

Odd and Curious News

Good Food and Wine Celebrating her 103rd birthday Friday, Mrs. Dorothy Dinardo of Corapolis, credited her good food and two glasses of wine daily for her long life.

Keeps Pledge Sheriff Harry Eielson, of Springfield, Ill., after traveling 2,298 miles and visiting 203 schools, said he thought he had fulfilled the campaign promise of his daughter, Judy, that he would "give every kid in Sangamon county a candy bar" if he were elected last November.

Considerate A constable arrived at a farm near Lancaster to make an arrest, but stayed to work beside his prisoner and other farmers. As the officer was about to serve a non-support warrant at a barn-raising, the farmer pleaded he needed every one of his neighbors to get the framework up before darkness.

Idle; Digs Grave Miner L. F. Wiley, of Uniontown, is still digging despite shutdown of the bituminous fields but it's his own grave instead of coal that's occupying his time.

Will In Cook Book Following the death of Jacob Heist, near Gettysburg, in January, 1938, his will was found stuffed between recipes in an old cook book. The will provided that his \$1600 estate go to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kemper, of York, Pa. for kindness in "affording him a home."

Robbed In Jail Dauphin county jail authorities are keeping a sharper watch for thieves within their midst! It appears that a man was robbed in jail. In court, John Marvetic of Steelton pleaded guilty to robbing a captive of \$6. Marvetic was about to "check out," said jail authorities, when the theft was discovered.

Gets Buried Gold A fortune of \$2,800 in twenty dollars gold pieces, which lay buried in the cellar of a home at Bloomsburg for almost a half-century, was this week directed by the Columbia county court, to be delivered to F. Harold Kline, son of Frank P. Kline, who had buried the gold in the cellar prior to his death.

Paid In Full For a year David George Sabol, WPA worker, of Akron, Ohio, has saved pennies. Last week a son was born to his wife. Sabol paid his hospital bill with a three-quant jar of 3,500 copper coins.

A Reason When Jean Erwin, 3, of Wichita, Kansas, refused a dish of ice-cream, her parents knew something was wrong. A doctor was consulted and an X-ray resulted. A penny, lodged in Jean's throat, was removed at a hospital.

Br-r-r! Remember What Happened Eleven Years Ago Last Saturday? Those of us who stretch our memories occasionally to recall some outstanding local occurrence, were going about on Saturday asking each other: "Remember what happened eleven years ago?"

When Centre county awoke on the morning of Saturday, April 28, 1923, it found itself blanketed in one of the most damaging snow storms that had occurred here in the past forty years. Rain, which began on Friday, that night turned to sloppy snow and sleet. All night long the downpour continued in force, clinging to light and telephone poles and wires, and crashing them to the ground like so many straw.

SECOND SECTION

EVOLUTION OF IRON INDUSTRY IN COUNTY IS INTERESTING EPIC

Bellefonte Attorney Delivers Address On Subject Before Teacher Group Meeting At State College

The once flourishing but now extinct iron industry, with its setting of numerous charcoal furnaces, will always remain a romantic background in the early history of Centre county. It brought fame and fortune to courageous pioneers who evolved it, as well as blazing the way for developing other natural resources of the county.

Centre Hall Pair Injured in Crash

Sedan in Which They Were Riding, Sideswipes Truck in Passing

Two Centre county people were injured Saturday morning at 8 o'clock in a crash two miles west of Millburg when the sedan operated by L. A. Wagner, of Centre Hall, and the truck of Thurlok Strickler, of Weikert, collided.

4000 Idle Miners To Get Checks

Coal Shut Down Results in Unusual Unemployment Relief Demands

Nearly 4000 miners and truckers from Clearfield and Centre counties, out of work since the coal shutdown a month ago, will receive unemployment checks this week.

Longer Lasting Pants Crease

Here's good news for natty dressers! Alfred J. Steinger, of Jamaica, N. Y., recently obtained a patent on a method of reinforcing seams and making the crease in pants longer-lived by the use of a narrow ribbon of cellulose attached to the seams or crease.

Glamour of Hollywood

Pictures of favorite stars, movies in the making, news from the film colony. You'll find it all in the Green Spotlight Magazine, distributed every week with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by all progressive newsdealers.

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Random Items

ARMY CHANGES? Local army gossip has it that when Machine Gun Troop, 103rd Cavalry, Bellefonte, becomes Battery E, 16th Field Artillery, in June, Captain Herbert M. Beezer will become a Major; Lt. Fred Shoppe will become a Captain; and Victor Ebel will be promoted from Sergeant to Second Lieutenant.

BUGLESS BEANS. What well known Bellefonte couple planted beans with the aid of a lantern one dark night last week, on the strength of the belief that beetles will not attack beans planted after dark?

