Furnished 'Heat'

G. Kelleher, managing director of rangements in the recent cold persons homeless.

Baby Drowns

New York home and was rendered unconscious, she dropped her 13the bathtub. Hearing groans issuing from the Condon apartment the superintendent of the building found the child drowned in the bathtub and the mother suffering Beech Creek Home Scene of from a possible concussion of the

Fire Sends Own Alarm

Noticing a light flickering on her switchboard, a telephone operator at New Britain, Conn., notified police headquarters. A squad sent to a clothing store discovered the building on fire. It is believed that the switchboard light flickered

Divorce Granted

entitled to a divorce from her husband when she testified that he had insisted on wearing his clothes. shoes and all to bed. In winter he even added an overcoat and muffler, she said.

Why Not?

name for a North Carolina village. after various persons had asked why not name it for this or that hero; a compromise was reached and the village received its name-

Robbers Return \$1000

widow of \$1,300 insurance money, understand. one of the men returned to the scene of the crime and gave back

the other the Deity.

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Spring Is in the Air

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NEIGHBORS USE SNOW TO EXTINGUISH BLAZE

I'm But A Stranger Here, Heaven Seven Persons Made Homeless As Two Dwellings Burn to Ground at Hawk Run, a Nearby Philipsburg Village

Scaling ladders, residents of Hawk | it caught fire, the only damage to

responding to the alarm, neighbors When Mrs. Thelma Condon slip- hose, buckets of water and snow to ped on the bathroom floor of her save the Watral dwelling. Although

months-baby, Thelma Frances, into Woman Unhurt as Stove Blows Up

Unusual Accident on

Mrs. Charles Miller had a narrow escape from injury last Friday when the water front of the stove at her

Kenneth B. Miller home on Maple when flames reached a telephone Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had been with relatives in Lock Haven three days during which time Mrs. Miller had been suffering with the grip. His mother, Mrs. Charles W. Miller, A divorce court thought Mrs. had gone to her son's home to make Loretta C. Ruehl, 26, of Chicago, a fire in the range, preparatory to he Miller's return home

The fire had been burning some of lifting a kettle off the griddle when the explosion occurred. The munity vaguely referred to as the object of his admiration. entire front of the stove was blown Porest Valley. en pipe leading to the range boiler. Two griddles were hurled to the the other girl, referred to as Mar- thrown into intense excitement by inside, saw her rival sitting by the ground. ceiling, one piece of iron struck and knocked off a closet door and broke type. Both fell in love with a young Downing, who, in a tragic manner, ily upon her hand. off the handle of a broom before it hit the door. The enamel was son of a York county farmer who bade her lover to dance with her of Miss Weimm, she sprang to her the prongs of the fork. Again she had settled in Centre county less rival.

When Miss Downing caught sight impaled Miss Downing's hands on the prongs of the fork. Again she had settled in Centre county less rival. Mrs. Miller had in her hands bus she was not injured.

Three days after two masked There are many things that we men at Worcester, Mass., robbed do not know but occasionally we Mrs. Mary Monopoly, 60-year-old run across something that we

> What makes an individual envious of his fellow-man?

delphia Negro, followed Schurtz to

AS TWO HOMES BURN

Run, near Philipsburg, on Saturday the home was a slight scorching. used chunks of snew to rub out The fire was discovered by childflames that licked along the walls of ren playing in the vicinity. Neighthe Andrew Watral home. Two hous- bors broke in thinking the family a hotel at Clearwater, Fla., con- es were destroyed by fire, entailing might be inside. All that was saved firmed a report of his heating ar- a loss of \$4,000 and rendering seven of the Soltis furniture was four kitchen chairs and a cedar chest. wave and added the practice will be resumed whenever needed.

The fire, starting in the Davis Their furniture loss was estimated property occupied by Mr. and Mrs.

Andrew Soltis spread residue to the

Here's what he did: "Offered to Andrew Soltis, spread rapidly to the by insurance, and an additional each guest a bottle of rye, scotch. nearby home of the John Fowler loss of \$200 was allowed for Wilor gin as a means of maintaining family. Both were completely burn- liam Scott's furniture stored in a the heat to which every person in ed to the ground and a third home, room of the house. The property Florida is entitled. It is under- owned by Andrew Watral and lo- loss of the Davis family was also stood that guests were found pray- cated across the street, caught fire estimated by fire department offiing for a continuation of the arctic but was extinguished without much cials to be about \$1500.

