

Odd and Curious News

Old-Time Punch.

W. H. Curry, 79-year-old Altoona resident, deciding it was time to teach the young bloods a lesson, unloosed a rusty but capable left hook to the stomach and put to rout a young bandit who accosted him with a gun on Altoona streets one night recently.

Walks Off Train

Tired after a trip to the World's Fair, Rocco Marchetta, 14, fell asleep on the train. Suddenly awakened as the train was about to reach his home station at Newark, N. J., the boy sprang up and walked out of the car and right off the rear platform of the moving train.

No Partiality.

Victor E. Wolfe, 19, and Herman J. Kuhn, 27, crashed head-on into each other's automobile on Highway 4 at Hagerstown, Md. Each claimed the other was over the center-line of the road when their cars collided.

Nose-Prints Dogs.

In order to end the stealing of valuable dogs for reward money or for sale, a plan for nationwide identification of dogs by "nose-printing" to eliminate "dog-napping" was presented to the American Humane Association at its recent meeting in Albany.

Gets New Pipe

Most acceptable among the gifts received on his fourth birthday, celebrated recently by Walter Crawford, of Trenton, N. J., was a new pipe, which replaced a Christmas gift pipe he broke several weeks ago.

Play 'Big Bears'

To aid in getting small children to don their gas masks air-raid wardens of London have taught them a new game—"big bears." With the game, the children are easily coaxed into putting on the masks, in order to become "big bears."

Wind to Snow.

When Judge Vince A. Day granted a divorce to Mrs. N. E. Wind, he also gave her permission to resume her maiden name, Gladys Snow. The couple resides at Minneapolis.

TWO JOHNSTOWN BOYS FOUND IN LOCK HAVEN

Two 14-year-old boys, both of Johnstown, were picked up on a street in Lock Haven Saturday night by Officer Raymond Croak after a police teletype description had been received from Johnstown reporting them missing from home since Sept. 19.

The boys, Henry Zabola and Leonard Lubinsky, told police they had visited the World's Fair and were on their way home. They spent the night in the county jail and Sunday their families came for them.

Hospital Supt. Resigns

Miss Almena Wuerthner, superintendent of the Phillipsburg State Hospital for the past four years, resigned from her position and left Phillipsburg Monday morning. She returned to her home in York. It is likely that the newly appointed board of trustees will meet sometime this week to formally accept the resignation and elect a new superintendent to fill the vacancy.

'Cooking' Around America

A series of beautiful paintings by James Montgomery Flagg reproduced in full color in "Cooking Around America" is glorified. You'll want to save these pictures and try the splendid recipes contained in this series. Now appearing in The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by all newsdealers.

Sometimes a poor golfer can out-tee a good player after the shots have been made.

Costs \$32.89 to Live in Centre County

Local government costs to the individual taxpayer in Centre County has been established at \$32.89 and in Clearfield county at \$24.82 by the state Department of Internal Affairs who for the first time in history have tabulated the total county costs and per capita rates for 1937.

Taxes in Pennsylvania, it disclosed, cost the average person \$47.90 a year. The public paid \$262,097,615 to the state and of that amount, \$30,378,950 was returned to the municipalities by the commonwealth.

Local governments collected \$428,358,066, broken down as follows: Counties, \$63,942,114; poor districts, \$14,921,497; cities, \$128,029,118; boroughs, \$28,773,332; first class townships, \$6,213,821; second class townships, \$59,241,690; schools, \$191,453,535.

In view of the fact that the yearly outlay of tax funds now reaches well over a half a billion dollars,

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HOW ADOLF HITLER VIEWS ROOSEVELT'S FOREIGN POLICIES

Washington Lawyer Relates Result of Interview with German Dictator At His Berchtesgaden Retreat

In the following article Albert Whiting Fox, a Washington lawyer, tells of a recent interview with the Chancellor at his Berchtesgaden retreat. Its importance is all the more significant because Mr. Fox is the only American who has talked with Hitler since withdrawal of the United States Ambassador nearly a year ago.

The article is re-printed from the New York Times as it appeared in last Sunday's edition: I have very recently conferred with the German Chancellor, Adolf Hitler, concerning President Roosevelt's policy on matters relating to the proposed lifting of the American embargo on arms. The conference was held at the Berghof, Hitler's mountain retreat near Berchtesgaden. I am the only American who has talked with Hitler since

the withdrawal of Ambassador Lueb Wilson nearly a year ago. His view is that the President's program is a natural consequence of his desire to support Great Britain in defense of the Versailles Treaty. "This Versailles pact," said Herr Hitler, "is the root of all the trouble it has become necessary for Germany to break the chains that bind it. Since America did not ratify that pact, I cannot see why she should now be helping to enforce it. I cannot understand Mr. Roosevelt's position. What is his reason for his attitude toward Germany? What has Germany ever done to America except to seek friendship and good-will?"