THE LAST GIRL. Announcement in this department last week that Foster McGovern, of Chicago, is the last man in the 1921 graduating class of the Bellefonte High school to become engaged to marry, led to the discovery that Miss Geraldine Eliger, efficient deputy in the office of Register John L. Wetzel, is the only girl member of the same class who is not married.

THOSE DOGGONE DOGS AGAIN. Now that Council has disposed of the parking problem for the time being, the Borough Solons might well turn their attention to the dog problem. This matter has been "disposed of" so often by Council that we can report, beforehand, just what will take place when Council does consider the question. Someone will propose in Council that dogs should be curbed.

VETERAN RAILROADER RECALLS EARLY EVENTS NEAR SCOTIA BARRENS

Says Historic Region Has Had at Least Fifteen Burnings - One Fire Wiped Out Entire Family Who Lived In Shack

(From Henry W. Shoemaker's Column in Altoona Tribune). The recent report that the picturesque and romantic "Great Pine Barrens" near Gatesburg, Centre County, have burned over again despite the valiant though fruitless efforts by George H. Wirt's crews of forest fire fighters, recalls "Hunters' Paradise" in that same "Hunters' Paradise."

May Pole



160 MILE SUPER HIGHWAY WILL CONTAIN 268 BRIDGES

A total of 268 structures will be required to carry the 160-mile superhighway over valleys, rivers or streams and over or under existing highways and railroads in Pennsylvania. Second largest structure on the line, the Bedford viaduct will be 519 feet long, 56 feet wide, and 27 feet above the stream bed.

THE GENESIS OF FREE EDUCATION

Free School System Over A Century Old

How many of us know that free schools have been in operation in Centre county for over a century? Following their creation by the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1834, Bellefonte was one of the first boroughs in the State to establish the common school system which was designed to provide free education for every boy and girl who desired it.

A great many physical changes have taken place in the public schools of Centre county during the past few years—so many, in fact, that the crude structure of our school's early history is almost forgotten.

The last ten years have perhaps seen the greatest progress in the growing demand for better educational facilities. The antiquated one-room school, where all branches of learning were taught by one teacher, is rapidly giving way to modern buildings of a character designed to separate the various age groups.

Centre county has kept pace with all advancement in educational improvement, and has many fine schools to its credit. But this condition did not always exist, as is natural when we consider with what skepticism free schools were accepted at their beginning.

It may be interesting to know that Bellefonte and several townships of the county were among the first to operate under the free school system following its adoption by Act of Legislature in 1834.

As might be expected of an innovation of this kind, a certain measure of opposition cropped up, and the free school system was not as favorably accepted and as easily obtained as it deserved.

On the night of April 28th the very efficient P. O. S. of A. degree team of Mill Hall camp conferred the initiatory degree on a large class of candidates from the various camps of Union county in the large hall of Lewisburg camp.

Before the regular session, because the speaker had another engagement, Judge Albert W. Johnson delivered a thirty minute talk on the advantages that may be effected this country. Judge Johnson is a member of Winfield camp.

Following the initiation Elmer P. Keller, of Etnaus, Pa., State President of the State Camp of Pennsylvania, delivered an instructive talk that was very well received.

Attendance was quite large and came from a wide scope. Camps represented were Etnaus, Lewisburg, Winfield, New Berlin, Millmont, Allenwood, New Columbia, White Deer, West Milton, Milton Loyalock, Carroll, Salona, Mill Hall, Beech Creek, Lock Haven and Centre Hall.

Those who attended from Centre Hall camp were P. H. Luse, A. H. Spayd, P. C. Spayd, and E. W. Burkholder, of Centre Hall; Homer Walker, A. J. Zimmerman and J. B. White, of State College; Geo. A. Reed, of Pine Grove Mills; Norman Duck, of Millburg, and Byers Ripka, of Millheim. The big night wound up by a fine light lunch served in the social room.

Huntingdon Girl Licensed Pilot Miss Ruth Ekinner, of Huntingdon, has the distinction of being the only licensed woman pilot in this district. Miss Skinner received her pilot's license last week after successfully passing her examination before E. O. Goff, Jr., federal inspector.

The young woman made her first solo flight at the Altoona airport in 1937. She is a stenographer at the J. C. Blair company in Huntingdon.

Janitor Plunges From 2nd Floor

Philipsburg Man Injured in Fall While Washing Apartment Windows

Losing his grip when his foot slipped while washing windows on the second floor of the Gienke apartments in Philipsburg, Herman Marx, 40, North Philipsburg, janitor at the apartments, was injured late Saturday afternoon when he fell onto the paved alleyway below.

An eye witness to the accident said the janitor was washing the outside of one of the windows near the alley between the apartments and the Moose lodge.

The injured man was immediately taken to the Philipsburg State Hospital where his condition is reported good.

