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Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

Father's Day

Maynard and William Cohick brothers of Williamsport R. D. 2 became fathers in the same house Wednesday within eight hours. Mr and Mrs. Maynurd Cohick became the parents of a daughter at 3:25 p. m. Wednesday. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Cohick at 11:57 o'clock that evening. Mrs. Abbie Kent, Red Cross Nursing Center representative, attended the two mothers who occupied the same room.

Deaf or Dumb?

Traffic Patrolman Tobe Mercantel is still wondering who was deaf or who was "dumb." When an automobile full of young people made a wrong turn he whistled them to a stop, went over, and began his lecture. All in the car made signs that they were deaf and mute. He waved them on but as they sped away the thought struck him: If they were deaf, how had they heard the whistle? It was too late then to find out.

No. 1 'Mother'

Mrs. Maule Leisering claims to be Pennsylvanias No. 1 soldier mother She has four sons serving in the U. S. Army and she is a member of the regular army women's reserve composed of women relatives of service men. The sons, three of whom are sergeants, are Robert, Charles and Francis, in army service, and Bruce, a first class private in the medical corps at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Well Oiled

A 27-year-old Negro is ill in Charity Hospital, Shreveport, La., a victim of his own "toothache remedy." When an aching tooth persistently pained him, he filled his mouth with kerosene and resolved to keep it there until the pain ceased. After an hour he fell asleep—and swallowed the kerosene

Crackless Crack-up

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kimmel, of Olney, Ill., put all their eggs in one basket and started their car across the railroad tracks enroute to their home. A train struck the auto, spinning it around and throwing Mrs. Kimmel against the windshield. The eggs, in the rear seat, escaped damage.

Perfect Score

Farmer J. J. Parker, of Dunn, N. C., bought his children a bicycle. He went riding and broke a leg. His little daughter tried out the wheel the next day and broke her nose. His son hopped on it next and started for the family groceries. He fell and broke an arm.

PENN STATE BUILDS AIRPLANE 'TUNNEL'

More comprehensive instruction in aeronautics will be ushered in at the Pennsylvania State College upon completion of a new wind tunnel now under construction in the College's mechanical engineering laboratory.

The tunnel, which will manufacture wind velocities up to 125 or 150 miles per hour, will be used to test the effects of various velocities on models or segments of airplanes. It also can be used to test model automobiles or houses.

The equipment fills a floor area of about 1200 square feet.

Where Does Death Valley Scotty Keep His Gold

Interesting story of the career of No. 1 Mystery Man of the Desert Castle who has been spending for 40 years without even tax collectors finding where he gets his "millions." Don't miss this illustrated feature in The American Weekly the big magazine distributed with next Sunday's Baltimore American On sale at all newsstands.

The man who continually borrows money is apt to bemoan his hard luck.

Premature Blast In Mine Results In Death of Young Osceola Mills Workman

Accident Occurs on Coaldale Mining Property at Center, Only Half Mile From Where Two Boys Were Killed

Edward Cowfer, 23-year-old Osceola Mills mine worker, died at the Philipsburg State Hospital Thursday night, following injuries he received as the result of a premature mine blast the day before.

His skull fractured in several places by rocks hurled by the blast Cowfer's condition had been critical since Wednesday morning when the explosion occurred.

He was working alone in a drift on the Coaldale mining property, at Centre, and two brothers and a brother-in-law working outside improving the road and removing a track switch were unaware that the shot had injured Edward. He was "shooting bottom rock" and the others were expecting to hear the shot fired.

Edward was discovered a short time later by his brother, Russell 30, who had been removing the switch from a nearby abandoned drift mouth. After Russell went into the mine some 300 feet, he saw his brother lying unconscious and bleeding on the ground. He tried to drag him out, but because of the cramped quarters was unable to do so. He ran for help and his brother, Chester, 27, and Stanley Baughman, 29, helped carry him out. The two had been cracking stone on the road a short distance above the mine.

Rushed to the Philipsburg hospital, it was revealed that the victim had suffered the loss of his left eye and had several holes broken into the side of his head by rocks flying in the explosion.

