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Lost His Grip

Excitement over the World Series indirectly caused the death of 51-year-old George Washington Nauman, of Pittsburgh. Intent on Thursday's radio play-by-play description, he let his old-fashioned straight razor slip from his fingers while he was shaving. Nauman tried to catch the razor between his arm and side. The blade severed an artery in his right arm. He bled to death before a physician arrived.

'Cutting Reply'

Ernest Simpson, professional glass swallower, was charged with disturbing the peace before corporation Judge Joe Hill at Dallas, Texas. Patrons of a tavern said Simpson ate the glasses from their tables. "I don't believe it," said the judge, reaching out for one of a set of glasses his wife presented him recently. "Let's see you eat that." The prisoner crunched the glass. "Guilty," said the court.

A Real 'Fan'

Beatrice Jane McKechnie, 11 year old co-ed at Penn State skipped classes for several consecutive days last week to go to a ball game, but college authorities excused her. Miss McKechnie is the daughter of "Deacon Bill" McKechnie, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, the team that played the New York Yankees in the World's Series.

Cat Returns Home

Escaping from the van which was carrying the household furniture to a western Colorado farm thirty-five miles away, Tiger, a tomcat, was found two days later, footsore and weary, on the doorstep of the unoccupied house from which his owner, Mrs. Hazel Porter, of Denver had moved.

New Crop Berries

Although summer is officially over, Mrs. Will Stevens, of Rummelsfield, near Towanda, has in the past two weeks picked from her raspberry bushes 18 quarts of luscious red berries. The same bushes bore heavily during the regular summer season.

Obliging

To oblige a friend, Fred Muegge, of Houston, Texas, stayed three days at the friend's house to be sure the house wasn't robbed during his absence. Upon returning to his own home, Muegge discovered that burglars had taken \$920 in cash, a gold ring, diamond ring, a gold stick pin and two gold crosses.

Prefer Jail

Drunk, but sensible enough to decide that he would rather pay the fine of \$15 for drunkenness than run the risk of being run over by an automobile, a man requested permission to spend the night in jail at Albuquerque, N. M.

Old Watch Runs

Finding an ancient watch among some heirlooms, John Davis of Bowling Green, Ky., wound it. It has been running accurately since. The watch belonged to his grandfather and is at least 75 years old.

A Knitting Teacher

For five days a week, Mrs. Raymond Dunn, of Shubert, Neb., goes to the schoolhouse and knits from 8:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. She's the regularly elected teacher, but there are no pupils to teach.

Warning to Berry Pickers

Bitter Sweet, a shrub with red berries, usually used to decorate homes in the Fall, should not be gathered without first obtaining permission from the landowners, says the department of Forest and Waters. A State law provides a fine of \$25 and cost of prosecution for each plant part thereof removed without permission of the landowner.

PLANS FOR RECREATION PARK ARE PROGRESSING

In accordance with a promise made to citizens of Millheim several weeks ago, Keystone Post American Legion, has gone ahead with research and tentative plans to make a recreation park out of the dam site where the McMullin mill dam was located.

State officials of the Department of Fish and Game, as well as the Department of Forestry, have been contacted and their engineers have made a report on the subject of dam building at that spot. The Water Power and Resources Board has also been consulted on the type of structure to be built, with the result that at the present moment figures are available showing the cost of the project.

TWO ARMED BANDITS HOLD UP AND ROB ALTOONA STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lurie Robbed at Gun Point by Youthful Pair, Who Threatened to Shoot if Frustrated

Two well dressed young men, one armed with a revolver, entered an Altoona store at 1010 Twentieth street Friday night at 10-15 o'clock and held up Mrs. Jacob Lurie and her husband in the cash drawer. Police said the two men, whose identity is unknown, walked into the little store which adjoins the Lurie home, and one bandit ordered Mrs. Lurie to turn over the money from the cash drawer. When she hesitated, the second man drew a revolver and said he would shoot if she did not produce the money quickly.

