Odd and Curious News

Traveling Family

seventy-mile train ride daily near Chicago, because the mother bird built a nest on the brake rigging of North Western locomotive 1097 Old 1097, operated by Engineer George Heldson and Fireman Frank Pessler, leaves at 9.58 a. m. daily for Chicago and returns at 5:13 p. m. The baby birds ride in the nest, which apparently has been on the brake rigging for several weeks. In the Chicago yards, M. M. Hayhursi coach yard foreman, feeds them angle worms and gives them water before the engine leaves on its return trip. Back in West Chicago, the mother robin greets the train and flutters down to see her off-

Very Herro-ic

Following an old family custom, Josephine Herro, 22, of Milwaukee, recently got married but didn't change her maiden name. She is now Mrs. George Herro. Her Charles Herro. George's mother married another Charles Herro. None of the Herros who married other Herros were related.

A 'Rare' Animal

Fort Worth, Texas, citizens take a lot in interest in the city zoo, but there was one animal on exhibit which attracted more attention than any other recently. It was a fox terrier pup. The attendants put him in a big cargo all to himself, with no sign to say what he was-

Real Trouper

The show must go on even in a high school operetta. When Franand mouth movements on the stage the affair, including a number of while a prompter sang her songs and Altoona residents. read her lines from back stage.

Robs 42 Schools

In the past 18 months, Archie Robichaud, 52, of Muskegon, Mich., broke into and entered at least 42 school houses in various part of raid. Michigan, according to his confes- When the police closed in as the combinations on safes.

Determination Wins

Leaving her home in New York at hearing. 4 o'clock one morning in order to be The officers confiscated 60 fightfor a job. Mrs. Frances Culhane, whiskey glasses, a number of cases and got the job.

Bees Kill Man

Attacked by a swarm of bees and stung fifty times, Christian Conrad, 79, died a half hour later at Orrville, Ohio. He had been mowing weeds near a beenive, disturbing the in- Four Accused of

No Wonder!

more euphonious name," six persons bearing the surname Zborzencki petitioned the court at Towsen. Md., to change their name to Riley.

Escaped Death in Crash

Charles Peters, of Lock Haven, formerly of Bradford, escaped serious injury or death at Renovo, when a plane he was flying crashed at the Community Park field, South Renovo, went over on its side and down wheels touched the ground, he noticed two boys in the path of the ship, and attempted to get it into rent caused the accident

Queer Characters of Paris. French Capital picturesque. One of mer Robison posted bail.

by all newsboys and newsdealers. vest some of the money that you ed shelter and transportation to have for the development of your the other three boys in stealing the

LAND IS GOOD FARM BUSINESS

outlay of 50 cents per ton for lime and 10 cents per cwt. for 20 percent

This plan makes it possible for all

the committee pointed out. The the Centre County Agriculutral amount of these materials a farmer may obtain is limited only by the the Post Office building, Beliefonte, and criticize the players.

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FORMER BLAIR COUNTY WOMAN SLAIN IN BED AT PITTSBURGH HOME

Police Searching for Man Who Beat and Strangled Mrs. Laura Gormely, 46-Year-Old Widowed Storekeeper, Saturday

Mrs. Laura Gormely, who before | ters in the rear of the store, where her marriage was Miss Laura Bur- the body was found in night cloth-Pittsburgh on Saturday.

show bruises. There was no evi- store. dence, they added, that she had been Mrs. Gormely, a widow 13 years, mother, also a Herro, married hit by a weapon. The coroner's of- had one daughter, a nun teaching fice reported death was due to a in Alabama. One of her brothers was also named Herro before she brain hemorrhage and strangula- Martin Bufkett, is a resident of

> The body was discovered Saturday rity, a clerk in the store, was unable to arouse her employer. She and their mother at Claysburg. called police.

