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Cracker for Polly

A \$1,000 trust fund for the care of a pet parrot is provided in the will of Jennie Thornburn...

Caught Napping

A gasoline station owner at Uniontown, really caught the thief napping. Preparing to open the station...

Arrive Too Early

The Sankerton school principal of near Crescon beamed at finding two pupils who so liked school they got there a week too soon...

Intruder

Frantic cries coming from an automobile trailer parked beside the road near San Rafael, Calif., caused a passing motorist to summon Patrolman Max Brice...

TWO MEN RELEASED AFTER BEING QUESTIONED

Lock Haven police Sunday night released two men who were held overnight for questioning in the death of Forest Stevens...

Aug. 31 FINAL DATE FOR WHEAT ALLOTMENT

Mr. Rishel, chairman of the Centre county Agricultural Conservation Association, announces that August 31 is the final date for determining a 1941 wheat acreage allotment...

Escape Injuries As Car Upsets

Five persons, including two Hawk Run girls, escaped injuries Thursday night of last week when the car they were riding in failed to make a curve and overturned...

Two Enlist in Army

Two young men from Centre county were accepted last week at the Altoona army recruiting station...

Ambitious Engine

Engine 4254, stationed in the Pennsylvania Railroad engine house at East Emporium, preferred working instead of standing idle...

RARE ACCIDENT OF NATURE

A five-year-old Houston, Texas, girl, transformed by an accident of nature into a fully-developed adult, is testing the ingenuity of medical specialists...

HUNTERS AS DEFENSE GUARDS

Formation of the nation's 3,000,000 licensed hunters into home defense units is being considered by the National Defense Commission...

Brakeman Mangled Under Wheels of Car Was Well Known In Philipsburg Area

Victim of Fatal Accident at Juniata Had Summer Home on Port Matilda Mountain; Remains Taken to Philipsburg for Burial

His left leg virtually amputated when thrown beneath the wheels of a derailed freight car at the P. R. R. Juniata scales last Thursday afternoon, Brakeman Charles A. Yeater, 61, of Juniata, died from loss of blood while enroute to Altoona Hospital...

Tyrone Man Is Kidnap Victim

Randits Take Gas Station Employee 8 Miles Before Releasing Him

While William Wagner, of Tyrone, attendant at the Tyrone Auto Salvage and Service Station, Clearfield, was alone in the building about 4:15 o'clock Friday morning, a middle-aged man and woman stopped and asked for some tobacco...

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PULASKI MEMORIAL

With recent passage by Congress of Public Resolution No. 76, President Roosevelt is authorized to again proclaim October 11 as General Pulaski's Memorial Day...

Killed by Fly Wheel

His chest crushed by a fly wheel thrown from a shaft of a wheel breaker near Snyderport, Henry C. DeWitt, 60, Sunbury coal hauler died in the Mary M. Packer hospital, less than an hour after the accident.

der the control of Hitler, the very principles of liberty and freedom so ardently espoused by General Pulaski have been discarded for a form of tyranny that is repugnant to the ideals for which this noble Polish patriot dedicated his life.

Many fine American citizens of Polish ancestry will pause on General Pulaski's Memorial Day to pay tribute to a fearless and courageous military figure who has been an honor to the small nation that gave him birth, and whose contribution to the cause of American independence is one of the brightest pages in the history of this great Republic.

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test and stunt driver, in a special article in the Baltimore American on the hazards of modern driving. Jimmie has deliberately wrecked scores of cars, blown out hundreds of automobile tires with dynamite caps while traveling at high speed and engaged in innumerable skids, jumps and roll-overs to disprove many theories about so-called safe driving and to educate motorists to take really scientific precautions. By demonstrating to millions who

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Blanchard Residents See No Necessity for Proposed Change in Highway Route

Protest to Centre County Commissioners Outlines Various Reasons Why Abandonment of Present Route is Folly

The proposed route of the new road between the eastern boundary of Howard borough and a point between Brech Creek and Blanchard, Mrs. Thompson Bechdel and Joseph Bungardiner, to the first four named, is meeting with considerable opposition by the citizens of Liberty township, who have voiced their disapproval in a recent vigorous protest to the Commissioners of Centre county.