Mrs. Lurie's husband, who was in a room adjoining, hearing the noise, came into the store and seeing the two men, attempted to go out the door for assistance when the bandits warned him they would shoot if he moved any farther.

Mrs. Lurie handed the money from the cash drawer to the bandits. Securing the money, the men turned and were about to leave when a young girl entered the store and in their haste to get away, the gunmen gave the girl a shove and disappeared into the darkness of Tenth Alley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lurie said the men were well dressed, were clean looking and spoke good English.

Charged With Murder of Cousin

Mahaffey Man Held for Court Following Hearing Over Fatal Fight

At a hearing held last week before Justice of the Peace Shaw at Clearfield Harold Hutton, of Mahaffey, R. D., was formally charged with the murder of his cousin Charles Hutton who was stabbed to death through the heart with a butcher knife at Mahaffey Sunday.

Hutton appeared without counsel and pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was taken to the Clearfield county jail where he will await his case which is expected to come up in December before court.

Hutton, father of six children, appeared alone before Squire Shaw. His wife and children were noticeably absent from the hearing.

District Attorney Carl Belin of Clearfield County accompanied by motor police from Clearfield and Punksutawney took Hutton to the (Continued on page six)

Clearfield Miner Caught in Cave-In

A fall of rock in the Viola mine No. 1 of the S. J. Mounts Coal Mining Company at Smith Mills last Thursday caught Edward Waite and injured his back. The 25-year-old miner was rushed to the Phillipsburg State Hospital in the ambulance in the afternoon.

Hospital physicians stated that the spinal cord is uninjured as the young man can move his legs. X-rays are being taken and the full extent of the injuries can not be definitely determined until some time later.

Waite is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Waite, of Smith Mills, and an employee of the mines in which he was injured.

GOLDEN GATE FAIR IS NOT TO OPEN IN 1940

The Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco, will not run a second year because of lack of financing, Leland W. Cutler, president of the fair, has announced.

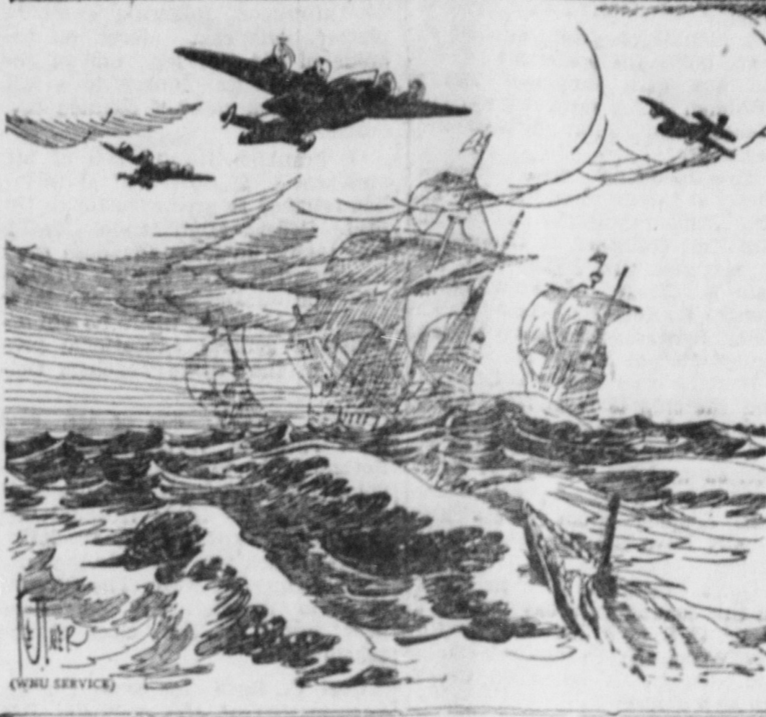
He explained that to reopen the fair next year would require \$1,650,000 in "new" money by October 15 for pre-opening expenses and he felt this sum could not be obtained.

