

Odd and Curious News

Feels Wronged

Charles Bryner, of Uniontown, doesn't understand what it's all about but he's in jail for invading a state game preserve to decorate the grave of his father who fought in the Civil War.

Unanimous Verdict

After announcing he had excused a juror at Sparta, S. C., because he "has a boil," Circuit Judge Thomas S. Sease said: "The doctor tells me another member of the jury has the mumps, but he's here."

How It's Done

The Zion Lutheran church of Bristol, Pa., has solved the problem of how to get pupils to attend Sunday school. The church has contracted with a bus company to have a bus make a circle tour every Sunday morning to pick up children who have no means of reaching the church themselves and to return them home after classes.

Lucky Buck

C. M. Price, of Austin, Minn., has the first dollar he ever made but there were a lot of times he wanted to spend it. Head of an electric company now, Price earned the dollar 54 years ago in Chicago.

Safe Keeping

George Bowman, manager of a Minneapolis hotel, held an overcoat in default of a \$7 bill. The debtor's wife claimed the coat, paid the bill and walked out with the garment. Then Bowman remembered that he had been using the coat's pockets as a hiding place for the hotel's receipts.

Successful Operation

A crew of workers from the Red Bridge CCC camp performed a successful Caesarian operation on a doe deer and saved the fawn. After their truck killed the doe, the workers started to dress the body and found the sturdy young buck, which was wrapped in a blanket and taken to camp.

Bantams of Booze

Mrs. Frank W. O'Rourke, of Pittsburgh, separated from her husband for 26 years, told Judge A. Marshall Thompson, "Every night when I came home from work I'd miss one or two chickens. Finally I found out he was taking them to a saloon and getting drinks for them."

The Molar's Return

Twelve years ago Emil Evanson, of Hartington, Neb., lost his false teeth out of his pocket while staking straw on his farm. Mrs. Walter Neilson, who now lives on Evanson's farm, found them recently in her potato patch.

He Had Grit

Frank Davidson, 42, of Wilkes-Barre, suffered a fractured leg when he was struck by a falling tree while cutting timber. Despite the injury he crawled a half mile to within site of a farm house where his cries for help were heard.

LOCAL BUSINESS IMPROVES

The monthly review of local industry by the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce reveals that all indices of local business conditions are higher for April 1939 than they were for the corresponding month last year. In the survey outlined below the following business concerns were included:

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Random Items

NAMES:

Lower Bald Eagle Valley's two Lott Henly Neffs have quite a time of it keeping their identities straightened out. If you address a letter to Lott H. Neff at Howard, Pa., one man gets it. If you put Howard R. D. on the envelope, another man gets it.

HOT-DOG WAR:

While hot-dog eaters rejoice, Bellefonte's three chief hot-dog establishments are going through the throes of a price war which shows indications of bringing the standard price of the hot dog "with everything" down to 5 cents instead of a dime which had been the standard until recently.

WAS IT ONE OR TWO?

This department can't quite make up its mind whether one person committed the Taylor and Gates murders, or whether different persons were involved. The public in general thinks the two murders are related, but police closest to the investigations can't forget that both girls were slain by blows on the head; both were left along the road with no attempt being made to hide the bodies, and sex was the apparent motive for both crimes.

HE NEEDED A FISH:

Clyde M. Stewart, manager of the local Wolf Furniture store, joined the ranks of anglers for the first time last Friday. Clyde apparently either read a book about fishing, or took the fishing tales of Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce secretary Karl Kusse, too seriously, for before he cast a lure into the stream he first produced a collapse of the rule, drew it out to well past the three-foot mark, and laid it on the ground in front of him so there would be no delay in measuring the fish as he brought them in.

P. R. R. Pigeon Is 'Spotlight' On Run To Williamsport

A new experience was added Saturday to the varied and peculiar happenings which Pennsylvania Railroad engineers have reported during recent years at division headquarters. G. H. Merriman, Elmira, and R. K. Leffler, Sunbury, engineer and fireman, respectively, of the Pennsylvania freight train which moved out of Renovo Saturday, reported upon arrival in Williamsport that a brown pigeon paced the train for the entire distance, flying ahead of the engine and keeping within the beam of its headlight.

