# Odd and Curious News

#### Flock Wears Glasses

One of the strangest chicken flocks ever seen by mortal man is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Samples, of Port Byron, Ill. Each of the super-strain white leghorns wears glasses. And if that isn't enough, the glasses are rose-colored The chickens were fitted with the glasses to rid them of cannibalistic tendencies. Previously, in pecking at one another, if blood appeared, the whole flock made a mass attack on the victim. Now the rose-colored glasses distract the chickens' attention from the blood, and there are no more killings. The glasses consist of a red square of glass, attached to aluminum frames. They are fastened to the chickens' heads by means of a cotter pin which runs through the beak

#### 3 Times in a Row

Good luck or bad comes in triple doses, they say. For Paul Blend, dairy farmer of near Coatesville, it was good luck. On Tuesday one of his cows gave birth to twins. On Wednesday another cow gave birth to twins. Blend looked hopefully at a third cow soon to enjoy a blessed event. His hopes were realized on Thursday, when he was presented with the third set of twin calves on successive days.

#### Annual Affair

While two detectives were taking a man they had caught stealing an automobile to police headquarters, at Kansas City, the man suddenly asked what day of the month and what time it was. When given the information, the man said it was exactly a year to the day and hour before that he was arrested on the same charge. The records at headquarters bore him out.

#### Lucky Unlucky Call

In his haste to answer the telephone, Ralph Lyman of Clarinda, Iowa, slipped and broke his leg. Crawling painfully to the phone, he heard a voice say, "This is Dr. Burnett, I want you to come and look at my furnace." To which Lyman replied, "I think you'd better come and look at me first." The doctor obliged and set the leg.

#### In Wrong Line

After waiting in line for more than two hours, a young man at Baltimore, got to wondering and discovered that instead of being in a line to get a marriage license, he was behind numbers of people who were waiting to get automobile licenses. There was no line before the marriage license window.

#### Worms Want Change Because their names have " con-

tantly exposed us to ridicule and nbarrassment," Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Worm and Mr. and Mrs. Everett A. Worm, of South Bend Ind., have filed a petition to have their names changed to Wairen The male Worms are twins.

#### Forced to Change

Frank Lea, an executive of the Carnegie-Illinois Corporation at Pittsburgh, often signed his name "F. Lea." He doesn't any more, though, because he recently received a letter. addressed to "Mr. Flea."

#### Wrong Prediction

When Mrs. Augusta Crissman of Los Angeles, was a little girl, she given only a short time to live. Recently, she celebrated her 100th birthday.

#### Homing Pigeon Found

first noticed in the chicken yard, and woodshed, and at night entered eagerly. the bedroom of Miss Bryan, where it slept on a stand. It is being fed Independence is something that F. Kusse, Scoutmaster of Troop 5,

#### SECOND SECTION

# The Centre Democrat

Move Along, Get Going

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### HOUTZDALE FACES LOSS OF PRINCIPAL SOFT COAL INDUSTRY

For the Second Time In Three Years Collery Closes, Throwing Out of Work 275 Men; Daily Production 600 Tons

Houtzdale for the second time in roads barricaded when they came gether in a fight to save their main Johnstown contributed source of income, a coal mine.

Friday in the district's main pit, throwing out of work 275 men who later. had been bringing up about 600. The district was once an imtons of soft coal daily. The comportant mining area but as veins pany said operations were unpro-

Three years ago the chamber of commerce and citizens saved the for the re-opening of the coal mine mine when the Madera Hill Coal in the near future by the announcecompany went bankrupt and the ment that W. equipment was sold. Junk dealers Houtzdale coal operator, may take, who bought the machinery found over the abandoned coal mine

### Farmer Trampled By Cow at Sale

Well Known Union County Potato Grower Suffers Injuries

J. Louis Reitz, well-known Union county potato grower, suffered a chest injury and lacerations of the when he slipped and was trampled by a cow he was displaying at a sale last Thursday on his farm at Brook Park near Lewis-

A public sale of his herd was being held by Mr. Reitz, who is discontinuing the dairying phase of his farm activities. He was leading one of the animals to the platform when the accident happened Charles J. Reitz, of Sunbury, the farmer's brother, immediately took charge of the remainder of the sale, while the injured man was given attention by a physician, and later removed to Geisinger Hospital for observation.

