

ODD and Curious NEWS

Expects Trouble Mifflinburg firemen at a meeting Monday night, agreed to have their pumper present when Francis Dieffenderfer, Pleasant Grove farmer, made ready to thresh his wheat crop.

Strange Bedfellow Awakened in the middle of the night, Mrs. Edward Edgar, of Waynesburg, found a big black snake coiled around her.

Late for Work Three Negroes began spraying whitewash at a local industrial plant at Louisville, Ky. Nobody knew who ordered the work done.

One In 1,000 A Briton's chance of getting killed or injured by a Nazi bomb is 1 in 1,000, Lloyd's insurance brokers have decided in offering policies to civilians.

Dear Old Dad At 74, Charles H. Grubb, of Cumberland, Md., is passing out cigars again for the second time in 15 months.

Quite a Job Eastern New Mexico College sent out a survey to alumni including this question: "What have you been doing since you left ENMC?"

OUR CREED We believe in the horizontal application of penalties for all juvenile crimes and misdemeanors, no matter what the age of the perpetrator.

ANNIVERSARY Birthday of Phoebe Carey September 4th marks the birthday of Phoebe Carey (1824-1871).

JOE, THE BARBER

Good morning, Professor... I guess he's gone... And am I glad when some folks get out of the chair... I can cut a dirty head with all composure, but it goes against me to have to listen to the perpetual expostulations of ill-will and prejudice and hate.

Assessment May Be Permanent

The groundwork for a proposed new system of real estate assessments, taking them out of the hands of elected assessors and putting them on a continuing basis, is being laid by Pennsylvania county commissioners.

State's Black Moshannon Airdrome To Be Dedicated Saturday, September 14th

Philipsburg Chamber of Commerce Planning Appropriate Dedication Program For Big Airport Just Completed

While the state considers a sweeping \$50,000,000 air defense program aimed at making Pennsylvania the "No. 1 aviation state" to protect its industrial centers in time of war, Philipsburg Chamber of Commerce officials are busy planning a dedication program for the state's huge airport at Black Moshannon.

Driver Killed at Tipton Race Track

Car of Lebanon Pilot Hits Rail in Final Event on Labor Day Ammon Kelchner, 28, of Lebanon, driving in the automobile race at Tipton race track, was killed when his car went into a skid and swerved against the outer steel guard rail.

Bandit's Career Ended By Bullet

Western Penitentiary Parolee Said to Have Made Confession Frank Selvage, 27, Western penitentiary parolee, who is said to have confessed to the kidnaping-robbery of a service station attendant at Gratierville about ten days ago, died Monday at Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, of an abdomen bullet wound inflicted by an 18-year-old would-be victim.

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Dotterer's Stock Win Many Prizes

Lamar Livestock Farmer Awarded 30 Ribbons For Best Exhibits B. C. Dotterer horses and hogs swept the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair competition last week, collecting 30 ribbons, including three for grand championships, and \$176 in prize money.

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About that Time



Here's What Draft Bill Will Do

Here are some questions which some may be asking about the effect of the conscription bill—and the answers. Who is liable to the draft under the bill passed by the senate? All men between 21 and 30 inclusive.

RIDING THE NEW TURNPIKE AT 90

Thundering over 160 miles of rain soaked turnpike at ninety miles an hour is an experience four newspapermen went through last Tuesday afternoon on a trial trip from Pittsburgh to Harrisburg. Returning from Pittsburgh after Monday's pike preview by ranking Federal and State officials, the group decided to see just what the "dream road" has in store for Mr. John G. Motorist. Their experience is related as follows in the Harrisburg Patriot.

boarding the turnpike and dropped below only for tunnel slow-ups. Much of the time we clocked ninety-five. In one case, for a distance of nearly eight miles the needle went up to 101. Speeds of this nature may sound extremely excessive, but it is to be remembered that the turnpike has been built for a high rate of travel. Curves Are Banked Curves are banked, or sloped, and minute ridges have been embedded in the concrete surface. The grooves barely noticeable when driving, help keep the vehicle from skidding. The car can also be brought to a sudden stop in rain with barely a slip.

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Government To Provide Lunches for 4000 Centre County School Children

Wider Variety of Food and More of It, is Plan of Surplus Marketing Administration; Meats May be Added to Menu

The Federal Government plans to provide free school lunches for about 4,000 Centre County school children during the 1940-41 school year. The Centre Democrat was advised from Washington this week that this is double the number of Centre County youngsters fed last year. In the peak month of April 1940, free lunches were served to an average daily number of 1,982 children in 12 Centre County schools.