Mrs. Gormely had sleeping quar-

Police Raid Farm **During Cock Fight**

and were flooded with questions all Arrest 60 Spectators at Ringside as Fights Are in Progress

A cock fighting pit in full blast ces Hamilton lost her voice just be- was raided Sunday on the Kenear fore curtain time during an enter- farm, north of Irvona in Clearfield tainment at Sugar City, Idaho, she county, and 60 or more persons bravely went through the motions were arrested in connection with

> Officers of the Women's Pennsyl-Cruelty to Animals from the home office in Philadelphia were joined by state police as well as liquor enforcement officers in making the

sion upon arrest recently. His loot fights were in progress, a number ranged from a few dollars to \$300 by of spectators managed to escape but prying open desks and breaking more than 60 persons were arrested. Of those arrested, 48 put up \$15 each as security for a hearing and the rest were committed to Clearfield county jail to await the

first in line at 9 o'clock the follow- ing cocks. The liquor board men od the million as Bellefonte witnessing morning to file an application confiscated a quantity of liquor, widowed mother of two boys, was of beer on ice and several cases of the first in a line of 4,138 applicants empty beer bottles. A slot machine and an alleged "crap table" layout were claimed by state police.

> Officers said evidence gathered in the gaming pit indicated that (Continued on page three)

Chicken Stealing

In order to secure a "shorter and Centre County Youths Under Bail For Appearance

at Court

Charged with stealing chickens, tachment consisting of 12 American, four Centre County youths are un- 40 Italian and 150 French officers, der bail for their appearance at the and 980 enlisted men. Among the next term of court. Three are be- officers were the three men shown men. Each compartment had al- hands through the wire and begged Italian, were packed into one car ing held at the county jail, while a in the picture, one of whom is ready been filled. fourth has posted a bond of \$300. | Capt. E. R. Taylor, of Bellefonte.

At hearings last Wednesday afthe river bank. He had decided to ternoon before Justice of the Peace prison camp about 15 miles north of land at the field here to check his Harold D. Cowher, of Bellefonte: Fismes where they were given their gasoline supply, but just before his Elmer Robison, Bellefonte, R. D., first food after traveling several and Lester Confer, Beech Creek, R. days. The "meal" consisted of about D. 2, pleaded guilty to stealing 25 one-third of a loaf of bread each. chickens from the Milton Kline It was raining when they arrived the air again. A strong cross cur- farm in Potter township. Robison at the camp, and the camp being on and Glenn Confer, of Beech Creek, low ground was flooded with water An intensely interesting story de- Liberty township George Robi- down. scribing the exotic habits, startling son, of Howard R. D. 2, entered a This prison was divided into three

many features in the June 25th is- The arrests were made by officers sue of the American Wækly, dis- from Rockview sub-station State Guests Entertoined tributed regularly with the Balti- Motor Police, who claimed they unmore Sunday American. On sale covered a series of chicken thefts which the boys admitted committing over a period of several months. Advertising is a good way to in- George Robison, they said furnish-

LIME AND 'SUPER' ON PASTURE

pasture improvement is a good In addition to this, the committee proposition, the Centre County Ag- states it is an established fact, emricultural Conservation Committee phasized by all agricultural authorstated yesterday, urging farmers to ities including the Extension Sermake requests for these materials vice, that good pastures cut feed early. Under this plan, for a small out- soil erosion, lengthen the grazing

perposphate to treat an acre of pas- soil and provide feed rich in minerture. This is on the basis of a cash als at low cost. superphosphate. The remainder of farmers to obtain materials now to the cost of these materials will be improve their pasture. It likewise deducted next fall from the amount makes it possible for farmers to parof money the farmer earns for car- ticipate in the Farm Program who rying out approved soil-building in the past have been unable to take practices under the 1939 Farm Pro- part because of lack of finances. gram. This one dollar cash invest- | Complete information may be seed in an acre of pasture will pro- cured and requests for securing duce a feed value of \$30 or more, same may be made at the office of

kett, a former resident of Altoona ing, covered with a sheet. The woand Claysburg, was foully slain at man evidently had not been crimin-Pittsburgh on Saturday.