For the second time within a month the Cowfer family has been struck with a mine disaster, and each of the times it occurred on the Coaldale Mining property, but not in the same mine. The other accident was on August 11, when three boys hitched a mule to a mine car and went in to explore the Coaldale mine.

The car jumped the track and hit a mine timber knocking the post down. This resulted in loose dirt from the roof caving in and smothering the two boys in the car. The third boy escaped injury and was reported to have been leading the mule. Amos Cowfer, Jr., 15, of Philadelphia, and Kenneth Thomp-

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Native of Clinton Co. Found Dead

Ralph Vanatta Missing Three Days, Discovered in Tourist Camp

After being missing for several days, the body of Ralph E. Vanatta, native of Flemington, Clinton county, was found recently in a tourist camp near Fort Wayne, Indiana Vanatta 47, formerly employed as safety director at Barberton, Ohio was a prominent resident of that city.

Born October 21, 1892, at Flemington, he was the son of Lott B Vanatta and Anna Mary Walker Vanatta, and was well known in this vicinity.

He was a graduate of the then Central State Normal and also attended Penn State. He taught school for eight years before going with the Columbia Chemical Company at Barberton in 1919.

He is survived by his widow, Marian; a son, Robert; his father, L B. Vanatta; a sister, Mrs. Harry Valentine; and two brothers, Mervin L. and Eugene B. Vanatta, all residents of Barberton.

Man Jailed For Annoying Minister

Demanded Money and When Refused, Posed as Police Officer

Ben Hale, Hollidaysburg young man, who on August 29 held up Rev. R. E. Martin, a Hollidaysburg minister who supervises a charge at Philipsburg, was committed to the Blair county jail last week for 60 days in default of a fine.

Hale, who is said to have served a term in the Huntingdon Reformatory, pleaded guilty at a hearing and said he was very drunk at the time and did not realize what he was doing.

On the day of the assault the preacher and his young son started from their home at Hollidaysburg to take a walk. The boy was sent back for a Bible to take along, and when Rev. Martin was waiting along the railroad track he was accosted by Hale, who appeared from high

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Breaks Nose Shooting At Snake

Ernest Dershem, of Lock Haven met with an unusual accident last Thursday which resulted in painful injuries to his face.

Dershem, a truck driver who buys and sells cattle, was delivering a cow at the Russell Kaler farm in Caldwell, Clinton county, when the men noticed a snake in the barn Dershem procured a .22 rifle from his truck to shoot the snake. The rifle was an old model with a broken bolt.

The gun backfired as he shot, the shell casing striking him on the bridge of the nose, which was broken, and entered the flesh. Had the shell struck him either to the right or the left, it might have destroyed his eyes, and if it had struck him in the middle of the forehead there is the probability that it might have killed him.

As it was he lost much blood from the nose fracture and also suffered cuts on his face. After receiving treatment he was compelled to remain in bed for several days at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mame Hepler, in Jersey Shore.

No False Teeth. No Gray Hair

From the venerable halls of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, celebrating its 200th "birthday" anniversary, comes forth the hope that man some day may be able to grow old without showing the outward signs of age.

Advances in preventive medicine and dietetics may so improve men physically that they may stay outwardly "young," asserted Dr. Oliver Hazard Perry Pepper, of the university medical school, in a medical conference.

"Death we assume is and always will be inevitable," Dr. Pepper said "but the not far distant future may see us coming to this final step without having undergone many of the changes which today we accept as part of normal life.

"For example, loss of teeth and hair and whitening of the hair may perhaps be preventable by proper hygiene and diet and by lifelong health. It may well be that preventive medicine will win an unexpected victory, in that direction.'

Wounds Himself on Wife's Grave

George J. Gebhart, 50-year-old Pennsylvania railroad brakeman, shot himself through the chest over the grave of his late wife in East Harrisburg cemetery, less than 24 hours after he was indicted in Dauphin county court on a morals charge. An ambulance was called by A. T. Raffensberger, who said Gebhart walked to the Raffensberger home after shooting himself at the cemetery nearby with a .32-calibre revolver.

