Paralyzed Man Carried

From Burning House Near

Spark From Chimney Ignites Shingle Roof

While Wife Prepared Dinner on Kitchen

Range For Invalid Husband

A Father's Day blaze that broke still-blazing home to bring two pet

out shortly before noon gutted the kittens to safety. A fireman carried

entire upper floor of the frame resi- Theresa, kittens and all back to the

berg, near Mill Hall. The seven- Mr. Howberg has been paralyzed

room dwelling, owned by A. A. Ar- and unable to walk since 1934 when

ter and located midway on the road he fell from a riding horse on the

try Club and the Orchard Hill en- ing an injured spine.

to Orchard Hill, between the Coun- golf-course near his home, sustain-

berg prepared dinner on the kitchen Beatrice Aikey, of Lewisburg, are re-

range for her invalid husband and covering satisfactorily from a mis-

eight-year-old daughter, after re- hap at their home when both were

turning from a church service in overcome with gas. The gas pipe be-

ton Country club golf course near- were found unconscious by Mr.

by carried Mr. Howberg from the Gemberling when he came home at

watched the fire from a safe dis-summoned and revived both women

burning home to the lawn where he noon. A Lewisburg physician was

Mill Hall at Noon, Sunday

Odd and Curious News

Too Many Cats

Twenty cats are 18 too many for a small two-room apartment, Police Magistrate Joseph H. Rainey, of Philadelphia, has ruled. Neighbors complained that Wayne Bond, 60 and his wife had a score of feline pets who rendered the night air hideous with their cries. Judge Rainey moved his "courtroom" to the apartment to investigate. As he was listening to Bond explain that he couldn't resist carting stray cats home, Rainey suddenly leaped to his feet. A kitten had playfully planted his claws in the magistrate's head. "That settles it," said Rainey. "Only two cats can stay."

Unique Record

Bucknell University is that of the vona bridge spanning Clearfield pier. family of Federal Judge Albert W creek, collapsing it, and then came Ira J. Plank, of Irvona, operating Johnson, a former instructor at the to rest in the water 18 feet below. a Buick coupe, was in the middle of university and a member of its After the truck plunged into the the bridge, having entered from the board of trustees. The judge is a water, taking with it the entire steel opposite side. The structure gave graduate of Bucknell, with six sons bridge valued at \$25,000, and an way plunging both the truck and and daughters, Miller A. Johnson automobile on the bridge at the car into the water below. Lewisburg; Mrs. Alice Schug, Wil- time, the truck driver offered the liamsport; Donald M. Johnson crowd of youngsters half dollars for dent. A third person, Samuel Jones, Scranton; Albert W. Johnson, Jr. each keg they rescued. The boys re- was asleep in the truck at the time. Williamsport; Panl E. Johnson sponded with a vim and soon ac-Lewisburg; and Mary Louise John- cumulated a nice sum of money for son, who graduated last week. Next their hour's fun. year William S. Johnson will gradu-

Starting Young

When a little 2-year-old girl, left in the family auto while her family shopped, began throwing softdrink bottles into the street at Lima, Ohio, police "arrested" her and took her into "protective custody," leaving a note for the parents that she had been taken to Dies of Heart Attack in Inheadquarters. She was soon claim-

Woman Feted at 96

Mrs. Elizabeth Kress, of Lock Haven, quietly observed her 96th dent of the Branch, State College, birthday anniversary at a family R. D., was found dead in a barn in dinner Wednesday of last week Indiana county last Wednesday af-Mrs. Kress, who is in good health ternoon, victim of a heart attack. spends much time listening to radio broadcasts of sports events. She discovered the body in his barn. He walks with a cane, having suffered said the man came to his home on

Electors of rural school district 32 of Columbus, Neb., were arguing whether to wire the school house to use electricity from the Loup River swarmed into the gas lamp, snuff- an envelope in his pocket addressed amazing rumors of rays of various tion. pressed into service long enough to a funeral memorial card naming destructive powers. ing out the light. A flashlight was take a vote-24 to 15 for electricity

Still a Stepper

dust ring. She still goes through a Ludwig Glenn. trick or two when she has an au-

Beware the Noodle

To the long list of domestic hazards, add the noodle. At Minnea-State College Girl polis, Mrs. Celinda Ranweiler was treated at a hospital for injuries suffered when a dry noodle unwarily handled, pierced her under

Perfect!

