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Ungrateful

Speaking of ingratitude, an Altoona pastor treated an out-of-town transient to a handout Sunday Later the preacher was facing his congregation from the pulpit when in walked the man who, without any preliminaries, cursed the clergyman loudly while the audience stared. Fleeing, the bum was picked up shortly afterwards. He gave his name and address as Meyer Davis, 35, of Brooklyn. Police jailed him on a disorderly charge.

Woman Driver

A woman telephoned Dr. Austin Howard of Detroit's receiving hospital and asked what to do about a key she had just swallowed. Doctor Howard suggested she come to the hospital for treatment. The woman explained she couldn't do that because it was the key to the car she had swallowed. He prescribed home treatment.

Accomodating

Blair county has arrested the most accomodating prisoner. When the prisoner was being taken to the county jail at Hollidaysburg, the car stopped and would not start. While the police officer sat at the wheel and steered, the prisoner hopped out, pushed the police car until it started, hopped back in and was driven off to jail.

Cold Comfort

Mrs. Blanche Fredette, 38, of Sioux City, Ia., is learning the good and bad things about ice. A 50-pound piece of ice slipped out of her hands and injured one of her feet. Ironically enough, a doctor told her to keep the injured foot surrounded by—Yes ice—to help the bruise heal.

Water Dog Killed

An 18-inch water dog, greatly resembling a lizard was killed by two boys near the Reading Railroad bridge, at Sunbury. The first seen there for several years, it gave a hard battle before succumbing. The water dogs are said to be quite poisonous.

Stork Trapped

The stork got caught in an elevator at Boise, Idaho, so Thomas Truman Dodds was born in the lift. "A jammed door trapped Mr. and Mrs. Truman Dodds and a nurse in the elevator in a Bois Hospital and locked out the obstetrician.

Hot and Cold Scent

Puzzled when bloodhounds could not follow the scent of Andy Hewitt who had escaped from the State prison at Sante Fe, officials discovered the reason when he admitted, after capture, that he had spread pepper behind him.

Bird Hoarder

Miyton Bergstrom, of O'Neill Neb., found a "nest egg" that looked peculiar in a sparrow's nest. There, beneath six sparrow eggs was a dollar bill. Milton slipped it out and put it back in circulation.

Hide-N-Seek

The police of Cape Guardean, Mo. are going around in circles. Ten days ago, Mrs. Tom Carctust asked them to locate her missing husband. They found him at Flint, Mich Now, Mrs. Carstust is missing.

Age No Drawback

Neither age, heat nor heavy summer traffic proved drawbacks to John Prowant and John Strohecker, both 72, of Lewisburg, who left by motor last week to attend the National Elks' Convention at Fort Worth, Texas. The pair covered a distance of 425 miles during their first day of travel, it has been learned.

Kills Four Rattlers

While picking huckleberries on the James English mountain, near Towanda, Clifford and Lareen Johnson killed four rattlesnakes and a six-foot black snake. Despite the fact that the boys spent much of their time killing snakes, they managed to pick a nice lot of huckleberries.

Americanism: The belief that the United States can beat the world.

Four-Mile Parade, Huge Prize Awards To Feature Lock Haven Convention

Volunteer Firemen From 18 Counties Expected To Take Part In District Meeting Monday to Thursday, August 12th to 15th

It remains only for favorable weather to make the Central Pennsylvania Firemen's Convention at Lock Haven, August 12 to 15, one of the most successful and colorful affairs in the history of the Association.

Host to the Firemen's convention for the first time, the city of Lock Haven is leaving nothing undone to make the four-day gathering one of the greatest in the memory of the oldest fire-fighter of the Central District.

The convention will start Monday, Aug. 12, although the first session of the association will not be held until the next day.

Thursday, Aug. 15, will, of course be the major day of the meeting, when the huge parade, with an estimated length of four miles will be held. Other features of the day will be the double drum corps competition and the pumper contest.

The huge prize list has reached near the $1,400 mark, President Smith announces. There will be 34 awards, ranging up to $126 and making a total of $1,375 including five additional prizes.

The parade list includes 26 prizes making exactly $1,000. There are to be six awards, $335 in all, for the drum corps competition which is divided into two departments—junior and senior. There will be two prizes, $40 in all, in the pumper contest.