TYRONE YOUTH HAS THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Frederick Farrand, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Farrand, Tyrone, who is attending college in Cleveland, O., had an experience and narrow escape the other day that he will not soon forget.

Frederick attended the big Rodeo in the Cleveland Stadium, and during the course of the show a steer used in the bulldogging exhibitions, broke loose and jumped into the grandstand just near where Frederick was seated. There were seventeen persons hurt as the result.

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Searched for 'Pot of Gold'

Peter Reinhard, 49, is being held in Allentown jail accused of fleeing a farmer in a search for a legendary 'pot of gold.'

Reinhard was arrested on a warrant charging him with securing money under false pretense.

Oliver Steeley, 62, told State Police that Reinhard came to his farm near Coopersburg, Lehigh county, and offered to find the gold which, according to a story handed down from Colonial times, was buried by tenants of the farm before they fled an Indian attack.

Steeley said he acquiesced and that for three years Reinhard called

regularly at his farm to collect money. During that time, Steeley told police, he gave Reinhard "over \$6,500" but "never got the gold."

"It got so bad I used to hide when he came to see me," Steeley said. "He took potatoes and corn in bags and put them in the field, furniture from the house and wood that I had chopped for my own use. I am glad it is over."

The wise merchant can have Thanksgiving any time that he pleases if he will advertise wisely in The Centre Democrat.

TREE PLANTING MAY NET \$245,000 FOR CENTRE CO. FARMERS

Fund Available to Encourage Improvement of Woodlands—Estimated Many Trees Could Be Planted in Area

More than \$245,000 can be earned by farmers in Centre county under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act for care and planting of farm woodlands, it was learned at the Department of Agriculture yesterday.

This little known benefit of the Act is being emphasized by the AAA and the Forest Service to encourage farmers to improve present farm woodlands and plant additional trees.

Each of the 2,100 farms in Centre county is entitled under the Act to \$30 a year for preservation of present farm woodlands, making a total of \$63,000 available for this work, which involves clearing of brush and debris, so that better fire protection is offered.

A more substantial benefit derived from provisions of the Act is "conversion of crop and idle land into soil conserving use through planting of forest trees."

The pay for this is \$7.50 per acre. It is estimated that trees could be planted on 24,300 acres, or a tenth of the farm acreage in the county.

Under the Clarks-McNary law, trees can be purchased for \$2 per thousand for hardwood and \$3 for pine, and a thousand trees could cover two acres or more. On this basis of planting, most of the \$7.50 per acre payment would go to the farmer for his work in planting.

Centre county farmers could earn (Continued on Page 6)

about \$182,000 for planting trees. Farm woodlands conserve the soil and provide farmers with an additional source of income, the Department of Agriculture points out. This income can be earned during the leisure months of winter, the time for felling trees for fuel and lumber.

Cooperation of the AAA with the Forest Service is expected to stimulate this work. Farmers interested are asked to write their regional AAA director for particulars.

Failure To Duck Results in Death

Clearfield Brakeman Killed When Head Strikes Underpass

Failure to duck his head while straddling a box car passing beneath an underpass was blamed for the death of John W. Hazel, 53, of Clearfield, brakeman who was killed Tuesday last week on the New York Central lines at the Ironville brickyard.

Coroner E. E. Erhard, Clearfield county coroner, examined the body of the railroad worker. From information given at the brickyard plant it is believed Hazel was sitting on the box car and failed to notice the low underpass. His head is believed to have been struck as he failed to duck.

He was found dead by members of the crew who decided to look for the brakeman when he did not appear on scheduled time. His body was found on top of the box car.

District Legion Posts Are Filled

Charles Hartle, Phillipsburg, and W. Z. Zahniser, Unionville, Named

Charles Hartle, member of the Phillipsburg American Legion, and John Gravis, commander of the Clearfield district, have been appointed district officers by District Commander William J. McMullin, of Millheim.