The 46-year-old widow, who conPolice found \$2 in the cash drawer

ducted a little dry goods store, was and Mrs. Germely's watch lying on found beaten and strangeld in her top of an unopened safe. They at bed. Mrs. Gormely was so severely first discounted robbery as a mobeaten, police said, that they believ- tive for the slaying, but later an ed the hands of the slayer would empty money bag was found in the

Claysburg where the mother is reported to live. Martin told authorimorning after 17-year-old Rita Har- ties he last saw Mrs. Gormely two months ago when she visited him

> Aged Lady Steals From Mint. A 71-year-old woman worker in the United States mint at Philadelphia was indicted on a charge of tealing \$11.55 from the nickels. imes and quarters she inspected. Mother of five children, Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, declared: "I don't know why I did it. We are not in financial straits and I didn't have to do it." She was to have been retired on pension in November. She earned \$30 a week on her job as an ex- Mining Corporation, rent free, aminer and passer of finished coins.

Clearfield Attorney Disbarred Acting on the recommendation of the Clearfield County Bar association, Judge Wallace W. Smith last tax claim against the corporation week disbarred Attorney N. F. in handling the funds of three mine, equipment, houses and an price, vania Society for the Prevention of clients. The disbarment was the office building. At public sale, the first in the county's history.

Bellefonte Man Twice Re-

fused to Give Information

Before Firing Squads

Not since the stirring days of the

ed the military enthusiasm it did

this week. With thousands of for-

mer service men assembled here

for a day, the town has practically

been living again the days of more

than twenty years ago, when its

own young men went forth to take

their part in the great world strug-

Reminiscence are always in order

when veterans get together, so we

may be pardoned if we relate the

following experience of a Bellefonte

veteran who underwent the horrors

of a German prison pen. It is the

tory of Captain E. R. (Dick) Tay-

or and his thrilling attempt to es-

On the morning of July 15, 1918,

a large body of German troops sur-

rounded and captured an Allied de-

The prisoners were taken to a

At Farmers Mills

Mr. and Mrs. Merl J. Walker and

Mrs. Ida Frederick entertained at a

lawn supper on the Island at their

home in Farmers Mills, Tuesday

evening, June 6, in honor of Mrs.

Walker's brother Boyd C. Freder-

ick and family, of Fredericksburg,

Among the guests present were:

cape which was prevented only by

the signing of the Armistice,



SOMERSET COUNTY BUYS COAL MINE AND TOWN FOR \$8,750.00

THEY ENDURED PRISON HORRORS

Somerset county has bought it-for the entire property appraised at self a full-fledged coal mine and a nearly \$50,090. town that goes with it-the commu-

Maple Ridge is a suburban disfor nearly two years fifty families have lived in houses of the Shallmar

The mine, which employed about 200 workers, was closed in February, 1938, and the corporation went into bankruptcy. Somerset County had a \$24,000

and decided to "protect the interest

nity of Maple Ridge-lock, stock and made no plans for resuming operations at the mine They would like to sell or lease, preferably sell, the Act include those giving employers trict of Hollsopple, about twenty 200 acres and property but buyers miles northeast of Somerset. There of coal mines and communities are tition for a collective bargening scarce these days they added. Fur- election; declaring as unfair labor taxes which have prior rights in all proceeds from the sale

But the fifty families, now WPA or relief, aren't going to be dis- a secret vote of the employes. urbed—at least not for a while. Landis said the commissioners

In the meantime Somerset Coun- the CIO United Mine Workers.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL OUTLAWING SIT-DOWN STRIKES BY LABOR

Approves Act of Recent Legislature Repealing Salary Fixture of Treasurer of Centre County; Other Measures Become Law

score or more signed by the Gov-

The bills, opposed by AFL and CIO leaders as "anti-labor," revised the State's "Little Wagner" Labor Relations Act by defining the rights of employers and workers, extended from 10 p. m. to midnight the permissible working hours of woman in ndustry, and relaxed the anti-injunction law to allow courts to issue restraining orders in labor disputes under certain conditions.