The Oldtimer

ECONOMICS TEACHERS MEET

The September meeting of the Centre County Home Economics Association was held at Philipsburg, Wednesday evening, September 18, when the Home-making Teachers of Clearfield County met with the Centre County teachers A dinner was served at the Hotel Philips.

Miss Helen Geer, County Home Economics Advisor and Mrs. Anna B. Green, Chief of Home Economics Education, Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, were present. After the dinner the teachers retired to the Philipsburg High School as guests of Miss Christine Hoffer, the Home Economics instructor.

The business meeting was called to order by the President Miss Pauline Billings of Boalsburg. The topic for discussion was "Vocations Allied to Home Making." Two reports on courses taught in this subject were given by Pauling Billings and Verna Ardery. Mrs. Green then addressed the group and presented interesting food for thought on an article: "Educating Youth to Meet National Problems" by John

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Miner Is Jailed In Death of Veteran Railroader at Gallitzin After Quarrel

Dispute Over Custody of 3-Year-Old Child Ends in Aged Man Succumbing to Heart Attack After Allegedly Being Choked

Dispute over the custody of a 3-year-old child, given upon premature birth to an elderly couple at Gallitzin for care, resulted in the death Sunday morning of 74-year-old Philips Titler, retired P. R. R track foreman who succumbed to a heart ailment, police said, after allegedly being choked by the child's father, James A. Rainey, 28, a miner at Lilly.

From what could be learned of the history of the case, it is said that Rainey and his wife gave their child, who was not expected to survive its birth, to the elderly couple to nurse it back to health.

Under the care of Mr. and Mrs Titler, it was said, the child rallied and eventually became healthy and strong. It was reported that they were given custody of the baby for an undisclosed number of years.

Police said they learned that Mrs. Rainey jumped over the fence of the Titler home Saturday morning and gathered up her son in her arms, but Mrs. Titler, who immediately arrived on the scene and after a struggle on the street in front of the Titler home, regained the boy.

Meantime, Mr. Titler followed the woman to the street where he was encountered by Rainey who, without any given reason, set upon his son's guardian, clamping his hands about the aged man's neck, which was reported by police as having been witnessed.

Police said the street was fairly lined with bystanders who, so far remain unquestioned of what they witnessed.

Rainey denied choking Titler and Mrs. Rainey said she did not see anything that occurred, police disclosed.

Police asserted Titler, following the alleged assault, staggered to the fence in front of his home and made his way to the gate by grasping the pickets. After going through the gate, police said, the victim had nothing to support him as he

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Howard Men Lose Game Law Appeal

Hugh and Dan Butler Must Pay Fine of Alleged Violation

President Judge Henry Hipple, of Lock Haven, Thursday filed an opinion in the second appeal from a game law violation, heard before the Clinton County Court last Feb 9, in the case of Hugh and Dan Butler, brothers of Howard, Centre county, which had its origin in a late hunting season arrest Dec. 15 1939.

Judge Hipple confirmed the decision of Justice of the Peace George F. Hess, of Beech Creek, in finding the Butlers guilty of having "wilfully and unlawfully resisted inspection or arrest and having interferred with officers of the Commonwealth in the performance of their duty under the Game Law."

Mr. Hess found the brothers guilty and fined them each $100 and costs. The penalties are payable at the office of Prothonotary Fred S Tyson within the time stipulated by the court order, or the defendants will be committed, in lieu of payment, to the Clinton County Jail, a day for each dollar of the penalties.

ALTOONAN DIES WHILE TRYING TO HOP FREIGHT

Trying to hop a freight train at Altoona Sunday morning cost the life of Robert Sheldon Motzer, 25, of Altoona, who met instant death when he fell beneath the wheels of the train. He was decapitated and his right arm severed. He fell under the train when he missed the ladder on the car he tried to hop. A brother, James, 26, saw his younger brother swept beneath the train but was powerless to help him.

COUGHLIN SAYS STATIONS TURNED DOWN HIS TALK

The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin has abandoned his plan for a new series of weekly radio talks, which has been scheduled to open on Sunday, October 20.

In an interview in the current issue of "Social Justice," the priest charged that "men powerful in the field of radio and other activities," had "forced the decision upon me.'

