

Thought Dead

Seventeen years after leaving his wife and daughter to go to another city to find a job, Philip C. Murray, a shell-shocked war veteran, of Brownwood, Texas, returned home. His wife, in the meantime, heard nothing from him and finding a grave marked Philip C. Murray in Pueblo, Col., concluded he was dead. A victim of amnesia, Murray was identified in Australia through fingerprints sent to Washington and he returned to find his family.

Who Can 'Beet' This?

John Kunkel, of Selinsgrove, who planted some red beet seed he had for years, and 23 plants came up. He had room to transplant but 22, and left the other to shift for itself in the original place, while the others were cultivated and watered. When cleaning up his garden the other day, he found the lone beet, and after considerable effort dug it up. It measured two and a half feet in circumference and weighed 18 1/2 pounds.

Twins 2 Days Apart

Some sort of a record, or at least a near record, was made last week at the Renovo hospital, where twin daughters arrived for Mr. and Mrs. William Perry, Renovo, making their advents two days apart. Emma Louise, who weighed in at 4 1/2 pounds, put in an appearance Monday, while her 5 1/2 pound sister, Ida Marie, waited until Wednesday to arrive. All are doing splendidly, the hospital reports.

A Humdinger

An inspection of new cells at the Pittston jail Friday, convinced Desk Sergeant Harry J. Morrissey of one thing—the locks are humdingers. A door closed accidentally, locking him in a cell. Efforts to get him out failed so Morrissey waited two hours while friends went to the contractor's office in Scranton—ten miles away—and brought back a key.

Married 78 Years

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Goblen, aged 93, of Lucas, Iowa, have been declared the winners of a nationwide survey to find the longest-married couple in this country. The Goblen's have been married 78 years. Because of illness, they were unable to take advantage of the award—a trip to New York to the World's Fair and to the White House.

Giant Shovel Built

A giant electrical shovel, which will be able to dig through earth as deep as a six-story building, wide as a four-lane highway and deposit it 226 feet away, is under construction at Marion, Ohio. It will be used in strip mining work in Indiana coal fields.

Attention!

Everett Talbot, of Kewanee, Ill., who says he eats 15 pounds of onions, raw or fried, at a meal, would like a title. Today he challenges any onion eater in the nation to beat his mark. He will to the skin and let the tears fall where they may.

Found Drowned

The frantic barking of a little dog caused several persons to follow him to a water hole where they found the drowned body of Jimmy Sanford, 8, who had, a short while before, taken the dog to the water pond to give him a drink of water.

Ranch Sinking

At the rate of a foot or two a day, about fifteen acres of the ranch of Ed Bright, of Terry, Mont., has sunk to a depth of forty feet. Geologists believe the sinking is caused by the collapsing of a "basin" in lava strata underlying the region.

Rare, Incurable Brain Disease Kills Clearfield County Youth

The little coal mining community of Ramey, Clearfield county, has been saddened by the death of nine-year-old John Zurrick, who was afflicted for more than a year with the rare brain disorder known as Schilders Disease.

John, the son of Mrs. Katherine and the late John Zurrick, was said to have been an exceptionally bright student in school and teachers first noticed his ailment when he was unable to write in a straight line.

Since January he had been bedfast after losing his ability to see, speak, eat, and talk. Following X-rays taken at the Philadelphia hospital, John was taken to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, late in March. It was then believed that he was suffering from a brain tumor.

After being in the Philadelphia hospital nine days, the young patient was returned to his Ramey home "doomed to die." Brain surgeons said that the disease, an acute inflammation of the brain, was so damaging that the result is just "as though the brain was cut off in the middle." The disease is believed to have been caused by an invisible virus. The disease is so rare that the surgeon stated that he has seen only about a dozen cases in 20 years of practice.

Four weeks time the young Ramey boy seemed to show some improvement. His pitiful plight came to the attention of the entire nation. The Houtdale American Legion and auxiliary plaid for expert medical attention, but it seemed nothing further could be done. All hope, however, was not given up.