George Crabill recently graduated from Melberta, Neb., high school nually awarded by the State of with a perfect attendance record for the entire twelve-year period His brother, Clarence, graduated two years ago with a perfect record the scholarships, announced by Pubfor ten years.

No Conviction

Charged by the S. P. C. A. with killing a dog with his automobile Ralph N. Bubb, of Williamsport health. The case was dismissed.

United States.

Girl Takes College Honors Miss Dorothy Evalyn Neff, War-Highway department investigations revealed that the bridge, rior's Mark, was graduated with known as a limited capacity bridge, honors from the school of education collapsed after being struck by the at the Pennsylvania State College, heavy truck owned by Joseph C. Monday morning. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta, education honorary; Phi Sigma Iota, romance language honorary; Pi Gamma Mu,

ocial science honorary, and Philotes, social fraternity. On Scholarship day she received the Benjamin practice teaching last winter and will teach French and Latin in habitats. Rome, Pa., next fall.

No one was injured in the acci-

Prize Ends in Death

but never seen in action.

Farmer Freed In

of Manslaughter

Charge

the Blair county court last Thurs- chorage, Alaska.

Benton, who was aged 27, was shot | Canada.

in the path of the charge.

during the past years.

The charge struck Benton on the

right side. An examination showed

that Benton was but a few feet from

Ventre when the shot was fired.

Ventre, who owns the farm,

said to have been the victim of many thefts of chickens, pigs, etc.,

Sells Registered Cattle

Club, Peterborough, N. H., reports

the sale of a registered Guernsey cow by George R. Meek to L. B.

Chilcoat, of Bellefonte, This animal

animal is Victory Boy's Donnington 590720, and four Guernsey cows to

animals are Victory Boy's Roselea 559313, Victory Boy's Belle 522502, Victory's Amelia 522503, and Roselea

The following men have been ac-

James H. Lake, of Tyrone.

The American Guernsey Cattle

The Centre Democrat

BELLEFONTE, PA., THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1940.

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Couple Overcome by Gas Mrs. Robert Gemberling and Miss

gan to leak when Mrs. Gemberling

turned it on to heat water. Both

Clearfield County

Native Is Drowned

Fishing Boat Capsizes on

Lake Erie; Two Compan-

ions Rescued

Clayton E. Merritt, 44, a native of

Wallaceton and former resident of

son on Lake Erie.

Youngsters Dive For Kegs of Beer After Truck Load **Dumps Into Irvona Creek**

Truck Driver Offers Rescuers Half Dollar for Each Keg Retrieved - Truck Plunges Into Water After Accident

'Tis an ill wind that fails to blow | Jones, of Pittsburgh, and operated good in some direction. A group of by C. R. Donathen, also of Pitts-Irvona, Clearfield county, youngsters burgh. The bridge was struck off found this to be true one day last balance by the truck which entered week when a large truck loaded with it from the Coalport side. One end A record unique in the history of kegs of beer crashed into the Ir- of the bridge slipped off the concrete

SECOND

SECTION

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State College R. D. Man Dies In Barn

diana County While Enroute to Home

James Glenn, a well known resi-

George R. Kline, of Blairsville a fracture of the hip several years Tuesday evening and asked for supper and permission to sleep in the barn. He reappeared Wednesday morning and received his breakfast After that he was not seen again until the body was found. Mr. Kline said the man told him he was hitch- weapons which are widely discussed Belgian fortress troops. hiking to State College.

> Clues to the man's identity were George Glenn, State College, as the

Later developments revealed that utely refused to consider its use. "Nettle." a milk-white former Mr. Glenn. who was 78 years of age, circus horse owned by Mrs. Clara was returning home from a visit but the war ended without the use and a herd of goats scarcely noticed boats were "built in a factory in the and twenty times farther. Hornung, of Lavelle, near Potts- when overcome by illness. He was a of the so-called "secrets." ville, celebrated her 39th birthday brother of the late George Glenn, this week just as much at home in former State College postmaster. His a pasture as she was in the saw- parents were Andrew and Susan

Funeral services were held at the Koch Funeral Home, State College, Saturday morning. Interment was fall of the great Belgian fortress, no committee says that it is not the is said, might be transported in air- Maybe our readers have heard of made in the Branch cemetery.