Respecting the cash-and-carry proposal, Hitler was not deeply concerned. He considers the embargo as it now stands detrimental to Germany, because it permits shipment of ingredients of war materials and implements of war, and Germany has no shipping and is not in a position to purchase, while Great Britain and France have surplus cash and the necessary ships. Lifting the embargo on munitions and implements of war simply means a further discrimination against Germany, according to Hitler's view, but he considers it essentially America's affair and he does not consider it important except for its possible effect on the German people. (Continued on Page 2)

Blind Youth Plans Career As Writer

Uses Trained Dog to Guide Him in Travels About College Buildings

With a trained dog to guide him, Robert A. Ross, of Altoona, blinded seven years ago in an explosion, is setting out confidently on a career rarely attempted by the blind, newspaper reporting.

Ross is 21. He entered the Pennsylvania State College this month as a freshman in journalism, and already he and his dog, Rita, are a familiar sight on the campus. "Rita still gets mixed up on several of the buildings," said Ross. "When I tell her to go to Schwab Auditorium, she usually takes me to Old Main. On other buildings, though, she is fairly accurate."

There are sixty major buildings on the campus. Rita and her master go to class in only seven. The dog lies at his feet during class. Between classes, however, the two must find their way past many of the 5800 students, and this has prompted Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock to request publicity that students avoid helping either the dog or her master.

Loaded School Bus Strikes Car

No One Hurt in Crash on Flemington Highway Last Thursday

No one was injured but damage totaling \$15 resulted last Thursday afternoon about 4:25 o'clock from traffic congestion on the highway between the two bridges in Flemington.

The car of Reynolds I. Martz, Logan, was damaged to the extent of \$10 when it was struck by a Johnstown bus transporting students from Lock Haven to Beech Creek.

The accident was precipitated when a beer distributing truck began to turn off the highway to Johnell's place. The Porter Township school bus carrying pupils from Lock Haven to that area, stopped to allow the truck to make the turn.

The Johnston bus, following the Porter bus, could not get stopped, however, according to the driver, and was swerved sharply to the left to avoid striking the Porter bus, the left front of the Martz car, which was traveling east.

The Johnston bus was damaged to the extent of \$5, according to the report of the State Motor Police who investigated.

Despite the fact that the bus was full of school pupils, no one was injured.

Lemont Band Wins Prize

The Lemont band, which accompanied the Alpha Fire Company, of State College, to the Clearfield Fair early last week, was awarded a second prize of \$25. The first prize went to Houtzdale.

Curiosity Causes Burns

Curious, Richard Murphy, 2, climbed onto a stool to peek into a pot on the stove at his home in Cleveland. He lost his balance, knocked the pot from the stove and was painfully burned when hot grease splattered his legs.

Girl For Rebersburg Couple

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hosterman, of Rebersburg, at the Lock Haven Hospital last Thursday evening.

A Legion Convention 25 Years from Now



HOME LOANS INCREASING IN CENTRE COUNTY THIS YEAR

Federal Housing Administration insured loans in Centre county are increasing this year as compared with those issued from 1934 to 1938 inclusive, it was learned yesterday. According to a special tabulation made by FHA for Centre county, 147 loans have been insured this year up to June 30, with a value of \$835,730. Should activity during the last six months continue to equal the first two quarters, there would be 294 loans insured for the entire year. During the first four years of FHA, Centre county home owners and buyers borrowed more than eight hundred thousand dollars through 75 FHA loans, or an average of 183 per cent. Even so FHA will continue to insure loans for another two years, and recently lowered its requirements in offering a new plan for financing \$2,000 amounts. This is expected to give additional stimulus to FHA activity in Centre county during the balance of the year. Every community can do something to improve the standard of living of the people that live in it. —Want ad, bring results.

RAILROADING IN THE LONG AGO

Interesting Reminiscences of an Old-Time Railroad Conductor of Phillipsburg

Railroading, with its fund of romance, never loses its glamor in song and story, and the experiences told by old veterans of the rail never cease to be interesting. There are very few living today whose lifetime was spent in railroading that could not tell some interesting experiences, if prevailed upon. And the tales of the old-time railroader usually carry the most suspense.

Such a colorful individual was Conductor Bill Irvin, who, in the early days of the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad, was one of the men best known to the traveling public, and one of the most popular. Although he later had a more dignified run on the main line, Captain Irvin, as he was familiarly known, was fond of relating his early experiences while employed on his first runs in the days when telegraphy was in its infancy.

It was in the long ago that the following reminiscences were related of the old night of the rail, but their re-telling will always be interesting reading.

When interviewed on the subject of his early experiences Mr. Irvin obligingly replied:

"The queerest accident I was ever in," related the Captain many years ago, "was at McCann's Crossing, on

Seek Fugitive Who Struck Man

Wanted in Lock Haven For Cutting Victim's Head in Fight

Lock Haven police are seeking John Farrenberger who is charged with aggravated assault and battery, alleged to have been committed at a fight early Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. Helen Mattheus, rear 719 East Bald Eagle street, in that city.

