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Receive Old Flag

An old flag of the United States, patched in two places and torn in a dozen others, was presented to the Lyncing Historical Society by Cyrus H. Casner, Warrensville, for his half-sister, Mrs. Anna C. Wilson, who with her sister, Mrs. Catherine Fessler, now deceased, made the flag in 1868.

Finally Got Him

Rattlesnakes finally got Lee Mooney, 77 year old mountaineer of Logan, W. Va., who awoke more timorous citizens for 15 years by strolling through town with the reptiles in short bosom.

'On Me,' As Usual

Dr. William P. Rothwell, of Pawtucket, R. I., who always paid the check at parties, died last week and was buried under the huge boulder bearing the inscription: "This is on me," which he had set up in a cemetery 10 years ago.

Jolting Bolt

This is what happened at Jake Koop's farm at Parkersburg, Ia., when a bolt of lightning struck: 1. Set fire to the radio and melted the wiring into half-inch pieces.

Froze To Death

Unnoticed by the thousands who passed the corner, a truck driver, Louis Bolter, 35, suffocated or froze to death in the refrigerator compartment of his truck while the truck stood for hours at a busy corner in Brooklyn.

No Funeral

There was no funeral for Virgil Abram Meek, 65, who died Friday at Lancaster. The former insurance agent, ill for many years at his home in Strasburg, left these written instructions to be followed at his death: "No embalming, no casket, no flowers, no funeral service, strictly private."

Too Much Excitement

Arriving at the home of their son to take his wife to a maternity hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. C. Epton of Omaha, Neb., were notified by telephone that their house was on fire.

Drowns In Tub

Leaving the water running in the tub where she had begun to bathe her 1-year-old son, Mrs. Buchanan, of Philadelphia, went to answer the telephone. When she returned, after a 20-minute conversation, the child was dead and the tub filled to overflowing.

Stole Engine's Gas

The Chatham, Va., volunteer fire department lost valuable time in answering a call to extinguish the blaze on a store because someone had stolen all the gasoline out of the fire engine's tank.

Breaks Neck

When a pain in her neck continued for three weeks after she had stumbled over a pile of wood in her basement, Mrs. Albert Karl, of LaSalle, Ill., went to a doctor, who told her she had broken her neck.

MOTHER CLAMBERS DOWN WELL TO RESCUE YOUNG SON

A 22-year-old mother, Mrs. Nellie Kozic, clambered 22 feet down the slippery stone walls of a well on her Curtisville farm, Allegheny County, last Thursday to rescue her three-year-old son who had toppled into the water.

FORMER RESIDENT OF COUNTY IS KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE MISHAP

Mrs. Suella Morrison and Carl Lux Die of Fractured Skulls Suffered In a Four-Car Accident Saturday

A former Centre county resident, Mrs. Suella Morrison, who last year lived at the Phillips Hotel in Phillipsburg, was almost instantly killed last Saturday in a four-car crash between Windber and Scalp Level.

Lock Haven Boy Seriously Hurt

Struck by Car as He starts Across Street in Front of Home

Four-year-old Ronald Hartman, his mother, Mrs. Frank Hartman, and sister Mary Martha, started across the street from their home in Lock Haven last Thursday to buy ice cream cones.

Motor Policeman Solves Problem

Motor Policeman Bob Crozier of the Phillipsburg sub-station, broke the law Sunday afternoon on the Port Matilda highway with his one-armed driving.

'Breaks' Traffic Regulation While on Duty, But 'Gets His Man'

But the object of his law-breaking was a runaway pony, and was all in the line of duty.

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Summer Is Here



JAMES SIGNS 35 BILLS BUT STILL HAS LONG WAY TO GO

Governor James has signed 35 bills, including one enlarging his power to cut appropriations, but he still has a long way to go to clear his desk of work the legislature left behind.

AN OLD-TIME "HAUNTED HOUSE"

Recollections of "When I Was a Boy"

More than 35 years ago the foregoing boyhood reminiscences were related to The Centre Democrat by the late George W. Rumberger, resident of Unionville and this newspaper's correspondent from that vicinity.