While Philipsburg firemen were were compelled to resort to garden Mrs. Soltis was visiting nearby at

Friday

son's home in Beech Creek blew up while she was starting a fire.

The accident occurred at the

"LITTLE RED HEN" COMES TO LIFE AT BELLEFONTE SCHOOL "The Little Red Hen,' story book! After a twenty-day interval, the pudaughter. Peggy Lou, when the fire favorite, has come to life at the first pils were delighted to hear a tiny grade Allegheny street school, as a "peep peep" coming from the box, practical problem in nature study, and they found one lone chick hud-Miss Ethel Crider is teacher of the dled in the nest. The following day About three weeks ago a red whole nest of chicks. chicken made her appearance at the The project has created keen inschool and pupils made a nest for terest in the classroom as well as 30 feet away, it "sounded like a canher in a big box in a corner of the on the outside, and many visitors non going off." He ran to the cell Fowler property damage was fixed at \$800. No insurance was carried. room. Some of the children brought have called at the school to see the and found Yeager on the cell cot.

The legend of a dramtic duel tions, and on several occasions had denly, however, with a piercing raged rival, warned her to stand

SLAYER ENDS LIFE IN CELL OF JAIL ON EVE OF HIS EXECUTION

Yeager, Father of Eleven, Cheats Justice With Smuggled Gun a Few Hours Before Intended Removal to Rockview

William H. Yeager, 55, shot him- | ple. The farmer died before an amself to death Saturday in his cell in bulance arrived. Montour county jail at Danville less than 48 hours before he was to be walt, Yeager was to have started for executed at Rockview penitentiary. Rockview penitentiary, at Bellefonte,

of 11 children, was to have died at occurred at 4:25 a. m. midnight Monday in the electric chair for slaying of State Police Corporal James E. Fessler almost three years ago.

ed immediately. Montour county of about to do. ficials theorized one of the relatives

They questioned the farmer's widow. Lydia: his sister, two of his children, and two friends. State po lice hurried to the prison to aid in the inquiry. Governor James sent John Demp-

sey, an investigator attached to his office, to take part in the probe. The shot that killed Yeager almost knocked Night Guard William Gross

off his bench From where he was sitting only

"All right, we will fight now, you

Miss Weimm soon regained her

According to Sheriff Asa Steiger-The victim, a farmer and father in a couple of hours. The shooting

Was Restless

The sheriff quoted guard Gross as saying Yeager arose about 4 a. Where he got the gun, a 32-caled ed restless, but Gross found in that motion written on the slip, is a ibre revolver, could not be determin- no intimation of what Yeager was

Steigerwalt said all visitors had or friends who bade Yeager fare- been searched carefully and all well, may have smuggled the weapon packages delivered to the condemned man were examined. The only

(Continued on Page 6) Big Trailer Truck

Spills Egg Cargo

Accident Spills Contents on Lawn at Lock Haven Teachers' College

Lock Haven motor police were kept busy Saturday trying to ascertain how the huge Cooper-Jarrett trailer truck carrying 361 crates of eggs-a ten ton cargo-got into its position, lying on the left side on the lawn in front of the residence of Dr. John G. Flowers, president of Lock Haven Teachers' College; and also how another large trailer truck, owned by Midwestern, went over an embankment along the Bucktail Trail, a mile or so west of Scootac. The latter vehicle was carrying a 13,000-pound load of dry freight

The Lock Haven police arrested the driver of the egg truck, Clarence ure to stop at a stop sign. Pleading guilty to the charge, Barr told police he lost control of his truck at the foot of Susquehanna Avenue as he was about to make the left turn onto Water street.

The large vehicle must have left young lady of blond features, while ing with her the assemblage was sushed open the door, and stepped second blow which felled her to the (Continued on Page 6)

Boy Back Home

Located in New Jersey After Reported Missing For

Four Days

Missing for four days, Marvin Cooper township, is back home

again. Marvin, who is alleged to have taken a "walking powder" without stating where he was going, was history, have been placed in the finally located in New Jersey before he reached the home of relatives. after he had been reported missing for four days.

Although Marvin was believed to little town whose activities furnishhave had a "roaming urge" accord- ed the news that filled its pages. ing to a Cooper township resident, no definite reason could be established for the boy's action.

Clearfield motor police were called in to investigate the boy's absence.

