

Odd and Curious News

Bury Dog with Master
Jiggs, a poor man's friend, was buried last week beside his master...

Sticky Limes
The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma City, will be a little more careful next year...

Toothache Fatal
Suffering with a toothache, Richard A. Riley, 28, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was struck by a car...

Keeps Sense of Humor
Boyd Shirley, of Clearfield, was good and mad the other night when thieves stole groceries...

Active Imagination
Claiming that he had swallowed his false teeth while he slept, a man rushed into a hospital at Grand Rapids, Mich. demanding treatment...

Sneeze Dislodges Shot
William Daniels, of West Frankfort, Ill., sneezed and a bullet, accidentally fired into his head in 1920, emerged from his nostril...

Unknown Samaritan
A passing motorist, noticing three persons trapped on the second floor of a Philadelphia building on fire, thoughtfully backed his automobile up under the window, helped them step from the window to the roof...

Double Injuries
Starting for a doctor's office for treatment for a slight injury to his hand when an automobile knocked him down, George Sroka, 50, of New Britain, Conn., wound up in the hospital with a fractured shoulder...

Cut Off Toe
When Edward Strauser, of Bloomsburg, attempted to cut off the head of a chicken, his hatchet slipped, and chopped off a toe from his right foot.

Cousins Die on Same Day
Two young cousins, within a year of the same age, died Saturday, one at the Lock Haven Hospital, and the other at her home in Woodward township, Clinton county...

Bird Proved to Be Hat Snatcher
When a lumberjack arrived in camp at Wakefield, Mich., minus his cap, fellow jacks guffawed when he told them a huge bird had swooped down and taken it from his head...

Children Marooned Near Selinsgrove
Highway crews of 45 men battled 10-foot drifts last week with plows and hand shovels in an effort to free 23 school children and adults marooned in a farm house for a day and night near Selinsgrove.

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Random Items

RELATIVITY
With Mr. Einstein we have come to the belief that everything is merely a matter of relativity...

BOOK REVIEW
We think that practically everyone who feels that sooner or later he may be gathered unto his fathers...

RUSH WORK ON BLACK MOSHANNON AIRPORT; TO DEDICATE IN JULY

The Black Moshannon airport, near Philipsburg, Centre county, when upon completion will be equipped to receive all types of aircraft...

Also probably in April, said Swartz, the West Penn Power company will begin to install the electric power lines...

Worry Over Arrest Cause of Suicide

Nippense Valley Man is Found Fatally Shot on Couch at Home

Lycoming county authorities classed as a suicide the death of Shelley C. Morris, 36, of Oriske, whose body with two pumpkin ball shotgun wounds in the chest was found on a couch in his Nippense Valley home.

An automobile accident which resulted in charges against Morris the previous Saturday, together with domestic worries and destitution, police believed, contributed to Morris' reason for taking his life.

Morris' death was discovered by his wife. The family had planned to move to Clearfield.

THREE-COLLEGE DEBATE ON DIET COMMITTEE

Debaters from the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania State College will meet in a triangular debate for the first time on March 14, Professor Joseph F. O'Brien, coach of the Penn State debaters, has announced.

The topic to be debated by two three-man teams, made up of one student each from the three institutions, will be: "Has the Diet Committee done more harm than good?"

Clinton Board Completed

Governor James last week announced the appointment of Mrs. Agnes Mercer, of Renovo, to be a member of the Clinton County Public Assistance Board, completing the membership of the board, which numbers seven.

Splashed Wrong Man

Two young motorists realized their error too late, after their car was swashed through a puddle, splashing Traffic Policeman John Felman, at Reading. He spotted the license as that of a stolen car, commandeered a ride on another machine, and caught them. They were charged with stealing three automobiles.

Wrong Guy

Mike Mullen, 22, admitted he beat up "the wrong guy" and drew a 3-month jail sentence on a plea of guilty to assault and battery. He said he and several friends attacked John A. Boehm in the mistaken belief he was one of several men who had insulted his girl friend.

FIGEON FANCIER
Garageman Sam Poorman steps outside his garage door, taps on a metal sign and calls to a stray flock of pigeons on the roadway nearby.

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Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow



Farm Nets \$230 For Church Fund

A rural New York pastor, criticizing "questionable means of bingo games and raffles" for raising church funds, describes a successful church farm project that he suggested as an alternative.

In a discussion on church finances at Cornell University's annual Farm and Home Week, the Rev. Elywn D. Merriam, of Perry, told how in his home community a "Lord's Acres movement" proved helpful to a financially burdened church.

"Farmers donated 31 acres of land," Mr. Merriam related, "and the use of tractors, equipment and help."

LINCOLN'S PERILOUS JOURNEY

So many romances have been given to the public recently about the public and private life of Abraham Lincoln, that we believe the story of his night journey from Harrisburg to Washington, during his inauguration, will be accepted as an interesting historical event. Our readers will find a deeper concern in the tale when it is known that Governor A. G. Curtin, of Bellefonte, played a conspicuous part in securing the safety of the then President-elect.

Scout Week Celebration At A Government Indian Reservation

The following letter received from Ralph V. Poorman, teacher in the Government Indian Reservation Schools at Lukachukai, Arizona, tells of Boy Scout activities among the Navajo Indians. Mr. Poorman explains that of the 40 day schools on the Navajo Reservation, Lukachukai is the only one sponsoring a Scout troop.

"For the first time in the history of the community a display window was exhibited at the Greasewood Springs Trading Post by the troop. Two exceptional rugs were exhibited. The first having the first class badge woven into it as the design, and the other bearing the following inscription—Troop 238—Lukachukai, Arizona. The rugs were woven by relatives of the boys. The display has drawn many favorable comments from both Navajos and Caucasians of this thriving community."

"A program was held at the school when the members of the troop demonstrated their ability in various phases of Scouting, an explanation of the significance of the badge was given as well as the way Scouting originated in the United States. "Sixty per cent of the parents of the boys were present at the meetings and seemed impressed by the ceremonies and demonstrations. Some of the parents came fifteen miles to attend the meetings. Parents or foster parents of the following...

CLEARFIELD COUNTY GIRL WINS STATE D. A. R. CONTEST

Miss Sara Louise Bloom, a Curwensville High School student and the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Bloom, is the winner of the Good Citizenship contest conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Pennsylvania.

Snow Keeps Dad From Ill Daughter

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