Wins Scholarship

Miss Betty Pielemeier, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Pielemeier, State College, has been notified that she was the winner of the Centre county competitive scholarship and Blair County Man Acquitted Start Saturday on First Leg Three Families Suffer Loss by Plenty Entertainment Being Fractured Skull Fatal to Man

High school students in each of the 67 counties in the state received lic Instruction Secretary Francis B. Haas. The awards are for \$100 each year of attendance at any accredited college in the state.

Get Low Rate on Bonds

State College School District went into court only to find the bonds to finance the new high school "corpus delicti" trotting behind a addition were sold at an interest defense witness, alive and in good rate of 2% percent, it was determined at a meeting of the school board last week. The low bidder was Some people want to know what Singer, Dean and Scribner of Pittshas become of the neutrality of the burgh, whose bid includes a prem-

SEE FAVORABLE BASS SEASON

which throttled the trout season will mean ideal bass fishing," he may prove a boon to bass anglers observed. "The bass is a clear the Pish Commission predicted water feeder, and if there is muddy

comes a period of a week or ten strike rapidly afterwards."

days of muddy water before the Th anglers generally season begins, and then hopes for good periods for bait-casting durclear or clearing water for the ing bass season—between July 1 opening day," observed Alex Sweig- and Aug 1 when the bass, spawnart, editor of the commission's pub- ing completed, are foraging actively lication, The Pennsylvania Angler. The season opens July 1 in Penn-

sylvania, and continues until Nov. Sweigart pointed out that "all the small-mouth bass streams over the state have high water, which between Aug. 1 and Spt 15, when to William Cross, of Bellefonte. This

Continued rain during the Spring water before the season opens, it water for a period before the season, "The bass fishermen always wel- they will go on a hunger spree and

> Th anglers generally find two in water temperatures not too warm; and between Sept. 15 and Oct, 1, when the bass, getting ready for their dormant period.

become increasingly active. In between come the "dog days" lamented by fishermen, the days is Victory Boy's Emilie 473385; one should mean a good spawning sea- stream temperatures are water is low, and the bass are ex-

"If we have rapidly clearing tremely sluggish.

EXPLOSION AT MEAT PLANT

the plant of the Tasty Meat Pro- blown through the roof. Other nearducts company in Philipsburg ex- by roofs of the plant were damaged ploded with a loud report about 9:30 as the falling pieces penetrated ing office in Altoona and assigned o'clock Sunday night, causing an es- them on the way down.

timated damage of \$1,000.

Large pieces of the compressor, sumes normal operation.

for duty. Assigned to Hawaii in the mated damage of \$1,000. Temporary repairs have been infantry: Noah T. Miller, Osceola Two workmen had just left the made on the machine and the explo-Mills; Edward J. Miller, Osceola room the compressor is housed in a sion will not stop butchering or the Mills; Herschel G. Kephart, Osceola few minutes before it exploded. They manufacture of the prepared meats. Mills; Lewis J. Snavely, Howard, R. narrowly escaped serious injury and but A. B. Curtis stated that it will D., and Russell V. Rhoades, of Howbe about a week before the plant re- ard, R. D., were assigned to the field



MAY PROPOSE WAR ON DEER

Commission has disclosed.

The move may be made necessary. "Field representatives reported,"

"Our field and office staffs are of Lancaster, received a new bicycle ger to human life, and causes need-

the explosion.

come accepted that the German tri- man who has a weapon "so devas- effort to starve out the Allies.

of 8,000-Mile Vaca-

tion Trip

residing near Altoona, who was small Piper Cub off the runway at damage estimated at \$1.275 on the

result of fatally shooting James o'clock Saturday morning and head- Wallin apartment building in Phil-

Benton, on the night of October 26, ed for Toledo, O., on the first leg of ipsburg about 5:30 o'clock last

told the court the evidence failed to plan to make stops at Toledo, Mil- Mrs. John Manner, Mr. and Mrs.