Long Lists of Protests

Among the protests discussed and included in the remonstrance to the County Commissioners is the enormous cost to the taxpayers of Centre county in damages, claiming that the county has been and is now involved in heavy road damage work lately done by the town of Old Port and Pottery Mills, and between Bellefonte and State College with a very considerable existing county debt; that the new survey places the road for a long distance in bottom lands which frequently overflow and would require

Motor Accidents Over Week-end

Many Receive Injuries in Series of Crashes on Highways

Three persons were injured at 11:30 o'clock Sunday night when two cars collided on the Clearfield road near the Troxel filling station on the other side of Woodland. A young Clearfield lady, name unknown, was rushed to the Clearfield Hospital. Her condition is listed as "fair". She was a passenger in the car driven by Edmond Lee Wilson, Clearfield. The car, a Ford coach, was traveling at high speed towards Clearfield when, according to investigating state motor police, it sidestepped the car driven by William I. Alexander, of Clarence. The Wilson car traveled a distance of 700 feet after the collision. Both drivers escaped injuries but two passengers in the Alexander car received slight face lacerations. Cars were damaged to the extent of \$500.

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Pathetic Last Will

A prayer that his friends be spared "the agony I now have" was included in the will that Joseph B. Smith hastily scribbled while awaiting death in the Sonman coal mine explosion last July 15. Smith one of the 63 men killed by gas in the disaster, penned the 50-word testament on a piece of note paper filed for probate at Johnstown. He left his estate to his brother, Ted Smith, and added: "I say goodbye to all my friends, may God give you health and strength and spare you from the agony I now have."

DIPLOMAS

If you never got through high school and now find that a high school diploma would benefit you, there's hope for you. You can, with comparatively little effort, get pre-professional credentials which have the same rating as a high school diploma. All you have to do is to send your high school record to the State Department of Public Instruction. The department tells you what subjects you lack. You can study the subjects at home, or under a tutor, and take an examination. The exams are held twice a year in the offices of the County Superintendent of Schools. If you pass examinations in the subjects you didn't pass or didn't take in high school, you get your pre-professional credentials. A high school education entitles you to try for many positions which are closed to those without high school diplomas or pre-professional certificates.

BURIED CLOTHING

The finding of what is at least an odd assortment of clothing under a rockpile in the Barrens near State College, last Thursday, may turn out to be interesting, after all. Despite emphatic statements by State Police heads that they are not interested in the clothing and find no connection between them and the Taylor murder case, it is privately reported that investigators are anxious to interview the man whose name appears on one of the pieces of clothing.

By POP MOMAND

"KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES" — Whatever Is Worth Doing —

SO YOU CAN GET THAT MONEY BACK YOU PUT UP ON KITTYS BOND? YOU THAT YOU'D BE OUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED!

I KNOW, ALL TH FEDERAL MEN HAVE KITTYS AND HER HUSBAND IN KANSAS CITY FOR BANK ROBBERY AND SHE CAN'T BE EXTRADITED!

WELL, YOU BO SAP!! IT SERVES YOU RIGHT FOR GETTING MIXED UP WITH ME!! ANYBODY AS DUMB AS YOU ARE SHOULD SUFFER A LITTLE!!

YOU'RE RIGHT!! EVERY TIME I THINK HOW DUMB I WAS, I WISH I COULD SUFFER MORE!!!

AL, OL' BOY! AS ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER, WOULD YOU KINDLY FAVOR ME WITH A KICK??

IT WILL BE A PRIVILEGE --- BUT JUST MOVE OVER ABOUT TEN FEET TOWARD TH WALL---

I'D LIKE TO HAVE A RUNNING START!!!