HANGS HIMSELF IN JAIL AFTER ARREST

Captured in the act of robbing a pool room, a Blairsville man hanged himself three hours later in the borough jail, at Blairsville.

The man was identified as Clarence Weed, 29. Patrolman Albert Cummings arrested Weed in the pool room, jailed him and later found the prisoner hanging by his belt from a cell bar.

Wins Scholarship

A student who was graduated in chemical engineering at the Pennsylvania State College last June has been awarded the national Phi Eta Sigma graduate scholarship, totaling about $300 annually. The winner, Robert Sites Voris, of Hagerstown, Md., plans to take graduate studies at the University of Illinois.

Blossoms and Fruit

An apple tree on the farm of Mrs. Anna Pride, at Dibble Hollow near Westfield is occasioning much interest in that section. It is bearing both apple blossoms and growing fruit at this season.

Random Items

MAGIC TOUCH:

The magic touch we have previously ascribed to Larry Woodin secretary of the Wellsboro Chamber of Commerce, seems to be holding out in great shape. Larry apparently has convinced the boys with the Department of Commerce in Harrisburg that there just isn't anything in Pennsylvania like the "Grand Canyon" near Wellsboro for in large advertisements appearing in magazines and newspapers the Department of Commerce devotes most of the space to a photo of the Canyon. All of us are paying for those advertisements and maybe we're getting tired of hearing about Larry Woodin's brainchild. For the Department's benefit we repeat that all his Canyon does is sit there. Here in Centre County we have fish hatcheries and nurseries galore, and in Bellefonte our famous trout will furnish plenty of thrilling action as long as someone gives them a scrap of hamburg to fight over.

MONUMENT:

A Bellefonte man last week suggested that the Civil War monument in front of the Court House acts as an undesirable screen to the County's Court House. He said that the monument might be moved to the lawn at the rear of the Court House and enlarged to include the veterans of all wars. In front of the Court House, he said, statues of Governor Hastings and Governor Beaver should have a place near the present statue of Governor Curtin. All this is food for thought, but would entail considerable expense and might not meet with public approval.

BOUQUET:

This corner feels that Dr. Theodore G. Anderson, bacteriologist at Penn State, and Dr. Pauline Berry Mack and Dr. J. Fred Oesterling of the textile chemistry department at that institution, are entitled to a vote of thanks from Centre County. The three persons, all witnesses at the trial of Richard Millinder, were instrumental in weaving the net of circumstantial evidence which sent Millinder to prison for life, and none of them is going to charge the county one cent for their highly specialized services. They will be paid for the material they used in making tests of bloodstains found on the rock, and of scrapings taken from Fays Gates' fingernails and from Millinder's clothing, and will receive $5. a day as witnesses in Court, but aside from that the hundreds of dollars they could legally charge for their professional services have been waived in the interests of justice.

TRIAL COSTS:

Court House officials have estimated that the trial of Richard Millinder will cost the county approximately $2,500, which includes about $400 for the 100 jurors called for the first day; about $600 for seven days' services of 14 jurors, their mileage, and hotel bills; $250 for Defense Attorney Lewis Orvis Harvey; $205 to Dr. Milton Eddy biology instructor at Dickinson College, Carlisle, for his tests of hair found on the death weapon; about $100 for the Sheriff's office for attendance of the Sheriff and Deputy in court; and for transportation of the defendant; about $35 for Millinder's board at the county jail from June 14 until he was taken to prison last week; about $200 for Commonwealth witness fees, and about $100 for the Coroner's inquest and post mortem examination by two Bellefonte physicians. Not itemized are the Prothonotary's costs, costs of materials used by expert witnesses in conducting tests of evidence, and various other miscellaneous charges some of which have not been computed at this time. It is believed however, that the total cost will not exceed $2,500, which seems to be a nominal amount considering the vast costs piled up in comparable cases elsewhere.

PRISON COSTS:

For every day Richard Millinder spends in the Western penitentiary at Pittsburgh, the county will be required to pay about 65 cents for his maintenance there. If he should live to be 70 years of age and remains in prison all that time the total cost to the county would be about $11,400.

