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Spike Pierced Jaw
Marcel Pepin, 4, of Montreal, remained impaled on an iron spike of a fence for a half hour before it was possible to release him.

Unique Incident
Answering an emergency call on June 4, 1921, Patrolman John Smith, of Ridgely Park, N. J., helped the stork deliver a son to Mrs. Harry Kelly en route to a hospital.

Poison-Oak Furniture
Delighted with the bright new wicker furniture they had bought from itinerant peddlers, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Farrens, of Redwood City, Calif., were surprised when, a few days later, Mrs. Farrens and their children were afflicted with a strange skin poisoning.

Shell Explodes
Using a one-pound shell he found recently at Manhattan Beach to chip ice on the sidewalk in front of his house proved costly to Berend W. Baas, 18, of Brooklyn.

Livestock Saved
It meant hard beds, but the Jasper Smith family, of near Towanda, snowbound since Valentine's Day, needed food for their three cows and three horses.

New Burglary Plea
His gurgling caused his burglarizing, Lester Snyder, 28, of Ashland, told Judge C. I. Herringer at Danville in pleading guilty to robbing a night club between Bloomsburg and Danville.

No Wonder
When Miss Madonna Lamb of Richmond, Va., couldn't start her car, she called a garageman. He wasn't surprised that the car wouldn't start when he looked under the hood.

Local Mat Champ
Gordon Giles (above), former Hubersburg High school athlete, is one of the three undefeated members of the Lock Haven State Teachers College wrestling team.



SOJOURNING IN FLORIDA.
Sarasota, Florida, Feb. 24th, 1940. Dear Boss: Answering your kind letter received some time ago.

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MOTHER WHO SLEW HER CHILD NOT AFRAID OF CHAIR AT ROCKVIEW

Would Be Second Woman to Be Put to Death at Centre County Penitentiary—Calm at Fate.

Mrs. Matilda "Tillie" Irelan, 35-year-old Philadelphia woman, is destined to become Rockview's second woman victim of the electric chair. The darkly attractive former serving maid was sentenced last week to death by electrocution for the smothering and dismembering of her 20-month-old illegitimate son, Charles.

When told of her fate, Tillie Irelan touched up her lips, tucked back a stray lock of hair and sent word from prison to the attorney who tried unsuccessfully to save her from the shadow of the electric chair.

"It's all right. I'm not afraid to go. You have done everything you could." Surprised at Life.

Prison sources at the old Moyamensing prison, Philadelphia, reported Tillie Irelan surprised that she is still alive. She expected to

Discover Sandy Ridge Man Dead Expires in Cell at Philipsburg Jail After All-Night Sleep

Plummer Pizer, Sandy Ridge, was found dead last Thursday morning in the Philipsburg borough jail.

Police Chief Nate Lamoreaux discovered the man's death when he attempted to awaken him when he made his morning trip to the cell.

Pizer was placed in jail Wednesday afternoon. When Police Chief Lamoreaux visited the jail later that afternoon he found Pizer sleeping.

Coroner Charles Sheekler, who investigated the death of Pizer, stated that the Sandy Ridge resident had died of natural causes.

Mr. Pizer was born December 26, 1897. He was a son of Thomas and Martha Evans Pizer. For 11 years he lived in Sandy Ridge.

Surviving him are his wife, the former Anna Dean and the following children: Kenneth, Philipsburg; Elizabeth Pizer, Wharton, New Jersey; Gertrude, at home, and Plummer, Jr., Powellton.