Explosives Safe

Explosives with which a large truck was loaded failed to explode

driven by Michael Dancho, Jr., of Osceola Mills, resulted from a crash two miles west of Philipsburg when

year-old brother, Roland, pulled year-old brother, Roland, pulled street. Some residents guessed it the trigger of a 75-year-old Civil is more than 70 years old, and may War musket with which they were have been used to carry water from playing, Alice Russell, 4, died two a spring, or as a swamp drainage days later at Muskegon, Mich.

Random Items

A Bellefonte columnist last week shed a few crocodile tears over the fact that the Bellefonte borough poor home may be sold and may become what he terms "a mare's nest." Alleging that it is one of

the three most historic buildings in the town, he suggests that Council take it in charge and maintain it as a public shrine. Fiddlesticks! The sooner Bellefonte quits living in the past and begins to take care of the present and the future, the sooner the town will regain the prestige it held when those who did things built the places our friend wants to enshrine.

SURPRISE:

Unless members of the Bellefonge school board are a whole lot more careful about what they keep in their pockets than most men are, they're going to run into a snag one of these days. This practice of fishing into a pocket, pulling out dangerous one. Imagine a school director's embarrassment if he should happen to offer as a motion a notice that his last month's ice bill was due; his summons for jury duty, an empty package of cigarettes, or a newspaper clipping on how to make a cheap but effective floor wax!

Attorney R. Paul Campbell, some-

thing or other over this newspaper's account last week that he was passing out, "big, black, cigars" in honor of the arrival of a daughter in his family, Saturday breezed into this office, placed a long slender package on the editor's desk and departed, mumbling something that sounded like "that ought to hold you!" Removing the wrappings we found not an infernal machine but a foot-long cigar, nearly 2 inches in diameter. Up to this hime we've been completely baffled. We don't know whether to smoke the darned thing or to save it as a museum piece

Wonder if Centre County's famous "Phantom Lake" out near the Bellefonte airport will make its appearance this year. It hasn't turned up since the St. Patrick's Day flood four years ago, but with all the snow now on the ground and with the earth frozen to an unusual depth, it is possible that a quick thaw would bring the lake into being....It is rumored that the heads of six members of the Bellefonte public school faculty may fall under the axe of the Bellefonte School Board. We even heard the names mentioned

NEW ROAD:

The new road which is scheduled be built between Bellefonte and State College this spring, is not being constructed before it is needed. The present road has suffered heavily during the past winter, and is rough and badly eroded by the weather. The new route will be considerably shorter than the present one and will be of modern macadam design.

NEWSPAPER: The discontinuance of The Centre Reporter leaves the community Kephart, 16-year-old son of Mr. and of Centre Hall without a home Mrs. John Kephart, of Drifting, town newspaper. The Reporter was a newsy, readable paper and served the area creditably for a long span of years. The files of the Reporter, valuable records of the community's custody of W. W. Kerlin, prominent Centre Hall resident, for safe-keep-

ing They are not for sale and are to remain forever as a part of the

BANQUET:

We hope they serve ice cream and cake at the annual Father and Son banquet at the Y. M. C. A. tonight. If they don't we know of at least one youngster who is going to be badly disappointed with an event which has been his chie! topic of conversation for three weeks.

SNOW:

Did you notice during the recent heavy snow storm how the statue of Governor Curtin on the Diamond was covered with a white mantle? The statue looked not unlike one of the famous white-robed Finnish ski troopers, who have been giving Russia many a headach. (Continued on page five)

"Mystery" Pipe Line

By POP MOMAND

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' - Forgiveness-But Too Late!











SHAMOKIN MAN CALLS "HELLO,

JOE, AS HE GOES TO DEATH SEAT

Each of two men spoke two words order," and a 12-year-old son, fired

just before dying in Rockview's in desperation when Fisher threat-

addressing a newspaper witness and William Kelly, 34-year-old Phila-

recognized Joseph Agor, a news- Kelly shrank back from the electric

paperman from his home town, chair and guards had to push him

Andrew Schurtz, 48, of Shamokin, the chair. Unlike the Shamokin man

electric chair Monday morning, one ened loss of his job

ANDREW SCHURTZ His Road Foreman.

among the witnesses in the execu- into it. They tightened straps about tion chamber, and called out: "Hello, him quickly and were startled to Schurtz, the first to be executed, lah, Allah!"-the name of the suappeared thin from a liquid diet he preme being in his Mohammedan

had said he might have been suf- Kelly was convicted and condemnfering from a stomach cancer. He ed to die for killing Henry Berry. walked the "last mile" quietly, car- Philadelphia policeman, during a

before that "I'll keep my chin up." | Both men spent their last day of He was convicted of shooting, in life reading the Bible or sleeping; Lieut. Edwin C. Fisher, neither made any last requests, and

Both Mr. and Mrs. Soltis left the Mrs. Fowler was in her home with daughter, Ruth, and a grand-

house earlier in the morning. Mr. Soltis had walked up to the hall and her mothers. was discovered. Their bungalow, standing near the Davis property, caught and was soon a mass of flames. Most all of the Fowler fur- class. ishings, including furniture and clothing, was removed. Furniture damage was estimated at \$200. The

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had settled in Centre county less rival.