Governor James stoutly refused to veto the measures, holding that they conformed to his campaign promises and asserting that "nothing had een produced of any valuidity to show that they will be in any way detrimental to proper labor relation in this State." Labor leaders hinted The county commissioners have at testing the new laws in the courte

Changes in the Labor Relations

Another provision prohibited would like to give the occupants a in other activity. It was aimed at chance to buy the homes but then one of the members of the present Wormer on a charge of misconduct of taxing bodies" by buying the not many could scrape together the board, Patrick T. Pagan, of Pittsburgh, who is district president of county offered the only bid-48750 ty as a landlord isn't charging rent. Shortly after signing the bill

day put into law with his signature Reiffton, Berks County, as Fagan's ship of our former drillmaster, John three labor bills passed by the recent successor. Gifford has been genlegislature. They were among a eral organizer for the American Federation of Labor in Eastern

Bars Sit Down Strikes

as well as employes the right to pethermore, there is the matter of practices, ait-down strikes and intimidation either by employer or labor organizations and permitting a "check off" of union dues only after

Governor Arthur H. James on Pri- | James appointed Harry Gifford, of

salary from \$9000 to \$7000. Courts May Intervene

The amendments to the present anti-injunction law relaxed that statute to permit courts to issue restraining orders in labor disputes in case of a sit-down strike; violation of a "valid labor agreement; where the court finds a union sought | Smith and remained so until the apto compel an employer to have his pointment of Ted "Mickey" Love as employer favor a particular labor drillmaster a few weeks before Meorganization and in cases of forced morial Day. But with the fighting violation by an employer of the Labor Relations Act.

Governor James advocated enact-(Continued on page three)

Mother and Son Hurt In Crash

Port Matilda Residents Meet With Accident Sunday

Afternoon

A port Matilda mother and her son escaped serious injury Sunday afternoon when the car in which they were riding and a car procoeding in the opposite direction sideswiped each other on the back road between Bellwood and Tipton The woman is Mrs. Vesta Dixon,

37. She suffered a deep laceration of the left ear and right knee. Her son, Raymond, 14, suffered a laceration of the upper lip, a possible fracture of the right shoulder and severe shock. Both were treated by a Tyrone physician. The accident occurred about 3:30

Wolfe, of Altoona, embankment along the right side ruptured blood ressel of the right of the highway and turned over. It leg above the knee. Four years ago is said the roof of the car had to be suffered a broken back and fracbe torn off to extricate members of tures of both legs, when he fell

Telephone Pioneers Held Annual Outing

Sixty-five telephone Pioneers from Bellefonte and other communities in this district attended the annual outing at Bedford Saturday, June 10. Pioneers are retired or active Bell Telephone veterans with 21 or more years of service.

Jesse H. Caum, local manager, assisted in arranging the program, and H. Poster Bollinger, of Harrisburg, general commercial manager, was a speaker at the reunion.

"There are more than 3,000 telephone Pioneers in Pennsylvania whose average length of service in the Telephone industry is nearly 80 years," said Mr. Caum. " combined service of these men and women, many of whom are now retired, totals more than 90,000 years."

Dog Leads Way Home.

Lost and bewildered, a 70-yearold woman with her dog wandered automobiles collided at a highway aimlessly of Jersey City until police-intersection in the village of Ratook charge of her. Unable to show mey, near Philipsburg. Rodkey's them where she lived, police decided brother, Henry, 41, also of Johnsto let the dog lead them to her home. With the woman in an automobile the officers urged the dog to trot His condition was good. ahead of them. He led them to a house a halfmile away and stopped, It was the home of her son, John

\$69,000,000,000 In Savings. According to Dr. Donald H. Davenpert, of the Harvard School of Business Administration, cash savings of individual citizens amount to more than \$69,000,000,000 an all- had struck them. time peak. Included in his estimate were the savings of bank depositors members of building and loan associations, life insurance policyholders and credits in old-age retirement or pensions system.

Falls 3 Stories; Unhurt.