More than 1,000 people attended the sale, one of the largest con-ducted in Union county for some ry Condo, turnkey at the Centre Constance for felonious arson; and the case against Green and Dillon born at Ansonville, Clearfield county jail in 1904. Last week's Coorge Livingston, the youngest of the group, for taking a horse and that followed the jall break, which buggy without the owner's consent that followed the jall break, which buggy without the owner's consent panel a jury which required a half the capture of Green and Dillon the capture of Green and Dillon the capture of Green and Dillon the process of the capture of the group for taking a horse and Dillon that followed the man hunt the group for taking a horse and buggy without the owner's consent.

At the time of his arrest Livingston panel a jury which required a half the capture of Green and Dillon the capture of Green and Dillon the capture of Green and Dillon the group for taking a horse and buggy without the owner's consent. time. Returns amounted to anproximately \$7,000, cows bringing ry Condo, turnkey at the Centre

Huge Amount Necessary to down and captured Constance were grand jury at the August term of composed of the following citizens: a court house. I have known Jerry Protect Lock Haven

The case was presented to the were secured. The jury chosen was a court house. I have known Jerry Condo since I have been in jail. We william Van Tries. Ferguson town-Community

The Federal government's plan Roger (Bert) Bayard, James Justice, Turnkey Condo against George Hen- Shimmel, Philipsburg; Daniel Eisen- top hinge. We sawed it when we for a system of dykes and levees to West Blair and James Rowan. safeguard the Lock Haven area Pollowing the capture of the four found true bills of first degree mur- Gregg township; John Shontz, Phil- month before we broke out. They from floods have been placed on jall breakers—Dillon, Green. Hender against Ira Green and William insburg; J. H. Griffin, Halfmoon stopped giving us knives. Edward display in Lock Haven City Hall derson and Constance—the men Dillon Henderson pleaded guilty to township; George Garbrick, Belle- McCullough handed us the T-shaped Concrete walls and earthen bul- were returned to separate cells at jail breaking and escape. warks would extend around the the jail, and George Eberhart and John G. Love presided at the trial and J. D. Wagner, Bellefonte, community's southern border and Phil. Garbrick employed to guard of the men. District Attorney N. B. William Dillon's Story along Baid Eagle creek and south- them. ward to Flemington, about a mile

The cost of the proposed work Ira Green for stealing a watch at Judge A. O. Furst, Clement Dale has been eliminated, and proceedwase stimated at \$5,000,000, with Lock Haven called on to pay for land on which protection walls would be built. State and federal funds would be sought for the remainder of the project.

distant.

is an apparently well-contented tending a paw to another dog guest at the home of Robert Bryan, floundering about in the water. The tending a paw to another dog Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. Montoursville. The bird, which was rescue effort failed but Brenner got planks and crawled out to save the may participate and Scouts from the later flew to the roofs of the barn canine while the other watched following towns are particularly

the married man brags about

three years faces the loss of its to take it away.

principal industry. Citizens of that Local effort raised nearly \$10,000 community have again banded to- and the Bird Coal company of Former Governor George Earle of-The Brookwood Coal Company fered state funds to pump out the suspended operation at midnight mine. The Brockwood company reopened the workings four months

> thinned operations were transferred. elsewhere.

> Hopes were somewhat brightened O. Gulbranson

#### CENTRE COUNTY YOUTH NOT WANTED IN BLAIR

Blair county last week washed its hands of four youths who are implicated in 12 cases of breaking and carpenter, told this story. entering in Centre county.

