Ghost stories are read by most folks with much relish, which is the one reason for the appearance of this one. Ever since the early history of mankind ghosts have existed, either in reality or in the imagination of the human mind. Ghosts are not confined to one locality, but are reputed to exist the world over, and are supposed to be the disembodied spirits of the dead. In Centre county, as well as in all other localities where a murder has been committed, or is supposed to have been committed, ghosts may be expected to stalk about at the midnight hour—unless, but go ahead and read the story.

Motion Pictures, Review of General Benner's Life Feature Meeting Here

A series of interesting motion pictures showing the work being done by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission in the restoration of historical landmarks, and a comprehensive review of General Philip Benner's life by J. Thomas Mitchell, Bellefonte attorney, featured a meeting held by the Centre County Historical society at the Court House last Thursday night. The meeting was conducted by Philip Wion, representing the County Historical Society, while Prof. S. K. Stevens, of State College, presented and explained the motion pictures. The program opened with three numbers by the capella choir of the Bellefonte Methodist Episcopal church, with Mrs. Philip Wion directing.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES'—Eddie Has Misgivings



MOTHER, SON FOUND DEAD OF POISON GAS IN ALTOONA GARAGE

Husband Discovers Tragedy After Returning From Business Trip to New York; Victims Were Seated In Family Car

Apparently the victims of carbon monoxide poisoning, the bodies of Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, 50, a native of Centre County, and her son, Roscoe David, Jr., 10, were found early Saturday morning in the automobile in the garage at the rear of their home, 3409 Broad avenue, Altoona. The tragedy was discovered by the husband, Roscoe Johnson, Sr., a short time after he had returned from a New York business trip. Coroner Chester C. Rothrock, of Blair county, learned that mother and son had visited in Hollidaysburg Friday night and that the boy was sleeping on the back seat of the car when they made their departure. When the bodies were found, it was discovered that the motor of the car had stopped, due to a lack of gasoline.

Seek Blond Robber. A beautiful blonde dressed in red who robbed Allen Black, 51, Youngstown, Ohio, truck driver of \$1040 at DuBois, is being sought by state police. Black gave the woman the money for safe keeping. She is said to have disappeared.

Altoona Getting Smoky. Altoona has dethroned Pittsburgh as the "Smoky City" although neither spot is desirous of the dubious honor. In Pittsburgh the sun shines 56 per cent of the time while Altoona has a 42 per cent sunlight average.

Dismiss Teacher At Lock Haven

School Board Finds Mrs. Rose Flynn Scher Guilty on Three Counts

Immediate dismissal of Rose Flynn Scher from the public school teaching staff was voted unanimously by the Lock Haven Board of Education at a special meeting last week. Sitting in jury-like seclusion, the board deliberated for more than an hour and a half on the five charges against the teacher, which Mrs. Scher was charged at recent board meetings. Three charges were found true by the following votes: Incompetence, unanimous; immorality, 6 to 1, and willful and persistent negligence, 4 to 2. Two impropriate and mental derangement, were ignored. A. H. Lipetz, attorney for Mrs. Scher, announced the case would be appealed to court. Thirty days are allowed for such appeal. Mrs. Scher was notified of her dismissal with salary "as of today."

Scorned Shot and Beating With Baseball Bat

In after years the Flannigan residence was torn down to make room for a better one, and in digging out the cellar a human skeleton was found with a bullet hole in the skull. The ghost investigators came to the conclusion that the ethereal body so frequently seen in that locality was the restless spirit of one of the murdered men. In the meanwhile the ghost, whether in spirit form or in the imagination of the many worried minds, continued to demoralize the neighborhood, and many schemes were devised to "lay it" without avail. At last two of the braver male residents decided to get that ghost, or suffer the consequences of whatever a ghost has to offer in the way of vengeance. Pretending their disbelief in disembodied spirits, hob-goblins, or long-necked things, each put a rabbit foot in his pocket, and one armed himself with a revolver and the other with a baseball bat.