Harry McCollum, the victim of Farrenberger's alleged assault, was treated at the Lock Haven Hospital for a severe scalp wound which was closed with six clamps. He was then able to return to his home. Both men are negroes.

Constable David L. Probst has the warrant and will serve it when he learns the whereabouts of Farrenberger, who paid a fine and costs in July on a charge of assault and battery. He left the city after the fight. The police were called to the Matthews home about 6 o'clock. On their arrival they found McCollum bleeding profusely from the wound, said to be inflicted when Farrenberger struck him over the head with a bottle. It is also charged he smashed some furniture in the house before leaving.

Poultry Course is Announced

The nineteenth annual poultry short course and semi-annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Poultry Association will be held at the Pennsylvania State College from Oct. 16 to 20, it was announced today by D. R. Marble of the College poultry husbandry department.

STATE COLLEGE RESIDENT HEADS STATE KIWANISANS

Pennsylvania Kiwanians named J. Martin Fry of State College as their president and selected Scranton as the 1939 convention city at the close of their 22nd annual session last Wednesday at York. Pa. Julius Kaufman of State College was elected district secretary, and Richard K. Lambertson of Franklin, treasurer.

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BELLEFONTE MAN HURT IN CRASH AT WARRIOR'S MARK, R. D.

Mike Mills Suffers Fractured Jaw in Auto Collision—Hawk Run Driver Escapes Injury When Car Overturns

Mike Mills, aged 59, of Bellefonte, suffered a possible fracture of the jaw, lacerations and bruises about the right eye, when the car in which he was a passenger figured in a collision Saturday night two miles east of Warriors Mark.

One of the cars figuring in the accident was driven by Sterling J. Malaleu of Oak Grove, Altoona, R. D., and was damaged to the extent of \$150. The second car was driven by George Noll, of Warriors Mark, R. D., with whom Mills was traveling at the time.

Huntingdon police said the two cars came together at the brow of a hill on a township road and the Noll car overturned, damaging it to the amount of \$50. Mills was given treatment by a physician.

Another accident occurred in Centre county early Sunday morning involving a narrow escape from death for the driver. While driving along the highway near Phillipsburg, Joe Krupa, of Hawk Run, ran his car off the road and upset in a field. It is said that the Krupa car was sidswiped by a car driven by William Robinson, of Wheeling, W. Va. Damage to the Krupa car was estimated at \$400 and the Robinson machine \$200. No one was seriously injured in the mishap.

Meet 'The Phantom'

Terror of evil doers "The Phantom," fearless adventurer, dipsorts to the entertainments of followers of the big Comic Weekly "Puck" distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. Two new pages have been added to the comic section. You'll find all of your favorites in this big supplement distributed regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American.

Two Men Hurt In 3-Car Collision

Collision on Altoona-Tyrone Highway Results in \$500 Damage

Two Phillipsburg residents, C. J. Hartle, 45, and Mrs. Marion Burns, 45, and a Philadelphia woman, Theima Stine of Chester Hills, were injured one morning last week in a three-car collision on the Altoona-Tyrone highway at the Bellwood intersection.

According to motor police, Louis Katz of Altoona was driving east and collided with the car driven by Hartle. A third car, also traveling west, was unable to stop and became involved in the accident.

Hartle suffered a bruised shoulder, Mrs. Burns, lacerations of the eye and head and body bruises, and Theima Stine of Philadelphia, received a possible fracture of the ribs. The injured were treated by a Bellwood physician and then returned to their homes in Phillipsburg for further treatment. Damage to the cars was estimated at \$500.

Barber Escapes Death By Gas

Holidaysburg Man Overcome By Fumes While at Work in Shop

Olis Query, Holidaysburg barber, had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation by fumes from a gas water heater when at work in his shop at Holidaysburg, Saturday.

Mr. Query complained of a headache and drowsiness, and worked for some time under this handicap. Toward noon, when shaving a customer, he suddenly collapsed, falling to the floor. The patron leaped from the chair and carried the prostrate man through the door to the sidewalk, as he detected the odor of gas.

A physician was hastily summoned, who upon examination found the victim's blood heavily charged with gas. After considerable difficulty, he was restored to consciousness and is now steadily recovering at his home. The doctor stated that had he continued to inhale the gas a few minutes longer, he would have died.

Mr. Query was not aware that the gas had gone out, as it was not turned on full force and gradually filled the room with the deadly fumes.

Cows Have Good Record

Thirty-three Holstein cows in the experimental herd of the Pennsylvania State College have produced enough milk in 315 days to keep a town of 1,250 people supplied. The cows averaged 12,927 pounds of milk each with an average butterfat of 3.3 per cent, said A. L. Beam, professor of dairy production. This amounts to 427.1 pounds of butterfat per cow.

Dog Pays Dividends

Bought for 25 cents in a mutt dog auction, Doc Lou, nondescript coon hound, went right out into the subsequent Fall coon dog field trials and won \$123.50 in prizes for his new owner, Charles Barnes, of Glenoe, Pa.

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