Judge Patterson at Hollidaysburg agreed that George Lucas, 21, Clark Charles, 20, and Paul Bryan, and Francis Genua, 18, of Bellefonte should be boarded by Centre county and not Blair since the Blair county offenses, said to have been comtted by the youths, were negligible compared to their series of offenses in Centre county.

Lucas is now serving a term in Western pen while Byran and Charles are at Huntingdon, Genua bridegroom related. "So she took the holding of found property were case would revert to the Clinton is under parole

What you do not write never comes up in the courtroom.

Dillon

told in detail of the murder of Jer-

Fred Hollabaugh,

SCOUTS TO HOLD SWIM

and the seizure of Dominic Con- Shiloh.



#### LOST HIS PANTS AND BRIDE

STORY OF A JAIL TRAGEDY

Trial and Sentencing of Green and Julian; William Dillon, whose home and W. Harrison Walker were em- ings confined to the stories of the

ville. Included in the posse who ran down and captured Constance were grand jury at the August term of

Shaughnessy. Robert Montgomery, evidence presented by the common-ship; Ellis Williams, Worth town-were in cell 8, Green and I. When

Herst Corman. Charles Hartsock, bills of indictment for murder of Burrell, Ferguson township; Wallace to have knives and we sawed off the

in fall under the following charges: R. Chambers. H. C. Quigley, former testimony of the various witnesses the stairs. I had the iron in my left

William Lose, wealth, the grand jury ignored the ship; J. H. Sands, Beliefonte; I. L. we were first put in they allowed us

Saturday, where he had been ma- in the car without pants. rooned in his car for more than 30

Saturday a week ago, he eloped to St. Louis with Mrs. Ellen Welch, 39, a divorcee. For their honeymoon, they used the bride's car, and her money. She had \$200. Swanson said he had \$4.

The wedding trip was a happy became suspicious. with her money."

leged attempt at rape; George Hen- oners.

my trousers for security. When we got to Chicago we drove to this parking lot, and then she left, saying she'd be back in 30

Rescued by police from an auto-, minutes. I waited and waited but mobile parking lot at Chicago last she never returned. I was stuck that county as the body was found

"Now I don't know what to do. hours, Erick Swanson, 40-year-old Maybe I ought to go back to the parking lot. She might come. I want my pants, and my bride, too."

Gets \$10,000 Gem He Found Unconvinced by the story of John T. Browne, 31-year-old Negro porter, that he had found a large diamond, valued at \$10,000, the man one until the couple neared Chica- was held in custody for eleven days When the new Mrs. Swanson in New York City. However, no nounced by that state official. claims were entered for the unset Should the court there decide to "She thought I might run off six-carat stone and on February & reject her plea on the grounds that the unhappy when the six months required for it is out of their jurisdiction, the

-Read the want ads.

was in Clearfield county, for al- ployed to defend the respective pris- principal defendants. Green and

Turner's store in Julian; Dominic Constance for felonious arson; and The case against Green and Dillon fense as follows: "Am 19 years old; Constance for felonious arson; and the country of was opened Thursday afternoon born at Ansonville, Clearfield country."

exhausted and a number of specta-

derson and Dominic Constance, and huth Haines township; G. W. Ream, were first put in there, about a

### LEGAL ENTANGLEMENT INVOLVES MRS. DIEHL'S CASE IN UNION COUNTY

Question of Where Woman's Infant Child Died May Establish Jurisdiction of Court In Event of Trial

of Jacksonville. Centre county, her appearance in May. charged with concealing the death of an illegitimate child, is at a

The defendant, who was acquita Clinton county jury of smothering lonely mountain road in that county last June, entered a plea of guilty to concealment of the body, when the Union county court convened last week with President Judge Curtis C. Lesher on the bench.

