

Odd and Curious News

'White Meat' Turkeys

A Washington State farm couple has the answer to the problem: "Who gets the white meat?" According to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hamilton, of Chehalis, there will be no more family quarrels on the point. From now on they said a rooster can furnish enough white meat to pass around the entire table. They developed a breed of turkeys with abnormally large breasts.

Returns With \$1,000

Disappearing from his home in New York four years ago, at the age of 16, Eugene Krauss had been given up as lost by practically everyone. He recently returned home, after having joined more than a dozen CCC camps, saved \$1,000 and grown four inches. His only regret, he says, is the worry he caused his parents.

Brains For \$20,000

A 69-year-old Georgia widow, stirred by the plight of the unemployed, has offered "to sell my brains for scientific purposes to be deliverable at death so I can pay these poor unemployed men to help me on the farm." She wants \$20,000 for her brains.

Heart Attack

When Mrs. Paul Andrasek, 27, of Cleveland, suffered a heart attack, her husband called the fire department. The excitement caused by the arrival of a rescue squad caused Mrs. Christine Palady, 60, a neighbor, to have a heart attack. Both women died.

Grandmother at 32

Only 32, Mrs. Roy Presho, of Seattle, Wash., is a grandmother. Her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Mumme, 16, recently became the proud mother of a son. The baby's grandmother, Mrs. Guy Whitcomb, is only 48.

Traveling Man

A birth certificate filed at Columbus, Ohio, listed only the mother's name. In the space reserved for the father's name was written: "Gone With the Wind."

Allen Harters Honored

ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Friday evening friends and relatives gathered at the Allen Harter home near Zion in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harter's 25th wedding anniversary.

Miner Is Killed

By Falling Rock

Meets Death Last Week While at Work in Becarrina Mine

Grant Walker, 39, of Ramey, was fatally crushed by a fall of rock in the Moshannon Smelting mine at Becarrina, Clearfield county, Monday evening of last week.

Seeks Foster Mother

Kelley's Lady Min, an English setter owned by the Rev. E. S. Keller of Watsonson, recently gave birth to eleven pups, the largest litter Mr. Keller has heard of in his 20 years of raising dogs. All of the dogs are doing nicely but the mother can take care of only eight of the puppies at one time and the owner is seeking a foster mother dog which could take care of four of them.

Six Tanneries Reopen

Six tanneries of the Elk Tanning Company, located in the Ridgway area resumed soaking of hides this week. The Eagle Tannery which employs 300 men, will operate at 85 per cent of capacity. Other tanneries resuming production are the Wilcox, Clearfield, Emporium, Coudersport, and Salamanca plants.

'LIGHT' PROVES TO BE FIRE

A "light upstairs" noticed during the evening meal, turned into a fire which totally destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tanner and their three children: Ann 5, Charles 4, and George, 17 months. Friday evening, and left the family homeless, without food and furnishings, and completely dependent upon the assistance of friends.

WANDERED FROM HOME

Suffering from exposure due to events which took place during several days of bewilderment, Agnes Walsh, 42, of Renovo, was returned to her home by State Motor Police, who found the woman wandering in the vicinity of Beech Creek last week.

SCHOOL BOARD TO PAY DISMISSED TEACHER SALARY WITHHELD

Famous Osceola Mills School Case Comes to Close with Agreement to Reimburse Mrs. Catherine Reeser For Wages

The Osceola Mills school board's flat payment Mrs. Reeser agreed to accept a leave of absence for March and April. She will receive her salary for these three months under the terms reached between her and the school board.

