FIRE SWEEPS PLANT

Who Can 'Beet' This?

up. He had room to transplant but oaken electric chair. and left the other to shift for itself in the original place, while the ecutioner, whom officials described execution but witnessed them, said others were cultivated and watered. When cleaning up his garden the will receive \$450 for his first night's 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 1814

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 41/2 pounds, put in an appearance Mon- Military Burial day, while her 51/2 pound sister, Ida Marie, waited until Wednesday to arrive. All are doing splendedly, 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 December 16 with full military honmiles away-and brought back a ors.

Married 78 Years

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Goben, declared the winners of a nationwide survey to find the longest-married couple in this country. The Gobens 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 in charge of an Episcopalian minis- of course and soon forget the and to the White House.

Giant Shovel Built

it 226 feet away, is under construc- his plight is thought to have pretion at Marion, Ohio. It will be vented his bailing out in his paraused in strip mining work in Indi- chute. ana 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 na- between Manilla and Corregidor. tion to beat his mark. Hew to the They returned and reported the acskin and let the tears fall where cident to officials at Nichols Field. 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 youth, has been appointed a gradu-Ed Bright, of Terry, Mont. has sunk ate assistant for this year in the to a depth of forty feet. Geologists College of Arts and Sciences of believe the sinking is caused by the Buffalo University. He is a graducollapsing of a "bubble" in lava ate in the physics course, of Allestrata underlying the region.

Rare, Incurable Brain Disease Kills Clearfield County Youth

of Ramey, Clearfield county, has condition was termed "hopeless." been saddened by the death of nine-year-old John Zurrick, who first laugh in months as he played was afflicted for more than a year with Easter toys sent to him by with the rare brain disorder known children and organizations from 47 as Schilders Disease

John, the son of Mrs. Katherine messages and greetings, which his and the late John Zurrick, was said widowed mother read to him. to have been an exceptionally bright student in school and teachers first noticed his ailment when developed pneumonla and his con- pervisor of Vocational Agriculture, he was unable to write in a straight dition became critical. He was one Rex Haver. At the close of the in-

Since January he had been bedfast after losing his ability to see. UNIONVILLE MAN HOST speak, eat, and talk. Following X-rays taken at the Philipsburg 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 ugh 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 Milesburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Orvis following choices: president, Ronald the surgeon stated that he has seen only about a dozen cases in 20 years

of practice. For some time the young Ramey boy seemed to show some improvethe attention of the entire nation. were announced by Dr. Charles C. The Houtzdale American Legion Ellis, president of the college. The ture Farmers are making history and auxiliary plaid for expert medi- general contract has been awarded and there is no reason why the cal attention, but it seemed noth- to A. R. Warner and Son, of Way- Walker Chapter situated in the ing further could be done. All nesboro. hope, however, was not given up mediately.

The little coal mining community by the Legion even when the lad's Last Easter, John uttered his

> His condition seemed to improve of five children.

AT OYSTER SUPPER

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

William Hall, son and wife, of Juniata; Mr. and Mrs. Houtz, Mr. and tion program tasty refreshments Mrs. Blair Way and son, Mr. and consisting of cider, cake, sandwiches Mrs. Charles Way, Mr. and Mrs. and pickles were served, the newly Harry Hall and four children, Lloyd formed Walker Chapter acting as Spotts, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spotts, hosts to the Lock Haven Chapter. and son, Mr. Aaron Hall, all of Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fetzer, Mrs. Hazel Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wensel. Mr. James Wensel. Reed and son, Bellefonte.

New College Auditorium.

Plans for construction of a \$130,-His pitiful plight came to 000 auditorium at Juniata College

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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

one night.

Ashe, adding:

He never before performed an

"He recognizes the law as it is.

He is a public servant and feels no

more responsible for an electrocu-

Warden Ashe termed Wilson "the

"We wanted a man of high repu-

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

Ira Bob Redmon and Willie Bailey.