The plea was not acceptable however, to the court, which argued it was out of their jurisdiction since the child had died in Clinton coun-But the district attorney of Union county felt the plea belonged in there. Court recessed Tuesday, to consider the matter until Saturday, when a decision was to be announced

At Saturday's session, the court further continued the matter until the next term in May. Nolle prosequi action, meaning no further prosecution, which had been suggested to dispose of the case, was frowned upon by Attorney General Claude T. Reno in an opinion an-

up, the diamond was returned to county court.

Mrs. Diehl's bond of \$500, posted at the time of her arrest in November, was reduced to \$300 and

brother about eight years and have

Dillon.

tors in the court room were called been working for myself-railroad-

fonte; C. L. Gramley, Rebersburg, iron. We got out of the cell about

In this account of the trial the came in with Condo and came up

Roosevelts Married 35 Years. Sunday was the thirty-fifth anni- PRESIDENT: of President and Mrs. ted in January at Lock Haven by Rooseveit's marriage, Mrs. Roosevelt returned from a mid-western her week-old infant son along a lecture tour to be with Mr. Roosevelt, but White House officials said

was carried out.

#### The Straight and Narrow

no special observance of the day

youths charged with stealing 16 years ago. automobiles on condition that they PEACE MOVES: salute the flag, go to bed by 9:30 p. m., and attend Sunday school and church regularly.

#### Over 200 Attend P. O. A. Session

Centre County Lodges Represented at Mill Hall

200 during the day. Guest of honor was Mrs. Helen fluence in the right direction, Stumph, of Reading, state presiwho spoke in the afternoon, RUMORS: and at the public evening session. Rumors have it that members of

S. Lonsinger gave the invocation, the ruined building and C. A. Miller, P. O. S. of A. district president, and A. T. Palmer RADIO MENACE: gave interesting talks.

also given flowers.

### Coal Stealing Case Is Settled

Released and Charges Withdrawn Under

#### Agreement

William Berry and his son James, hearing was held.

putting it in sacks, with the appar- is good leadership, he commented ent intention of hauling it away in a car. Six sacks of coal, about 600 pounds, had been put in sacks bu; it had not been removed from the

#### Will Translated

Before the will of the late John Holhuber could be probated at Mount City. Ind., a translator had to be found. The will was written

There are individuals whose reason is impaired by the use of epithets and adjectives.

# Random Items

BOOK REVIEW

"Agent of Death," the memoirs of the late Robert G. Elliotf, former official executioner for Pennsylvania and four other states, is an interesting history of an unusual profession and at the same time a strong sermon against capital punishment. Events that have transpired in the death house at Rockview penitentiary, in Bellefonte, are liberally sprinkled through the volume. In the book, Elliott is revealed as a kindly, thoughtful man who contrary to sensational newspaper and magazine stories, was not "a The case of Mrs. Nellie B. Diehl, bail was renewed in that sum for man who walked alone," but a normal family man whose profession as an electrician drew him into a unique position

We had thought that Governor James was definitely out of the running as a Presidential candidate, but we see by the papers that his supporters still think there's a chance. If the G. O. P. should pin its Presidential hopes upon James, it is a foregone conclusion that miner's caps will be more common through-Judge George A. Patterson, of out the land this summer than the-Hollidaysburg, paroled six Altoona oretical chickens were in pots some

The European jockeying now going on under the head of "peace plans," leaves this corner a bit jittery. Someone is going to be sold down the river, and the further the United States keeps its nose out of the mess, the less likely that we'll be the one who gets the knockout

#### ROAD BARRIER:

Much discussion is going the rounds concerning the State's action last week in sidetracking the construction of the proposed new road Camp 75, P. O. of A. Mill Hall between Bellefonte and State Cofentertained P. O. of A. camps from lege, which was scheduled to be Lock Haven. Flemington, Beech built this spring. Some believe pol-Creek, Orviston, . Loyalsockyllle, itics is the cause of the move. What-Milesburg, Aaronsburg, Howard and ever the reason, we feel that Belle-Reading last Wednesday at a dis- fonte is entitled to the road, and if trict convention attended by over politics is the cause, it behooves local politicians to wield their in-

on subjects of interest to the lodge, the local School Board contemplate The drill was presented at both three complaints against school ofthe combined drill ficials. They are: that there was too teams of Mill Hall and Beech Creek, much delay in giving an alarm at Mrs. Julia Bittner, of Beech Creek, the time of the high school fire; was recommended for district pres- that school officials split orders of ident of Clinton County to succeed more than \$300 so that bids would Mrs. Nina Wolfe, under whose lead- not have to be advertised for, and ership the program was planned.