Hundreds of invitations have already been sent out to the many fire companies by the committees which include every one of the near 400 fire-fighters who comprise the Lock Haven Fire Department's three volunteer companies.

The 18-county Central Pennsylvania district includes: Blair, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield Clinton, Elk, Forrest, Huntingdon Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lycoming, McKean, Mifflin, Potter, Tioga and Union counties.

Weaver Church Festival a Success

The sponsors of the festival held for the benefit of the Weaver church Saturday night are well pleased with the result. They report a large crowd present and everything sold out. The prizes donated, consisting of a desk, went to R. L. Rhodes of Pleasant Gap, and an electric lamp to Harry Hacket, Lamb street, Bellefonte.

Bit Off Half of Opponent's Ear

Osceola Man Held For Clearfield Court on Charge of Mayhem

After eluding police officers for several days, Mike Patrick, of Osceole Mills, has been arrested and placed under $500 bail for appearance at the fall term of Clearfield county court to face charges of mayhem.

His arrest resulted from a fight which took place in Osceola on July 4 in which the defendant is charged with biting half the left ear off his adversary and cousin, John Sokash, of Munson, a former resident of Osceola Mills.

Following the fray, Sokash was taken to a physician's office and then sent to the Philipsburg hospital for treatment. After Patrick's apprehension, he was taken to Clearfield where District Attorney Carl Belin permitted his being placed under $500 bail. Police and physicians quoted Patrick as saying that he must have temporarily lost his reasoning after Sokash followed him about all day seeking a fight. Information was made before Justice of the Peace Lawrence Rittenhouse, of Chester Hill.

LOCAL SCOUTS WIN MERIT HONORS WHILE IN CAMP

Scouts Collins Marker of Troop 2, State College; George Shugarts, of Troop 6, Mount Union; and Carl Christner of Troop 28, Huntingdon, worked off all of their requirements for Second Scout Rank at the Seven Mountains Boy Scout Camp last week and were advanced to this rank by the Board of Review on Tuesday evening.

Scout Malcolm White of Troop 2, State College, qualified for the athletics and first aid merit badges, and was advanced to the rank of Life Scout. Scout Robert Kistler of Troop 1, State College, earned merit badges in scholarship, public health, personal health and safety. He was also advanced to the rank of Life Scout.

Scout Harold Tarpley of Troop 2, State College, received merit badges for reading and pathfinding.

New Use For X-Ray

X-rays are being used widely now, even on telephone and electric light poles in order to determine whether their "innards are all right or whether old age is creeping up on them. Myron Zucker, Detroit engineer, said that portable X-ray machines are being used in Detroit to detect weakness in poles, which if damaged, are replaced before storms damage lines.

INJURED BY 'WHIP' CAR

A man, woman and child were injured Sunday night at Lakemont Park, Altoona, during a picnic when a car of the rotating "whip" broke loose from a cable and plunged through the wooden fence surrounding it.

None of the victims was seriously injured and were immediately discharged after-treatment at an Altoona hospital. They were: Richard Cliber, 4, of South Lakemont; Charles Warshel, 35, of Windber and Mary Crosgrove, 26, of Windber.

The accident was caused, it is reported, when the cable which was swinging the car in which Warshel and Miss Cosgrove were riding, snapped. The car, however, did not leave the cable until after it had passed the one end of the "whip" floor where the cars make a fast turn.

Then the car plunged through the fence, hurtling Warshel through the air. The Cliber child was standing outside the rail and was struck in the face by part of Warshel's body.

WORLD'S TALLEST MAN DEAD

Robert Wadlow, 22, whose height of eight feet, nine and one-quarter inches, made him the tallest man in the world, died Monday, at Manistee, Mich., of an infection.

Wadlow became ill on July Fourth while appearing in the National Forest Festival at Manistee. A foot brace he wore to help support his weight broke the skin along the ankle and an infection set in.

Wadlow's extreme height was attributed by physicians to an overactive pituitary gland. He weighed 491 pounds.

Both of his parents and his two brothers and two sisters were of normal stature. At birth, February 22, 1918, Wadlow weighed 9 pounds. Although he reached 30 pounds at the end of six months, his unusual growth was not noticed until he was a year old.