support "murder of any degree, vol- waukee and Spokane, Wash., before William Graham, and Mr. and Mrs.

untary or involuntary manslaugh- landing on Alaskan soil. They must Robert Bragonier, was damaged to

man and his son, Donald, 11, were struments were checked and return- damaged. Building damage was esti-

Fourth of July-The American

Ideal!

faithful reproduction in Full Col-

or of a famous painting. Don't miss

this timely feature in the June 30th

issue of The American Weekly, the

big magazine distributed with the Baltimore American. On sale at all

gar Lee Masters, illustrated with a report.

awakened by a dog barking in the ed to the airport at Williamsport to mated at approximately \$600.

get permission at Spokane to fly over the extent of \$650. The damage was

ed the Ventre case nol-prossed upon of the ship, and Marjorie McQuinn, porches of the apartments.

word has been heard of the super- same as the Barlowe bomb.

Frank Ventre, 75-year-old farmer | Two Lock Haven girls lifted their

motion of the district attorney who of the Lock Haven airplane factory,

and killed in Ventre's barn on the Priday the plane was taken to

barn. He told the police that he fired permit mechanics to make a final

a shot, not knowing what object was tune-up on the engine.

Another statewide antierless deer | Following an extended conference season may be declared in Pennsyl- with members of the field and office furniture were also rushed to the vania this fall with no open season staffs. Leffler stated that "disturb- garden and a nearby rye-field, the for antiered bucks, the State Game ing conditions were reported to the entire lot being practically undam-Game Commission.

it was stated, because of the great he added, "that in the deer country nearly 45 minutes, and when the increase in the deer population from 75 to 90 per cent of the many smoke cleared the structure was a in Latin. Miss Neff completed her with a subsequent damaging of thousands of trees, shrubs, and food mere shell of water-logged and firefarmers' crops and fine small game plots planted by the commission were destroyed by deer."

the opinion that to open limited indicate," he continued, "that slight- ed to begin immediately. areas to antierless deer as was done ly over 9,000 deer starved this past. Meanwhile the family is living in 1939 is unwise, because it con- winter." In one large northern field, comfortably in the modern barn at Ten-year-old Johnny Atkins of centrates hunters, increases the dan- he stated, more than 6,000 deer died, the rear of the house where the fur-The commission has scheduled a niture has been stored temporarily. for earning a promotion in school, less confusion and difficulty," Ross meeting for July 11 to determine Three hours later he was dead-vic- L. Leffler, president of the commis- seasons, bag limits and other regu- the courage of eight-year-old The-(Continued on page fivy)

North Africa into Italy and from country.

Smoke and Water in

Apartment House

Pire, water and smoke inflicted

Furniture belonging to Mr. and

The shed at the rear, porches, and

Life is too short to be wasted try-

due almost entirely to smoke.

housed on the first floor.

ng to please other people.

tance. All the household goods and in a short time Firemen battled the blaze fo

> blackened rooms. Damage was partially covered by

dence of Mr. and Mrs. Karl How- yard.

A spark from the chimney ignited

the shingle roof while Mrs. How-

Caddies and golfers on the Clin-

trance, was badly damaged.

Lock Haven.

"Conservative estimates submitted insurance, and renovation is expect-

A touching incident of the fire was resa Howberg, who rushed into the

WAR'S "SECRET" WEAPONS retired Army officer, it will wipe out committee, says that suggestions to from the water.

al "vacuum waves," which the in- Germany has a great fleet of huge Another recommends a magic onto Merritt but was forced to let is exactly nothing.

There were rumors of German ventor said would kill anything airplanes, each capable of carrying grease which will enable bullets and within 1,000 feet, failed to develop a 30-ton tank. The massive flying shells to travel twenty times faster but the war ended without the use and a herd of goats scarcely noticed boots recoverable.