Paul Vachon, one-year-old son of more Sunday American. On sale a police officer, of Montreal narrow- by all newsboys and newsdealers. purse from fifty associates assem- ly escaped death when he fell from bled to honor him for forty-four a gallery on the third floor of his years of service as a mill overseer, home. He landed in soft earth in is money wasted; not advertising Pred W. Brown of Peabedy, Mass., the yard below and suffered only what you have, is opportunity minor bruises.

Random Items

Bellefonte, and for the past 17 years a member of the Logan Fire Company and a member of the Logan uniformed drill team and marching unit since its organization three years ago has not missed one drill or parade (or feed) in that time.

The writer with all other members of our drill team spent many evenings trying to master the difficult art of "fours right" and "column right," marching around Bellefonte's post office and occasionally over some of the streets of the town after dark to attain the art of perfection, under the capable leader-Smith, who was so suddenly taken from us in death last November. We have sat in the reading room at the Pennsylvania. The new law cut the fire hall and suffered in silence while other members of our drill team discussed public criticisms on our several first local appearances, although we always could make a big hit (and win some prizes) while away from home

> The spirit of the team went down to near zero after the death of John spirit of Bellefonte firemen they came out on Memorial Day with the best appearance made to date (bar none). This is the opinion of the writer, who marched in a vantage position, and also the opinion of several men with years of military experience, yet this fine exhibition did not rate one line (or word) in any local paper

(Local Editor's note:-Ouch !)

'Ghost Cars' to Continue

The white "ghost" care are to continue touring the highways under the administration of Lynn G. Adams, motor police commissioner, but there will be plenty of black ones, too. "The white car," Adams said "is like the policeman on the beat-he's there to lend assurance of protection. But the black ones are necessary. Many motorists slow down when they see a white car and then speed up after it is gone." The force now has one patrol car to every 30 miles on the main high-

Fell 25 Feet From Scaffold Joseph Stokes, 65, is a patient at

the Bloomsburg hospital, suffering from serious injuries received when o'clock when the car, driven by Frank Dixon, her husband, collided a scaffold broke, and he was hurled at the crest of a slight grade with 25 feet to the ground. The injuries an automobile operated by Carle include a probable fracture of the scapula, back of the shoulder, a frac-The Dixon machine struck an ture of a bone of the left hand and a the Dixon family. The car was de- from a roof while working in Cata-

> Twice Bitten By Rais * Twice within a week, a nine-

months-old baby was attacked by rats while sleeping in its home at Danville. Pauline Bressler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bressler. was bitten several times on the right leg Monday night when rats invaded the second story bed room, and Thursday night the child suffered several bites on the night arm near the wrist. She was treated at the Geisinger Memorial Hospital

Cooking For the Outdoors. A collection of fine recipes, sug-

restions for camping and other hints for those who want to enjoy the great out doors this Summer feature in the June 25th issue of The American Weekly, distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by all newsboys and

Moterist Killed at Ramey. Daniel Rodkey, 42, of Johnstown was killed Sunday night when two town, ws in Philipsburg State hospital with a possible skull fracture.

Food Poisons 200. More than 200 of the 700 who partook of the buffet meal served at a Wahabi Shrine Temple supper at Jackson, Miss, became violently ill within a short time and required medical actention. An orchestra player said that numerous couples collapsed as if an "invisible hand"

Year's Best Detective Story An exciting true story of a police sergeant who fought death for weeks to get his man. Don't miss this thrilling story in the June 25th issue of The American Weekly, distributed regularly with the Balti-

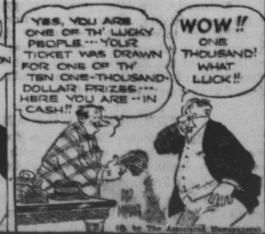
Advertising what you haven't got,

By POP MOMAND

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' - My, What Luck for Eddie!







Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Frederick, Guy and Marjorie; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer The plan of the 1939 Agricultural number of acres of cropland, pas-Conservation Program to supply tureland and orchardland on his Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Harry lime and fertilizer to farmers for farm. Wagner, of Oak Hall; Mr. and Mrs.

lay of approximately \$1.00, a farmer season, reduce the crop acreage remay secure sufficient lime and su- quired, permanently improve the

Rossman, Mr. and Mrs. John Rossman and Mrs. Harvey Corman, of Edgar Feltenberger and sons Fred and Richard, of Madisonburg; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Foreman and son, and Mrs. Lester Ilgen and daughters, Sara and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Merl Walker, Harold and Rosella, Mrs. Ida Frederick, Violet Walker, Verna Hogan, Audrae and Kay Musto, Randall Homan, Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner, all of Farmers Mills; Paul Walker and Don-

ald Rossman, of Spring Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Frederick and son Guy departed for their home in Predericksburg the following morning leaving Marjorie at the Walker home for the summer.

that they are ready to believe the worse that they hear, It is easy to stand on the sideline

There are some people so good

Three American soldiers who underwent the horrors of a Hun prison camp. Left-Lieut. Barringer, Philadelphia; Center-Capt. Truxal, Somerset, Right-Capt. E. R. Taylor, Belle-

The bread which had been issued three days.

to Captain Taylor and his fellow Upon arrival at Raastatt the offi-

prisoners had not been eaten be- cers were placed in an old German

cause they were not yet hungry prison polluted with rats, cooties

enough to relish it. It was broken and German fleas. At Raastatt

up and given to the British. When bread was issued, the second meal

a prisoner got a piece of it, Captain since they passed through Fismes. Taylor related, the man ran away and by this time it tasted good.

from the rest and began to eat it. The prisoners were kept a week

July 22nd the march was resumed at this place and then transferred

for bread.

the British prisoners and learned they had been captured about four months previously and during the days following had been compelled to work under shell fire carrying ammunition for the Germans, and

They had not been permitted to R. D., admitted stealing 35 chickens from one to six inches deep, without shave or bathe from the time of across Shemedy Dam sector to Lay- to Carlsruhe. This was the principal from the Clarence Robb farm in shelter and without a place to lie their capture. Most of them had no don where the prisoners were load- intelligence station. All the officers shoes but had pieces of wood tied ed on French railroad cars and were separated from each other and to the soles of their feet for pro- transferred to Raastatt. The cars lodged in a room filled with coolies costumes and unique escapades of plea of not guilty to a charge of be- sections, one for Allied officers, one tection. Their clothing was torn held eight horses crowded closely, and fleas. They were to appear lateccentric people who make the ing an accessory after the fact. El- for French and Italian enlisted to ribbons. They stretched their Fifty-two officers, Americans and

5 PERSONS UNHURT AS

work in the mines.

CAR AND TRUCK SIDESWIPE Five persons escaped injury about a sedan driven by Morris F. Bench, McCullum, 35, of Oil City,

Hildebrand, of Bellefonte, sideswiped on a road near Millbrook. Damage to the two machines was guilty to charges of forgery at a estimated at \$50. Bench, both of State College, were

was a passenger in the truck, -Classified ads are thrifty. FORMER HOSPITAL PATIENT

While he was a patient at the :30 o'clock Saturday morning when Philipsburg State Hospital, Robert motor police at Rockview report. The Oil City McCullum pleaded for some time.

hearing held in Philipsburg before J. L. Charles and Mrs. Catherine Justice of the Peace E. R. Hancock. According to the police, while the passengers in the Bench machine, Oil City man was a patient at the while John Tressler, of Bellefonte, hospital where he was being treated for injuries received from a Port Matilda highway accident, McCullum received a check meant for the sat down, collapsed and died.

Osceola man. Police said he en-PLEADS GUILTY TO FORGERY dorsed the check and had a friend cash it for him.

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and not permitted to get out for

The check, which was sent to the hospital by mistake, was from the of State College, R. D., and a pick- a check and beat Robert McCul- was the payment for the first work up truck operated by Theodore lum, of Osceola Mills, out of \$20.80, done by the Osceola McCullum in months as he had been unemployed

Dies at Own Banquet Immediately after accepting a