EDWIN C. FISHER

Victim of Schurtz's Mur-

derous Rage.

Schurtz' body was claimed by his

widow. Kelly, whose family resides

in Cleveland, will be buried in the

Pennsylvania's new executioner,

Frank Lee Wilson, of Pittsburgh, op-

erated the dials and pulled the

switch. He received \$350 for the job.

Strange story of American's per-

sonification of A. Conan Doyle's cel-

chrated hero, who brought criminals

to justice only to make one tragic mistake that landed the modern

sleuth in a prison cell. Don't miss

this feature in the March 10th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Bal-

timore American, on sale at all

Logarton Boy Injured

ported. The wound was sutured and

Fractures Both Legs

he returned to his home.

Lynn Person, 13, of Loganton, was

newsstands.

OWN SHERLOCK HOLMES

prison graveyard today.

UNHAPPY END OF OUR

eggs, which were placed in the nest.

between two women in a come to blows in his presence.

man by the name of Young, the stalked up to the couple and for-

the Red Hen proudly displayed a

shrick, she sank to the floor in a off

LEGEND OF A LEAP YEAR DUEL

Centre county community The young man, on his part, seem- swoon, frothing at the mouth as back in pioneer days is probably ed to have been in doubt as to which though suffering from an epileptic have a weapon and so have I," was erased from local history so far as of the maidens possessed his heart, fit. She was removed by her friends, the reply anyone's recollection goes. While and probably realizing the force of and Young and Miss Weimm left Both being strong, healthy counthe story as related was classed by the proverb, "How happy I would the party for their respective homes. try girls, they found no difficulty in the driver of the egg truck, Clarence some as of doubtful certainty, there be with either, were tother dear. The following day Miss Weimm wielding their weapons. As Miss W. Barr, of Omeha, Neb., for failwere many, it was claimed, who charmer away," likely temporized received a note from Miss Downing, Downing rushed at the other, she time and Mrs. Miller was in the act handed it down as a truthful tale. with them, and had little difficulty requesting her to call on her, as she was met by the three-tined fork. It seems there lived in the com- in convincing each that she was the wished to see her about an impor- which was driven into her breast. tant matter. Miss Weifinm went to The next instant she struck Miss Weimm a stunning blow on the head two families with At any rate, on one particular her rival's house as requested. out when steam in the water front could not escape because of a froz-same age. Louise Weimm was a ing with Miss Weimm. While danc- around to the kitchen entrance, assailant, and followed it up with a

garet Downing, was of the brunette the sudden appearance of Miss stove, with her head resting moodfeet, and assuming the offensive,

than a year before. The rivals ex- As she stod facing the couple, with ed at her, shricking with rage, Miss the club which felled her to the cited much comment in the com- her eyes inflamed with passion, it Weimm ran into the yard, and see- ground. While in this position she munity because of their jealous was not thought that violence would ing the other following, she picked thrust the pitch fork into Miss quarrels over the young man's atten- be the next act in the drama. Sud- up a pitch fork, and facing her en-

> Unharmed in Accident

Peter Clement, who resides at No.

Sitting alone in the downstairs of snow on the field it nosed down and his home early Sunday, Clement no- then flopped over. Horst and the atupstairs, Clement battled his way The extent of the damage to the through the stinging smoke to the wrecked plane could not be immebed where his brother was lying, diately estimated by Horst who ex-Failing to arouse him from his slum- plained that his crackup dilemma. ber he seized his brother and car- came on his 20th birthday.

into flames. wo-story frame house the flames "Sandy," said to be a commercial ating additional lights. enveloped the entire structure while pilot from the Allentown region, neighbors of the Hawk Run terri- asked Horst for a ride with him to tory saw the third dwelling in that Chicago.

small cedar chest could be saved pair were traveling in this area. from the raging blaze which lighted up the entire countryside.