The Haunted House

The house referred to in which we lived stood about 40 rods across the Centre and Huntingdon county line, on the Huntingdon county side.

FOUR FINED \$400 FOR ILLEGALLY KILLING DEER

Mildred A. Hetzel, Maxwell D. Hetzel, of Lock Haven, Ezra J. Baney, of Rote, and Harry L. Crissinger, address unknown, found it an expensive proposition to violate a hunting law.

TWO PROMINENT CHURCHMEN TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE

The Rev. Kenneth O. Bouton of Highland Park, N. J., and Dr. Hervey Lockyer from the State of California have been chosen to address the first annual Tyrone Bible Conference, which will be held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, July 8 to 16.

SHOCKED WHILE CONNECTING PUMP

Arthur Fowler, 23, of Mill Hill, an oil company employe, was shocked on Friday afternoon, when he caught hold of a live wire while connecting a gasoline pump at the Woolrich cross roads.

Sunday School Teacher 50 Years

Mrs. Mary Allen Kern, 83, who died at her home in Lock Haven on Friday and was buried in Highland cemetery, Sunday, had been a teacher in St. John's Lutheran church for over half a century.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES'—The Chief Thinks for Dolan



NEGLECT TO PROVIDE MAIL BOXES MAY CUT RURAL MAIL SERVICE

Delivery Cost So Heavy, Postoffice Department Threatens to Refuse Service to Residents Who Will Not Co-operate

Unless Bellefonte rural residents are different than average, about four hundred of the thousand of them are threatened with loss of postal service beginning next September.

WOMAN AWARDED DAMAGES FOR FALL ON SIDEWALK

A federal civil court jury sitting at Williamsport returned a sealed verdict last Wednesday in favor of Mabel Grebe Schnars, of near Phillipsburg and awarded her \$429 for injuries sustained in a fall.

Group of Mutual Insurance Meets

The Pennsylvania Central Counties Group of Mutual Insurance Companies, of which Centre county is a member, met at Ravensburg State Park for its annual outing last Thursday.

Stover Families Hold 6th Reunion

The sixth annual reunion of the descendants of Daniel Stover, who during his lifetime lived in the vicinity of Centre Hall, was held at Grange Park, Centre Hall, Saturday, June 17.

Descendants Well Represented at Outdoor Gathering in Grange Park

The picnic dinner was served by the Ladies Aid Society of the Loganton Evangelical church.

Ringier for Groucho Marx

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WHEREAS WE GET "CLIPPED"

Did you ever wonder what those two little red stencils hanging on either side of the cavern leading to your esophagus are for? So did we until last week when we received official notice to have ours removed.

Seems that Mother Nature intended that we humans should have an occasional pruning, like most forms of plant life, and she stuck those two unoffending tonsils back in our throat so they wouldn't be seen when pruning time came.

What really concerned us was how the job was to be done. Most likely they sawed them off. Measuring the opening from our nose to the chin we were convinced that a compass saw would have to be employed—such as a carpenter uses to cut out key-holes in doors.

And here we are back at the desk—sans tonsils—thanks to the touch of a skillful surgeon! SERIOUSLY SPEAKING, SURGERY IMPROVES.

To the dozens of persons in this area who have tonsils that should come out, but who haven't "the nerve" to have the operation, this department reports that after a personal investigation into the matter, all the patient has to do in a modern tonsillectomy is to be present.

IT'S HERE TO STAY. We might as well give up fighting for an insidious tune entitled "The Beer Barrel," is evidently here to stay. It shows every indication of becoming as much a part of the American National picture as the hot dog, the county fair, freedom of the press, and Sunday movies.

George Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cohen, is dead ringier for Groucho Marx when made up with a burnt-cork moustache, horn-rimmed spectacles, and a big cigar. The likeness was discovered the other day when someone stuck a cigar in George's mouth and noticed a similarity to Groucho. The spectacle and moustache finished the picture.

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