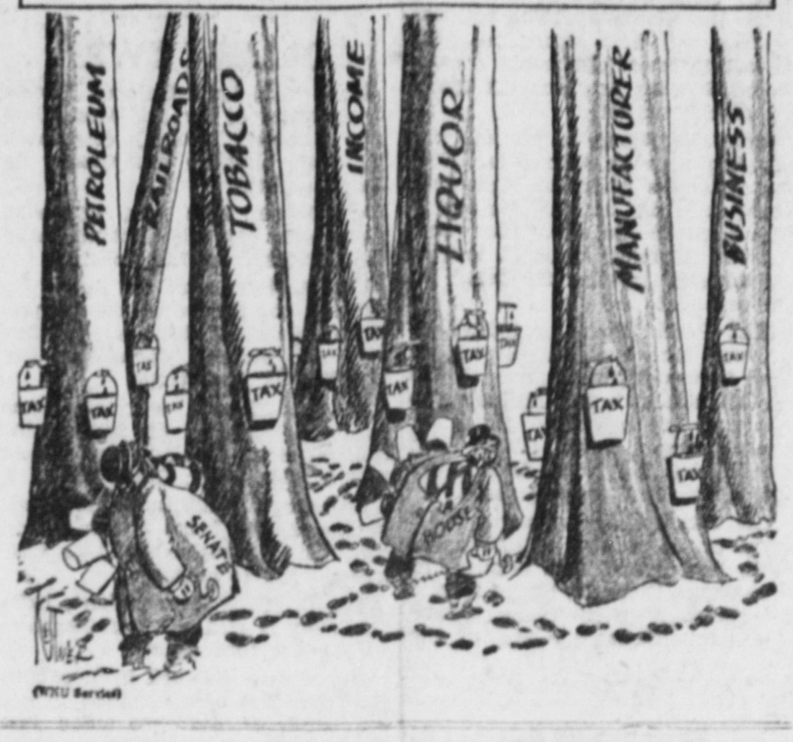
Mrs. Reeser, who was a teacher at the Osceola Mills High School during the 1936-37 and 1937-38 school terms was notified on July 26, 1938, that she had been dismissed. The case was taken to Common Pleas court at Clearfield where the board's action was affirmed. When taken before the State Superior court the Clearfield court ruling was reversed. The State Supreme court affirmed the Superior court decision which ruled that Mrs. Reeser should be reinstated as a teacher in Osceola schools.

With the return of Mrs. Reeser to her teaching post at Osceola, the school there will have an "extra" teacher, according to an announcement. Because of this surplus in teachers one of the instructors now employed at the Osceola schools will have to be dismissed, the school board stated.

The dismissal this time will be made by Clearfield county's school supervisor and the state board of education under a new ruling which has gone into effect.

The Osceola school board has notified the Department of Education of the action taken by the Mrs. Reeser case and is seeking from the state 75 per cent of Mrs. Reeser's salary. The Department of Education pays 75 per cent of fourth class school district teacher's salaries.

Looking for More Trees to Tap



America is Perfecting 'Balloon' Device to Protect Big Cities

American engineers are perfecting "balloon barrage" to protect big cities from air raids in event of war, members of the House Military Affairs committee disclosed this week.

The "balloon barrage" work which is being conducted in an Ohio city in close collaboration with national defense authorities, is said to have revealed remarkable and unexpected possibilities for aerial defense.

The American experiments were stimulated by reports of U. S. military attaches on the use of balloons and nets to protect London and other British cities from anticipated air raids.

While the English are said to have made progress in their plan to spread nets between steel cables suspended thousands of feet in the air, American engineers believe that they can improve on it. One of the great problems has been to devise balloons and cables so that the nets can be spread more than 20,000 to 30,000 feet in the air—high enough to really trap planes.

Initial American experiments, one member of the committee said, indicate that the nets can be reared much higher in the sky than was anticipated.

One value of the "balloon barrage" it is said is the psychological effect upon pilots of attacking planes. Fear of entanglement in nets is believed already to have discouraged German bombing attacks on British industries.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETINGS

Bellefonte, Woodward and Boalsburg Enter-tain Groups of Christian Organizations -Rally to Be Held April 13.

Approximately 230 people attended the various Christian Endeavor meetings held last week in the interest of those of school age in this county. The meetings combined sociability, instruction and inspiration, and succeeded in reaching a large number to present to them the real purpose of Christian Endeavor.

On Wednesday evening a large group gathered at the Pleasant View Chapel. There were representatives from Pleasant Gap, Valley View, Wingate, Dix Run, Runville, Blanchard, Milesburg, and Bellefonte and visitors from Bellefonte and State College.