District Deputy Commanders: Arthur Gallup, Smethport; Charles Hartle, Phillipsburg; District Adjutant, Walter S. Zahniser, Unionville; District Chaplain, Rev. H. J. Culver, Emporium; Americanism Committee, J. Mitchell Chase, Clearfield; Community Service, Morris Davis, Port Matilda; Traffic Safety, Clyde Weaver, Kane; Membership, T. Reilly Lytle, Clearfield; Athletics, Robert Russell, Custer City; Boy Scouts, John Hathaway, Emporium; Boys' Camp, Leo Morton, Bradford; Youth Activity, T. John Gravis, Clearfield; Emergency Units, Captain Herbert Besser, Bellefonte; Radio, Joseph Finberg, DuBois; District Service Officer, Thomas Patrick, Houtzdale; Auxiliary, Mary Siegal, Millheim; Sons of Legion, Irvin Billett, State College.

Panther Seen Chasing Deer In Clinton Co.

Roy Crider and Clarence Maurer, of Woolrich, declare they were not "Seen Things at Night" when they were at the Crider cabin in Gallagher Township, Clinton County, and one afternoon recently saw a panther six feet in length, yellow and black, chasing to two deer, who were just a step, or rather a leap, ahead. The men seized their guns and started in pursuit, finding the ground torn up by the weight of the panther, as he bounded after his prey. Darkness fell too soon for the hunters to overtake the animal.

When Mr. Crider was working on his cabin a few days later, getting it in repair for the hunting season, he heard a screech like nothing human and on investigating saw the same panther, screaming as it passed close to the cabin in pursuit of a deer. Both deer and panther (Continued on Page 6)

OLD HORSEBLOCK AT REBERSBURG

In Which a Husband Kills His Wife For Failure to Return to His Home.

The following is from the versatile pen of Col. Henry W. Shoemaker as it appeared in a recent issue of the Altoona Tribune:

In front of mine host Bierly's inn at picturesque old Rebersburg, Centre county, stands a well-worn block of limestone, the ancient horse-block of the hostelry. This mounting block, if it could talk, could tell many tales.

Once, old people say, David Lewis, the robber, was slipping his shrub at the bar of the ancient log inn, now of course rebuilt and weather-boarded, when a Dutch stable boy rushed in by the back door and spluttered out that he saw a posse of mounted sheriffs coming down the mountain from Sugar Valley. Like a flash, Lewis threw his reckoning to the barmaid and dashed out. In a moment he was on the horse-block, and next his long legs were across his favorite mare, Fraxinella, and he was off towards his hideaway in the wilds of Minnick's Gap.

Lewis once had the audacity to marry a pretty young widow in Rebersburg, who was in comfort-

able circumstances. The marriage took place in New Berlin, where the bride went to meet him at the home of a relative there, but when the Pennsylvania Robin Hood had the nerve to come to live in Rebersburg, he was recognized and had to make off. The bride felt so chagrined and humiliated that she lived for the rest of her life with her shutters closed and never went out, as related in this writer's "Pennsylvania Mountain Stories." She survived Lewis over 60 years, and when the writer as a boy first visited Rebersburg in 1898 with Rev. W. W. Sholl, a native of the town, the house was pointed out to him.

According to tradition, Governor Andrew G. Curtin was present and delivered an address from the horse-block, when the Brush Valley volunteers were mustered in service during the Civil War in 1862. There was a vast turnout to see the departure of the local boys in blue, probably the greatest throng ever

and put on the splendid outfit himself. In his hurry, he forgot to remove the tissue paper which covered the gilt buttons on the back of his tunic, and when he got up on the horse-block, a turner went through the crowd. Yet in such a way was the prosperous playboy-commander held by the audience that not one person present was willing to call his attention to the oversight. What his feelings were afterwards, Grandma Sisterbeck said no one seems to be aware.

