

Odd and Curious News

Door Bars Rescue

The stout door which he had built and kept barred in order to "live alone away from the world," proved the cause of the death of Newton Shipley, 73-year-old recluse, of Uniontown.

Needed Interpreter

When Miss Hulda Sund, 30, of Karlsbad, Sweden, met her sister, Mrs. Helen Keck, 42, of San Diego, Calif., for the first time recently at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Edward Mahoney of Rensselaer, N. Y., they couldn't talk to each other—they needed an interpreter.

Killed As Driver Dies

When her chauffeur collapsed behind the wheel of the automobile in which she and her daughter were riding, in New York, Mrs. Cora Deréaux, 81, and the chauffeur were killed in the subsequent collision with a telephone pole and her daughter, Mrs. Irma Riegel, was severely injured.

Biggest Kick

An Old City Civil War cavalryman, celebrating his 99th birthday, Saturday, declared "I'm getting my biggest kick right now out of the way Finland is licking the Russians." He is Capt. Daniel Fisher, former mayor, councilman and Old City's first fire chief.

Some Cake

Sheriff John Heinz, of Pittsburgh had a birthday last week, so his staff thought something ought to be done in a big way. The boys pitched in and ordered the largest birthday cake ever made in Pittsburgh, at least the largest in recent years. It's 4 feet high, has 22 layers and cost \$100.

Five Sets of Twins

For the fifth time in six years, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Chafin, of Logan, Va. are the parents of twins. The next to the last set of twins were born last January 18 and were promptly named Franklin D. and Eleanor R. Chafin in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Watchdog Stolen

During a shopping tour, Mrs. Harry Ham, of Boston, left her 4-year-old German shepherd dog in her automobile to guard her Christmas packages. When she returned, she found the watchdog had been stolen but the packages were untouched.

Doubtful Samaritan

Harley Toland, 60, of Lincoln, Neb., isn't so sure he will play the role of good Samaritan again. When he attempted to caution a motorist against crossing a bridge, he was blinded by the car's lights, stepped into a hole and broke his leg.

Aw, Rats

A rat trap which Eugene Ramsey, a carpenter of Burgaw, N. C., tried to set snapped prematurely on his fingers. Whereupon Ramsey angrily threw the trap under the kitchen stove. The trap hit a mouse and killed it.

Quarter Grows to \$100

Archie Hartly, Jr., of Culbertson, Mont., recently found a quarter in a rubbish heap. It was dated 1878 and was found to be worth \$100.

He's Got 'Ligion

A thief broke into a Methodist church, at Dallas, Texas. All he took was a Bible.

Application For Farm Loans Should Be Made At This Time

Calling attention to the familiar quotation, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" Mr. Oakley S. Havens, Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration here, is inviting eligible farmers to make their applications now for rehabilitation loans. "Eligible farmers" include those unable to obtain necessary operating credit from the usual sources and willing to place their farms on an efficient operating basis under trained supervision.

"It is now too early to apply for a loan for the new crop year," Mr. Havens stated. "You see, extending credit is only one of several steps taken to aid deserving farmers eligible to take part in our rehabilitation program. First and foremost of those is the drawing up of a farm management plan by the applicant and his wife with our help—a sort of insurance that the loan will be used to put the family on its feet, and that it will eventually be repaid.

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SKIDDING TRUCK WRECKS FIRST AVE. HOME AT ALTOONA

House Torn From Foundation By Impact as Vehicle Plunges Into Coal Cellar After Collision With Auto

The home of E. W. Peters, 1800 First avenue, Altoona was torn from its foundations Saturday afternoon when a large soft drink truck skidded into an automobile and then crashed into the front of the house, damaging it to the extent of approximately \$1,000.

Peter Steinbauer, 20, of Altoona, driver of the truck, suffered brush burns of the left leg and a sprained ankle. Mrs. Peters, who was sitting in the living room of her home at the time of the crash talking to a neighbor, said they saw the truck coming directly for their house and crash into the corner of the wall and front steps.