Marx is married and the father of one young child.

Memorial on School Lawn

As a memorial to Paul Slifer, 150 rose bushes of a rare sharp-chose variety were planted on the lawn of the Lewisburg High School by his father, Conrad Slifer, of Brook Park.

The common schools were accepted and put into operation at different periods of time. In 1835 schools were started in Bellefonte, Boggess, Bald Eagle, Ferguson, Howard, Patton, Rush, Spring, Walker and Lamar. Patton and Halfmoon accepted in 1836.

Logan became part of Clinton county in 1839 and continued its struggle against the schools.

Miles accepted in 1838, voted no schools by 116 against 87 in 1840. (Continued on page six)

OSCEOLA MILLS MAN IS SENTENCED TO PEN

Pleading guilty to charges preferred against him, James Williams of Osceola Mills, was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in the Western Penitentiary following special court held Saturday at Clearfield.

Williams was turned over to Clearfield county authorities Jan. 5 on charges of aggravated assault and battery and intent to kill following a fracas near the Osceola brickyard January 5 when Williams shot William Gladney, also of Osceola, in an alleged drunken brawl.

Gladney was shot in the right hip and taken to the Philipsburg hospital. Williams also accidentally shot himself in the toe.

Williams was arrested by Chief of Police William Delansky of Osceola Mills.

There are American citizens who seldom read any of the President's utterances that attempt to set forth the principles of this nation.

CONTROL SPRUCE APHIDS BY IMMEDIATE SPRAYING

Two species of aphids attack and injure spruce trees by causing galls to form on the new growth.

According to H. E. Hodgkins, extension entomologist at the Pennsylvania State College, the spruce gall aphid attacks the red, the white and the black native spruce. The blue spruce gall aphid attacks the Colorado blue spruce, Englemann spruce, and Sitka spruce. It uses Douglas fir as a secondary host.

Hodgkins warns that fir and spruce trees on the home ground often have small infestations of gall aphids. In the case of small trees having only a few galls, the best plan is to remove and burn the galls while green and before they open since they contain the aphids. This is not possible with larger trees or in extensive plantings and it is here that spraying is suggested.

More specific information on the control of aphids may be obtained from the local county agricultural extension representative.

Superintendent and Wife Resign

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Titus, superintendent and matron of the I. O. O. F. orphanage near Sunbury for three years, have resigned, effective May 1, to return to their native Allegheny county, to take similar posts with the Boys Industrial Home at Hopedale, 25 miles from Pittsburgh.

This is an independent, chartered home, sponsored by clergy and business men, for the care and training of underprivileged boys. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Titus, of Shamokin, will fill the Sunbury positions temporarily.

New Official Record for Cow

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a two year old cow Kemah Doldardot 496328 of State College, Pa., tested and owned by Pennsylvania State College. Her official record supervised by The Pennsylvania State College and announced by The American Guernsey Cattle Club is 10462.2 pounds of milk and 472.2 pounds of butter fat in class GG.

BICKETT OUT—CHAMBERS IN?

W. W. Bickett, of Bellefonte, is "out" as Health Officer to succeed Homer P. Barnes, according to reports. "Wes" had been named to the post, but the Centre County Republican Patronage Board at a meeting Friday night decided they didn't approve the way the announcement of Bickett's appointment was made, so they struck him off the list. Recommended by the board—tantamount to an appointment, it is understood—is Roy A. Chambers, well known resident of Clarence.

CHURCHES GET NEW NAME

The Bellefonte Methodist church is no longer the Methodist Episcopal church. Its correct name is the First Methodist Church. Similarly, other Methodist churches throughout the county are no longer Methodist Episcopal churches. They are merely Methodist churches. These changes became effective late in April when the three branches of Methodism, the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal South, and the Methodist Protestant churches united under the name of Methodists. A uniting conference is now being held in Kansas City, Missouri, to iron out the details of the union of the three branches.

LETTER FROM WINCHELL

Karl E. Kusse, secretary of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, who wrote to Walter Winchell to tell him about the horsehair cloth a local tailor sewed in Ben Bernie's trousers before his engagement at Hecla Park recently, yesterday got the following reply from Winchell: "Many thanks for the laugh. It was swell of you to go to the bother of writing 'God wishes.'"

Captures Large 'Snapper'

Robert E. Latimer, game warden, home is at Muncy Valley, Lycoming county, caught a large snapping turtle in Celestia Pond last week. The turtle weighed 2 1/4 pounds before dressing.

Cleaner Takes a Finger

Mrs. Mary Shepp, of Laporte, suffered the loss of the middle finger of her right hand, when she reached into the blades of an electric cleaner, while the motor was running.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' - Why Bring the Police Into This? By POP MOMAND. A political cartoon showing a man being interrogated by police about his activities.