Ashe emphasized that Wilson had

not applied for the position, which

more than 70 electricians, butchers

came to the prison Sunday night

attired in an Oxford-grey, pin'

striped business suit, white shirt

He will retain his job with

Ferry First to Die

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tible to courtesy and kindness than

those of past generations? Do they

was any gratitude left in the human

friendly hand that aided them?

tation who knows electricity from

beginning to end," said Ashe.

best qualified man we knew," des-

high grade electrician."

Philadelphia Negroes.

and blue and white tie.

Pittsburgh firm.

tion than the judge and the jury.

Pennsylvania's new executioner, a seven years at Carnegie institute of 37-year-old Pittsburgh electrical technology while working to support John Kunkel, of Selinsgrove, this engineer, sent three men to their his family. He will receive \$250 year planted some red beet seed he death in 141/2 minutes early Mon- for a single execution and \$100 for had for years, and 23 plants came day morning in Rockview prison's each additional execution in any

SECOND

SECTION

VOLUME 58.

Frank Lee Wilson, the novice exas "a poor, deserving electrician," work as successor to the late Robert

The identity of the State's new executioner was revealed Sunday evening by Warden Stanley Ashe, who introduced him to newsmen at cribing the new executioner as "a 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

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

The transport carrying his body will leave Manila on November 1 and will arrive in New York harbor December 15. Lieutenant Gray's wife aged 93, of Lucas, Iowa, have been and friends will accompany the body. Family members and friends from Philipsburg and other sections will attend the Washington burial

Funeral services for Lieutenant Gray were held in Manila October 6 accept a kindly deed as a matter

discloses that Lieutenant Gray had evidently known something was a Further information from Manila giant electrical shovel, which miss and unfastened his safety belt which a ground electrical shovel. will be able to dig through earth as deep as a six-story building, wide as a four-lane highway and deposit the low altitude when he discovered it 226 feet away is under construe.

> Lieutenant Grav was on a routing 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 An emphibian plane with Lieut. Charles B. Harvlin 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, journey. Jackson Holt Gray, 9 months; his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray. Philipsburg, and three sisters.

Loganton Youth Gets Post Frank Schroyer, a Loganton gheny College

New FFA Group Is Organized

Just after reaching the mountain family.

Walker Township Unit Names Ronald Houck as First President

On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock twenty Walker Township Vocational Agriculture students received the has been organized. Green Hand Degree" of the Future Farmers of America, it was announced by the vocational agriculture teacher, Robert Corman.

the Lock Haven Chapter of Future Farmers under the guidance of their states. He received hundreds of adviser Conley Hayes, who is teacher of Agriculture in the Lock Haven High school, Mr. Hayes was accompanied by his assistant, Mr. slightly until a week ago when he Davies, and the Clinton county Suitiation ceremony Mr. Haver gave the boys a short interesting address. in which he stressed the fact that the boys were responsible for the

Farmer Chapter. The initiation - ceremony complete success and much credit at Blanchard on Thanksgiving Day. supply of the new publication at his learned from a public speech. must be given to the Lock Haven Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Chapter for the fine work they did At the conclusion of the initia-

> Shortly after the initiation the chapter was called into a brief session for the election of officers. Results of the balloting showed the Houck; vice president, Oscar Dunkle: secretary, Lawrence Zellers;

The outlook for the Walker Chapter is a bright one. Everywhere Fu-Work will be started im- heart of one of the finest farming

treasurer, Fred Wilson; reporter,

Walter Bressler, and Mr. Corman.

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ELECTRIC DEATH DETECTOR

THE REWARD OF KINDNESS

Unsolicited Deed of Kindness

road our farmer friend caught up After the meal had been finished

with a stranger who was traveling the guest asked the privilege of tak-

in the same direction. He stopped ing some views of the buildings.

his team and invited the foot-trav- stating that they were picturesque

eler to climb on the seat beside him. and quaint enough to add value to

develop between entire strangers. He genial companion, and in the course farmer besitated a moment and save the farmer's property from be-

said he only knew of one incident of the journey explained to the then admitted it was a "sheriff's ling disposed of at sheriff's sale. The

severe winter, and although the was invited to come into the house law and as he could not raise the rence, of which there is no doubt-

roads were not yet free from frozen and partake of dinner which was amount, he expected the sheriff of ing. Few men, indeed, are as gener-

ruts, the farmer and his team wend- being prepared. The stranger gladly Centre county to sell him out on the ous as was Mr. Barrett; yet one

county more than forty years ago. eling over the country taking views difficulties and that all his personal him at his convenience.