NEW EXECUTIONER SENDS 3 TO DEATH IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Mysterious 'Mr. X' Who Succeeds Robert Elliott at Rockview Prison, Proves to Be 38-Year-Old Pittsburgh Electrician

Pennsylvania's new executioner, a 37-year-old Pittsburgh electrical engineer, sent three men to their death in 14 1/2 minutes early Monday morning in Rockview prison's oaken electric chair.

Frank Lee Wilson, the novice executioner, whom officials described as "a poor, deserving electrician," will receive \$480 for his first night's work as successor to the late Robert Elliott.

The identity of the State's new executioner was revealed Sunday evening by Warden Stanley Ashe, who introduced him to newsmen at a dinner at the warden's home. Wilson is described as slim, blond, pleasant-looking and bespectacled. He is the father of two children. He attended Pittsburgh public schools and studied at night for

seven years at Carnegie institute of technology while working to support his family. He will receive \$250 for a single execution and \$100 for each additional execution in any one night.

He never before performed an execution but witnessed them, said Ashe, adding: "He recognizes the law as it is. He is a public servant and feels no more responsible for an electrocution than the judge and the jury."

Warden Ashe termed Wilson "the best qualified man we knew," describing the new executioner as "a high grade electrician." "We wanted a man of high reputation who knows electricity from beginning to end," said Ashe. His first assignment required him to throw the switch three times early Monday morning (beginning about 12:45 a. m. E. S. T.) to put to death Paul Ferry, of Erie, Pa., and Ira Bob Redmon and Willie Bailey, Philadelphia Negroes.

Ashe emphasized that Wilson had not applied for the position, which more than 70 electricians, butchers and men of other occupations had sought.

Wilson, slim and blond-haired came to the prison Sunday night attired in an Oxford-grey, pin striped business suit, white shirt and blue and white tie.

He will retain his job with a Pittsburgh firm.

Ferry First to Die First to go to the chair was Ferry. (Continued on page eight)

Military Burial For County Man

Philipsburg Resident's Body Will Be Interred in Arlington

Lieut. Jackson Holt Gray, Philipsburg, killed October 3 when the army plane he was piloting crashed into the Bay of Manila during a routine practice flight, will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery December 16 with full military honors.

The transport carrying his body will leave Manila on November 1 and will arrive in New York harbor December 15. Lieutenant Gray's wife and friends will accompany the body. Family members and friends from Philipsburg and other sections will attend the Washington burial services.

Funeral services for Lieutenant Gray were held in Manila October 6 in charge of an Episcopalian minister.

Further information from Manila discloses that Lieutenant Gray had evidently known something was a-coming and fastened his safety belt before the plane crashed, as he was thrown clear of the plane. Due to the low altitude when he discovered his plight it is thought to have prevented his bailing out in his parachute.

Lieutenant Gray was on a routine aerial gunnery training flight and with two companion ships was going through his maneuvers. Lieuts. John I. DeVine, Jr., and Roland J. Barnick, also of Nichols Field, who were flying in similar missions in the vicinity at the time, about half way between Manila and Corregidor. They returned and reported the accident to officials at Nichols Field. An amphibian plane with Lieut. Charles B. Harvin at the controls, took off and landed near the scene, recovered the body which was floating on the water and took it to Manila to the army mortuary.

Lieutenant Gray is survived by his wife, Linda Height Gray, and son, Jackson Holt Gray, 6 months. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray, Philipsburg, and three sisters.

Loganton Youth Gets Post

Frank Schroyer, a Loganton youth, has been appointed a graduate assistant for this year in the College of Arts and Science, of Buffalo University. He is a graduate in the physics course, of Allegheny College.