Despite the fact that David Lewis had an estranged and personable wife living a few doors up the street, he had the "edge" to return to Rebersburg, and even carry on a flirtation with the attractive barmaid at the ancient inn. Perhaps Mrs. Blanche Stover Smull, gifted local historian of Rebersburg and for several years standby for Dr. Eugene P. Berth, the "Mr. Sunshine" of the department of public instruction at Harrisburg during the Earle administration, may have some chapters of Lewis' doings in Rebersburg among her vast fund of valuations. (Continued on Page 6)

Railroad Not To Blame in Fatality

Coroner's Jury Exonerates Company in Death of Sandy Ridge Man

The accidental death of William Miller, 42, Sandy Ridge, near his home near recently when he was struck down and run over by a train was not caused by negligence on the part of the railroad, a coroner's jury which convened in Phillipsburg Friday night reported.

The jury was called to probe the Sand Ridge man's death when it was reported to Dr. W. R. Heaton, Centre county coroner, that the railroad may have been negligent in certain phases of the accident.

Miller, father of six children, had his right arm severed and his head fractured September 30 when he was walking along the tracks near his home. He heard one train approaching him from the rear and stepped off the track into the path of another train, which he failed to see. Both trains were traveling towards Ocoela Mills at the time of the accident.

Charles Miller, fireman on the first of the two locomotives which ran over Miller's body said that smoke was pouring out of the lead engine and obscured vision. He stated he did not see Miller until the lead locomotive was 150 feet away from the man. He said he yelled to the engineer who immediately applied the brakes but by the time the train was brought to a stop both engines had run over the man's body. The firemen testified that the tender of the rear engine was resting where the body lay at the time of the investigation of the tragedy.

Harold Bratton and George Lortigan, Sandy Ridge residents, jointly testified that the engine train which killed Miller was overtaking the other train at the time of the accident. They stated that no trespass signs were erected in the vicinity of the accident and both stated as far as they could remember that the trains did whistle. They estimated that the train which Miller avoided was traveling at 25 miles an hour and that the other train which was overtaking the first (Continued on Page 6)

Woman Killed By Car at Clearfield

Aged Pedestrian Steps From Curb in Path of Passing Automobile

Stepping from a street curb directly into the path of an automobile, 75-year-old Mrs. Marie Fagall of Clearfield, was fatally injured early Saturday night in the borough of Clearfield.

Coroner Dr. E. E. Erhard said the elderly Clearfield resident was knocked down by a car operated by James Thomas, of Glen Rickett, who picked up the woman, took her to a physician and then to the Clearfield Memorial hospital, where she died of a fractured skull one hour later.

Dr. Erhard stated he had not completed his investigation of the accident but did not believe that an inquest would be held into the death.

The Clearfield fatality sent the Clearfield-Centre county 1939 highway toll soaring to a record-breaking number of highway deaths. For this bi-county area, this year's highway death toll now stands at 36, two more than the previous high year.

Unselfishness will do a lot to build up any community and Bellefonte is not an exception.

Huntingdon Industrial School Control Reorganized By James

The James administration has reorganized control of the Pennsylvania industrial school at Huntingdon, appointing a new board of trustees.

Four of the former trustees resigned at Governor James' request. A fifth, who was retained, is Francis Fisher Kane, of Philadelphia.

The new board, still incomplete but numerically big enough to function on all matters, consists of: Joseph H. Mosser, Williamsport leather goods manufacturer; Dr. Albert I. Wise, Pittsburgh dentist; John H. Biddle, Huntingdon publisher; Charles S. Bentley, Corry, retired businessman.

They succeed Kenneth L. R. Pridy, Philadelphia; Hyman Rogal, Pittsburgh.

SUB-STATION AT COLLEGE DAMAGED BY LIGHTNING

College West Penn offices said no other damage resulted to company property.

10,578 Nazis Fell in Battle

In the course of his speech last week Hitler announced that German casualties in the Polish campaign were 10,572 killed, 30,322 wounded, and 3,404 missing. The German high command reported Hitler's visit later to troops at Warsaw, where he reviewed the units which conquered the Polish capital.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — No Underfed Sleuthing for Dolan