changing color of the skin is now may cause more of this danger. being used in hospitals.

death Paul Ferry, of Erie, Pa., and It was designed at the Ford Hospital. Detroit, for use in surgical scious person for the oxygen danoperations, and promises to be useful wherever anesthetics or sedaand men of other occupations had gives warning in time to administer life-saving oxygen. Wilson, slim and blond-haired

> 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 slight for human eye to see. in a surgical operation, and often Often this margin between life in other forms, the blood grows and death is very narrow, so that First to go to the chair was Ferry. darker? The change is due to loss the instant warning of exygen drop of oxygen. Anesthetics nearly al- is vitally important

to the next town

near as could be recalled the telling rying. The work he was doing, he

was as follows: One day in the added, was purely for pleasure and

spring of 1897, a well known farmer recreation, and was his method of

Philipsburg to drive across the As the team pulled up in front of

Boggs township started from spending his summer vacation.

of kindness receiving a substantial farmer his reason for being in that sale" bill. He explained to his guest

reward and that happened in Centre vicinity. He stated that he was trav- that he had fallen into financial

That called for a story, and as and exhibited a camera he was car- property had been seized for a debt.

mountains to his home. It was one the farmer's home, the stranger a- home, buildings and live stock would

of those bright, warm days that are lighted from the wagon and pre- be taken from him by forced sale.

so welcome after the departure of a pared to continue his journey, but The owner replied that such was the

hospitality shown by his host and

ed their way unmindful of the rough accepted and greatly enjoyed the day mentioned on the bill.

CENTRE COUNTY ALIENS

A new photo-electric eye which ways cause some loss of oxygen in detects the approach of death in the blood and the operation itself

The doctor giving the anesthetic watches the pallor of the unconger signs. By giving more oxygen he can stave off the final sinking. have to be given. The eye 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 Some of the rays pass through tissues and blood. The electric eye picks up these rays and detects changes in the blood color too

Second Floor of South Wing The entire south wing of the Electric Co., at the beginning of the Tasty Products Company's meat fire

PHILIPSBURG MEAT

Tasty Products Company Suffers \$15,000 Loss

in Conflagration Which Started on

PACKING COMPANY

packing plant at Chester Hill, Philipsburg, was destroyed Tuesday eve- out of a portion of the damaged ning of last week in a spectacular building. Some meats were damaged fire which required the efforts of but it is believed the stock loss will 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 wing, machinery and equipment in the large pickling and chilling

coolers and in the cutting and saus-

ss is estimated at approximately \$15,000 First warning of the fire came with the screaming of the Chester Hill "wildcat" whistle. The Philipsburg siren and powerhouse whistle took up the alarm when Chester Hill Fire Department officials called the Reliance and Hope companies into Thought to Have Died Eight service. The Osceola Fire Depart ment 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 Tines leading into the building were switched off by the Pennsylvania

would hear from him later.

doner asked for no security further

than the farmer's honor to repay

And who was the farmer who ben-

efited from this act of kindness in

vin, of Boggs township, and if he

was alive today he could verify this

never knows what may be the re-

Thirty dressed hogs were pushed not be heavy. Fourteen head of live given for a WPA sanitary sewer cattle, and hogs were turned into the corral when the roof of the barn blazed. They milled around frightened, but were unhurt.

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 placed in use in another part of the plant until the wing can be rebuilt. age departments were damaged. The The building and machinery is covered by insurance. Stock is not cov-

Find Man Dead Lying on Floor HE DIDN'T LIKE IT:

Hours Before Dis-

covery

nangout, Burley Raeger, 63, of Osce-Friday evening at his home at Dunbar, below the Osceola roundhouse.

was made when Joseph McMonigle. one of the three men "baching" in the Commissioners complain that the row of houses at Dunbar, receiv- they were "forced" to build the ed no answer when he knocked at Raeger's door. Opening the door he Countians who are interested in the saw the body lying on the floor.