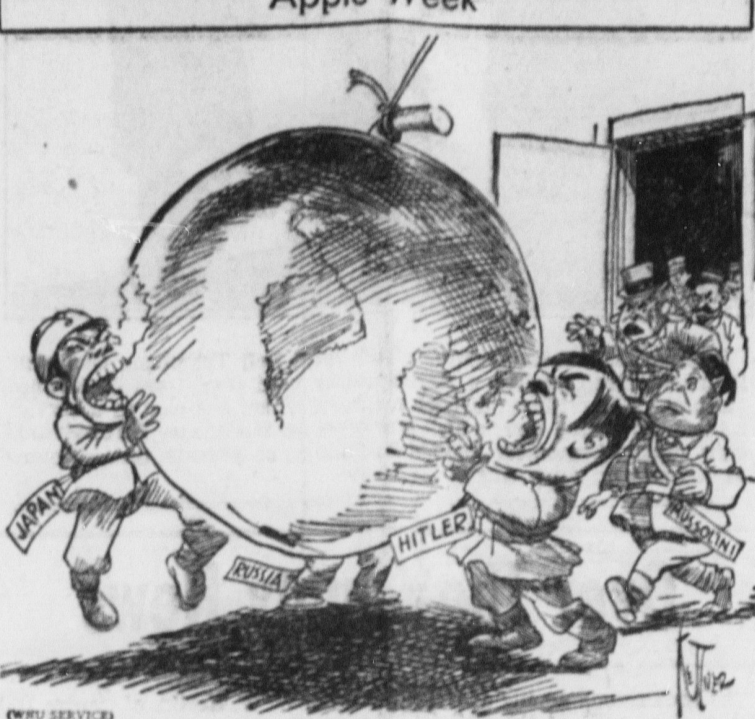
UNIONVILLE MAN HOST AT OYSTER SUPPER

George Barton, of Unionville, entertained at an oyster supper at his camp on Rattlesnake Mountain, Sunday.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Hill, son and wife, of Juniata; Mr. and Mrs. Houtz, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Way and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Way, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall and four children, Lloyd Spotts, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spotts, and son, Mr. Aaron Hall, all of Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peter, Mrs. Hazel Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wensel, Mr. James Wensel, Milesburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Orris Reed and son, Bellefonte.

New College Auditorium. Plans for construction of a \$120,000 auditorium at Juniata College were announced by Dr. Charles C. Ellis, president of the college. The general contract has been awarded to A. E. Warner and Son, of Waynesboro. Work will be started immediately.

Apple Week



ELECTRIC DEATH DETECTOR

A new photo-electric eye which detects the approach of death in changing color of the skin is now being used in hospitals.

It was designed at the Ford Hospital, Detroit, for use in surgical operations, and promises to be useful wherever anesthetics or sedatives have to be given. The eye gives warning in time to administer life-saving oxygen.

The eye has been used experimentally on animals and is now ready for human applications.

Its usefulness is explained in this manner. When death approaches in a surgical operation, and often in other forms, the blood grows darker? The change is due to loss of oxygen. Anesthetics nearly al-

ways cause some loss of oxygen in the blood and the operation itself may cause more of this danger.

The doctor giving the anesthetic watches the pallor of the unconscious person for the oxygen danger signs. By giving more oxygen he can stave off the final sinking. But he can see only the surface.

The new eye looks virtually into the blood itself. This is done by placing a strong light behind the ear. Some of the rays pass through tissues and blood. The electric eye picks up these rays and detects changes in the blood color too slight for human eye to see.

Often this margin between life and death is very narrow, so that the instant warning of oxygen drop is vitally important.

THE REWARD OF KINDNESS

A True Incident of a Centre County Man's Reward For an Unsolicited Deed of Kindness

Read our former friend caught up with a stranger who was traveling in the same direction. He stopped his team and invited the foot-traveler to climb on the seat beside him, stating that he would give him a lift as far as he was going. The man was glad to accept the offer upon learning that it was quite a long distance to the next town.