We have heard some pretty poor plane landed in the deep snow, the it is a good idea to go to church downward. Striking with a force the regularly.

-Want ads bring results.

Jack Horst, of Chicago, celebrated 3 shaft, Pardee, near Philipsburg, his 20th birthday Sunday in unorowes life to the heroism of his bro- thodox style when the plane in ther. John, who battled his way which he and a skyway hitch hiker through a smoke-filled house and were riding developed engine trouble carried the sleeping victim down- and cracked up on the snow-covered gins tinkering around the bait.

stairs and out of the house a few Kylertown airport field where Horst When the plane struck the deep

Horst explained he was flying

Horst assented and he and 'Sandy' Nothing with the exception of a engine trouble developed while the Hearing the spluttering of his engine, Horst decided to land and cir-

The Centre Democrat \$1.50 3 year looking for prosperity.

NEW SERVICE SEEN AS AID TO

Now comes the man with a device to beln those tireless gentlemen who fish at nights. He is Walter E. Eich of Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, who has developed a lantern that flashes automatically as soon as a fish be-

Eich, a fishing enthusiast, got

the idea after discovering that one

NIGHT FISHING

of the greatest difficulties of night fishing is finding out what the fish are doing. The lantern, intended for still fishing, can be mounted either on a boat or on shore. It is elevated about a foot, with the fishing pole resting across a fork in contact

starts the lantern flashing. The harder the fish tugs at the stopped off at the Allentown-Beth- liantly it provides enough light for voy was wedged against it. Quickly spreading through the lehem Airport. While he was there landing operations, this elimin-

Long and Short

Two Columbia county cousins of the same age are the "long and the early Sunday morning on route 53. took off. It was smooth flying until short of it." There is John Van Sickle, son of Mr. and Mrs, Emory the operator's car skidded on the feet, four inches tall, towering more abutment, state motor police said. at Emporium, Cameron County, but than a foot above his cousin. Kencled over the airport field. As the Washington Hess, of Bloomsburg, sermons in our day but we still say front end of the plane plunged inches. Each observed his 17th birthday this month.

Farmers, a hopeful class, are still

when the machine struck a rut, with a tension screw so delicately which threw it against an empty adjusted that the slightest nibble auto convoy trailer truck at Renovo. The left front tire of the convoy was blown out, however, and the bait, the brighter the lantern sedan of Dr. J. M. Dwyer, parked flashes. When the fish actually is in front of his home, was consmoking building which soon burst from New York to Chicago when he hooked, the lantern glows so bril- siderably damaged when the con-

Auto Hits Abutment Damage placed at \$300 to a car

There were no injuries. Old Gun Kills Child.

A pipe constructed of hollowed Sickle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory the operator's car skidded on the eight-inch pine logs connected with Van Sickle, Catawissa, who is six icy highway and struck a concrete iron "slip-ins" has been unearthed

oldest residents don't know when it was laid, or for what reason. WPA workers uncovered the pipe Severely wounded when her 9- when placing a storm sewer in

Who -Paid the Supreme Penalty For the Slaying of

adopted recently. Physicians religion rying out his promise of a few days jewelry store robbery.

treated at the Lock Haven Hospital hear the condemned man yell: "Al-Thursday evening following a sledding accident in which he cut a gash in his face. The boy was sliding and ran into a sled, it was re-

Paul Ribble, in his thirties, was taken to the Bloomsburg Hospital National Guard officer and foreman Kelly ate heartily of the regular for treatment of injuries received on a WPA project. His attorney con-tended Schurtz, disturbed by finan-ters nor received any visitors other than prison officials and their spir-tain his wife "far above his social itual advisors." when a snow plow which he was operating, overturned near his home in Stillwater. Both legs were fractured at the ankle.

Rescues Sleeping Two Escape In Brother from Fire Kylertown Crash

Battles Way Through Burn- Skyway Hitch Hiker and Pilot ing Home to Victim's Bedroom

seconds before the house burst into brought his plane down. ticed smoke filtering through the mospheric ride thumber, known to house. Realizing his brother, Peter, Horst only as "Sandy," crawled out from Commodore. Indiana county, unharmed from the wreckage of the who was visiting him, was asleep plane.

ried him downstairs and out of the

vicinity burn to the ground within two days.

plane then flopped over on its back.



GUESS I BETTER

WE'RE EXPECTIN

A DELIVERY AT

THE FARM

BE GETTIN' ALONG