STATE COLLEGE HIGH TO GRADUATE CLASS OF RECORD NUMBER

Commencement Exercises for Senior Class of 136 Members to Take Place Next Tuesday - Will Present Pageant

State College High school commencement exercises for a class of 136 members of the senior class will be held on Tuesday, June 11. The class is the largest in the history of the school.

Commencement activities began Friday and will be climaxed by the presentation of the annual commencement pageant and the senior-alumni dance.

The pageant, written by the members of the graduating class, will be presented outdoors, being scheduled for the high school stadium at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, June 11. In case of rain, the pageant will be held at the same time the following evening, June 12.

The program for commencement week follows: Friday, May 31—Final assembly at 2:15 p. m. Saturday, June 1—Senior tea in the home economics rooms from 3 to 5 p. m.

Sabbath School Workers To Meet

Convention to Be Held June 11 in Boalsburg Lutheran Church

The seventy-first annual Spring session of Centre County Council of Christian Education, formerly the Centre County Sabbath School Association, will convene at the Boalsburg Lutheran church on Tuesday, June 11. The following programs have been prepared for the three sessions to be held during the day and evening:

Morning Session Presiding Officer, Rev. H. A. Housler, president. 9:30—Registration of Delegates. 10:00—Devotional Period—Rev. L. P. Kauffman, pastor of Host Church. 10:15—Welcome—Harold Klingler, Asst. Supt. of Host school. 10:30—Address, "The Stewardship of Influence"—Arthur Bodner, State Adult Supt. 11:00—Appointment of Committees. 11:10—Discussion period. Theme: How! Promote Christian Stewardship. (Continued on last page)

Boy Run Over By Farm Tractor

Victim in Clearfield Hospital After Unfortunate Accident

A tractor passed over the abdomen of 6-year-old Donald Smeal, of Morrisdale, on Friday. The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smeal was rushed to the Clearfield Hospital where his condition was reported as "fair."

The lad was running to get on the tractor with his father when he fell and was caught underneath the wheels. The accident took place in a field near the Smeal home.

Call a Cop Thieves broke into a dress shop at Philadelphia and carried away 75 dresses valued at \$150. The shop is just across the street from a police station.

June Bugs



THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL DROWNS IN CISTERN

While attempting to dip some water from the four-foot deep cistern in the back yard of her home, three-year-old Ann Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moyer, of Newry, near Duncansville, was drowned early Saturday evening. The girl had been playing in the back yard with some youngsters. The mother missed the child and began an investigation. She found her daughter lying at the bottom of the cistern. The playmates of the drowned girl were not in the yard at the time of the drowning, it is believed.

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SMALL MOTORS TO BE SEEN AT FIELD DAY

Fractional horsepower motors of practical farm use will be on display at the Farmers' Field Day of the Pennsylvania State College, Thursday, June 13. According to J. E. Nicholas, professor of agricultural engineering, these motors are used for such jobs as turning a grindstone, churn, ice cream freezer, corn sheller, fanning mill, milk separator, and other small machines. A quarter-horsepower motor developing 250 watts an hour can do almost a day's work for a man in a little more than three hours.

MEMORIAL DAY INTERLUDE

The little country churchyard somewhere in Centre county was filled last Thursday with the good-hearted folks of the community who had gathered there to do reverence to the dead heroes.

Upon the mounds, marked by little flags whose stars and stripes fluttered in the soft breeze that lilted with the whispering leaves, flowers and wreaths were laid in profusion, commemorative of the love the living bore for the dead, sleeping so peacefully below.

Kind words had been uttered by the young speaker of the day, whose face shone with earnestness as he lifted it toward the blue-cloud-flecked sky and asked God to bless the loved ones who gave up life for the cause of right, and for all the dead who had taken part in the great struggle of war.

And when flowers were laid upon the graves of the heroes, tears gathered in the eyes of parents who had sons sleeping in a far-off land where guns were again thundering their terrible peal of war.

