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Silver Lining
A silver lining for every tin can...

Good Dog
That shining silver medal worn by Mrs. Gretchen Aney's German shepherd dog...

Lost-Soon Found
About three hours after the slipped a small chamois bag, in which was about \$5,000 worth of diamond jewelry...

Reward Friends
When Frank E. Wetz, retired Omaha, Neb., railroad, lay helpless from an injury...

Prize Winner
Besides being an honor student, Marion Powers claimed just about every award offered high school...

Hen Kidnaps Kittens
A hen on Roy Pruden's farm at Hartford City, Ind., had kidnaped five kittens from their mother...

Dividend
Farmer, Pearl Clark, of Madison Mo., cut down a bee tree, took out 90 pounds of honey...

All-American
Only American flags will be permitted in a Fourth of July parade at Altoona...

ALTOONA MAGICIAN ROBBED
J. Franklin McDermott, Altoona High School faculty member and prominent magician...

OLD BUILDING FALLS WITH BANG
One day last week shortly after the noon hour, the residents of the north side of Bellwood and Reigh-ton were startled with what they thought was an explosion...

150 DAMAGE WHEN CARS CRASH AT COLLEGE
Cars operated by State College drivers were damaged to the extent of \$150 at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning...

Deer Killed by Car
When a deer jumped against the windshield of a car operated by Clarence McDonald and then crashed through the window in the right front door...

Lightning Bolt Kills Philipsburg Electric Worker At Sub Station

Employe of Pennsylvania Electric Company Was Engaged in Replacing Burned-Out Fuses; Companion Stunned

Just as he climbed down from a high position after replacing burned out fuses at the Hudson sub-station last Wednesday morning, Leo Zavalidra, of Philipsburg, was struck and killed by a lightning bolt...

Woman Is Fatally Injured In Fall
Inmate of Clearfield County Home Thrown From Pole She Climbed

Mrs. Anna Kennedy, 32-year-old inmate of the Clearfield County Home, died from injuries suffered last week when she climbed a steel pole, supporting electric wires...

Two Fall From Train In Fight
One Man Loses Leg and Other Hand in Mishap Near Mifflintown

Two men riding blind baggage on a Pennsylvania Railroad freight train were injured when they fell under a car during a fight Sunday afternoon near Denholm...

General Butler, Marine Hero, Dies
Retired Veteran, Long in Public Eye through War Service

Blunt, outspoken Maj.-Gen. Smedley D. Butler, a "fighting Quaker" who spent 30 of his 58 years in the United States Marine Corps...

25 DAMAGE WHEN CAR STRIKES ROCK ON ROAD
A sedan operated by R. B. Gumm was damaged to the extent of \$25 at 5:30 o'clock last Thursday morning when it ran into a bank on the Branch Road between Lemont and Route 322...

Announce Engagement
Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Gavitt, of Pine Grove Mills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hyla Seese, to Carl Jodon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Jodon, of Milesburg...

Hatching



MALES MAY HAVE TO REGISTER

According to the provisions of the United States draft bill, introduced in Congress, the following measures are listed as "essential features":

1. The registration of all male citizens and male aliens between the ages of 18 and 65, with certain exceptions for members of the army, navy, the national guard, etc.

2. The division of the registrants into two main categories: (a) Men between 21 and 45, who are liable for eight months' military training and for service.

(b) Men between 18 and 21 and between 46 and 65 who are liable for home defense training and service in or near their home communities.

3. From the great pool formed by registrants between 21 and 45, provision is made for the selection by lot of men subject to training and service, and for a careful selection of others who have made successful useful article of warfare in the world.

The most interesting sights of Canton are the freeracker factories. These establishments can hardly be called factories, if we use the word in the sense of making by machinery...

In the mountains of western China there is supposed to be a giant devil of a brilliant red, at the sight of whom men grow faint with fear. A man who lived about 3000 years ago by the name of Leedien found that the banging of freerackers would frighten him away, hence Leedien is the god of freerackers.

All the red freerackers are intended to be used to frighten away the red devil, while the green and yellow ones are offered to Leedien. From the simple little freeracker was gradually evolved the destructive cannon, which was used by the Chinese in their war with the Mongols in A. D. 1232.

Thomas Logue Dies At Phila.
Secretary of Internal Affairs During Earle Administration

Thomas A. Logue, Secretary of Internal Affairs during the administration of Governor George H. Earle, died unexpectedly at Philadelphia last Thursday, of a heart attack. He was 47.

Philipburg Man Heads State VFW
Leo Moerschbacher Elected State Commander at York Convention

Leo Moerschbacher, of Philipburg, has been elected by the delegates of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars posts to serve as State Commander for the ensuing year.

Few Of 332 Convicts To Escape From Rockview Prison Retain Freedom

Only Fifteen of Number Who Succeeded in Getting Away Were Able to Avoid Recapture; Death Claimed Several

In spite of the liberty allowed convicts at the Rockview prison, the inmates who contemplate making a break for liberty with the idea of enjoying permanent freedom, is doomed for disappointment. The chances of his success in retaining his liberty after he has once broken the prison rules and escaped, are very slim, according to prison statistics.

Of the 332 men who escaped, only 15 have never been returned to Rockview. Death prevented some from being returned to this Central Pennsylvania prison and others were held and imprisoned in other states.

Last week Bert Miller who escaped back in 1927 was apprehended in Rochester, N. Y., and returned to serve a doubled sentence after his 13 years of freedom. One man was arrested in Nome, Alaska.

Since the Rockview branch of the Western Penitentiary was opened in 1914, an average of about 13 inmates have made a break each year but only about 4 convicts in each 7 years were never returned. As was stated, death and internment in other states prevented a number of these men from returning.

\$900 Damage In Bridge Collision
Truck Jammed Against Girder on Fleming Bridge

A driver of a truck from Ohio, only a mile or so short of his destination in Lock Haven, escaped serious injury, but his trailer truck was damaged about \$900 Friday afternoon in a collision on the bridge at Fleming over Bald Eagle Creek.

NOTE TO GRANGE:
We don't know anything about the financial condition of the Centre County Grange. We do know if it has any extra money...

GIVE HIM A PRESENT:
A local music club the other day held a discussion on the subject "What Can be Done With the Child That Can't Sing?"

TOUGH ON COFS:
Motor Policeman J. M. Amick's experience Sunday with an ex-convict is one that possibly haunts the nightmares of every police officer.

FOUNTAINS:
The winter cover has not been removed from the drinking fountain at the south corner of the Court House yard.

BINDERY:
The book binding department of the Centre County Library is currently engaged in binding back numbers of the National Geographic magazine.

By POP MOMAND
AM! THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! LOVE IS THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD! HOW I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MISS KITTY EVERY DAY!!