Raeger had made his home at Os-Are the folks of today less suscep- A True Incident of a Centre County Man's Reward For an Sheriff Cronister's office at the jail ceola Mills, R. D. for the past four ments of the County Home, it is next morning. He asked for further years. He moved into the Osceola information concerning the farmer's section from Banner at Low Coal, indebtedness and was referred to outside of Osceola. For some time Charles F. Cook in whose hands the Raeger had been employed by the able at the County Hospital. claim had been placed. The stranger Milsom Coal Co. succeeded in getting what informa-

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. tion he needed and left Bellefonte, Arthur Mallon, of Houtzdale

intimating to Mr. Cook that they A few days later Mr. Cook re- Towns Receive eve there ing that it was quite a long distance paper tacked on the side of the ceived a letter from R. L. Barrett, Insurance Funds race, especially the kind that might The stranger proved to be a con- stranger asked what it meant. The check for \$125 to pay the claim and

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

Auditor General Warren R. Rob-\$3,899.95 from the Foreign Fire In- The voices are loud enough, but for surance Fund to eight Centre county some reason the words are mummunicipalities. The entire amount bled together so that sometimes an is to be paid to the firemen's relief entire sentence is missed. In other associations and pension funds in theatres you can understand every

It was an unusual and rare occur- each locality. The fund represents the annual you say-"he's getting deaf." tax of two per cent paid by foreign thought of that, however, and refire insurance companies doing bus- port that a rigid test reveals that iness in Pennsylvania upon premiums paid in each municipality.

In accordance with provisions of average the Act of 1933, the payments will MORE CRABBING: 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 ..\$1,373.90 Millheim 71.04 1,024.11 Philipsburg Snow Shoe 48.93 1.189.95 State College College Township Harris Township 17,20 148.83 Rush Township Total \$3,899.95

Forty-five men of the Reformed

EXTENDING POWER LINE

HOLD CHURCH SUPPER

Henry C. Rockey farm in Buffalo church of Centre Hall, gathered in Run Valley about 9 o'clock last the Bradford bunting camp last Thursday morning. The fire, said to Thursday night for their annual have started while men were threshham and egg supper. Chefs for the ing, destroyed a large quantity of occasion were the Rev. D. A. Keengrain but no stock according to re-

Men were able to move threshing equipment from the barn The West Penn Fower Company before it caught fire from the blaze is extending its power line on the which is believed to have started in Old Fort-Boalsburg road, beginning a straw stack. It is understood that at the Charles B. Neff farm and Mr. Rockey carried insurance on the extending westward three miles to building which was part of the Rockey homestead.

The man departed and was next ward for lending a helping hand to heard from when he appeared at a fellowman. Farm Wiring Not Difficult Job

owed and was informed that the affording hospitality to a stranger?

mount was \$125. The man could It was none othed than Henry Ir-

The state has been divided into allen registration law.

MUST BE REGISTERED

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

The registrars numbering approximately 250, will be stationed at the headquarters of the seven registration districts and from these The initiation was conducted by will be sent on flying trips to communities with large foreign popu-

Clearfield

Will Wed Thanksgiving Day Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Clark, of Beech Creek, have announced the ials and fixtures that will enable a ter, of Blanchard. The ceremony will sideration for safety.