During the evening session, when to a janitor to remove some wood the men of the P. O. S. of A. order wainscoating and hardwood flooring joined the women, the Rev. John from one of the basement rooms of

During the past ten days two Mrs. Wolfe was presented with a groups of Centre county youths have basket of flowers by the drill team, been brought before juvenile court and two charter members of the on charges of robbery and thievery. Mill Hall camp, Mrs. Gussie Pal- In attempting to determine why the mer, 94. and Mrs. Mary Elder, were youths, most of them from good homes, turned to crime, the Court Refreshments were served in a learned that two radio programs for social period following the meeting, youngsters had furnished the idea for their deeds. One of the programs has to do with gangs and the other with Western thrillers. Both programs have a large following among the youth of the nation.

#### LABOR UNIONS:

Many persons upon hearing the term. "Labor Union" immediately picture bearded bullies, with a bomb in one hand and a torch in the other. Nothing good, they imagine, can come from them. The other day and Clair Miller, all residing at 141 we heard a discussion on unions East Bald Eagle street, Lock Ha- which seemed eminently fair. A ven, were released last week by Chamber of Commerce, it was point-Justice of the Peace George F. ed out, is a union of the business Hess at Beech Creek, after they people of a community; lawyers, agreed to a cash settlement and medical men, dentists, and in fact payment of the costs in the coal persons in the same lines of busistealing case which led to their ness everywhere have their assoarrest on charges of larceny. The clations, which are nothing more charges were withdrawn and no than unions. The purpose of a union is to work for the betterment of The trio had been arrested on the all members of the group, and, the complaint of Ray O. Meas, super-speaker concluded, there is no rea-intendent of the General Refrac-son why the laboring man should be tories plant at Beech Creek, who frowned upon for wishing to have had charged that he found them his own association. The prime estaking coal from the storage piles sential in any union, whether it be belonging to the brick plant, and for professional people or laborers.

#### COLLEGE DEBATERS URGE RE-ELECTION OF FOR

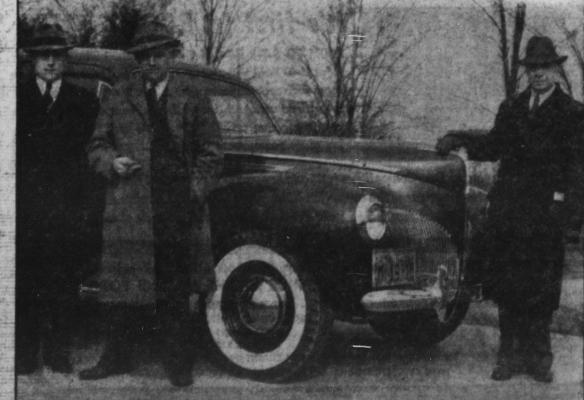
Resolutions approving the new deal and urging re-election of President Roosevelt were adopted by representatives of 20 colleges at the Pennsylvania debaters convention at State College, last week.

Other resolutions approved suggested expansion of reciprocal trade agreements and recommended that the Dies committee investigating un-American activities be replaced "by a bi-partisan committee appointed by the senate' and composed of persons who were not senators.

Samuel Rodgers of the University Pittsburgh was elected president of the debaters.