The impact of the crash slightly stunned Mrs. Peters and her neighbor, Mrs. Latherow, knocked pictures off the walls, upset the refrigerator in the dining room and sent the plaster flying through the house.

Much difficulty was experienced by wrecking crews in removing the large truck from under the corner of the building as the engine had been jarred loose from its mountings and pushed back into the cab, falling to the pavement, a complete wreck.

The front frame of the truck had pushed into the coal cellar after going over a seven-inch curb and knocking down a fence.

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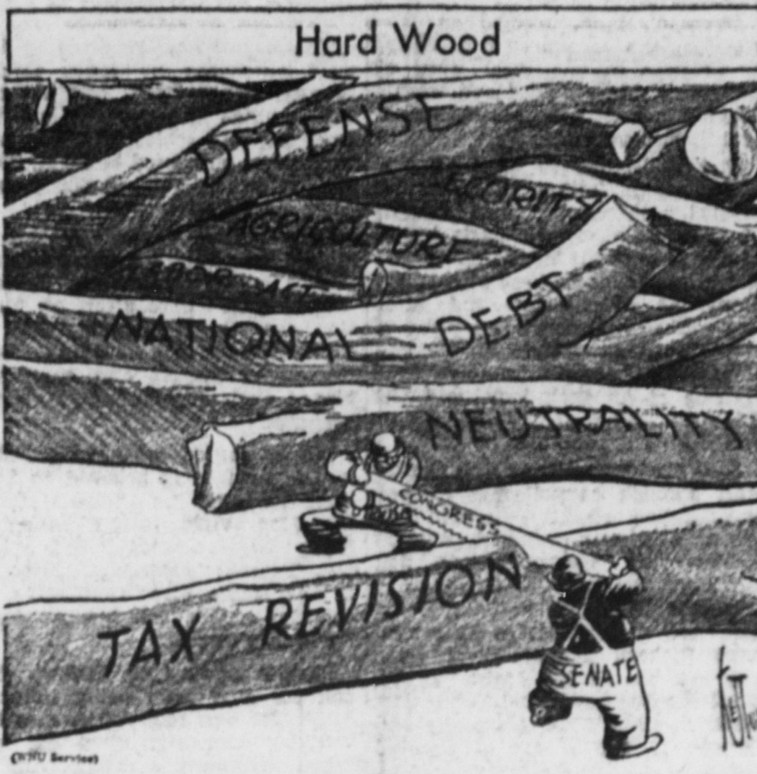
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Relatives Gather To Attend Funeral; Find 'Corpse' Alive

They came in sorrow and left with joy in their hearts because the man whose funeral they expected to attend was alive, in good health and in fact out feeding the chickens.

Mr. Bixler had been puzzled by the many formal pieces delivered to his home, not realizing they were for his "funeral".

WOMAN RECEIVES TREATMENT AFTER ACCIDENT AT PORT

Injured when the car she was riding in crashed against a bridge abutment at Port Matilda last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. G. E. Potter of Pittsburgh was treated for injuries at the Phillipsburg State hospital where she was taken.

Mrs. Potter, who suffered a hip injury, was riding in the front seat of a car operated by her husband when the car left the road and struck the abutment.

To Enlist in Army Service

Two young men from Phillipsburg were accepted for army service last week. They are Richard Phillips, son of Mrs. Della Phillips, R. D. Houtzdale, and Philbert Myers, son of Mrs. Anna Myers, R. P. D. Osceola Mills.

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Rev. Anderson Dies at Age of 90

The Rev. Joseph Ferguson Anderson, D. D., of Bellwood, for many years a "brother beloved" in the Methodist Episcopal church, died at the Altoona Hospital Friday afternoon of last week of a bronchial attack, after a week's illness.

Dr. Anderson was a native of Bedford county, born March 17, 1850, the youngest of two children of David and Elizabeth Anderson and was the last of his family.