A satisfactory wiring system is office. It is Circular 215, "Electric seven districts for the purpose of esential in the application of elec- Wiring for the Farm." No charge is registering an estimated 225,000 tricity to farm uses, Such wiring is made for the circular. aliens who will soon come under obtained only when all parts of the the provisions of Pennsylvania's system are safe, dependable, ade-

The stranger asked how much he

scarcely believe that for the small

amount owed by the farmer, his

quate 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, agricul- Assistance Board. tural engineers with the Pennsylvania Agricultural Extension Ser- the employment of three men as vice, have written a new circular. "Electric Wiring for the Farm." A. for an indefinite period of time Common farm wiring problems are They will be assigned to general discussed in the publication. The publication is intended as an

aid to those not too familiar with College township supervisors, will Altoona—Blair. Cambria, Hunt- the possibilities of electric power. It employ from 2 to 6 laborers. ingdon, somerset, Jefferson, Elk, offers suggestions on the installation Bedford, Fulton, Indiana, Centre of a wiring system that will meet the Bellefonte Water Department, most probable needs of the farm. will employ 3 clerks who will make However, it is not a wiring guide for a water assessment of all users of those wishing to make their own in- borough water. They also will set up stallation.

Information is provided on materengagement of their daughter. Dor- farmer to install a system that will othy Jane, to Franklin T. Courter, economically provide ample light, success or failure of their Future son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cour- heat, and power with adequate con- and Mrs. Max Confer of Howard. was a take place in the Church of Christ | County Agent R. C. Blaney has a

Three New Pierson Act Projects Approved

Pierson Work act were approved this week by the Centre County Public One of the new projects calls for

janitors at the Bellefonte Y. M. C. janitorial and cleaning tasks Another project, sponsored by the

The third project, sponsored by a permanent record of water users.

A son was born at the Lock Haven Hospital last Thursday to Mr.

There are very few new facts to be

the home of Calvin J. Lingle.

er and Russell Bohn.

Items WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

Random

When Congressman James %

VanZandt met with the Bellefonte School Board, Friday, to discuss financing a new High School building, the Congressman was asked why Bellefonte could not get a WPA appropriation of more than \$52,000 when State College had just received a grant of \$148,231. Reports have it that \$52,000 is the maximum now allowed any one project by the WPA. The Congressman explained that away with the statement that the money was for the improvement of the property of the Pennsylvania State College, which is owned by the State instead of a municipality Later the same day, however, the Congressman announced through the press that approval had been project amounting to \$262,576, for State College Borough. The sponsor is State College borough, a municipality. Let Congressman VanZant explain that one away.

FIVE SUPERINTENDENTS?

According to reports, Commissioner Balser Weber and his run ning mate for that office, Sheriff Harry V. Keeler, have promised no less than five persons the superintendency of the County Home in the event they are elected as Commissioners. Someone is bound to lose, but the denouncement won't come until after election and in the meanwhile all five prospective superintendents will be plugging away for Weber and Keeler.

One of the present Centre County

Commissioners was vastly irked at our estimate last week that 25 sal-aried persons would be required to operate the new Centre County Poor Home. Let it be said now that he didn't offer any concrete Believed to have died eight hours evidence that a fewer number of efore his lifeless body was found employes would be required, so our lying on the floor of his bachelor guess remains unchanged. To their friends the Commissioners are reola Mills, R. D., was discovered dead ported to be bragging that Centre County is the first seventh class county to build a home since the The discovery of the man's death law recommending such homes was passed several years ago. To others, home. To the hundreds of Centre Centre County Hospital and who have seen the magnificent appointclear that those who will be named to run the home will have far more complete facilities than are avail-

FORBIDDEN FRUIT: A farmer living just outside

Bellefonte has been bothered by a number of small boys who entered his orchard and filched his best apples. One day last week, being unable to catch the youths, he unleashed his dog on one particularly flagrant offender, and the dor caught up with the boy. We've been wondering what excuse the lad offered at home to explain the loss of his trouser bottom.

MUMBLING MOVIES: Do you have trouble understand-

erts has approved the payment of ing the dialogue in some theatres? word without any effort. whatever else this department lacks. it's hearing is even better than

Since this week's column seems to have started on a theme of making the world safe for termites. or something, we might as well end in the same vein by registering a beef against local radio noises. We don't have to tell you that it's practically impossible to get anything on your radio with any degree of satisfaction these evenings. don't have to remind you there's an ordinance calling for the elimination of all radio interference. wherever possible. But it does seem that the authorities must be reminded that radio interference to worse than it has been in many months, and that the ordinance by all means should be enforced.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN IN BUFFALO RUN VALLEY