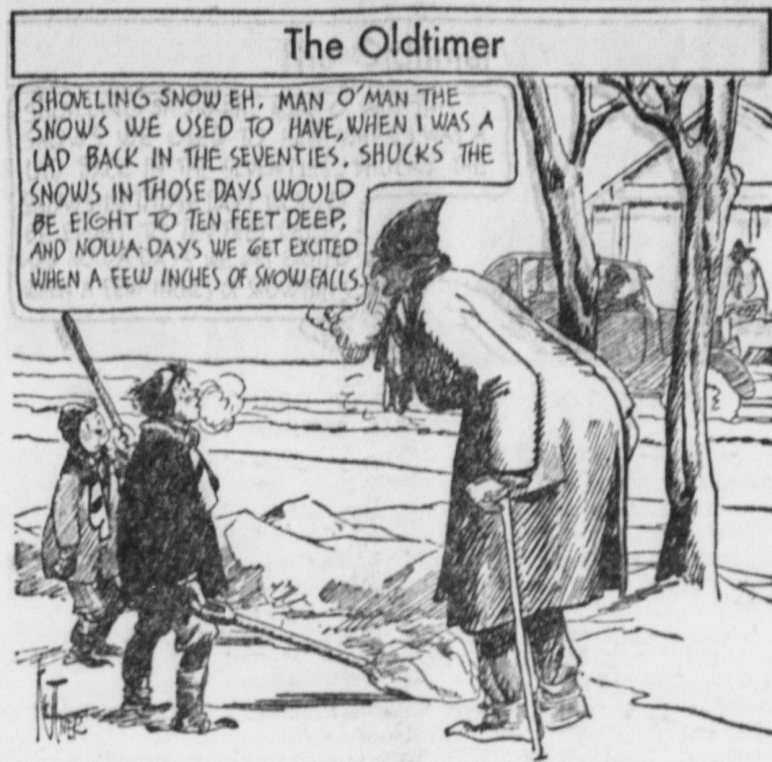
Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence. Services were in charge of the Rev. Merrill Cowher, with interment in Philipsburg.

Saved Life by Phone Crawling fifty yards to his home after having severely cut his right leg by a buzz saw, Irving Austin, Jr., 32, of Greenwich, Conn., telephoned to police and received first-aid instruction which saved his life.

The Kill Finding a rat in the bottom of a barrel, Mrs. Harvey Lewis of Bethany, Mo., tossed the family cat into the barrel, then went to dinner without waiting to watch the kill.

Meanest Thief Court Officials at Ebersburg, are convinced that Glenn Hildebrand, 26, is one of the meanest thieves imaginable, after he was convicted of stealing pocketbooks from autos in a cemetery—while their owners were placing flowers on the graves of loved ones.

Cow Lost in Haystack Ten days after the disappearance of his cow, R. L. Butler, of Clinter, Mo., stuck a pitchfork into a straw stack and there she was—still mooring but weak from lack of water and food.



C. C. C. JOBS AWAITING CENTRE COUNTY YOUTHS

The Department of Public Assistance announces that applications for CCC enrollment for the April quota are now being taken. Boys who are interested should immediately report to the Public Assistance office for their applications in order that selection may be made at the earliest possible date.

STORY OF A JAIL TRAGEDY

(NOTE)—So many inquiries have been received from time to time concerning the year in which Green and Dillon were hanged in the Centre county jail yard, that the writer has consented to devote several issues of this department to a resume of the tragic sequences of the occurrence.

On the night of the crime, the proprietors knew that Sheriff H. S. Taylor was attending the National Guard encampment at Gettysburg; they were also aware that a large part of the Sheriff's family were attending a picnic at Hecla Park; and by the same grapevine intelligence bureau learned that Deputy Sheriff Harry J. Jackson had walked down street for a few moments, where an open-air concert was in progress.

That the crime had been cunningly planned and skillfully executed was at once apparent. The conspirators had waited until everything possible was in their favor before striking. Circumstances had seemed to combine for the successful carrying out of the evil deed.

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Turnkey Was Unsuspecting Jerry Condo, formerly a blacksmith and carpet-weaver at Spring Mills, was the turnkey at the jail

Drunk Drivers To Be Examined At Once Supported by a justice department ruling, State Police Commissioner Lynn G. Adams directed motor police this week to take all persons suspected of drunken driving to the nearest physician for immediate examination.