Deviotions were in charge of the Milesburg Presbyterian group. A special number was rendered by the local choir. A song service was conducted by Miss Mabel Scudder of Butler, who also led a group in the study of "Service for Christ."

At the same time Mr. Glen Mercer, of Pleasant Gap, taught the subject of "Salvation." The service was brought to a fitting close by an evangelistic message delivered by Miss Ruth Hill, of Phillipsburg.

Woodward Evangelical Church entertained the service on Thursday evening. Representatives were there from Rebersburg, Millheim, and Woodward. Devotions were in charge of the local society, which also rendered three instrumental numbers. The rest of the service was a duplicate of that of the previous evening, with the exception of the conference on "Salvation," which was taught by Rev. Homer Gaunt, of Houersville.

The final meeting of the series was held in the Boalsburg Lutheran Church on Friday evening. Societies from State College, Woodcrest, Houersville, and Boalsburg, were well represented. Quite a number of the county officers were also present. The State College group which was from the Evangelical Church, conducted a short, devotional program. It was followed by a vocal number from the Woodcrest society. A conference on "Salvation" was taught by the Rev. L. F. Sheetz, of Milesburg.

The next event planned for this age group will be the annual spring inter-mediate Rally on Saturday, April 13, at the Pleasant Gap. Miss Margaret Burton, of Phillipsburg and Miss Rose Zenn, of Sewickley, present. The sessions will be held in Pleasant Gap. Watch these columns for further information.

Random Items

SYSTEM:

A Bellefonte man who frequently is called away from home, has devised a system whereby he keeps telephone toll charges at a minimum and still keeps in close telephone contact with his home. When he is out of town and wants to know if everything is all right at home, he calls the operator, gives his name, and asks her to ring his home, charges collect. If everything is all right at home, the man's wife refuses to accept the call, and the only expense involved is a small report charge. If everything isn't all right, the wife accepts the call, and the business man is glad to pay the usual toll fee. Telephone officials say the system is perfectly legitimate, and have no complaints to make.

THIRD TERM:

The World, we feel, has been awaiting this department's keen analysis of third term prospects for President Roosevelt. Our guess—and so help us, it is only a guess—is that Roosevelt will be a candidate for a third term. Our reasons for this are too long to go into here, and perhaps no one would care about them, anyway. It is sufficient for us to go on record as believing that Roosevelt will be a candidate. Look at all the swell publicity he's received merely by not saying whether or not he's going to run. Is he going to let that go to waste?

HOW ABOUT GABRIEL?

A farmer friend informs us that many farmers keep billy goats around the horses to prevent the horses from contracting various diseases. The aroma of the average billy goat is supposed to be sufficiently strong to kill disease germs. Something on the idea, no doubt, of the bags of asafetida children of past generations used to wear around their necks to ward off illness.

NOTE TO SCHOOL BOARD:

For goodness sake, if you want to fire someone, why don't you come out in the open and fire, instead of pussyfooting around? This thing of keeping an intended "victim" under a cloud of suspicion indefinitely, without naming any grievances you may have against him, is neither fair, just nor desirable. Far be it from us to say what "The American Way" of doing things is, but we're darned certain that in this country people like things done in the open. If your man under suspicion, with no reasons being assigned, goes against the grain of every right-thinking person, anyhow were more interested in getting a new school building than in anything else.

HE GOT A HORN:

For a number of months an orphaned youngster living in Milesburg has faithfully attended practice sessions of the American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Band at Brookside Post here, in the hope he'd get a chance to play in the organization. His older brother was provided with a horn by the Legion, but a band regulation prevents the Legion from providing more than one child in any family with an instrument. Consequently, the youth was in a bit of a way. He couldn't play in the band because he had no horn, and he just couldn't give up the idea of not being in the organization. Finally his sorry plight was brought to the attention of three prominent Bellefonte citizens, each of whom contributed \$25 toward the purchase of a \$66 horn for the youth. Today there's no happier youngster in Milesburg, or we'll venture to say, in Centre County.