At 18 months he weighed 62 pounds.

His favorite dish was ice cream and his favorite diversion was travel. His suits required nine yards of cloth and his shoes were size 39.

The Oldtimer

BOY SCOUTS IN CAMP

When the dust settled on Wednesday afternoon at the Boy Scout Camp in the Seven Mountins, Director Phillips Pierce counted noses and notified Boy Scout Headquarters that there were exactly 100 Scouts and Leaders in the dining hall for supper. As Scouts make it a point never to miss a meal, this figure can be taken as the number in camp for the third week.

The election for the Camp Junior Council was held on Thursday evening. The Mayor of the Camp this week is Scout Gilbert Rodli The following Scouts are members of the departments as listed: Water Department—Harold Tarpley, chairman; Leonard Levine, Collins Marker, Charles Margolf, Leonard Miller, Richard Price, Robert Rodli Richard Ulsh, Sidney Willar, Ben Towsey and Thomas Snyder.

Board of Health—David Dean Chairman; Charles Ammerman, Mac Bryan, Thomas DeHaas, Blaine Corbin, Joel Crouch, Dean Dubler Frank Hower, Robert Kepner and Luther Kepler.

Department of Sanitation—Miles Heckendorn, Jr., Chairman; Donald

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Deer Hunting To Permit 'Blitzkreig' On Does And Bucks In State This Year

Decision of Game Commission Brings Protest From Sportsmen's Association In Philipsburg-Clearfield Area

Does and bucks will be fair targets for hunters in Pennsylvania December 2 to 14, inclusive, this year but shooting of spike bucks will be prohibited, the Game Commission has announced.

Ross L. Leffler, president of the Commission stated that this action was taken because it is evident that deer of both sexes should be hunted to bring the herd within the available forage supply, to improve the health and virility of the herd, to relieve conditions for small game in large over-browsed areas, and to overcome widespread farm damage complaints.

Leffler said shooting of spike bucks was banned "in order to safeguard human life." A commission aide explained the prohibition will force the hunter "to look before he shoots."

Sportsmen Voice Opposition

Members of the State Game, Fish and Forestry Association of the Centre-Clearfield county area voiced their unanimous opposition to the doe slaughter, at their regular meeting last week.

Contrary to the statement of the Game Commission that "deer of both sexes should be hunted in an attempt to bring the herd within the available forage supply," the members of the association, through actual contact with wildlife in the Centre-Clearfield section, are emphatic in stating that Central Pennsylvania can support many times more deer than are now found in the Philipsburg region.

Sportsmen also believe that the ban on spike bucks will defeat its purpose of safety to the hunters. Instead of causing them to look before they shoot as a "safeguard to human life," members believe it will have the opposite effect and result in many hunters shooting "at anything that moves," thus causing many more hunting accidents.

Past doe seasons, they contend, have resulted in killing off of thousands of spike bucks, thus reducing rather than increasing the virility of the herds.

Announce Trapping Dates

The Game Commission announced on Monday its complete calendar

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Lad Crushed To Death by Tractor

Met Death While Visiting Grandfather's Farm at Lewisburg

Kenneth T. Young, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron C. Young of Horseheads, N. Y., was crushed to death Saturday by a tractor at his grandfather's farm near Lewisburg.

The lad, who was visiting on the farm for the summer, started to crank the tractor in the barn about 11 o'clock Saturday morning when the machine apparently started suddenly and knocked him down, running over his body and pinning him between the front wheels and a log. He died instantly.

The boy's body was extricated by his grandfather, J. A. Young, and three uncles, Robert, Samuel and Chester. Dr. Lee R. Lerman, Milton physician, was summoned to the scene and pronounced him dead. His chest was badly crushed.

Admits Slaying Juniata Youth

Altoona Man, Arrested at Scranton, Said to Have Confessed Crime

A 14-months' search by state police for the slayer of 22-year-old Edward L. Gephart of Juniata, a CCC camp enrolee, who was fatally stabbed last Thursday at Scranton with the arrest of Michael Randazzo, 37, alias Russell Labue, of Altoona, whom Major William Clark of the state police there said confessed to the slaying.