The stranger proved to be a congenial companion, and in the course of the journey explained to the farmer his reason for being in that vicinity. He stated that he was traveling over the country taking views and exhibited a camera he was carrying. The work he was doing, he added, was purely for pleasure and recreation, and was his method of spending his summer vacation.

As the team pulled up in front of the farmer's home, the stranger alighted from the wagon and prepared to continue his journey, but he was invited to come into the house and partake of dinner which was being prepared. The stranger gladly accepted and greatly enjoyed the hospitality shown by his host and family.

After the meal had been finished the guest asked the privilege of taking some views of the buildings, stating that they were picturesque and quaint enough to add value to his collection.

As he walked around to the side of the house he noticed a printed paper tacked on the side of the building. His curiosity aroused, the stranger asked what it meant. The farmer hesitated a moment and then admitted it was a "sheriff's sale" bill. He explained to his guest that he had fallen into financial difficulties and that all his personal property had been seized for a debt.

The stranger asked how much he owed and was informed that the amount was \$125. The man could scarcely believe that for the small amount owed by the farmer, his home, buildings and stock would be taken from him by forced sale. The owner replied that such was the law and as he could not raise the amount, he expected the sheriff of Centre county to sell him out on the day mentioned on the bill. "The man departed and was next heard from when he appeared at

FIRE SWEEPS PLANT PHILIPSBURG MEAT PACKING COMPANY

Tasty Products Company Suffers \$15,000 Loss in Conflagration Which Started on Second Floor of South Wing

The entire south wing of the Tasty Products Company's meat packing plant at Chester Hill, Philipsburg, was destroyed Tuesday evening in a spectacular fire which required the efforts of three fire companies to subdue.

It was Philipsburg's first major conflagration in a year. Firemen poured water from 12 hose lines onto the fire which started on the second floor near the smoke house partitions. Another fire department was called and stood by during the fire but its services were not needed.

In addition to the destruction of the fire, machinery and equipment in the large pickling and chilling coolers and in the cutting and sausage departments were damaged. The loss is estimated at approximately \$15,000.

First warning of the fire came with the screaming of the Chester Hill "widow" whistle. The Philipsburg siren and powerhouse whistle took up the alarm when Chester Hill Fire Department officials called the Reliance and Hope companies into service. The Osceola Fire Department was called and made a fast run but was not put into service.

Although two tanks of gas burned there was no explosion and the fire was not caused by gas, officials stated. The tanks are equipped with safety valves which prevent any explosions. Two other tanks were removed from the building. Power lines leading into the building were switched off by the Pennsylvania

Electric Co., at the beginning of the fire. Thirty dressed hogs were pushed out of a portion of the damaged building. Some meats were damaged but it is believed the stock loss will not be heavy. Fourteen head of live cattle, and hogs were turned into the corral when the roof of the barn blazed. They milled around frightened, but were unharmed.

A. B. Curtis, president of Tasty Products Co., stated that work would be uninterrupted at the plant, which is the largest meat packing house in central Pennsylvania. Machinery is to be removed from the damaged portion and reconditioned and placed in use in another part of the plant until the wing can be rebuilt. The building and machinery is covered by insurance. Stock is not covered.

Find Man Dead Lying on Floor

Thought to Have Died Eight Hours Before Discovery

Believed to have died eight hours before his lifeless body was found lying on the floor of his bachelor hangout, Burley Raeger, 63, of Osceola Mills, R. D., was discovered dead Friday evening at his home at Dunbar, below the Osceola roundhouse. The discovery of the man's death was made when Joseph McDonigle, one of the three men "baching" in the row of houses at Dunbar, received no answer when he knocked at Raeger's door. Opening the door he saw the body lying on the floor.

Raeger had made his home at Osceola Mills, R. D. for the past four years. He moved into the Osceola section from Banner at Low Coal, outside of Osceola. For some time Raeger had been employed by the Millson Coal Co. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Mallon, of Houtdale.