Mrs. Anderson died June 13, 1931. She was a daughter of the Rev. John Franklin and Nancy Jane Talhelm, and was reared in a United Brethren parsonage.

ALLEGED SLAYER OF STATE COP FOUND IN FULTON COUNTY BARN

Surrenders Without Resistance After Blood Hounds From Rockview Penitentiary Are Employed to Track Him Down

After a twenty-six hour search through Fulton county's snow-clad hills with bloodhounds from Rockview Penitentiary, the trail ended about 9 o'clock Thursday night when Eric Tann, 35-year-old livestock dealer, accused of slaying a State motor policeman, was captured.

Hann was found huddled on the first floor of a barn near Andover, eighteen miles south of McConnellsburg, by a State trooper and a fish warden.

Not Responsible For Fatal Crash

Clinton County Coroner's Jury Exonerates Both Drivers

Both drivers in the automobile crash in front of the Lock Haven Teachers' College, November 3, 1939, that resulted in the death of Ernest Richey, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Richey, Dunstown, were exonerated of blame Thursday afternoon by a Clinton county coroner's jury.

Centre County Man Ordered To Pay \$100

W. S. Irvine, Bellefonte, R. D. 2, was ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$110 last Thursday morning at Lock Haven police court conducted by Alderman Allen Stiermer.

Irvine, an elderly man, was charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct and also with driving through a red light.

Woman Charged With Desertion

Mrs. Loretta Saar, 20, resident of Jersey Shore, was arrested in State College last week at the home of an aunt after she allegedly left her two children, both under four years of age, at her Jersey Shore home.

Charges were filed allegedly by her husband, Elmer Saar.

307 Camp Sites In Sprout Forest

There are 307 camp sites under lease in the Sprout State Forest, which embraces an area of 215,000 acres in the western part of Centre county, according to a report recently prepared by District Forester Chas. Hopland, whose headquarters are at Renovo.

The camps should have plenty of elbow room, says Hopland, as theoretically each should have 700 acres, or more than a square mile.

During the last big game season 2,346 names appeared on the rosters of these leased camps. In addition 665 persons camped in tents, trailers, etc., under temporary camp permits.

Selfishness is often a moral issue.

WOMAN HEARD

Woman passing Plaza Theatre: "Well, now that they get a new marquee I hope they have the titles of the features spelled right!"

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Belatedly this department reports that Harry Menold, instructor of the manual training department of the Bellefonte High school, really believes in Santa Claus.

CALENDAR

Either Grif Teller, artist who annually paints the scene for the Pennsylvania Railroad calendar, is wrong, or this department's early year, but the fact remains that the 1940 P. R. calendar showing a passenger train approaching on one of the inside tracks, and a freight train disappearing on the other inside track. Unless were wrong, the two inside tracks of the Pennsylvania's main line are exclusively for passenger traffic.

PROFESSIONAL MENTION

Dr. Richards H. Hoffman of Bellefonte, is hobnobbing an infant moustache these days. He declared that Cam Heverly started one at the same time but couldn't stand the stuff and has shaved it away.

RECOVERY NOTE

This department is glad to see Police Officer Ralph Eyer about again after suffering a slight attack of the measles.

HAIRCUTS

One prominent Bellefonte business man, unusually finicky about the appearance of his hair, goes to his barber every Tuesday and Friday as regular as clockwork for a hair trim.

STRAY DOGS

With January 15—the date when all dogs must wear 1940 licenses—approaching rapidly, residents of rural areas report that many dog owners are taking their pets to the country and turning them loose rather than buy a new license.

SCHOOL BOARD

We can't get over the admirable self-control this department displayed during the stormy early days of the new school board. We didn't say a thing out of the way, although we often felt like it.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — And You, Too, Elmore!



Jersey Shore Mother Arrested Last Week at State College

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Breaks Hip While Skating

Ross Meyer, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harper T. Meyer, of Osceola Mills, is suffering from a broken hip sustained in a fall Monday of last week while skating on a pond near his home.

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