On Dean's Honor Roll

The following students from Centre county were on the dean's honor roll of the school of education of Pennsylvania State College announced this week: J. Ernest Wagner, senior, in Centre High, who had a perfect record. The following had a record of 2.5 or better out of a possible 3.00: seniors, Elizabeth A. Hartwick, Bellefonte; Katherine O. Horn, State College; juniors, Edith A. Burrage, State College; Wanda M. Darragh, State College; Clara H. Garbick, Bellefonte; Edith A. Wright, State College; sophomore, Jean E. Clark, State College; Sarah P. Searle, State College.

Tell The Truth, Girls!

Let this be a warning to you, girls—don't fib about your age. Recently, an applicant for old-age assistance at Raleigh, N. C. had to admit that she had fibbed about her age at the time of her marriage. The license, issued in 1897, showed her age as 17 while she claims she was 94 and only fibbed in order to conceal her real age from her husband who was 24.

Dollars are worth more to the Chinese and the Finns than congratulations and good wishes.

Altoona Kiddies Found In Shack

Probe Disclosed Parents Locked Tots in So They Could Attend Parties

Two small children, found sobbing and shivering in a cold shack in Altoona one evening last week, led authorities on the trail of the parents who are said to have nightly placed the children in the shack so that they could get out to parties.

The parents who said they "didn't want the children in the first place" were questioned later by authorities of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The kiddies, aged 4 and 5, were found in a shack to the rear of the parents' home when a neighbor heard the anguished sobs of the kiddies and investigated.

The S. P. C. C. probe disclosed that the children, described as "beautiful," were left alone for stretches as long as ten hours by the parents who claimed the children were "shocked" because of fear they would see the house on fire when the parents were out "partying." The names of the parents were not disclosed.

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STORY OF A JAIL TRAGEDY

(A continuation of the story of the Green and Dillon crime committed in the Centre county jail July 29, 1934. Last week's article dealt with the murder of Jerry Condo, the turkey, and the escape of five prisoners.)

In the following chapter is given a detailed account of the capture of the men.)

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Neighbor Watches Altoona Suicide

Victim Leaves Friends in Home, Runs Outside, Kills Self

While a curious neighbor watched from a distance a 68-year-old Maurice J. Hamilton, warden of the Blair county jail, took his life at his home in Altoona Sunday afternoon.

Hamilton, known as the religious warden who believed in trusting his prisoners, in a letter found in his suit, blamed his poor health and his futile efforts to regain his health as the cause for his death.

After casually talking to a neighbor and telling him, "I'm not feeling so good," Hamilton trudged over a hill near his home. Struck by a horse's strange action, the neighbor watched from the window of his home while Hamilton pulled out his service revolver and sent a bullet through his head.

Hamilton was prepared for death. He wrote his own obituary, left a note explaining his reasons for taking his life, and designated who should be his pallbearers. He even left \$3 to a friend saying that would help pay for gasoline used at the funeral.

The warden was known for testing prisoners' honor. Many times he gave them privileges. Many prisoners escaped but many returned on their honor.

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\$218,849 for Milk At Local Plant

Local Milk Station Operates at Largest Capacity in County

Payments for milk, made by the Sheffield Farm Company, through its Bellefonte receiving plant, totaled \$218,849.71 during the past year, according to a statement released by the company. During the same period, \$112,805.82 was paid out through the Howard plant and \$164,516.80 through the Mill Hill plant.

The complete statement of the company indicates that the company paid more than two and three-quarter million dollars for milk delivered at its plants in the state during the past year. A total of 150 million pounds of milk, or about 600,000 quarts a day, were delivered by 2,300 producers to 14 Grade B and one Grade A plants.

Because of its proximity to large markets, Pennsylvania is an outstanding fluid milk producing state. The amount of milk produced per acre of farmland is three times the average for the whole country.

SCHOOLS PLANNING BASEBALL SEASON

Lewis Q. Fawcett, president of the Centre County Interscholastic Athletic Association, announced yesterday that the organization's regular Spring meeting will be held at 7:45 p. m., Thursday, March 14, in the Court House, Bellefonte. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare the 1940 baseball schedule.