CCC Camp Boys Enlist In Army

Large Contingent Volunteer From Camp Near Philipsburg Between 30 and 40 of the CCC boys located at Wolf Rock camp near Philipsburg have enlisted for service in the United States Army. It is reported this week that the enlistments are subject to the regular army physicians and the securing of their parents' consent.

Mill Hall Family Escape Unhurt

Involved in Accident While on Vacation Trip in New York State Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer Eyer and family of Mill Hall, found their vacation plans considerably upset when their car was involved in an accident Friday night at Salamanca, N. Y., where they had stopped for a visit with friends.

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Random Items

HEADLINE: The most encouraging newspaper headline we've read for many a day reads: "Walker Cohen Captures Hitler; German Army in Revolt." This world-wide "scoop" was achieved by Mr. Cohen on a trip to New York last week. For 25 cents he had the news emblazoned on what otherwise appears to be a bona-fide front page of a New York newspaper.

ONE GUN JAIL: Centre county has a one gun jail. The county has provided its chief law enforcement officer with a single 33-caliber revolver. When one of the officers is out on a call and takes the gun with him, the jail is entirely without the protection of firearms. Since national defense is the chief subject of conversation, Centre county might do its share by providing something with which the guardians of the law could halt any hoodlums who might storm the jail to release a pal. Then, too, there is the possibility that an inmate of the jail might obtain a gun and attempt a break. Such things have happened and the county would look a trifle silly if it should turn out that The County's Gun was away at the time any trouble arose at the bastille.

NOTE: To Big Edward Kofman. The hat you've been looking all over the place for is on a desk in this office, where you left it Saturday night. Come and get it. We're all well headed, but the hat's big enough for any three editors.

TWO MORTARS: Two weeks ago the State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap released a news item in which it was pointed out that there had been only five fatal accidents in Centre county so far in 1940. In the ten-day period from August 25 to September 1, the county's total of highway fatalities was doubled. A man and his daughter were killed at Julian; a Howard youth was killed on the Jacksonville road, and two persons lost their lives in Sunday morning's crash at the Pleasant Gap postoffice. As far as is known, two of the last five to be killed, died when the driver fell asleep. A man and his daughter were killed at Julian; a Howard youth was killed on the Jacksonville road, and two persons lost their lives in Sunday morning's crash at the Pleasant Gap postoffice. As far as is known, two of the last five to be killed, died when the driver fell asleep.

NO PASSES: Persons who think their politician friends may be able to get passes to the Centre county court room for the Richard Millinder trial are doomed to disappointment. There won't be any passes. The court room doors will be open until the seals are filled, and then the doors will be closed. It will be a case of the early bird getting the worm. State police will be on duty to keep people from jamming into the room, which can seat about 400 persons.

VOCATIONAL AG. COURSES GAINING IN POPULARITY Centre and Clearfield county high schools are rapidly realizing the value of vocational agriculture courses and the addition of such a course at the East Penna. Valley High school, Millheim, this year, is the latest one reported by William J. Tucker, vocational supervisor in the two-county area. Ray Bright, who had been teaching at the Philipsburg High, has been named to conduct the course at Millheim, while Arthur Zierow, has been chosen to fill the vacancy at Philipsburg.

Father Preferred Charge In an account of the attempted jailbreak of Thomas K. Hosterman, former Coburn school teacher, in our issue of August 15, it was stated that Hosterman had been jailed on an assault and battery charge preferred by his wife. The charge was preferred by Mr. Hosterman's father, if being reported that action was taken more with a view to determining the man's mental condition than because of the seriousness of the alleged assault.

Enjoyed Ball Game Mr. and Mrs. John Flack, son Nelson, Mr. Jerry Flack and son William, of Philipsburg, were among the ball enthusiasts who enjoyed the ball game at Pittsburgh between Pittsburgh and Chicago, Friday, August 9, returning home the next day.

Tuna Loses Man A tuna went fishing at Gloucester Mass. recently, towing a fisherman thirty miles but the man got away—he cut the line.

School Improvement A score of men are being employed at the Lamar Township Consolidated School, under a WPA project calling for \$13,981 to be expended in grounds improvement, of which \$3,115 is furnished by the school board and \$9,866 in federal funds. The Lamar Township Consolidated School is located near Salona.

Job offers mean little or nothing to those who have them; they mean everything to those needing them. War has casualties among the experts as well as the generals.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Eddie Had Provocation Anyhow



By POP MOMAND