At large ever since the stabbing Labus was arrested at Scranton on a theft charge, Major Clark said.

Blair County District Attorney Chester B. Wray said another man Domenick Norgrosso, campanion of Labue's, was still at large. Wray said he hoped Labue would admit Norgrosso's hiding place.

Labue is alleged to be connected with the murder of Gephart, who was found lying on the front porch of the Newburg inn in West Altoona, over the city line, by a companion, who had been in his company earlier in the evening. It was after taking several other members of Gephart's party home that the companion returned to the tavern and found Gephart with a 14-inch gash across his abdomen.

He was taken to Altoona hosptial where he died. His condition was so critical that state police were unable to obtain any details from him of the affair. Gephart had been home on a CCC furlough.

PENN STATE OFERS DAIRY SHORT COURSE

A five-day course in receiving weighing, sampling, testing, and studying dairy products will be given by the department of dairy husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College beginning on August 5.

Professor W. D. Swope, in charge of the course, will accept advanced registrations from now until the opening of the course.

Random Items

TAX:

Before the new cigarette tax went into effect the standard price was 15 cents a package. The tax amounts to one-half cent a package. And yet many dealers and most vending machines are using the one-half cent tax as an excuse for increasing the price to 17 cents a package. We don't mind being taxed, but we do object to being maced in the bargain.

BUREAUCRACY:

New speed limit signs have been erected in Bellefonte Borough, by Council, under specifications laid down by the State Highway Department. And if there is any sense to the State Highway's idea of speed regulations they aren't very apparent locally. You can tear in Bishop street, to the top of the hill, at 35 miles an hour. From there in the limit is 25 miles. Allegheny street's limit, from Howard to Linn, is 35 miles an hour. From the Jodon store west on Willowbank street—past the dangerous Hospital entrance, the limit also is 35 miles an hour. All the streets are heavily traveled. Schools are located on two of them and conditions are such that in daytime only a hair-brained driver would travel at 35 miles an hour if left to his own devices. The upshot of the thing is that the signs, instead of slowing traffic in town to a safe limit, will probably encourage drivers to travel at a speed somewhere near the legal limits.

FREE ADVERTISING:

This department hereby offers any Bellefonte store which has in stock a supply of clay pipes for blowing soap bubbles, a little free advertising. A search last week in town failed to produce any such pipes. If you have some you want to get rid of 'phone Bellefonte 95 and this department not only will buy two choice pipes, but will insert a little free advertising for the store where they can be bought.

BINDERY:

The binding department at the Centre County Library is conducted by two employes of the WPA who take a real interest in their work. The two men are Blair Young and Ralph Myers, both of Bellefonte, who have bound more than 700 volumes since they first began work last September. Not satisfied with ordinary "tie binding" in which the binding thread is run through the entire volume, making it impossible forever after to get the volume to lie flat, the two men organized a binding class, and with the aid of Lynn Krape, who has studied signature binding, they have learned that method. The finished product cannot be told from a professional job and library officials declare they'd be "lost" without the services of Messrs. Young and Myers.

RUMOR:

A particularly nasty rumor has been going the rounds in Bellefonte for the past week, regarding one of the town's residents. Authorities should leave no stone unturned to either prove or disprove the reports and act accordingly.

THE CRIME RECORD:

Centre county's 1940 crime record to date is quite astounding. We've had three murders—the Taylor, Gates and Walker murders; and a reported kidnaping—Mary Tomb, of Milesburg. Officials believe they have a clear cut case against the slayer of the Gates girl. The Milesburg kidnaping never aroused much interest in police circles, and the Walker crime was solved with the committment of Mr. Walker's housekeeper. Still unsolved is the murder of Rachel Taylor at State College. Five ace detectives from the State Motor Police at Harrisburg are spending their entire time on that case. And it seems only natural that if they were getting nowhere, some of them, at least, would be assigned to other matters. The fact that the investigation continues unabated may be taken to mean that police have confidence that the correct answer will be found in the not too distant future. Police sources are absolutely closed to newspapermen, and not a hint of the trend of the investigation can be learned.