Towns Receive Insurance Funds

Eight Municipalities to Get Total of \$3,899.95 From State

Auditor General Warren R. Roberts has approved the payment of \$3,899.95 from the Foreign Fire Insurance fund to eight Centre county municipalities. The entire amount is to be paid to the firemen's relief associations and pension funds in each locality. The fund represents the annual tax of two per cent paid by foreign fire insurance companies doing business in Pennsylvania upon premiums paid in each municipality. In accordance with provisions of the Act of 1933, the payments will be made by Auditor General Roberts to the treasurer of each city, borough and township in which there are firemen's relief associations recognized by the councils, commissioners or supervisors. The law requires that this money shall immediately be paid to the treasurer of the relief association in each municipality.

The amounts to be paid to the county municipalities are as follows: Bellefonte \$1,272.50; Millheim 71.04; Philipsburg 1,024.11; Snow Shoe 48.93; State College 1,189.95; College Township 25.99; Harris Township 17.20; Rush Township 148.83.

Total \$3,899.95

HOLD CHURCH SUPPER

Forty-five men of the Reformed church of Centre Hall, gathered in the Bradford hunting camp last Thursday night for their annual ham and egg supper. Chiefs for the occasion were the Rev. D. A. Keener and Russell Bohn.

EXTENDING POWER LINE

The West Penn power Company is extending its power line on the Old Fort-Boalsburg road, beginning at the Charles B. Neff farm and extending westward three miles to the home of Calvin J. Lingle.

CENTRE COUNTY ALIENS MUST BE REGISTERED

The state has been divided into seven districts for the purpose of registering an estimated 225,000 aliens who will soon come under the provisions of Pennsylvania's alien registration law.

Secretary of Labor and Industry Lewis G. Hines revealed that in order to cope with the tremendous task, for which there is no precedent, a corps of roving registrars has been organized.

The registrars numbering approximately 250, will be stationed at the headquarters of the seven registration districts and from these will be sent on flying trips to communities with large foreign populations.

Will Wed Thanksgiving Day

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Clark, of Beech Creek, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Jane, to Franklin T. Courter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Courter, of Blanchard. The ceremony will take place in the Church of Christ at Blanchard on Thanksgiving Day.

Farm Wiring Not Difficult Job

office. It is Circular 215. "Electric Wiring for the Farm." No charge is made for the circular.

A satisfactory wiring system is essential in the application of electricity to farm uses. Such wiring is obtained only when all parts of the system are safe, dependable, adequate for present and future loads, and carefully planned for the efficient location of lights, switches and convenience of power outlets.

In answer to the many requests for information on wiring, John R. Haswell, and V. S. Peterson, agricultural engineers with the Pennsylvania Agricultural Extension Service, have written a new circular, "Electric Wiring for the Farm." Common farm wiring problems are discussed in the publication.

The publication is intended as an aid to those not too familiar with the possibilities of electric power. It offers suggestions on the installation of a wiring system that will meet most probable needs of the farm. However, it is not a wiring guide for those wishing to make their own installation.

Information is provided on materials and fixtures that will enable a farmer to install a system that will economically provide ample light, heat, and power with adequate consideration for safety.

County Agent R. C. Blaney has a supply of the new publication at his

Three New Pierson Act Projects Approved

Three new projects under the Pierson Work act were approved this week by the Centre County Public Assistance Board.

One of the new projects calls for the employment of three men as janitors at the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. for an indefinite period of time. They will be assigned to general janitorial and cleaning tasks.

Another project, sponsored by the College township supervisors, will employ from 2 to 6 laborers.

The third project, sponsored by the Bellefonte Water Department, will employ 3 clerks who will make a water assessment of all users of borough water. They also will set up a permanent record of water users.

Son for Howard Couple

A son was born at the Lock Haven Hospital last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Max Conroy of Howard.

There are very few new facts to be learned from a public speech.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Sleuthing Has Its Perils



By POP MOMAND