Black Forests" and 200 of them A third would use liquid cement in pons. The German attack upon the reputable scientist" has an explosive mans have been experimenting with the cement hardened, the soldiers Belgium fortifications, it was said, about one hundred times more pow- a newly bred type of omniverous would be captured by chipping off involved the use of a new instru- erful than TNT, the most destruc- grasshoppers which devour crops of the cement or left to statuesque. The ment of warfare. However, since the tive of World War explosives. The all kinds, especially grain, These, it death,

planes by the millions and released some "super-weapons" that we have moved to Ridgway. While living at weapon, and the conclusion has be- From Utah comes the story of a over British and French farms in an missed. In any event, everybody is West Decatur, he worked at the entitled to believe any of these fanumph was due, in part at least, to tating in effect that the Allies may From the nation's capital, Senator (Continued on page seven)

Booked For Event

In August

The Grange Fair committee an-

nounces partial completion of pro-

ter with P. F. Bartges of Aaronsburg

Ralston, requests that the secretar-

for the Amateur Hour.

General Refractories company. Two sons and a daughter survive 2 Girls Take Off \$1,275 Damage at Fair Committee

laceton and lived at West Decatur

until seven years ago when he

Killed by Auto As Fatal Shooting On Alaska Flight Philipsburg Fire Planning Program He Walks on Road

on Morann-Houtzdale Highway

Struck by a car as he was walk-

charged with manslaughter as the the Williamsport Airport at 7:30 tenants and owners of the Fleck- gram plans for the 1940 Pair, openroad with a companion Sunday ing August 24. A highly popular feamorning, Valentine Dartosh, 44, of ture of the 1938 Fair. Prof. Keller's Morann, Clearfield county, was al- like that. was acquitted when brought before an 8,000-mile vacation flight to An- Thursday evening. The fire, believed Animal Show, will return this year. to have been started by children Combined with Prof. Keller's in-Flying a 65-horsepower Lycoming playing, or by a carelessly thrown structive and entertaining "Zoo" is was fractured. Judge George C. Patterson order- plane, the girls, Alma Heffin, owner cigarette, originated under the the well-liked Tex Rose Show that was an entertainment feature in left side of the highway with

August, 1939. Since both of these thony Sternesky, also of Morann. shows drew unusually favorable when Dartosh was hit by a car opcomment in previous years, Conces- erated by Ben Wowalcky, of Madera, sion Manager feels that they will be who told motor police that Dartosh a real addition to the 1940 program, suddenly stepped in front of his car. Exhibits, as last year, will be Dartosh was struck by the right laced on Monday and judged on front fender of the car and his head Tuesday. Entries in the Flower Show was crushed when his body was night of October 27, last. The aged man and his son, Donald, 11, were struments were checked and return-damaged. Building damage was estiday. Dairy cattle alone will be

judged on Wednesday. The 4-H Eco- blow, died a few minutes later. The fire was discovered by Charles nomics clubs are planning as a fea- Dartosh's death raised the Centre-McCabe, proprietor of the garage ture of their Round-Up on Tuesday Clearfield highway toll for this year This has been the first fire with- a series of demonstrations; these to a total of 13 deaths for that area.

Will be presented from the stage of The death of 71-year-old William in the borough limits for several the auditorium during both morning Reese, Houtzdale, struck by a car on LOCUSTS: months and the highest damage in and afternoon. Centre county ama- May 4, marked the 12th highway Inspiring, patriotic poem by Ed- the last year and a half, authorities teur performers should again regis- death for the region.

Superintendent of Grounds, G. W. paper; subscribe now.

les of all family groups accustomed flict in dates. This is particularly saying that when locusts begin their to holding reunions on Grange Park necessary for those groups that had summer chant, winter is not far a make reservations with him as soon a year-to-year reservation with foras possible in order to avoid a con- mer Superintendent Spayd.

Random Items

FATHERS' DAY IDYL:

Dawn broke brightly but gently. The birds sang merrily in the nearby trees. A cool breeze drifted rethrough the room. freshingly Sounds of breakfast preparations downstairs whetted the appetite. It was, in short, a nice thing to be alive and to be one of those for whom Father's Day was dedicated. As we mused in this vein, entirely at ease with ourselves and with the World, the sound of childish singing mingled with the song of the birds. The 18-months-old daughter, apparently, was in a good frame of mind. Feeling that she might have some appropriate sentiment to express on her second Father's Day. we started into the room. As we neared the threshold, the full import of her song struck us suddenly. She was chanting happily, "Daddy's a Pooh-Pooh! Daddy's a Pooh-

One of Centre County's murders is believed to be solved with the arrest of Richard Millinder, who is charged with the Paye Gates slaying. The other slaying, that of Rachel Taylor, still remains a mystery, but grapevine reports indicate that police are confident of cracking that one soon.