And now all was over and done, and the good people departed, leaving behind a few scattering ones

walking along the narrow paths of the quiet churchyard, whose silence was broken only by the twittering of birds among the rustling leaves.

A car drove up and stopped along the fence. Out of the rear door, with faltering gait, stepped an old man, a stranger in those parts. None of the villagers were present to witness the little drama.

His eyes were fixed intently upon one corner of the churchyard where briars and bushes covered in tangled masses a few mounds.

"Forgotten again. Poor old pard! They mean well, but they don't finish the work." The words fell from the lips of the strange old man in soft, low whispers. The younger members of the party offered to guide his footsteps across the grassy plot but he would have none of their aid.

He straightened his age-bent shoulders and wended his way along the narrow pathways toward the tangled corner of the churchyard. When he reached the spot he took off his hat and stood there with bowed head gazing mournfully, for some time. Then he reached out his

hand and pulled the briars and bushes aside and bent forward.

"Just as I thought. Forgotten again. They didn't know how brave you was in time of war. There is no flag to mark your grave. They didn't know how bravely you carried the flag above you at Malvern Hill."

There was something so quiet in the softened words that the little birds hopped about among the branches so near that his trembling hands could have touched them.

"Here's a pretty blossom, pard, for the sake of Seven Oaks. Here's another for Lookout Mountain, where you was great; here's four or five for Gettysburg where you was a hero a nation could be proud of; and here are all the others for Antietam and other places, where you moved with the front line and never backed from your duty. And my tears are for your long days and nights spent as a poor old forgotten hero."

The stranger turned away and walked with bent head toward the car awaiting it. It whisked away and as it reached the brow of the hill the old man looked back, waved his hand and whispered, "Forgotten."

Philipsburg Man Struck by Auto

Victim in Hospital Suffering From Head and Knee Injuries

Philipsburg vicinity had two motor accidents over the Memorial Day holiday. A pedestrian was struck by a car in addition to two collisions at Hawk Run.

Glyde Conklin, 58, Philipsburg, is in the hospital suffering from lacerations about the head and injuries to the knee. State motor police said Conklin was walking down the hill into Philipsburg from the direction of Port Matilda when he was hit by a car driven by Charles Roy, Washington, Pa.

The driver attempted to avoid striking the pedestrian by swerving his car. He hit the bank and turned over—the rear fender swinging around and hitting Conklin.

Two cars crashed where the roads fork just on the other side of the Hawk Run bridge. Damage amounted to \$150, no one was injured as two Chevrolet coaches collided. George Hichel, of Clearfield, was entering Hawk Run and George Mandel, Jr., of Hawk Run, was leaving the nearby town when the two collided at the intersection. Hichel's car sustained the brunt of the damage, estimated at \$125.

RISE IN PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESS IS PREDICTED

Pennsylvania business levels during April were the second highest for that month since 1930, but represented a slight decrease from March of this year, the monthly Business Survey of the Pennsylvania State College has reported.

The index of industrial activity for the state fell from 77.0 to 75.9 between March and April, while in April, 1939, the index stood at 62.7. Economists at the College predicted that figures for May of the present year would show a gain over April, ending a downward curve that started last December.

As an experiment, the Ohio State Highway Department has decided to use luminous paint for marking centerlines in roads located in sections of the state where for some times creates a serious traffic hazard.

Women Plan 8000 Mile Plane Trip

Two Lock Haven Aviatrices Will Make Aerial Tour To Alaska

Two Lock Haven young women are making plans for an 8000 mile vacation aerial tour of Northwest America in a light airplane—provided they can obtain permission to fly over Canada.

With Nome, Alaska, their ultimate destination, Alma Hefflin and Margie McQuinn, of Lock Haven, plan to set out June 13 in Miss Hefflin's plane. Miss Hefflin has been flying for eight years and Miss McQuinn for one.

The reluctance of the Canadian government to grant them permission for the trip was explained as a fear that they might become lost. Busy with the war, Canada was represented as being doubtful if it could devote much attention to rescuing them if they ran into trouble.