This year's league is expected to be most successful for two reasons. First, most high schools will have seasoned material to place on the baseball fields of the county; and second, Port Matilda desires to re-enter the league after spending several years in the Clearfield Association.

PLAN EASTER SKATING PARTY

On Wednesday evening, March 20, an "Easter Roller Skating Party" will be held at Hecla Park by the Future Farmers of America, of Walker township.

The general theme of this party will be the Easter season and the party will be carried out in much the same manner as was the recent St. Valentine's day roller skating party.

Balloon showers with hundreds of colored balloons will add color and gaiety to the party. One of the highlights of the evening will be an "Easter Egg Hunt" in which large paper eggs will be cut into halves and the boys will have to hunt the girls holding the matching half. Large candy Easter eggs will be awarded to the first three couples who find their partners.

Tickets may be secured from any member of the Walker Township Chapter and will be on sale at the door on the night of the party.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and a gala evening of fun and skating is promised to all.

SEED TREATMENT WITH DUST IS RECOMMENDED

Red copper oxide is recommended by County Agent R. C. Blaney as a treatment for the damping-off of several vegetables.

Beet, egg plant, lettuce, parsnip, pepper, salsify, spinach, Swiss chard, and watermelon seed can be treated successfully with the red copper oxide. For beet and Swiss chard the rate is 1 part of dust to 25 parts of seed. For watermelon the rate is 1 to 100. For the others the recommended treatment is 1 part of dust to 50 parts of seed.

Agitate the seeds and dust in a tight container until the seeds are thoroughly covered. Do not use more dust than will stick to the seeds. Excess dust may be removed by pouring the seeds on a fine screen.

Owl and Puss-Cat

An "owl and puss-cat" story comes from Ulster, Bradford county, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ludwig, puzzled by strange noises between the ceiling of their apartment and the roof of the building, and noticing the apparent interest of the family cat, hoisted the cat through the trap-door, to investigate. It soon returned with a screech owl. No one knows how the owl got into the attic.

It Does!

"It is just 100 years ago since householder gazed in wonder and surprise at their first gas light," declares contemporary. Today the gas bill takes its place.

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The Tanners, who lived in Colebrook township, along the Renovo road at the Forney L. Winner lumber camp, were ready for supper around 7 p. m. when Ann noticed the "light." In 20 minutes the home had been burned to the ground.

No facilities were available for fire-fighting, although passing motorists stopped to lend their assistance. The family had been bringing even drinking water from some distance from the home.

Arriving in Lock Haven later in the evening, the five, and Mrs. Tanner is expecting another child in a very short time, applied for assistance from Captain W. Arthur Bamford at the Salvation Army. They were cared for there over night.

Sunbury Store Looted

A bold gang of thieves backed up a huge truck in the rear of a clothing store at Sunbury in the early morning hours and filled it with men's suits, 100 overcoats, some jewelry, hats and shoes. The management of the store, Markley-Aitzner, estimated its loss at \$20,000. Police said they believed the gang was the same that robbed stores similarly in Bloomsburg and Shamokin recently.

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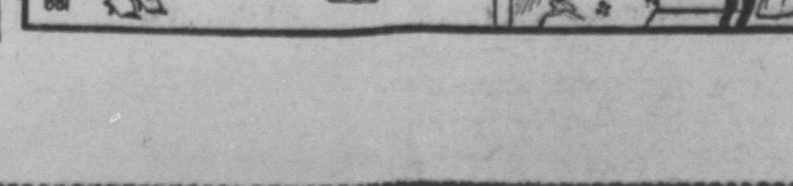
Blanchard Boys Enlist

Two Blanchard youths have joined the U. S. Army to serve with the infantry in Hawaii. They are Malcolm LeRoy Packer, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Packer, and Malcolm Daniel Kunes, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leone Kunes.

WANDERED FROM HOME

On the complaint of Blanchard residents, Privates Howard Hancock and John Amick of the Rockview Motor Police barracks, found the victim after she had fallen into a stream and slept in a brick yard all night. She had visited relatives in Lock Haven and told officers she was walking to Renovo.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Our Hero Pays the Penalty



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