By POP MOMAND

## SALESMEN VISIT LINCOLN PLANT



Fred Staats (extreme left) of Struble & Riley, Turtle Creek, Frank Keller (center) of Dunlap Motor Co. Bellefonte, and Clell Riley (right) of Struble & Riley, Turtle Creek, were members of a group of people who recantly visited the Lincoln Motor Company to take delivery of new Lincoln-Zephyr cars. The above picture was taken on the Roads of the World at the Ford Rotunda in Dearborn.

#### SENTENCE FOR CONDUCT Accidents Occur Suffers Burns As WOMAN IS GIVEN JAIL Mrs. William Ringer, who is said

Spangler was assisted in the pro-

Kenyon Woody. Scout executive to have moved from Bellefonte to Helping Hand for Juniata Valley Council, Boy Lock Haven recently, was given a William Brenner, of Grove City. Scouts, announces that a swimming five day sentence in the Clinton A homing pigeon, bearing a band said he saw a dog gingerly walking meet will be held Saturday night, county jail last week in lieu of a finseribed Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 34.112, on thin ice of Wolf Creek and exduct charge.

The men had originally been held cution by Ellis L. Orvis and Edward

Previous installments of this story derson for attempted robbery at

Dillon in the vicinity of Mill Hall was working for Daniel Grove, near

Harry L. Wilson, who resides at the rear of East Bald Eagle street. All Scouts from Muncy District urged to take part: Howard, Jacksonville. Zion, and Bellefonte. John

MEET HERE, SATURDAY

will be in charge of the meet. sided in Lock Haven. Before com- tain road north of Bald Eagle. ing to Bellefonte they had been or- In another sideswipe accident

#### 18 Children at Home.

With the arrival of their tenth accident involving James Gearhart son, Mr. and Mrs. William Andrew and Mike Johnson, both of Philips-burg, R. D., when their cars collided meantime, Mr. Shaffer awoke, broke at George F. Wurster home, from where the fire department was called. In the house employes could read it.

There are individuals whose rea-Treasury clerk, are the parents of at Gearhartville at 10:30 Saturday the glass in a window to a porch eighteen children, all of whom are night living at home. Their eldest child is William, 22.

nesses other than his own.

# Over Week-end

Crash on Mountain Road

the rear of East Bald Eagle street. Miss Ruth Callahan, of Philips-testified that Mrs, Ringer had been burg, suffered slight lacerations and on his premises on a certain night bruises of the forehead and the through the interior of his father's creating a disturbance molesting knees when the car she was operathis family and behaving in a bois- ing sideswiped a truck operated by day morning, Jesse Shaffer suffered terous manner.

William Diehl, of Huntingdon, Sat- painful burns before he managed, The Ringer family formerly re- urday morning on the Tyrone moun- to escape through a window.

dered by the Clinton county Court Sunday night no one was injured bedroom, is not known. The alarm to quit the county for six months when cars driven by Michael Ma- was given by the young man's sisafter multiple entanglements with nock, of Munson, and John Shaw, ter, Miss Ruth Shaffer, asleep in of Snow Shoe, collided at Morris- another room, who was roused by dale. Motor police said the cars the smell of smoke. Unsuccessful skidded on the lcy highways. Sideswiping was blamed for the across the street to the George

were damaged but the driver es- dition to the burns suffered before caped uninjured Saturday night five he could get out of his room, he also The average business man is miles south of Port Matilda when a has a cut on one arm. Mr. Shaf- practically ruined by the fire. Only against governmental aid to busi- car driven by Blaine Moore, of Jul- fer was taken immediately to the a few articles of furniture were (Continued on page five)

### Fire Guts Home Philipsburg Woman Hurt in Lock Haven Man Compelled

8:15 and then went to the bath

room. We wanted to put him into a

cell so we could escape. McCullough

(Continued on page six)

### To Seek Treatment at Hospital

home at Lock Haven, early Satur-

The cause of the blaze, which apparently originated in Mr. Shaffer's in arousing her brother, she ran Both a telephone pole and a car from there to the ground. In ad-Lock Haven Hospital.

# KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' - Eddie's Failing Has Him Again