ROOSEVELT:

You can't stop Roosevelt. Personally we can't look at the man without getting a little star-dust in our eyes, but despite that we readily admit that he's made mistakes. The eight years of his administration have served to convince us that whatever he does is done with absolute sincerity and with the best interests of the people as a whole at heart. In those eight years he has never had to have a stooge, or his party leaders explain anything he has said. His words are self-explanatory, clear

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PROTECTING THE BENNER HOME

Touching on the recently incorporated "Centre County Historical Society," Col. Henry W. Shoemaker of the Altoona Tribune, expresses the hope that the group will be able to direct its efforts in protecting the General Philip Benner mansion at "Rock."

Colonel Shoemaker makes use of his daily newspaper column to point out the historical value of the Benner home, in the following comment:

This remarkable home, where resided the greatest ironmaster in Central Pennsylvania—John Patton was probably the first and the ancestor of three Pennsylvania governors, to say nothing of innumerable industrialists, financiers, writers, artists and historians—should be preserved as a memento of a vanished age of baronial grandeur

Said one old white bearded sage to this writer at Roopsburg, "When they took the mammoth trout, 'Old Speckles,' out of the Benner spring the genius of the manor seemed to decline. People stopped coming historians lost interest and bills introduced at Harrisburg went into the trash baskets.

"It was the same with the giant trout in the Chimney spring at the Great Pine Barrens." (The one Miss Marion Jones painted several years ago which attracted such attention at the Altoona art exhibit)

"Well, when somebody snared 'Old Rusty,' as we call him, one fire after another swept the barrens and the timber industry built up by the Thompsons and others virtually ceased.

"These two trout," the patriarch went on, "were bigger by several inches, and a good half pound heavier each, than the two record trout hooked by two lady anglers of my acquaintance at the Fishermen's Paradise. The one that was written up by Mr. Stackhouse was killed by Miss Protheroe, but there was a still bigger one that did not get 'publicized'—they called it a 'write-up' in my day—and was killed by Miss Myrtle Houtz. I think she is now Mrs. Risser, and lives in Harrisburg.

"Both those trout were beautiful to look at, but of course the fish in the Paradise are planted and live: fed and cannot come up to 'Old Spreckles' at the Benner spring, or 'Old Rusty' at the 'Chimney' spring in size or marking, both of which were our native Pennsylvania trout and grew up on the ordinary insect diet of our fish.

"How did 'Old Rusty' get that name if he was so brightly colored? Well, when the roof of the old spring house collapsed, a 'joyce' with a long rusty, handmade 'cut' nail fell into the spring 'Old Rusty' seemed to grow bigger and fatter after his 'iron tonic" and apart from that blemish was the finest and brightest colored Pennsylvania native trout I ever saw in my 73 years of fishing.

(The name of this grand old gentleman will be gladly furnished on application).

Governor James, who has so many friends in Centre county, it is hoped, may interest himself in the Benner mansion before it is too late. With such historians as Mr Meek, Mr. Nalle, "Dutch" Herman Ves. Stevens, Mrs. Magdalene C Thompson, Jack Thompson, Miss Hilda Thompson, Dr. Dunaway and of course, the spdendid descendants of immortal John Blair Linn—foremost central Pennsylvania historian, Henry S. Linn and Mary Linn—all backing it up and working as one, perhaps the blockade, what-

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Car Thief Flees Lock Haven Jail

Clarence Emert, 45, Escapes During Evening From Prison Yard

Clarence Emert, 45, of Duryea, Luzerne county, is still at liberty after his escape last Thursday night from the yard of the Clinton county jail at Lock Haven. Emert was serving the first day of a 10-day sentence on a motor code violation prior to facing further prosecution on charges of auto thefts.

Emert was arrested Tuesday night of last week for reckless driving and driving without a license when the car he was operating crashed into the rear of a Philadelphia man's car on the highway east of Mill Hall.

In making his escape he is said to have crawled up the cell block outside his cell, fastened knotted sheets to a bar at the cell window, threw the improvised rope over the outside jail wall, and then jumped the intervening six feet to the top of the wall, letting himself down on the outside into the alley which runs along the jail yard.