Fatally Wounds Self in Bedroom Clearfield Man Accidentally Discharges Revolver on Bureau

Pulling a bureau drawer open in his Clearfield home resulted in the almost instant death of William Hudson, 55, last Wednesday afternoon.

Hudson was dressing and as he pulled the drawer open a shot gun slid from its resting place, alongside the bureau, and accidentally discharged, blasting struck the victim in the right chest.

Hearing the shot, members of the family rushed to the room and found Hudson on the floor. Family members stated that they believed the gun empty since it was placed there at the end of last hunting season.

Clearfield County Coroner Dr. Elmo E. Edhard pronounced the death accidental and said that no inquest would be held.

Hollywood's Dizzy "MARRY-GO-ROUND" Arthur (Bugs) Baer, famous humorist, ponders over trivial reasons that movie stars give for falling off the matrimonial carousel.

Dear Drowns in River Three deer broke through the ice on the Susquehanna River at Tank Hollow, east of Danville. One got out of the water unaided. Another, a doe, was saved by Mark Hagensbuch, game warden, of Bloomsburg and several Danville men.

Ladies! Always Look Your Best Famous dieticians and beauty experts will help you. Follow the many splendid women's features every Sunday in the Baltimore American. On sale at all newsstands.

MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE AS TOWN SINKS IN CAVE-IN

2000 Residents Flee Cracking Homes as Part of Shenandoah Settles Into Old Mine Diggings

Two thousand residents in the northern district of Shenandoah, one of Schuylick county's chief anthracite mining communities, were aroused from sleep in terror early Monday by the collapse of underground mine workings.

Paving throughout a four-block area caved in, settling in some places between two inches and three feet. Gas mains, water pipes and power lines were shattered. Damages were estimated at \$1,000,000. No casualties were reported.

Scores of sleeping householders were jarred from beds and interior damage was done in many of the 250 homes affected by the cave-in.

Display windows in a number of business establishments were smashed and framework damaged. Fearing an earthquake, many of the frightened residents fled to the street in their night clothing, and police later had difficulty in persuading them to return to their homes.

Fears mounted momentarily as fumes from broken gas mains filled the neighborhood. Police reserves and all available ambulances were rushed into the district, but there were no casualties.

The four-block section, built over the Keeley Run mine said to have been operated by Tony Rose, of Hazelton, was endangered, according to police investigators when pillars supporting the mine were removed.

The Shenandoah Junior High school and a large warehouse were among the structures affected, but damage could not be placed immediately.

A gaping crater nearly six feet deep was created in the street lined by business houses. The entire section was roped off, traffic is being re-routed and thoroughfares are patrolled by policemen.

Two World War Vets Taken to Aspinwall Two Centre county World War Veterans were admitted to the Veterans' Hospital at Aspinwall during the past week.

Clayton C. Boob, of Howard, R. D., was taken to the hospital last Thursday by Mr. Hampton and James Letzell. He has been ill for some time.

Retired Minister Victim of Stroke Rev. H. K. Ash Was Well Known in Local Religious Circles

Rev. Henry Kingsley Ash, 73, pastor of the Milesburg Methodist Episcopal church, died Monday afternoon at his home in Wherwood, Blair county, as the result of a stroke suffered ten days previously.

He had retired from active ministerial duties sometime ago. Born in New Washington, July 18, 1869, he was the son of Rev. Henry M. and Adeline (Boak) Ash, and was educated at the West Royal Academy and Dickinson College.

He was ordained as a minister in 1892 by the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist church. During his active pastorate he served churches at Utahville in the Allegheny circuit; Burnt Cabins, New Bloomfield, Ennisville, Three Springs, Martinsburg, Woolrich, Milesburg, Newton Hamilton, North Bend, Mill Hill, and Marysville.