Home Found Via Phone

A note found in the pocket of a 90-year-old man at Bayonne, N. J., who was unable to tell police who he was or where he lived, contained the name of a friend in Lansing, Mich. A telephone call to the friend in Lansing, 800 miles away identified the man as G. D. Fraser of Jersey City, N. Y.

Prominent Altoonan Dies

Taken ill at the Altoona First National Bank Friday, H. King MacFarlane, 65, prominent Altoonan died suddenly. For ten years he was executive secretary of the Altoona Chamber of Commerce.

LEGEND OF THE CRANBERRY BOG

The recent report that wild raspberry pickers, camped overnight on Mt. Zion, Clinton county, heard screams like an infant in distress coming from the picturesque cranberry bog, revises an old legend often whispered about among the older pioneers.

"There's no use laying it to wild oats," old Hen Jameson told Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, shortly before the former's tragic death. "Why that $15 bounty the game board at Harrisburg laid on 'he varmints made the cats here scouts scarcer than hen's teeth."

"Yet I can well mind the day when bob cats were plentiful in these parts," continued the old well-informed mountaineer, and then went on to tell one version of the legend of the weeping cranberry bog on Mt. Zion's windy crest.

It appeared, writes Mr. Shoemaker in his newspaper column, that Oucongenie, a comely Indian girl, was captured by a white surveyor named McCabe in Sugar Valley after she had returned with her babe to deck the grave of her husband killed by this white man, the infant being a posthumous child.

McCabe, a middle-aged, paunchy fellow, inflicted cruel blows on the beautiful young widow living with him as his wife, which was abhorrent to Oucongenie, still loyal to her warrior husband's memory. One night she had a chance to escape with her babe and determined to cross the mountains to the encampment in Quigley's gap where she understood her warlike relative Chief James Logan, was staying, so as to be near his beautiful copper-haired Scotch-Irish sweetheart, Jura McAvoy.

But it was not to be, the burly would-be lover, as venomous and cruel as any Simon Legree, having shot all the deer he could transport, came home unexpectedly and finding the tall slim squaw, whose long, black hair hung below her knees, and his stepchild gone, he and his neighbors put fierce hounds on the trail.

The girl had arrived at the cranberry bog when the baying of the hounds, to her trained ear, told her she would soon be overtaken. Then she thought of the Indian's code of honor—never allow the advances of a white man, never sacrifice a man child in any emergency.

It was time for quick thought and quicker action. The infant was a girl, born only to make trouble for men and sorrow for its family, according to the stern views of the Mingoes.

With her long, lithe arms she threw the little one as far out into the center of the bog as she could and then made off at a dog trot across Mt. Zion and then down the Spring Run hollow to Quigley's springs and safety in brave Logan's arms.

The panting and perspiring frontiersmen and the dogs, as they neared the bog, heard an infant's cries far out in the tundra of the soft morass.

"She's gone there and the baby's cries have revealed her," the cruel surveyor shouted exultingly, and he requested his buddies to surround the bog while he went in with the dogs.

But though the babe was to be the sacrifice, McCabe was not to get there so easily. Making a misstep, the burly surveyor stepped into a quagmire and was submerged to the neck. It took the rope and tackle he had intended to tie up the girl and beat her into submission to drag him out of his near tomb among the pitcher plants and sundews.

At last, soaking, dirty and "madder than a wet hen," he came upon the babe lying on a tussock, but no mother. With dreadful language he kicked at the helpless little one and knocked her down among the pads of the pond lilies.

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State College Trains 60 Pilots

Flight Instruction is Under Direction of Centre County Men

A Philipsburg pilot, William Knapper, Jr., is one of the flying instructors who is helping to train the 60 pilots who will have received their private licenses at State College by September 15 under the Civil Aeronautics Authority Civilian pilot training program which is being carried on as part of the national defense plans.

Penn State started its flying course last November when federal aid officials decided 30 students could take the flying course which includes ground school instruction.

This year even the summer session will have a flying school and 30 more pilots will receive their licenses in addition to those who became pilots this June when the first course was completed.

Sherm Lutz, pilot-operator of the State College Air Depot, conducts the flight training and is assisted by William Knapper, Jr., and Jack Matthews, of Hutingdon. Matthews replaces Ralph M. Haines, of Sayre, World War pilot, who was affiliated with the British Royal Air Force in France. He left State College June 1 to join the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Mr. Knapper has been retained to instruct during the summer session.