Much of the girls' route will take them over the proposed International Highway to Alaska. Their equipment will include sleeping bags, a 30-36 rifle and a revolver, water and food for six days.

Sight-Seeing

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Storie, of New York, whose hobby is walking, are now hiking about Pittsburgh to "see the sights." They claimed to have walked more than

Tyrone Farmer Takes Own Life

Victim of Ill Health Shoots Self in Bedroom of Home

Hearing a loud report from her husband's bedroom late Saturday night, Mrs. John F. Moutz, of VanScovoc, near Tyrone, investigated and found him lying lifeless on the floor, a gunshot wound in his head.

The victim, who was 63 and a well known truck farmer, had been in ill health and was brooding over a back disease. Blair county Coroner Chester C. Rothrock pronounced it a suicide.

Mr. Moutz was a son of John and Isabella Emeligh Moutz and was born at VanScovoc October 2, 1876.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (Miller) Moutz and three children: Mrs. Isabella Thomas, Los Angeles, Calif.; James F. Moutz, Tyrone; Mrs. Ella M. Hoffmann, Altoona; Mrs. Olive Gebhardt, Altoona; Martha and Thomas Moutz, at home; also a step-son, Harry Alter, of Cleveland, O.; a sister, Mrs. Tamar Shellenberger, Tyrone, and a brother, S. J. Moutz, of Janesville.

10,000 miles in 10 U. S. cities in the past 12 years. The only way to know a city, they said, is to walk through it and mingle with the people.

ASSAULT OF PITTSBURG GIRL IS SIMILAR TO CENTRE COUNTY CRIMES

Possibility That Same Sex Maniac Who Bound And Gagged High School Pupil May Be Slayer of Centre County Girls

A 14-year-old Pittsburgh high school girl found bound and gagged along the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at Bridgeville, near Pittsburgh, was removed to a city hospital Sunday night in a semi-conscious and hysterical condition.

Allegheny County Detective John Carmichael identified the girl as Virginia Land, daughter of Andrew Land, a special policeman for a chemical company. She had been criminally assaulted.

The attack on the girl was so similar to the recent crimes committed in Centre county that it aroused conjecture among police circles. Asked if the assault might parallel the recent Centre county sex slayings of Rachel Taylor, Pennsylvania State College coed, and Faye Gates, Bellefonte match factory worker, Detective Carmichael said:

"There is always that possibility, but we have been unable to determine anything definitely because we have been unable to talk with this girl." For many hours the girl had been so shocked as to be unable to talk coherently.

Miss Land, described as attractive and large for her age, was last seen enroute to her Bridgeville home Friday night after attending a movie.

Her assailant manacled her hands with her own chain bracelets and tied her feet together with her belt.

Her handkerchief was used as a gag. A passerby found the girl, who is five feet, five and one-half inches tall and weighs 130 pounds. Detectives believe her assailant may have struck her on the back of the head, then dragged her 100 feet from the street where she was walking through a thicket to the railroad tracks.

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Ore Trains Using Many Coal Cars

Increased Activity in Steel Production is Boosting Traffic

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MAKE NEW LAMPS FROM OLD

Visitors at Farmers' Field Day at the Pennsylvania State College on Thursday, June 13, will have a chance to see a demonstration on how to make new lamps from old. Edith Morton, home management specialist, and J. R. Haswell, of agricultural engineering extension, will show how to convert both oil lamps and old electric lights that produce

FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING IN PENN STATE GARDENS

Seasonal flowers will be in bloom every week during the summer in the gardens of the Pennsylvania State College, according to Dr. E. I. Wilde, in charge of ornamental horticulture.

share into the more efficient table and floor lamps that eliminate shadows.

There also will be on exhibit a number of inexpensive adapters, as well as various kinds of lamps and shades. Data on the effect of different colored walls and ceilings on the amount of light reflected will be available.

A collection of species of every kind of popular plant is being grown at the College to determine suitability to Pennsylvania conditions and to guide visitors in planning their gardens. Iris and tree peonies are now in flower, while dianthus, peonies of the regular kind, and alysum will brighten the landscape for visitors next week.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES'—The "Cat" Soliloquizes



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