When he disappeared Emert was wearing a gray suit and no hat. He is described as being 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, with gray brown hair, brown eyes, a small scar on the tip of his nose, two one-inch scars on the forehead between the eyebrows, and the tip of the middle finger on his right hand is off.

Social Suffering of Our Fashionable Refugees

Revelations by a prominent woman author about the hordes of expatriates, broke and otherwise, who have taken refuge in the United States. One of many unusual stories in the October 6th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with next Sunday's Baltimore American. On sale at all newsstands.

Absolved of Blame.

A coroner's jury last week absolved George S. Moore, of Mill Hall, of all blame in the death of Dean Ivan Fritz, six year old son of the Rev and Mrs. Ivan W. Fritz of Flemington, who was killed when he was struck by the right front fender of the Moore automobile.

Purchases Old Tannery

Max Herr, of Centre Hall, well known junk dealer, recently purchased the old Kistler Leather Company tannery at Lock Haven and will dismantle it for salvage.

W. P. A. Worker Killed By Train

Victim Walks Head-on Into Passenger Locomotive Near Tyrone

Walking head-on into the P. R. R. day express passenger train as it raced eastward through the Grazier block station, just west of Tyrone, George T. Rutridge, 61, of Thomastown, near Tyrone, was killed instantly Friday afternoon when the train locomotive severely smashed his body and hurtled it against a westbound train.

The victim's wife revealed her husband was enroute home from work on a project in Tyrone. She said she did not know why her husband, who was walking along No. 2 track of the railroad's main line, would have taken that route, unless he was berry-picking, which he mentioned he might be doing before he left for work in the morning.

His widow and three daughters survive.

Kylertown Plans Air Show

Plans are now underway to hold a big air show at Ames Field, Kylertown airport, early in October. The port is now being mowed in preparation for this event. Parachute and mattress jumps and a model airplane contest will be included on the program.

Smart little boys and girls already have an idea that it will not be many months before Santa Claus starts around again.

Trailer-Truck Burns On Road

Driver and Helper Hurt When Truck Wrecks on Renovo Road

One man was injured seriously and another suffered lacerations when their truck and trailer was destroyed by fire in an accident shortly after midnight Friday morning on the Renovo road, six miles west of Lock Haven.

Fayne Hodgman, of Saginaw Mich., driver, and his relief man Richard Barr, of Sterling Run crawled from the vehicle which burst into flames immediately. They were taken to the Lock Haven Hospital where the driver is being treated for injuries to the pelvis and bruises of the face and body. Barr suffered minor injuries.

The truck, loaded with airplane equipment and fittings, was traveling toward Lock Haven and was coming down the long grade west of the Scootac bridge when it ran off the right side of the road. Getting completely out of control it rolled over on its right side against the embankment and caught fire.

The Citizens Hose Company of Lock Haven was called to extinguish the blaze.

Nurse Travels Much

Miss Rhoad Klose, of Mifflinburg, Union county nurse, reported Monday of last week that she has covered 8,178 miles visiting patients during the ten months that she has been serving.

—Classified ads bring results.

Crowd of 23,500 See Dedication

Estimate Based on Number of Cars Parked at Airport Event

The official car count at the recent dedication of the Black Moshannon airport was 4700 cars, according to Mahlon Wells, general chairman in charge of the event.

According to this figure, and on the accepted basis of five persons to a car, the crowd would be approximately 23,500 persons.

This is considerably in excess of the estimated figure used by this paper but, due to the way the crowd was scattered along the mile long runways, it was practically impossible to arrive at an accurate figure.

Workmen started sinking a well, near the administration building, a week ago today. The well is now down 100 feet.

Now that the field has been officially opened, it is being used as a landing place by a number of planes.

Named Acting Head

President Ralph D. Hetzel has approved the designation of Dr. W A. Broyles to be acting head of the department of rural education of the Pennsylvania State College during the year's leave of absence granted to Professor H. S. Brunner The latter will spend his leave at Ohio State University.

Human nature, being what it is men and women constantly seek excuses for their own short-comings.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Eddie Loses His Control

By POP MOMAND