To Cut Virgin Timber

One of the few remaining sections of virgin timber in Union county will soon be converted into lumber, it has been revealed with an announcement of the erection of a sawmill on the Richard Glover farm northeast of Laurelton. The 15-acre tract, sold recently to Judge D. R. Pursley, of Laurelton, was originally deeded to the Glover family by William Penn shortly after the Colony of Pennsylvania was established.

Car Crashes Garage Windows

Two large plate glass windows valued at several hundred dollars were shattered at the Lindig Auto Company, Lewisburg, when a car plunged from the workshop at the rear of the garage across the showroom and partially into the street A double door and a portion of the partition separating the workship and showroom were torn down in the machine's backward plunge No one was injured.

80-Year-Old Gregg Township Man Has Had Busy Career

Farming a half century and more ago entailed considerable more labor than it does today, according to Charles Shultz, of Farmers Mills who tomorrow will celebrate the attainment of the 80th. milestone of a life spent mostly in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Shultz, who for the past number of years has been caretaker of the Evangelical church at Farmers Mills, lives only "24 steps from the church," and when he is not mowing the church lawn or otherwise looking after the property, he spends much of his time in fishing, which he declares "isn't any good any more."

Mr. Shultz seems well qualified to speak on the change that recent years has brought to farming methods, because he has spent most of his 80 years in actual farm work. Born in Miles township on July 19, 1860, he was one of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shultz. He was a twin brother of Franklin Shultz now deceased.

Mr. Shultz's education did not begin until he was eight years old when he entered a school which stood on the south side of Rebersburg. When he reached the age of 16 years, Mr. Shultz's father took him out of school and put him to work on the farm. His early recollections of the first farm chores he performed included cutting wood for the summer; hauling manure with a sled; plowing; oats sowing; fence making; corn planting; potato planting; corn working; and mowing and hauling the hay to the barn where it was pitched into the mow by hand.

Then came harvest time. The wheat was cut with cradles and was tied by hand, later being hauled into the barn. Oats also were cut with cradles. Mr. Shultz recalls that four men cradled a ten-acre field of oats in one day. Some farmers, the aged man recounted, did not thresh their grain until winter and sometimes the task required a week to complete. After harvesting wheat and oats the next job was to cut corn and haul in the corn fodder.

After several years of farming and when he was about 22 years old, Mr. Shultz went to work in the woods, remaining in that work for some years. He then worked for various farmers, receiving a wage of 50 cents a day, until he was about 35 years old when his first wife died and he returned to lumbering. After two years in that occupation he became a thresherman by trade, continuing in that work until he was 55 years old when his physician advised him to seek lighter occupation.

From then on he worked part time on various farms until age barred him from continuing in that strenuous vocation. In recent years he has devoted most of his time to caring for the church property.

Some time after the death of his first wife he married Catherine Pennington, who survives with a son by the first wife, George Shultz, who now resides in Sugar Valley. Mr. Shultz is the last member of his immediate family, and has lived at Farmers Mills for the past 22 years.

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Lewisburg Nurse Ends Life In Room

Shoots Self With Revolver While Radio Deadens Sound

While a radio blared at full blast, Miss Dorothy Foresman, 25-year-old nurse of Lewisburg, ended her life Monday by shooting. Miss Foresman went to the closet of her bedroom and with a revolver fired a bullet through her mouth.

Union county coroner William Rogh said Miss Foresman had been ill for two years, which accounted for her committing suicide.

Miss Foresman's father was fatally shot while cleaning a gun last November.

Howard Lodge Man Honored

Lick Run Lodge No. 311, I. O. O. F., received notice last week from the Philadelphia Office of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania I. O. O. F. that one of its members, Harry B. DeArment, has been appointed to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Northern District of Centre county. This is the first time that a member of the Howard lodge has been honored by the appointment to this office. The Northern District of Centre county comprises the following lodges: Stormstown, Port Matilda, Philipsburg, Snow Shoe, Blanchard and Howard. Lick Run lodge has recently taken in 3 classes of candidates comprising 20 young men of Howard and vicinity.

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'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — A Break for Kitty

By POP MOMAND