BARRACKS NO. 2:

Newspapermen and others exnausted every resource last Thursday night to learn where police were questioning Millinder, suspect in the Gates murder. No one learned where the questioning took place until Monday, when State Police Detective C. J. Hanna declared at Millinder's hearing that the man was questioned at "Rockview State Police Barracks No. 2." Later it was learned that "No. 2" is the old Sinie Hoy brick house on Rockview lands,

Decatur, drowned Sunday MUD-CAKED KEY:

when opening the bass fishing sea-A number of amateur sleuths have asked how police tie-in the Merritt, now a resident of Ridgmud-caked key found on the road way, was thrown into the water near the body of Paye Gates, May with two others when the boat from 5, with the arrest of Richard Milwhich they were fishing capsized. linder. The answer is-they don't Coroner Dr. W. G. Stroble stated The key, generally believed to be a that the men lost their balance "hot" clue, was traced through the when casting and upset the boat. manufacturer to the ultimate pur-John Crain, 25, and Robert Carrick, chaser. The purchaser was the 25, both of Ridgway, were rescued Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Every war brings forth its "secret" disaffection within the ranks of the refuse to use it." According to the Sheppard, of the Military Affairs but Merritt was dead when taken The key fit the door of the office of The United States has not been an entire city at a time, can be fired improve the national defense are It is believed he was struck a hard examiner, it is reported. The chief The first World War produced immune to the fever of imagina- from England to Germany, from pouring in from all parts of the blow on the head and knocked unclaimed his assistant dropped the an envelope in his pocket addressed to James Glenn, State College, and a funeral memorial card naming George Glenn, State College, as the George Glenn, State College, as the George Glenn State College, and the graph of the Market into Raily and George Glenn State College, and the graph of the George Glenn State College and the graph of the George Glenn State College and the graph of the George Glenn State College and the graph of the George Glenn State College and the graph of the conscious by the whirling boat. It key on the murder scene when he deceased, and dated December 14, in the Tower of London, which was officials who forced a test on the who left his homeland just before would be expected to fly into them one of his companions tried to hold one

This corner feels that County Mr. Merritt was a half-brother of Farm Agent R. C. Blaney will be a The present war has produced its From Washington, comes a Senate were ready when the war began, a spray upon attacking troops, who Charles Merritt, of Wallaceton, and valuable addition to the Bellefonte crops of rumors about "secret" wea- Naval Committee report that "a A story from Raymond Gear- school board. Mr. Blaney appears hart and Mrs. Harry Light, of Phil- to have the ability to pass up trifiing matters and to keep his efforts The deceased was born at Wal- pointed at worthwhile things. From a newspaperman's standpoint, the old 3 to 2 combine on the school board made swell news stories and nice black headlines, but we believe the present school board will accomplish far more in the way of constructive activity.

COUNCIL CHANGES:

Since we've quit harping about Council a subtle change has come over that dignified body. It is go ing liberal-believe it or not. With scarcely a suggestion from this pillar, Council has ordered a police car, is contemplating buying traffic lights, and has kept up the enforcement of parking laws for something over one solid month. We would have thought that to get that much accomplished we would have had to ing along the Morann-Houtzdale devote full space to those matters for weeks on end. It is all rather discouraging to us, but then life is

BREATHING'S EASIER:

With the solution of the Gates murder during the weekend, Centre Countians apparently began to breathe easier, for Police report there were more persons in town Saturday night and they stayed later than has been the case for many weeks. The public, keyed up to the idea that a sex-fiend was on the loose in the county and might be scouring around for his third victim, heaved a sigh of relief when it learned that the two murders probably are not connected in any way, and that one of the crimes is believed to be on the way to an

In lower Bald Bagle valley and in other places in Centre County locusts are reported to be unusually -Don't borrow your neighbor's numerous. Their screeching chorus can be heard in many sections these warm days. Is there an old What a delightful thought (Continued on page seven)

By POP MOMAND

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' - Well, for Goodness Sakes!

Per capita income never

starving man, without a job