He was a member of the New Bloomfield Free and Accepted Masons. Rev. Ash was instrumental in promoting the Boy Scout movement from its inception and was active in all kinds of young peoples work in the church. He was affectionately known to his friends as Pop Ash and was active in all community enterprises.

Since his retirement he had been a member of the First Methodist church of Juniata and was the teacher of the largest Bible class in Juniata, the Alexander Lamberson Memorial class of the First Methodist church.

Members of the family include his wife, Mrs. Mary (McCauley) Ash; two sons and one daughter, Dr. Henry Paul Ash, of Jersey Shore; Rev. Harold Girard Ash, at home, and Mrs. Paul D. Wright, of State College; one granddaughter, Nan Elizabeth Ash, and two brothers, Wilbur Ash, of Hughesville, and Vincent B. Ash, of New York City.

Horses Used To Free Airplane Hitch Team to Ship Marooned in Snow at Kylerstown

Old and new means of transportation met last Wednesday at Ames Field, Kylerstown airport, as a team of horses and a sled were hitched to the overturned airplane which wrecked there last Sunday night.

The plane was dismantled still further and then stored in the hangar until better weather conditions permit when it will be loaded on a truck and hauled back home to the Lewis Holy Catholic School of Aeronautics, at Lockport, Ill.

The pilot, who crashed at Kylerstown, Sunday night because of the 14-inch snow which covered the airport, left town the following Tuesday after the arrival of J. H. Wilson, superintendent of the school.

Mr. Wilson's version of the \$2,000 accident was that the pilot, ran low on gas, circled the field three times, and set down with, instead of against the mph wind.

The pilot, who calls himself Jack Horst, has no connection with the school, and according to Mr. Wilson, rented the four passenger Stinson plane to fly to New York. Mr. Wilson disclosed the pilot's correct name as being Horst David Loventhal.

The four passenger Stinson plane remained far out in the snow covered field from Sunday to Wednesday. During that time it was upside down. The plane turned turtle in making the landing. Marks in the snow indicated a good landing but the snow was so deep that it pulled the nose of the ship down and turned it over.

After the arrival of Mr. Wilson on Tuesday, an effort was made to secure horses to aid in getting the ship turned upright and hauled to shelter. At first no horses could be located which were shod for winter work in the snow and crust. Horses and a sled were, however, secured Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Wilson and two students of the aeronautical college who accompanied him, Leroy Lyons and William B. Gorey, removed the wings, tail parts, engine and landing gear from the plane so that it may be trucked home after the snow leaves the ground.

CONFUCIUS SAY: Confucius wasn't the foul old buzzard many persons may think he was if they judge him by the long list of libels, innuities, wise cracks and plain dirty stories currently going the rounds as the sayings of the ancient Chinese philosopher.

WILL POWER: A Curtin street woman, advised to reduce the daily consumption of sweets and nuts, finally discovered an effective way of resisting temptation.

FEBRUARY 29: A local bank clerk whose job it is to make out monthly reports, forgot that this is leap year and spent practically all day last Thursday performing the monthly chore.

NOTHING NEW: When the Hunter Stationery store moves from the Trust Company building to the Hayes building, the new location will not be "new" for the stationery store.

INSPECTION: Last Thursday night when the fire of the Brockerhoff Hotel caught fire, Undine firemen attempted to pull down the swinging bottom section of the outside fire escape.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER: We're all for Father and Son Banquets and get-togethers. They're a great institution and we believe they take a significance which is too often lost in the routine of every day life.

UNDER SNOW TWO DAYS: A flock of 400 sheep belonging to Burts Hutman, of Waynesburg, was stuck under the snow for two days. They were dug out unharmed, their breathing having formed air holes in the snow, thus saving them from suffocation.

DOG HERO: Five members of Mrs. Burt W. Ritter's family of Denver, escaped being burned to death, having been awakened by the howling of Heine, a dachshund puppy. Heine died of suffocation in the fire, which threatened the lives of the others.



'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES'—Being a Hero Has Its Advantages By POP MOMAND