Random Items

Story of the Week: When the Bellefonte School Board met Monday night, Supervising Principal Earl K. Block tossed a half dollar on the board table with the declaration: "That coin has a history!" He then related that several days ago a woman, who as a girl some 12 years ago attended the Bellefonte High school, appeared at his office, gave him the half dollar and declared that one day when Miss Helen Mackey was in charge of the home economics department at the high school she (the student) and several other classmates were assigned to do some cleaning work in the kitchen. While in the performance of their task, she and they lunched on some pineapple juice and pretzels pilfered from the school's stock. The fifty cents, the woman added, was to pay for the food they ate. Mr. Block declared he told the woman to give the money to some charity, but she insisted that he take it and turn it over to the milk fund or some other similar school activity. The Principal added that nearly every time a revival service is held in Bellefonte or vicinity, some consciousness-stricken former student returns a textbook, an inkwell, or some other article of school property stolen, in some cases, many years before.

Dismiss Teacher At Lock Haven

Harry C. Yeager, of North Spring street, well known local shoe merchant, is going to the St. Patrick's Day banquet of the Ondine Fire Company tomorrow night, and he isn't going as a guest, either. Mr. Yeager has always been an ardent supporter of the fire companies, but he never thought much about joining one of the companies. However, when he heard of the plans for this year's banquet he recalled that along about 1888 the Ondine Company made a drive for funds and that person contributing \$20 were given a life membership in the organization. He had a faint recollection that he had contributed \$20 at that time, so he asked the Undine secretary to determine whether he is still a member. The secretary dusted off the old files, and found that person contributing \$20 were given a life membership in the organization. He had a faint recollection that he had contributed \$20 at that time, so he asked the Undine secretary to determine whether he is still a member. The secretary dusted off the old files, and found that person contributing \$20 were given a life membership in the organization. He had a faint recollection that he had contributed \$20 at that time, so he asked the Undine secretary to determine whether he is still a member.

Cheese Stuffed Potatoes

If you're looking for something tasty to serve during this Lenten season, why not try this recipe for Cheese Stuffed Potatoes which has been especially prepared in the Sealest Laboratory Kitchen at Rockefeller Center. The ingredients are: three large baked potatoes, butter, salt and pepper, one-half teaspoon of ground sage, one cup of hot milk, three-quarters of a cup of cottage cheese, and two teaspoons of chopped chives. Cut the potatoes in half-lengthwise, scoop out the inside and mash. Then add melted butter, salt and pepper to taste. Add the sage and hot milk and beat until the potatoes are smooth. Add the cottage cheese and chives and pile in the potato shells. Bake in a moderately hot oven for about twenty-five minutes.

Dynamite Cap Pierces Mahaffey Boy's Eye

The youthful experiments of his brothers may cost John Snyder, of Mahaffey, R. D. who was struck in the eye with a dynamite cap the night of his left eye. The youth was drying dishes on the opposite side of the room from his brothers when the cap which was rigged up to two dry cell batteries and exploded. Several pieces of metal pierced the boy's chest and eye. The brothers who were conducting the dynamite cap experiment were not injured. The youngsters were rushed to the Clearfield hospital where attendants said the boy was in no danger but that the sight of the eye would be impaired.

Housewife's Food Almanack

A gastronomic calendar with comment on food ideas for various days of the month. Don't miss this helpful feature in the March 26th issue of The American Weekly, distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all progressive newsstands.

Random Items

Bellefonte Had Record Low Per Capita Fire Loss Last Year—this headline stared from a time-worn local newspaper in a shed where an employe of this newspaper found it the other day. The headline referred to a report made by the late John J. Bower, Fire Marshal, covering the work of the fire department during 1938. The total fire loss in the borough was \$2,810, or a per capita loss of only 1-4 cent for the year. The report is significant in view of the fact that this February alone the total fire loss in the borough was more than \$215,000, making a per capita loss for the month of approximately \$43.

From the Trian Metal Company

comes an interesting booklet entitled "Yardsticks of American Progress," published by the National Association of Manufacturers. The pamphlet shows graphically that Americans are much better off than are those living in foreign countries. Example: an hour's wages in the U. S. will buy 2.83 baskets of food. An hour's wages in Great Britain will buy but 1.26 baskets; in France, 1.02; in Belgium, 1.11; in Germany, 1.22; in Italy, .68, and in Russia, 4. It's the same story with bread, butter, beef, potatoes, coffee, cigarettes, shoes, shirts, socks, overalls, silk stockings, dresses, etc. (Continued on Page 6)

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